

## 2009 Montreat Conference on Worship and Music

### *Steel Band Classes*

Want to learn to play the steel drums (pans)? Are you an experienced pan player and want to share your music with others new to the art form? Either way, you have the opportunity to “play de pan” at Montreat this summer. Classes in steel band are open to all high school students and adults who can read music and who want to play the steel drums. In a rehearsal setting, you will develop basic techniques to play one of the instruments in the steel band. Most beginners will want to “perform” only within the class; some may want to perform outside of class. Additional performance opportunities may become available for experienced players.

Steel band programs are flourishing in churches, schools, and community settings throughout the nation. There are churches incorporating steel drum bands into traditional and contemporary worship. In several cities, churches sponsor steel band programs for community outreach. By participating in a steel band class at Montreat, you will have the opportunity to learn to play this incredible instrument in a relaxed setting, to become familiar with the basic history and development of the steel pan, to begin to gather resources for starting a steel band program, and to share in the tremendous joy of playing in a steel band. Together, we will help bring the “music of the islands” to the mountains at Montreat. I am looking forward to working with you this summer!

Thanks!

Jim Wharton

To make plans and best serve those wanting to learn to play steel drums, please complete the enclosed Steel Drum Registration Form and return it to:

Jim Wharton  
Catonsville High School  
421 Bloomsbury Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21228

Please feel free to email questions to Jim Wharton ([jwharton@bcps.org](mailto:jwharton@bcps.org)).

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Steel Drum Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Day phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Senior High Youth - Grade during 2008-09 school year \_\_\_\_\_

Adult

I will attend June 21- 26, 2009

I will attend June 28 - July 3, 2009

I can read treble clef

I can read bass clef

This will be my first experience playing steel drums

I have been playing the steel drums for \_\_\_\_\_ years and can play:

Lead pan

Double-tenor pans

Double-second pans

Guitar pans

Tenor-bass pans

Six-bass pans

I will bring my own \_\_\_\_\_ pans to Montreat

I am interested in obtaining information on starting a steel band program.

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO:**

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