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READINGTON REFORMED CHURCH

Saturday, June 27, 2026
3:00 PM

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A Musical Journey of the U.S.A.

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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

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 "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!

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]

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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.

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