



Chris Coogan
and the
GOOD NEWS GOSPEL CHOIR

Dear Friend,

Chris Coogan, jazz musician, has been described by *The New York Times* as "...a masterful pianist." Chris also has a successful career as a choral director; writer and arranger of gospel music. He weaves jazz, black gospel and white choral music into a new brand of music that engages a broad, cross-cultural audience. The Good News Gospel Choir performs a combination of original music, gospel standards and praise songs.

Coogan founded the choir in 1993 with 15 members. Today, this 50-voice, multi-denominational singing group performs nearly every weekend at churches, festivals, fundraisers and various community events throughout the state of Connecticut. The group has released two albums, 1997's *Joy, Unspeakable Joy* and most recently, *Light a Candle*.

The choir recently brought their joyful sound to services held at Christ and Holy Trinity Church of Westport, Temple Israel, the Unitarian Church of Westport, and Grace Church of New Canaan. Typically, Chris Coogan plans the music with the minister or music director to meet the needs of each congregation. At every service where the Good News Gospel choir performs, the congregation is invited to join in singing, clapping and moving with the unspeakable joy of the gospel music's rhythm and message.

Why not:

- try gospel music as a way to introduce a new color into your existing program,
- try a jazz Sunday to supplement your existing program,
- give your choir a break, is there a date that you need a sub?

Please feel free to contact me if we can assist as you plan your next event.

Sincerely,

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