

## ***Messiah College Concert Handbell Choir (MUEN128)***

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### **Syllabus 2008-2009**

Purpose – The purpose of the Handbell Choir is to perform a wide variety of handbell music on campus and other arranged events with a high musical standard of excellence. The group performs at two Campus Concerts, at least one campus Chapel Service and at several other locations throughout the academic year. Each member is expected to contribute their gifts and talents to the group as well as conduct him or herself in a mature, responsible manner that reflects positively on them, the college, and honors the Creator whom we serve.

Attendance – Attendance at rehearsals and concerts is mandatory. Excused absences for illness, a family emergency, or a “special situation” must be approved in advance whenever possible. Please notify the director of your absence in advance of the rehearsal via e-mail or by phone. On Monday during the day the only acceptable communication can be at the cell number. Unexcused absences from rehearsals (and especially performances) may result in dismissal from the ensemble.

Preparation – Members should bring their gloves to every rehearsal. Outside preparation to mark your music, if needed, and to work out trouble spots will also be required to do your best.

Grading – Students taking Handbell Choir for credit will be evaluated in the following areas: attendance, participation, and musical preparation. Grades for this ensemble are on a pass / fail rating.

Rehearsal and Performance Schedule – Rehearsal will be Monday afternoon 4-6pm. The Fall Semester: Campus Christmas Concert will be Sunday, December 7, 2008 at 8:00pm. We will have a run-out to Lewistown, PA to play a Sunday service, leaving campus at 7am and by 12pm. We will participate in the Chapel service on Thursday, December 11, 2008.

Spring Semester: Campus Concert will be Saturday, May 2, 2009 at 7:00pm. Two run-outs are proposed: Sunday, April 19, 2009 playing services at Sharon Baptist Church, Philadelphia and Sunday, May 3, 2009 playing services at Camp Hill United Methodist Church.

Other concerts will be added according to the availability of the group.

Concert Dress – Women should wear a black blouse, black bottoms and black dress shoes (No flip-flop style of shoes or platform shoes of any kind will be permitted). Men should wear black pants, black vest, tuxedo shirt and bow tie. Variations of concert dress may occur depending on the type of program we find ourselves performing.