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# OUR HISTORY AT ST. STEPHEN'S

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## The Junior Choir and Bell Choir

I'm sure many of you were junior choir members at some period in your early youth. In fact, looking over junior choir history, I found in the 1920's, their membership was around 20 and, by the 1930's and 40's, the membership was around 15. By the 1950's and 60's, and even into the 70's, the membership was around 10. By the 1980's to the current years, there was no interest. For many of those years, then, we had no junior choir at all.

The bell choir came into existence at St. Stephen's around 1990. Lois Gibson, who was the organist and choir director, said she would love to start a bell choir. It was Henry Cropper who told Lois to go out and buy the bells she wanted and he would take care of the cost. We were pleased every time the bell choir played, but then it, too, slowly died. But now, thanks to Evan Reese, the bell choir has become part of the church program again.

