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University Ensembles to Perform "Concert for a Cause" on April 28 in Shelby, N.C.

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Two Gardner-Webb University Department of Music ensembles will perform a concert April 28 to benefit the food ministries of a church in Shelby, N.C.

GWU Chorale

The "Concert for a Cause" will feature about 20 students in the GWU Chorale and Early Music Ensemble, in support of the Shepherd's Table and Food Pantry at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer. The event is free and open to the public, but attendants may bring non-perishable food or toiletry items to donate to the church's outreach ministry.

"This is a tradition we are hoping to start with churches in the Shelby and Boiling Springs areas to put on a concert and collect donations for their ministries," shared Dr. Morgan Soja, GWU Assistant Professor of Music Education and director of the GWU Chorale. "We know that Gardner-Webb's motto, 'Pro Deo et Humanitate' (For God and Humanity), means that we should not just 'sing to the Lord' but also use our voices to serve the Lord as well."

The concert is set to begin at 7 p.m. at the church, which is located at 502 W. Sumter St. in Shelby. The Chorale will perform works including a Romantic Era piece by Johannes Brahms, a Romani dance song, an African-American spiritual, a contemporary American art song and a setting of Psalm 150. The Early Music Ensemble will perform selections from the Renaissance and Baroque eras.

For more information about the event, contact the Gardner-Webb Department of Music at 704-406-4448.

The Shepherd's Table, a ministry of The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Shelby, N.C., serves lunch every Wednesday with the help of its mission partners. The Food Pantry at the church also provides bags of food and supplies every Wednesday. For more information, visit redeemershelby.com.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University's purpose is to advance the Kingdom of God through Christian higher education by preparing graduates for professional and personal success, instilling in them a deep commitment to service and leadership, and equipping them for well-rounded lives of lasting impact, Pro Deo et Humanitate (For God and Humanity).