

GRATZ HISTORICAL SOCIETY
TO HOST
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND TEA

The Gratz Historical Society will hold its annual Christmas Concert and Tea on Saturday December 11, 2021, at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary of Simeon's United Lutheran Church, North Center Street, in Gratz. As in year's past, the concert is being sponsored by The Gratz Bank.

After not being able to gather last year, we look forward to kicking off the Christmas season in the historic sanctuary with a Christmas organ concert on the historic pipe organ. The concert will include a variety of Christmas selections interspersed with well know hymns, allowing the audience to sing along.

The concert will be performed by Mrs. Carol Roadcap Klinger, a well-known local musician who played at various churches within the area. Carol took an interest in music at a very young age, enjoying songs and hymns during Sunday School at "Colemans" Church (St. Mark's), east of Gratz. She began private piano lessons at 8 years old and soon became the accompanist for the Sunday School classes. At the age of 13, her family transferred membership to Simeon's Church in Gratz where Carol was active in Luther League, always spending time at the piano, playing & singing with friends. Carol continued private lessons and began learning organ instrumentation and pedaling. She became one of the two Church Organists when she was 16 years old. She played on a bi-weekly schedule, serving Simeon's for many years. Carol eventually took the role of Choir Director, playing for services as needed. She served Simeon's for over 40+ years between the two roles.

Throughout the years Carol has accompanied several groups for special occasions in the community, served as Organist/Pianist for numerous weddings, and was active in leading music for VBS for several years. She is currently a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Millersburg and substitutes for Sunday Services about 4 times a year.

Carol has been married to her husband Dale for nearly 44 years and has 2 sons, 3 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. She has lived in the Gratz area her entire life.

Following the free concert, a tea will be held in the social hall. A free will offering will be taken. Bring your children and enjoy an old-fashioned kickoff to the Christmas season.