

Concert Close-Up: Michael Kelly Blanchard

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Personal History

For more than twenty years Michael Kelly Blanchard has written songs (*Be Ye Glad*, *Danny's Downs*, *I Love You, I Do, You Bet*), prose (*Unsung Heroes*), and plays ("Gamaliel", "Heart Guard") which connect us to the merciful heart of God. As a solo performer on guitar and piano, Michael tells stories with a tender touch to help us laugh and cry at both the human condition and the renewing power of God's unconditional love.

Raised in a Christian, arts-loving home, Michael Kelly Blanchard apprenticed for his life's work as storyteller/songwriter from the very beginning. Always, there was the intertwining of art and faith in his parents' home. Mostly through music and literature (his father a fiddler, his mother an English teacher), he saw firsthand the blending of belief with the blessings of creativity. He started writing songs in his early teens. This coincided with an ever-expanding work as a performer in local clubs and coffeehouses. In his early twenties, he studied composition at Berklee College of Music, sharpening his music skills. Since then he has recorded ten albums, written two music dramas, one cantata and three novels.

Michael has been married to his wife, Greta, for 32 years and they have two adult children, Esther and Reuben.

Please visit Michael's YouTube Channel at: Michael Kelly Blanchard

For Videos of Rennie and Esther Kaufmann please visit their YouTube Page-link below

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0QQo2ldip3yQCJGQOsZIWQ/featured>

***Tickets for the June 5th, 2022, 1pm concert here in the Church Sanctuary with Rennie and Esther Kaufmann along with headliner Michael Kelly Blanchard are \$25 each, Cash Only, General Admission Seating, and are now available to purchase at the table in the Church Narthex before and after services on Sundays, also in the Church Office Mondays-Thursdays 10am-Noon, or by calling the Church Office at 716-692-6862.*

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Cash Donations to Tunnel to Towers can also be put in the donation box on the table in the Narthex.

*****children under 15 years old are free***

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*****tickets will be available at the door to purchase the day of the concert***

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