

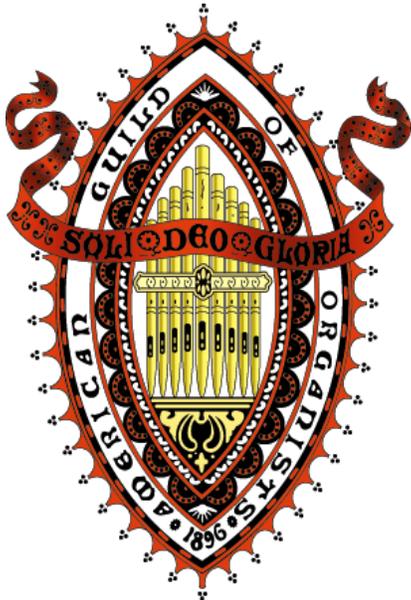
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The Bombarde

American Guild of Organists – Harrisburg Chapter

From the Dean



Our mission is to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members.

Dear Chapter Members,

I wish to thank Father Lease and Nicholas Basehore for planning and presenting our February chapter meeting. I want to thank the chapter members who sang in the *Schola cantorum*, the Altar Servers, and the St. Patrick Cathedral Parish for the use of St. Lawrence Chapel. All those who attended were inspired by a beautiful Vesper Service in a beautiful Chapel of French Gothic Architecture, housing a fine re-built organ. The Service was preceded by Father Lease's informative lecture on the development of this ancient liturgy.

Plan to participate in the Saturday Workshops and attend the Sunday Hymn Festival at Hershey's First United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 5, and Sunday, March 6. The details are listed elsewhere in this month's Bombarde. I understand that there is a need for singers for the Hymn Festival Choir; please consider joining it.

Our Program Committee has planned an interesting April meeting on Saturday, April 2, 9:30 AM to 12 Noon at Christ Presbyterian Church, Camp Hill. Chapter members will present valuable resource material for The Church Year. See the Announcement in this Newsletter, and if you have any questions, please contact Dr. Robert Lau.

Also on Saturday, April 2, 1:00 PM, the Cassel Competition will be held at the First United Methodist Church, Hershey. Chapter members are permitted to attend.

On Tuesday, May 10, Bob Wigand and Karen Appel will host, for the fourth year, our Annual Dinner, with the Election/Installation of Officers and Board Members. An innovation this year will be a Chapter Business Meeting. Plan to attend, and send your reservation to Brian Rice, our Treasurer, before May 3. If you are not able to be with us, please mail your ballot to Kenneth Walker, our Secretary, before May 8, 2011.

The Ballot is included in this issue of The Bombarde. Bring it with you to the Annual Dinner, or mail it as instructed above. There are two people on the Ballot who joined our chapter recently. Both are highly-trained and experienced church musicians and they have been active members of other AGO chapters. For your information, there is a short bio of them in this issue. The remaining persons on the Ballot are well-known to chapter members.

At the February Board Meeting, I was authorized to appoint an Historian/Archivist. I am delighted to announce that long-time member Charles Yocum has agreed to take on this important task. Other members of the Archive Committee are Kenneth Kline, Dr. Ronald Sider, and Kenneth Walker.

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Hymn Festival and Workshop Sessions with Timothy and Tamara Albrecht

First United Methodist Church,
64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey, PA

Saturday, March 5, 2011
from 9:30 AM-12:00 Noon

Workshop Sessions

Timothy Albrecht (*organ*)
Tamara Albrecht (*children's choir*)
Worship at 9:45 AM
First Session 10:00-10:45 AM
Break 10:45-11:00 AM
Second Session (*stay with the same or switch*) 11:00-12 Noon

Lunch provided at Noon for those members staying for Festival Choir of adults and children rehearsal from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Singers are needed. Contact Shawn Gingrich at music@firstumchershey.org or 533-9668 ext. 108 if you can participate.

