## Mark Hellmann

All during his childhood years in Pittsburgh, Mark was inspired and invested in music. He began piano lessons at age 5, participated in many musical opportunities during school, and obtained a music degree in organ from Wheaton College. Then another passion grabbed his heart and Mark went to seminary and became a Lutheran pastor for 35 years, serving churches in Grand Rapids, Michigan and Minneapolis, MN. Mark and his wife, Jeannie, are blessed with five children and three grandchildren. They retired and relocated to Wilmington in 2017. Currently, Mark serves as Director of Music at a local church, playing organ and directing three vocal and handbell choirs. His hobbies include gardening, running ... and gardening. Mark enjoys investing more of his time and energy in the world of music again, and he is honored to serve on the board of Chamber Music Wilmington.