

# *About Mr. Wattleworth*

## **Educational Background**

- Master of Music – Oakland University  
Concentration: Conducting
- Bachelor of Music – Hope College  
Major: Vocal Music Education

## **Professional Experience**

Kent Wattleworth has been teaching choral music for 5 years at Chippewa Valley High School where he directs 4 curricular choirs and 3 extra-curricular ensembles. He also teaches music theory and is the musical director and orchestra pit conductor of the school musical each year. Since coming to Chippewa Valley, his choirs have received top ratings at District and State MSVMA festivals, and have performed at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival. Kent has 11 years of teaching experience and previously taught middle school choir and elementary music in Dearborn Public Schools, and elementary music in Hudsonville Public Schools in Michigan. He has taught every grade level from K-12 and is certified in Orff-Schulwerk pedagogy.

As part of his degree program at Oakland University, Kent served as assistant conductor of the Cantata Academy Chorale under Dr. Michael Mitchell during the 2001-2002 concert season as well as on its European tour to Italy and Croatia in 2003. On four separate occasions, he served as guest conductor for the Cantata Academy Chorale during regular season concerts. He has sung and conducted in several churches in the Detroit Metro area, most recently as assistant music director to Tom Trenney at First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham.

## **Personal**

Kent lives in Royal Oak, Michigan, with his wife Merrie, and children Rachel, Nora, and Andrew