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The Bay County Christian Choir, shown here at a church in Michigan, returns to Panama City for a concert Sunday.

## Christian Choir returns for Sunday concert

### News Herald staff report

**PANAMA CITY** — The Bay County Christian Youth Choir will perform at 7 p.m. Sunday at First Presbyterian Church when it returns from a national tour.

The choir, an independent interdenominational youth choir, was established in 2009 under the conviction that the future of congregational participation in the music of the church lies in the training and nurturing of its youth and children.

The choir has the goals of teaching choir members to speak and sing in

public, the experience of performing locally and on choir tours, how to work together to achieve goals that only can be achieved collectively, the discipline of making a long-term commitment and the rewards of hard work, how to “get along” with fellow choir members and skills that enable the choir members to be worshipers of God.

The Youth Choir goes on tour each year, and this year the tour consists of 12 concerts in Nashville, Tenn.; Indianapolis; Zeeland, Mich.; Holland, Mich.; Traverse City, Mich.; Mackinaw Island, Mich.; Cedarville, Mich.; St. Louis; Memphis, Tenn.; Columbus,

Mo.; Prattville, Ala.; and Panama City.

The choir sings a mixture of classical choral, traditional hymn arrangements, spirituals as well as contemporary praise and worship songs, and each choir member will have a speaking part during the tour program.

Each tour program is thematic, with the songs and speaking parts tied together by this theme. There are short Bible devotions throughout the year during choir rehearsal, and on tour the choir will view teaching videos on the bus and participate in Bible studies.