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## **WESTERN COHOSTS FIRST THURSDAY NOONTIME CONCERT SERIES**

**St. Joseph, Mo.** —Oct. 26, 2006—Missouri Western State University department of music, in cooperation with the First Presbyterian Church, will hold the monthly First Thursday Noontime Concert Series at 12:10 p.m. Nov. 2 at the First Presbyterian Church, 7<sup>th</sup> and Jules. The First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary Choir will be featured.

The choir is a 33-voice adult choir that consists of 10 Western music students, faculty and alumni. The choir is directed by Jerry L. Anderson, who is the director of keyboard studies and associate professor of music at Western and the director of music at First Presbyterian Church.

The concert will include congregational singing with the instrumental ensemble and organ music by the Handbell Choir, directed by Judy Long, and the choir's singing some of their favorite anthems.

The community is invited to bring lunch and eat while listening to the performance in the sanctuary of the church. The event will last approximately 35 minutes, and there will be an opportunity to meet the performers after the concert. A minimum donation of \$3 per person is suggested in order to meet the expenses and provide continuation of the series.

Members of the choir include Aaron Ahles-Iverson, student from Atchison, Kan.; Joanne Anderson; Charles N. Brock III; Patricia Brock; Martha Chesney; alumna Leanne Davis; Ian Derrickson, student from Chillicothe, Mo.; Connie Elting; Gary Elting; Ruth Fountain; Luis Gaytán, student from St. Joseph, Mo.; Karen Graves; Joseph Gray; Donna Haines; Kurtis Hellerich; James M. Hower; Velma Hower; Betty James; Dorothy Keller; Jason Kikoler, student from Clive, Iowa; Jean-Francois Donaldson, student from St. Joseph, Mo.; Carol Merrifield; Debbie Pelto; alumnus Jeremy Schneider; Robert Spurgat; Susan Spurgat; Frank Thomas, associate professor of music; Dr. Dan Trifan, professor of history; Judy Trout; Judy West, student from St. Joseph, Mo.; Jan Young and Ralph Young.

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