Sunday, March 6, 2011 at 3:00 PM "Grace Notes" Hymn Festival

The Albrechts both teach at Emory University in Atlanta. Tamara Makdad Albrecht is Instructor in Music History and Cannon Chapel Organist and Choirmaster and Timothy Albrecht is Full Professor at Emory's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and the Candler School of Theology. He also heads the graduate organ degree program at Emory. Both are published authors / composers and Timothy's published series of organ compositions based on hymn tunes entitled *Grace Notes* gives our Hymn Festival its name.

Plan to attend and participate in these events.

Monthly Lunch Bunch

We will not meet in March.

We hope to see all of you in April.

Future 2010 - 2011 Chapter Programs

⇒ Saturday, March 5, 2011 from 9:30 AM-Noon
Workshop Sessions with Timothy Albrecht (*organ*)
and Tamara Albrecht (*children's choir*)
First United Methodist Church
64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey
Shawn Gingrich, Host

Sunday, March 6, 2011 at 3:00 PM
A "Grace Notes" Hymn Festival
with Organists Timothy & Tamara Albrecht
First United Methodist Church
64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey
Shawn Gingrich, Host

Saturday, April 2, 2011 from 9:30 AM-Noon
Seasons of the Church Year:
Anthems, Organ Music for the Church Year
led by Chapter Members
Christ Presbyterian Church
421 Deerfield Road, Camp Hill
Lou Ann Potter, Host

May 10, 2011 - 6:00 PM
Annual Dinner & Election/Installation of Officers
Chapter Business Meeting
Home of Karen Appel and Bob Wigand
Cost: \$25.00 per person due before May 3, 2011
Send Check or Money to:
Brian Rice, Treasurer
1430 Green Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102

The Bombarde Online

Please e-mail Shawn Gingrich at shawn.gingrich@firstumchershey.org if you would like to sign up to receive *The Bombarde* on line.

Important 2011 Dates to Remember

April 30, 2011
Deadline to apply for
Shenk Scholarship for Summer Organ Study
(See Chapter Website.)

May 3, 2011
Last day to make reservations for the May 10 dinner.

Membership Updates

From the Registrar

We currently have 128 members. National has reduced fees to any new member who joins before March 1st. Please note: this mid-year membership is for new members only.

Welcome New Member

Joseph A. Cherry
P. O. Box 86
Mt. Gretna, PA 17064
717-306-8202
jacherry@dauphinc.org
Membership Status: Chapter Friend

Member Corner

In January **Ron and Beth Sider** visited their daughter and family in Bremen, Germany. While there they heard Rhonda play a recital in the “Dom” (cathedral) where Brahms conducted the first performance of his German Requiem. There are five pipe organs in that cathedral. Two of them are in small chapels and three are in the large sanctuary. Like some other sizeable German churches (including St. Thomas, Leipzig), a large Romantic or general-purpose organ is in the rear balcony and a “Bach” organ near the front, and at Bremen there is a third organ around the corner from the Bach instrument, a one-manual continuo organ.

Rhonda played a program of all twentieth century American organ music on the large organ in the rear balcony. Although this literature was new to the audience, they seemed to appreciate it. With about ten seconds reverberation and a fine organ the program had some great moments and beautiful sonorities. Some time earlier Rhonda was asked to play, in a concert, the first performance of a composition written by a composer at the music school, which utilized all three organs. The three organists kept everything together with stop watches. The composer was happy with the performance and later the composition was recorded.

Ronald Sider

Best wishes to both **Karen Appel** and **Ruth Brommer** for a speedy recovery from recent surgery.

Our April Program “This Works for Me”

Saturday, April 2, 2011
Christ Presbyterian Church
421 Deerfield Road, Camp Hill, PA
9:30 AM—12:00 Noon

I have asked some members of our chapter to share their favorites in anthems and organ music for the church year. Each person has selected a season of the year and will present two anthems which will be sung by everyone. One will be an SATB anthem which could be sung by a volunteer church choir of average size. The second anthem will be one written for unison, 2-part or 3-part voices OR an anthem for children’s choir. The member will also play a prelude or postlude suitable for the specific season.

This is a GREAT way to hear literature which may be new to you. With the number of anthems and organ works published each year in the United States, it is virtually impossible for anyone to encounter all of them. And there might be a *golden oldie* which you somehow missed. Or you could find something that really “fills the bill” for you.

