

# Edith Frey

Music Educator

Edith Frey was a music teacher and choir director in the Wooster City Schools from 1963 to 1987. She was the musical director of the senior musicals. She organized the Christmas Sing every year, was a soloist at concerts of major classical works, and organized group choir festivals as well as State Contest.



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Frey attended Mount Union College and received a Master of Science degree from Kansas State Teachers College in 1963. “Music was my gift and calling, says Frey. “I was a Salvation Army kid of seven and sacred music was always a focus of family life and service to others.”

She served as the Choir Director for the Wooster First Presbyterian Church. She was a soprano soloist and church soloist for many years.

In July of 1987, she was honored with a 23 and half Years of Service Award, presented by Wooster City Board of Education. She looks back fondly on her time at Wooster High School. She remembers, “I enjoyed the picturesque campus setting, which we now know as Cornerstone Elementary. But most of all, the daily enthusiasm of the students.”

“I am pleased to be recognized for many years of dedicated service by the WHS community,” says Frey.

***“Promoting the fine arts brings people together, is a means of completing and uplifting others, and can bring an inner quiet peace and contentment.”***