

Jim and Jean Strathdee

May 20, 2011

7:00 pm



On May 20, Jim and Jean Strathdee will be here in our Sanctuary to present a concert. If you have never been to one of their concerts, you will have a wonderful experience. Jim and Jean were members of this congregation for many years as well as part of our Ridgecrest community. Many of the wonderful songs that we sing were written and arranged by Jim and Jean.

Please mark your calendar's for Friday, May 20.

JIM & JEAN STRATHDEE ~ BIO

Internationally honored hymn and song writers, worship leaders and concert artists, Jim & Jean Strathdee share the power and sensitivity of their music with thousands of people each year. Their songs are a musical offering of hope and encouragement for all people, bringing a message of compassion, justice and healing and caring for the earth.

The Strathdees have a special gift for encouraging people to sing with them. Much of the music they write and perform is designed for congregational song. They also love to work with local singers to create a choir for their events. The Strathdees travel widely doing concerts, leading worship celebrations, workshops and retreats. They also serve as song and choral leaders for many conference events.

Their work expresses a wide range of musical moods ~ joyful, playful, prayerful and always heartfelt. It spans a diversity of sound and style including traditional, folk, rock, jazz, and international flavors ~ animated with guitar, piano, mandolin, harmonica, African drums, and Native American flute.

Seeing music as an agent of personal and social transformation, Jim & Jean are involved in fund- and consciousness-raising projects, events and rallies where ecumenical and inter-faith communities come together to make a stand for positive change. They maintain a relationship with many Christian communities throughout the US and Canada, Central America and India where they've had the privilege to travel and sing.

Over the years Jim and Jean have served several United Methodist congregations. Currently they co-direct a diverse and dynamic music program at the United Methodist Church of Rancho Cordova, CA, near Sacramento. Their music is published in dozens of songbooks, curriculum projects, denominational hymnbooks and supplements and is sung on six continents. They have written hundreds of hymns, songs and anthems and recorded nearly 20 albums. For more information go to www.strathdeemusic.com.