

Winter choral concert to benefit church's organ renovation fund

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On Saturday, Dec. 8, at 8 p.m., the Alfred University Chorus and Chamber Singers will present a seasonal program in the sanctuary of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church to benefit the church's organ fund. Open the holiday season with the sound of voices, brass, and pipe organ as the vocalists perform Daniel Pinkham's "Christmas Cantata" with the Saxon Brass Quintet and organist Laurel Buckwalter, University carillonneur and technical specialist. Vocalists are under the direction of Luanne Crosby, associate professor of voice and choir. The concert will also feature "In Ecclesiis," a late Renaissance work for double choir, brass, and organ by Giovanni Gabrieli. A free-will collection will be taken to benefit the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Organ Renovation Fund. A campaign to raise \$30,000 for needed repairs is currently under way. The 1930 Moller organ is of great benefit to the University music program. This pipe organ is needed for many choral works, including the ones performed in this concert. The Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church is at 5 Church St. in the village of Alfred.