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**Edmonds United Methodist Church Music & Arts Ministries Unveil
Gifted Visser-Rowland/Klais Pipe Organ with Dedication Concert
featuring Noted Local Artists**

Edmonds, WA (January 7, 2010) – The Music & Arts Ministries of Edmonds United Methodist Church (EUMC) will unveil and dedicate a newly-installed Visser-Rowland/Klais pipe organ on Sunday, February 7 with a concert featuring noted local artists. The organ was gifted to EUMC by The Community Church of Vero Beach, Florida, and represents a decade of work by EUMC's Music & Arts Ministries to replace a 50-year old instrument that was beyond repair. (See attached for more on the organ).

In order to raise funds to dismantle, transport and install the organ, EUMC's Music & Arts Ministries has presented an Organ Benefit Concert Series, with the upcoming Dedication Concert being the third concert in the series (for more on the series visit <http://www.edmondsumc.org>). Many notable Seattle organists and musicians are donating their time and talents to the concert, including:

Douglas Cleveland, Music Director, Plymouth Congregational Church, Seattle

Carole Terry, Ruth Sutton Waters Professor of Organ & Harpsichord, UW School of Music

J. Melvin Butler, Canon Musician, St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, Seattle

Joseph Adam, Cathedral Organist, St. James Catholic Cathedral, Seattle

"Camerata," the mixed-voice choir of Seattle Children's Chorus, **John Hendrix**, Conductor

Stephen Marshall-Ward and **Wanda Griffiths**, EUMC's Director and Associate Director of Music & Arts, on duo organ

Additionally, the organ's original builder – Dr. Pieter A. Visser, retired Master Builder, Visser-Rowland Pipe Organ Builders in Houston, TX – will be on-hand for the dedication.

DATE: Sunday, February 7, 2010

TIME: 3:00pm

WHERE: Edmonds United Methodist Church, 828 Caspers Street, Edmonds, WA

TICKETS: Available through the church office for \$30.00 each. Call (425) 778-2119 as soon as possible or visit EUMC between services on Sunday mornings starting January 10, 2010. A complimentary dessert reception follows the concert. Visit EUMC on the web at <http://www.edmondsumc.org>.

NOTE: Photography is available of both the old and new organs, installation, etc. Contact Leslie Larson for more information.

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