

Eric has been a church musician since he sang duets with his sister as a 6 year old. Now in his eleventh year at Bethesda, he served St. Barnabas Episcopal for 20 years and Bay United Methodist for 17. In 1972, he led his college's Folk Choir on tour, stopping at Bethesda to perform.

Eric spent twenty years of his academic career as Fine Arts Chair at Strongsville High School. He also spent 8 years in Olmsted Falls, and 8 more (after retirement) at Westlake HS. Eric earned his undergrad from Ohio University, Masters from Cleveland State, and has over 55 non-dissertation hours at several universities. He has taught at Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory, Kent State University and Heidelberg University. He has led five tours of Europe, and feels blessed to have been given the Ohio Choral Directors' Distinguished Service Award. Eric has conducted 28 Honor Choirs throughout the Midwest, and the Alaska All-State Chorus. He and Joanne have five blended adult children and three grandchildren. He considers a perfect day making long putts and fun rehearsals.