



2026 Mid-Iowa Handbell Festival with Clinician and Composer Sandra Eithun

Saturday, October 10, 2026, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Windsor Heights Luth. Church, 1240 66th St, Windsor Heights, IA 50324



Sandra Eithun, Clinician

CLINICIAN SANDRA EITHUN, M.M.Ed, is a graduate of Silver Lake College in Manitowoc, WI, with an emphasis in the Kodály teaching method, keyboard, and flute. She is the director of Fox Valley Bronze and on the faculty of Valley Troubadours, both in Appleton, WI. She served as Director of Music Ministry, handbell director, children's choir director, organist and choral accompanist at First Congregational United Church of Christ in New London, WI, from 1992-2021. She directed the Silver Lake College Handbell Ensemble from 2009-2020 and directed the handbell program at Holy Family Conservatory of Music (Manitowoc, WI) from 2021-2025. Sandra is an active member of Handbell Musicians of America and has served on their Area VII Board of Directors.

Most recently, she was given the esteemed Donald E. Allured Original Composition Award for the 2020 Week of Handbells in Bay View, MI. She has over 650 pieces for handbells in publication as well as sacred keyboard books and teaching collections for handbells in the music classroom. In 2013, Sandra worked alongside Doc Severinsen and the Fox Valley Symphony to include handbells in his holiday show in Appleton, WI. Sandra's compositions have been featured on the PBS Christmas special, Holiday Handbells, as well as concerts by noted groups including The Raleigh Ringers and The Bells on Temple Square in Salt Lake City. She works as a handbell clinician and conductor at festivals and workshops throughout the United States. She is married to Scott, has four grown children and four grandchildren and currently resides in Appleton, WI.

Festival Repertoire

Title	Arr./Composer	Level	Publisher	Code
Joyous Spirit	Valerie Stephenson	L2+	Red River	RRBL5019
Light Dawns on a Weary World	Sandra Eithun	L3	Beckenhorst	HB877
Moonrise	Brian Childers	L2	Red River	RRBL5114
Shall We Gather at the River	Jason Krug	L3	Beckenhorst	HB491
I Have Decided to Follow Jesus	Sandra Eithun	L3	Ring Out Press	MR03280

Online Registration is now open.

Use the QR code (right) or go to <https://forms.gle/jVZkSt8H744rvrGt6>

Registration price (\$45 HMA members, \$55 non-members) includes lunch.

For more information, contact [Dick Crusinberry](mailto:ia.area8@handbellmusicians.org) at ia.area8@handbellmusicians.org.

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Friday, October 9, 2026, 6:00 – 8:30 pm

Central Presbyterian Church

3829 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50312

\$10 per person, Free w/Mid-Iowa Festival Registration

To register or for more information, contact

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