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**The Salvation Army State of Delaware
Sussex County Celebration Weekend
Featuring The Pendel Brass, Singers and Timbrelists
May 3 and 4, 2008 hosted by Chris Pennington, Pastor
St. John's United Methodist Church**

Seaford, DE., April 11, 2008 – *The Pendel Brass, Singers and Timbrelists of The Salvation Army* will present a celebration of music weekend Saturday and Sunday, May 3 and 4, 2008 in Seaford, DE. The weekend kicks off on Saturday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in the parking lot of Mt. Olivet Methodist Church, High Street in Seaford for Open Air sharing of music and the gospel. The celebration continues that evening at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's United Methodist Church, Pine and Poplar Streets with a free will offering concert. Directly before the free will offering and intermission, young people between the ages of 7 and 16 who are part of The Salvation Army Sussex Chapel Youth Programs in Seaford will debut a timbrel (tambourine) routine. Proceeds from the free will offering will benefit youth and camp programs of The Salvation Army of Sussex County. The climax piece of the concert "To the Chief Musician" will be a collaborative musical effort with the St. John's United Methodist Church Choir.

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Continuing with the celebration on Sunday morning, The Salvation Army Pendel Brass, Singers and Timbrelists will participate in united worship at all three of the St. John's United Methodist Church services at 8:30, 10:00 and 11:15 a.m. Pastor Chris Pennington and Envoy Chas Engel will share the pulpit, while the brass, singers and timbrelists will share music, timbrels and sacred dance throughout. St. John's and The Salvation Army Advisory Council are providing housing for the group during the celebration weekend. St. John's is providing meals for the group as well.

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The Pendel Brass, Singers and Timbrelists of The Salvation Army come from various walks of life in Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware - USA. These select musical ensembles include nurses, bank employees, ministers of religion, secretaries, music teachers as well as high school and college students. The Salvation Army is their church home. Each member offers their time and musical talents voluntarily to weekly rehearsals and services at their local corps church home, as well as to monthly Pendel Brass rehearsals and concerts. The Pendel Brass, Singers

and Timbrelists have also enjoyed sharing their ministry on tours to US South, Jamaica, Canada, South America and Scandinavia.

The mission of The Pendel Brass is to communicate the gospel of Christ. To this end, The Pendel Brass performs a wide and varied repertoire of stirring marches, sensitive hymn tune settings, classical transcriptions, featured soloists, as well as more developed festival arrangements. The Pendel Singers enjoy sharing arrangements of familiar hymn and gospel songs, as well as more recent Christian vocal literature. The Pendel Timbrelists add innovative and colorful movement to concert and worship experiences. The prayer of the Pendel Brass is that God will use their ministry for His glory.

About The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army, an evangelical part of the universal Christian church established in 1865, has been supporting those in need in His name without discrimination for 126 years in the United States.

Over 31 million Americans receive assistance from The Salvation Army each year through the broadest array of social services that range from providing food for the hungry, relief for disaster victims, assistance for the disabled, outreach to the elderly and ill, clothing and shelter to the homeless and opportunities for underprivileged children. About 83 cents of every dollar raised is used to support those services in 5,000 communities nationwide. For more information, go to www.use.salvationarmy.org

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