

*"My heart is  
steadfast, O God.  
I will sing and  
make music with  
all my soul."*

Psalm 108:1



**ABOUT THE MUSIC DIRECTOR:**

G. PAUL "GREG" NAEGER began his music career at the age of ten when he became a member of the San Francisco Boys Chorus. It was with the Boys Chorus that he learned music theory and was introduced to hand bells. His experience with the Boys Chorus also serves as his single biggest influence in the structuring of the curriculum for the North Shore Ringers. He has been a member of the First Congregational Church since 1996. He is involved in the music ministry as hand bell director, choir member, and composer and arranger.

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# FCCOE Hand Bell Choir



**NORTH SHORE  
RINGERS**

*Honoring God with excellence  
and fun in the world of music.*



## Who Are the North Shore Ringers?

The **NORTH SHORE RINGERS** is an ongoing program that is operating under the auspices of the **First Congregational Church of Essex (FCCOE)**, Essex, MA.

The North Shore Ringers was founded for the purpose of developing and training young musicians in a nurturing Christian environment that is challenging and fun. All who join are trained in music theory in an effort to develop fundamental musical skills to an end of the student being able to read and write music.

The North Shore Ringers also aim to learn from the expansive world of the hand bell repertoire in an effort to learn appreciation of music in this as

## Why Hand Bells?

Being part of a hand bell choir offers an opportunity for the instilment of many of life's most important fundamental skills. Not only will a child learn the aforementioned musical skills, but he or she will also learn of the important concepts of responsibility and selflessness. Being part of a hand bell choir also offers an opportunity for a member to become the "ultimate teammate." In a hand bell choir, each ringer is assigned individual bells. Without a particular ringer on hand to ring his or her assigned bells, it would be impossible to have a complete choir, and therefore, a complete piece of music. It is for this reason that a certain level of commitment must be requested by the director.

It is always our great pleasure to answer any questions you may have. Please feel free to call or e-mail at the phone number and/or e-mail address on the reverse side of this brochure.



## FAQ's

- 🔔 **Who are we looking for?** Kids in grades 1–12.
- 🔔 **Is a musical background required?** Absolutely not! Those with a musical background will be evaluated.. His or her theory curriculum will be determined based on that evaluation.
- 🔔 **When and where do we meet?** Sunday afternoons. Rehearsal for the **Jubilee Ringers** (grades 1–3) begins promptly at 3:00 to 4:15. Rehearsal for the **Concert Group** (grades 4–12) begins promptly at 4:00 to 6:00. **We meet at the First Congregational Church of Essex** (FCCOE) at 39 Main Street .
- 🔔 **Is there any cost?** Only a minor clothing purchase for uniforms would be necessary. To help defray costs, we have ***Ringin' for Your Lunch***, our annual fundraising luncheon.