

Press Release

**“Christmas Harvest - A Holiday Concert”**

Suite Elegance and Friends, in partnership with First Christian Church: a 2010 Christmas Concert to benefit First Christian Church’s Harvest Day Meal outreach

Join us for a relaxing evening of beautiful seasonal music with **Suite Elegance** on **Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. A delightful combination of strings and flute, this event promises to be a welcome beginning to all of the usual holiday hustle and bustle. This year’s concert will take place at **First Christian Church in Canton**. Admission is **free**, but a free-will love offering to benefit the church’s community-wide **Harvest Day Meal** outreach will be collected. Canned goods will also be collected at the concert, and there will be free refreshments afterwards.

**First Christian Church (FCC)** has filled a vital community role preparing Thanksgiving meals for people in need or alone. As a mission, the FCC Kitchen Committee has taken on this outreach of loving and serving the community by delivering a Thanksgiving Day meal. Event Coordinator, Diane Clements, says, “It started out in 1993 with 100 meals being served at our church with 40 volunteers. We decided we needed to reach more people and get out in the community so we made contacts with numerous agencies, schools, churches and just by word of mouth and delivered 1158 the next year. Every year since, we have increased our numbers by 400 to 500 dinners, and to-date have prepared and delivered 56,731 meals. The last couple of years we have delivered well over 5000 per year and this year we expect another increase.

“We could not do this without the help of so many, including North Canton Church of Christ, Our Lady of Peace, Rivertree, Perry Christian and High Point churches, as well as thousands of volunteers that help with everything from cooking turkeys, pies, and cookies to helping prepare, package and deliver the meals to the people of Stark County.” **Suite Elegance** feels this is an extremely worthwhile cause to honor at this time of year and is privileged to be able to serve in this manner. All proceeds collected from the love offering will benefit the **Harvest Day Meal**, and there will be an opportunity to volunteer to serve in this outreach as well. (For more information about **First Christian Church**, or their annual **Harvest Day Meal**, go to [www.firstchristian.info](http://www.firstchristian.info) or call 330.456.2600).

**Suite Elegance** is pleased to herald in this Christmas Season with several of our friends on stage. Brian Richeson, a local actor/singer, will join us on stage to narrate the evening as we explore the holidays through several musical genres. Sounds of Eden, a contemporary praise ensemble, will share one of their own original holiday selections. A children’s choir from First Christian Church will be joining us for some familiar tunes, and what Christmas Concert is complete without the Hallelujah Chorus, performed by many talented musicians in the Canton and surrounding areas, and led by Julia Lamm. This will truly be a night to remember!

**Suite Elegance**, a select chamber ensemble comprised of flute, violin, viola and cello, has been actively performing in the Akron-Canton area since 1995. The concert will include several mixed ensembles and a variety of musical styles – there will be something for everyone from traditional carols to more contemporary pieces. “We are thrilled to be able to give back to our community through such a worthwhile cause at a time of year when so many go without. This is a great way to spend an evening out with your family and friends – grab your canned goods and an early dinner and make your way to **First Christian Church** in Canton to join us in preparation for this Holiday Season and in supporting a great cause!” says Kelly Schiele. (For more information about Suite Elegance, go to [www.suiteelegance.net](http://www.suiteelegance.net))

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Admission: Free (Free-Will Love Offering)

Canned Good Collection Available

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