

## Interfaith concert benefits Family Promise

Historic Groome Church hosts Washington Master Chorale Chamber Singers

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TOP LEFT: The Washington Master Chorale Chamber Singers perform at Groome Church in Lewes during a benefit for Family Promise of Southern Delaware. RIGHT: The Rev. Dr. S. Willard Crossan of Groome Church says the concert helps connect people of faith and the music is the language of the soul.

Groome Church on Savannah Road in Lewes sponsored a benefit concert of interfaith works in the Christian and Jewish traditions performed by the nationally recognized **Washington Master Chorale Chamber Singers**. The April 24 event benefited **Family Promise of Southern Delaware**, a nonprofit group assisting homeless and low-income families. Family Promise seeks to unite faith-based and community groups in efforts to prevent homelessness through financial support and lodging, as well as support for families with children that are experiencing housing issues.

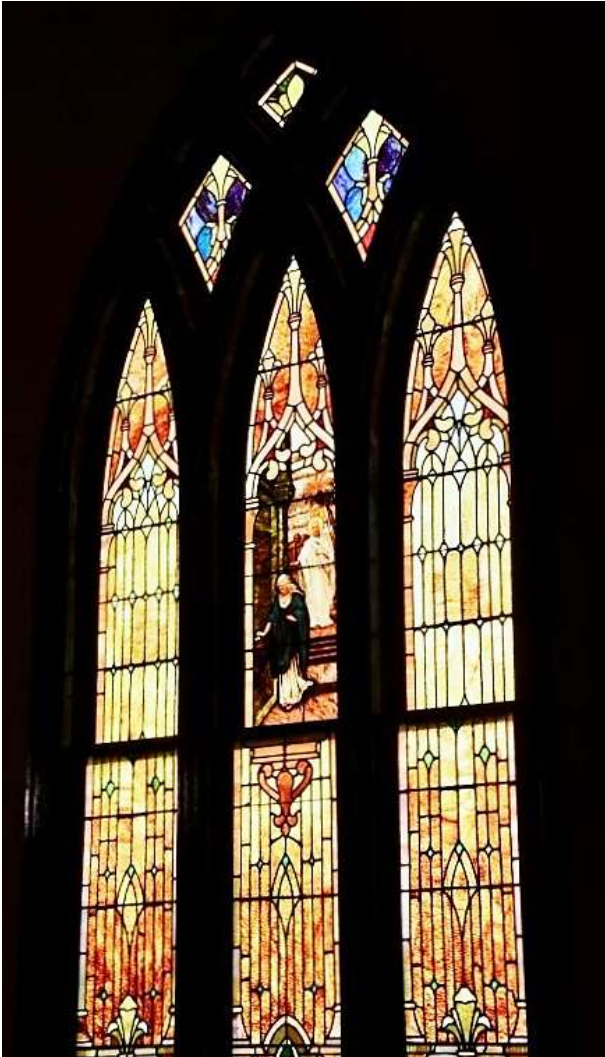
Washington Master Chorale, based in Washington, D.C., is under the direction of maestro **Thomas Colohan**.



ABOVE LEFT: Rabbi Dr. Julie Hilton Danan of Seaside Jewish Community says the event is just the beginning of many interfaith connections in the area. MIDDLE: The featured cellist for the chorale is Erin Snedecor. RIGHT: Jane Kaye is the featured pianist for the Washington, D.C.-based chorale chamber singers.

The **Rev. Dr. S. Willard Crossan** of Groome Church and **Rabbi Dr. Julie Hilton Danan of Seaside Jewish Community** said the event is the first of many interfaith connections to come.

In addition, the concert was dedicated to the people of Ukraine, as they celebrated their Easter Sunday. Groome Church is collecting donations through Friday, April 29, to support Ukrainian relief efforts through the **World Central Kitchen** and **Come Back Alive** projects.



ABOVE LEFT: The setting sun bathes one of Groome Church's stained-glass windows in light. The historic church was founded in 1904. RIGHT: Groome Church is in the process of collecting donations to support war victims in Ukraine. RON MACARTHUR PHOTOS

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