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**JAMES P. SHEELEY, JR., MUSICAL DIRECTOR**

**PRESENTS OUR 2026 OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES**

A large, stylized graphic for the concert series. The words "Musical Journey of the U.S.A." are written in a bold, bubbly font. "Musical" is in blue with a white outline, "Journey" is in red with a white outline, and "U.S.A." is in blue with a white outline. The words are set against a background of two American flags, one on the left and one on the right. There are also musical notes and stars scattered around the text.

**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**  
Tuesday, May 19, 2026  
7:00 PM



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## PROGRAM

- The Star-Spangled Banner ..... John Stafford Smith; Arranged by Matthew Krempasky  
America ..... Samuel Francis Smith; Arranged by Matthew Krempasky  
American Overture For Band ..... Joseph Wilcox Jenkins  
Glenn Miller in Concert ..... Arranged by Paul Murtha  
Dixieland Jam! ..... Arranged by Bob Lowden  
Battle Hymn of the Republic ..... Arranged by John Higgins  
Eighties Flashback ..... Arranged by Paul Murtha

## INTERMISSION

- Whitehouse Celebration ..... Christopher W. Johnson  
Queen Greatest Hits ..... Arranged by Peter Kleine Schaars  
The Stars and Stripes Forever ..... John Philip Sousa  
National Emblem ..... Edwin E. Bagley; Arranged by Calvin Custer  
America, the Beautiful ..... Samuel A. Ward; Arranged by Carmen Dragon  
Armed Forces Service Songs ..... Arranged by Tom Tucker

## LYRICS TO “AMERICA” (“MY COUNTRY ‘TIS OF THEE”)

My country, 'tis of Thee,  
Sweet Land of Liberty  
Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the pilgrims' pride  
From every mountain side,  
Let Freedom ring.

My native country, thee,  
Land of the noble free,  
Thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills,  
Thy woods and templed hills,  
My heart with rapture thrills  
Like that above.

## LYRICS TO “BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC”

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of this terrible swift sword;  
His truth is marching on.

*Refrain:*

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!  
His truth is marching on.

2 I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps;  
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;  
I can read the righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;  
His day is marching on.

[Refrain]

## LYRICS TO “AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL”

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!  
America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet  
Whose stern impassioned stress,  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat  
Across the wilderness!  
America! America!  
God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control,  
Thy liberty in law!

# ABOUT THE WHITEHOUSE WIND SYMPHONY

The Whitehouse Wind Symphony was founded by conductor emeritus Casey Bork in 1996, and is now under the direction of James P. Sheeley, Jr. Since its founding, the Symphony has grown rapidly, attracting experienced musicians as regular members from all over New Jersey, as well as New York City and eastern Pennsylvania. The group is now comprised of approximately 50 amateur and professional musicians who perform together regularly to enthusiastic audiences throughout Central and Northern New Jersey. The group holds weekly rehearsals on Tuesday evenings in Friendship Hall at Whitehouse United Methodist Church.

The Symphony is dedicated to presenting the best in all varieties of wind band literature, especially pieces written or arranged for bands during the first half of the 20th century, widely recognized as the "Golden Era" of concert bands in America. The Symphony's repertoire also includes popular tunes, Broadway show scores, marches from around the world, and selections written for and exclusively performed by the ensemble. On many occasions, the Symphony has performed selections written expressly for the band by current band members.

Whitehouse Wind Symphony concerts are developed around a mix of themes that challenges the audience as well as the players. The annual Music in Our Schools Month concert and holiday concert series are two of the most highly anticipated events presented by the Symphony.

The Whitehouse Wind Symphony is a proud member of the Association of Concert Bands.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to enrich the community through music by providing high quality performances while fostering an enjoyable, challenging and educational musical experience for our members.

## ABOUT THE CONDUCTOR



James P. Sheeley, Jr. is the current Music Director of the Whitehouse Wind Symphony. Jim was named conductor in 2012. The 2025 – 2026 season is his 14th year as conductor. Jim was born in Stroudsburg, PA and is a graduate of Stroudsburg High School. His parents were both musical. Jim's dad was a Drum Major for the Keystone Grenadier's Drum and Bugle Corp from the Stroudsburg American Legion Post. Jim graduated from Mansfield State College, PA with a BS in Music Education. He began his teaching career in Big Springs, Nebraska. Jim returned to Mansfield University as a Graduate Assistant in the Music Department and received a MM with an emphasis in instrumental conducting. Jim served as the High School Band Director at Delaware Valley Regional High School and Somerville High School. In 1999, the Somerville High School Marching Band won the USBands National Championship Group 5A.

Jim served as the Director, Office of Visual and Performing Arts for the Newark Public Schools. He retired from public schools and worked as the Principal and CEO for several Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities. After 45 years working in education Jim retired from full time work.

In addition to his work with the Whitehouse Wind Symphony, he judges marching band, concert band, and jazz band festivals for USBands, Cavalcade of Bands, and the New York Field Band Conference. He is honored to have judged at AT&T stadium, TX, Giants and MetLife Stadium, NJ, The Link, PA and the Navy/Marine Corp Stadium, MD.

Music has afforded Jim many opportunities. His groups have performed at Disney World. He was honored to have a band perform for President Clinton and a jazz ensemble perform for Kareem Abdul Jabbar.

Jim performs as a trombonist with the Highland Swing Orchestra. Jim and his wife Alaine live in Branchburg with their five children, two dogs, and a bunny.

# WIND SYMPHONY MEMBERS

## Conductor

James P. Sheeley, Jr.

## Assistant Conductor

Gary Myer

## Founder & Conductor Emeritus

Casimir V. Bork<sup>+</sup>

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Carrie Jen Grant<sup>\*+</sup>

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## Clarinet

Michele Costello

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Christopher Levins

Michelle Littwin

Gary Myer

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Alisa Ray

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\* principal

<sup>+</sup> founding member

## Oboe

Isabelle Lauducci<sup>\*</sup>

Alisa Ray

## Bass Clarinet

Rosanne Schwab<sup>\*</sup>

Matthew Weger

## Bassoon

Susan Sukovich<sup>\*+</sup>

Margaret Truszkowski

## Saxophone

Neal Azrolan<sup>\*</sup>

Jim Chiurazzi

Mark Klein

Mark Ringel

## Trumpet

Warren Buckleitner

Bill Evans

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Jim Harris

Matt Krempasky

Jim Piccolo

Nicholas Santoro

Robert Sukovich<sup>\*+</sup>

## Horn

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Louise Deis

Nicole Ferguson

Jim Garbely<sup>\*</sup>

Barbara Russo

## Trombone

William Brophy

Christopher Johnson<sup>\*</sup>

Dave Rozzelle

Margaret Smith

Joseph Tag

## Euphonium

Debbie Anderson

Mark Osman<sup>\*</sup>

## Tuba

Jonathan Clymer<sup>\*</sup>

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