

Kyler Brengle,

Director of Chancel Choir & Children of Hope Choir

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Kyler Brengle is a graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park, where he earned both a BS and MS in Music Education. He earned an MS in School Counseling and Administrative Certification from McDaniel College (then Western Maryland College). After serving as band director at South Carroll High School from 1976–1985, his career path took him places other than music settings but he remained active in church vocal and handbell choirs.

In January 2016, Kyler began directing the Chancel Choir, the cornerstone of the music program at Westminster UMC. Made up of a combination of trained and amateur musicians, the choir performs a variety of SATB choral repertoire for the weekly worship service. The choir is open to high school students and adults, without audition.

Kyler oversees the children's and youth choirs and assists with directing the Children of Hope choir, singing and handbells. In the summer of 2021, he completed the third and final year of a choral director's certification program provided by the Chorister's Guild, a non-profit whose mission is to enable leaders to nurture the musical and spiritual growth of children, youth, and adults. Kyler holds memberships in the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts, the Chorister's Guild, and The Hymn Society.

Kyler directed Wesley Carillon from 2010 – 2020. His interest in arranging music for handbells resulted in arrangements for several local church handbell choirs, including WUMC, and a recent publishing of his arrangement of Angels We Have Heard on High. Additionally, he has served on the faculty for local handbell events as well as Area 3 Festivals.

Kyler has served as an At-Large Member and Chair of the Handbell Musicians of America (HMA) Area 3 Board. Additionally, he completed multiple certification areas offered by HMA: Handbell Techniques, Conducting, Music Theory, History of Handbells and Handbells in Worship.