

Title: 70 Voices Strong From Rutland to Manchester  
Choir Exchange Press Release  
First Congregational Church  
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Over 70 voices from First Congregational Church, Manchester and Grace Congregational Church, Rutland will unite to perform on June 11th in Rutland and on June 18th in Manchester Village.

Each choir has been rehearsing for over a month before joining for the two services. Their selections include "The Heavens Are Telling," "Down to the River to Pray," "Caritas et Amor," and "Ave Maria."

First Congregational Church choir director, Linda Hueckel, commented, "Both choirs are very talented and musically gifted. It's a nice opportunity to hear over 70 voices perform together."

The choir exchange took shape when several members of the FCC choir proposed a summer road trip in order to perform at other churches. Hueckel shared the idea with Rip Jackson of Grace Congregational Church in Rutland, and the harmony soon began. "It's a great way for the choirs to find out what other congregations are up to," said Hueckel.

During the 10:00 AM service in Rutland and the 10:30 AM service in Manchester the songs will be spread throughout the order of worship.

Soloist from FCC who will be performing in Rutland include Beth Thompson-Tucker, Mark Madison, Pat Broderon, and Bob Fry. The soloist from GCC will be featured at the Manchester service.

Grace Congregational Church is located on 8 Court Street in Rutland, Vermont and can be contacted for information at 802-775-4301. First Congregational Church is located on Historic 7A, Main Street, in Manchester Village across from the Equinox Hotel and can be contacted at 362-2709 or by e-mail at [fstcongo@adelphia.net](mailto:fstcongo@adelphia.net).