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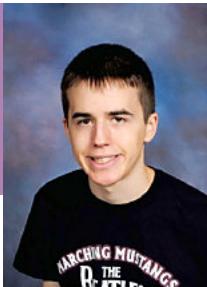
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TRIM LINE

Setting the Beat of the Service

By Ethan Wenz

As the church crowd files in bright and early Sunday morning, he sits down behind a throne of drums and symbols, preparing to keep the heartbeat of the musical worship about to take place. He pounds strongly, keeping the band together and on track. As he moves along in the songs, he settles into a "focused but relaxed mindset" letting him control the tempo with ease. This is the process that Trenton Baty goes through every service, every Sunday.

Baty, 17, plays drums for the United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon. The church offers two services every Sunday, the first being a contemporary style and the second a traditional style. Baty plays in the first service and has done so for almost three years.

Baty has played drums and percussion starting in the sixth grade Mount Vernon Band. "My parents told me to do band. Percussion was the only one that didn't take musical skill," Baty said. In the years that followed, Baty has participated in a variety of bands and performances in his six-year career. He currently plays for the school's jazz

choirs, choir concerts, and his weekly commitment to the church.

Baty received an opportunity to play for the church for the first time during the beginning of his freshman year. The previous drummer left the church due to another opportunity. Baty joined his father, Jim, who plays guitar and his brother Trevor ('15) on bass guitar. Until Trevor left for college, the three Baty men played weekly for the church. Every week, the band comes together on Wednesday night to prepare for their worship set on Sunday morning. Anyone can see the trio happily worshiping together and laughing between songs.

The Baty family has strong roots at UCMV, making his service even more meaningful. The instrumental section of the church band consists of Clint Stanerson, Rick Schwiebert, Denae Stein, Jim Davis, and of course Baty and his father. Between their worship on Sunday and rehearsals on



Trenton Baty

Wednesday nights, these members get to know each other very well. Baty says he loves playing with such a great group of talent and each member pushes him to become a better musician every time they work together.

Baty has put a large focus on playing the popular praise music that can be heard on Christian radio and is consistently performed by the church band. The band does not create original pieces, but rather, plays covers of many different artists in the Christian genre, such as Hillsong, or Lincoln Brewster. Out of the band's library of songs, Baty doesn't have a particular favorite, but says he can't recall any he dislikes.

Baty enjoys the praise band over a regular band for many reasons; the primary two reasons are his faith and the ease of scheduling. Baty has been raised in a strongly faithful household his whole life. That faith has become a pillar in his life just like it was for his parents before him. "My faith helps guide me, so playing praise music feels like a great way to express my feelings," Baty said.

In the future, Baty intends to continue to share his talent in college.

Juniors



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Trevor Wright



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Ryan Williams won the prize for the MVHS ugliest holiday sweater in the contest Dec. 22.