Come and hear your colleagues present
“This Works for Me.”

Coffee Hour – 9:00 AM

Robert Lau, Sub-Dean

From a Member

“I think a big factor in being a member of the Harrisburg Chapter of the AGO is the interaction with colleagues, both socially and professionally, to keep abreast of what is happening in the field of church music, PA and nationally. I find the friends in this chapter to be very supportive and very congenial. These two issues are very important to me at this point in my 61 years long career in church music!”

Member news you’d like to share, please submit to dorisagohbg@comcast.net before the 12th of the month.

Convention Corner



Featured in several past “Corners” have been the various committees that are needed to host a successful convention. As we have four months to go, less than 120 days, there will be more focus on the volunteers who will be needed during the week of the convention, June 27-30.

The Hospitality Committee, co-chaired by Doris Savage and Tim Koch, is now working in high gear! They are responsible for all of the small details that hold the convention activities together. They will be the most visible at the convention itself and will be the ones who give the advice, offer assistance to convention attendees and handle all emergencies. According to co-chair Doris Savage, since the Harrisburg chapter is hosting the convention, she is hoping all members will be part of creating a welcoming atmosphere throughout the convention through warm handshakes, smiles, and caring words. Every chapter member should greet, give directions, offer helpful ideas and function as eager hosts. To that end, **every** chapter member attending the convention is a member of the Hospitality Committee!

The Hospitality Committee has been preparing maps with directions to places of interest in the Harrisburg area, lists of restaurants around the hotel for easy access and tending to many other necessary details such as schedules, parking arrangements, and helpful materials for each registrant’s tote bag.

To staff the Hospitality Desk and to provide AGO contacts at the various venues, the Volunteer Committee, chaired by Judy Schrack (432-4920) and Ruth Brommer (763-1865) has started to recruit chapter members who are registered for the convention, as well as people from various churches that are hosting recitals, concerts or workshops. If you would like to volunteer, there are numerous opportunities during the convention such as: to usher at services, recitals and concerts, to serve at the Hospitality desk, to be an escort on the buses, and to help stuff tote bags prior to the convention. Volunteers play an important role in their capacity as representatives of our chapter. They are the “glue” that holds the activities together and help ensure a warm and welcoming convention.

Please register to attend the convention at www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=891163 and then sign up to volunteer by contacting either Judy or Ruth. We look forward to seeing you at the convention.

If you are looking for a roommate to share expenses of your hotel room, please contact Doris Savage at dorisagohbg@comcast.net or by telephone at 717-697-4042. Doris already has the name of some chapter members who are looking for a roommate.

The Publicity Committee

Treasurer’s Report

Cash in Bank as of 1/1/2011	\$ 4,522.08
Disbursements (—)	\$ 10,352.18
Receipts (+)	\$ 10,396.00
Cash in Bank as of 1/31/2011	\$ 4,565.90
Total Invested Funds:	
Cassel Award	\$ 6,425.96
Stahle Award	\$ 1,131.66
Yocum Scholarship	\$ 2,418.95
Shenk Scholarship	\$ 1,030.17
Throne Money Market	\$ 10,000.00
General CD	\$ 5,023.08

Calling All Singers!

Plan to participate in the festival choirs for the Hymn Festival with Timothy and Tamara Albrecht on March 6 at 3pm at First United Methodist Church, Hershey. A children’s choir also is forming. The rehearsal will be held on Saturday, March 5 from 1 to 3 pm following the morning workshop sessions with the Albrechts. Children in grades three and above are welcomed to participate. All singers should sign up by contacting Shawn Gingrich, 717-533-9668 ext. 108 or music@firstumchershey.org with your name and voice part. Those attending the morning workshops on March 5 please also request a complimentary lunch to be served before the rehearsal.

Slate of Candidates for Office

The following slate of candidates for office in the Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists has been approved by the Nominating Committee (Karen Appel, Anna Royer, and Anthony Ciucci, chair):

Dean: Ralph Kneeream
Sub-Dean: Robert Lau
Secretary: Kenneth Walker
Treasurer: Brian Rice

Executive Committee (2011-13):
Ellen Hunt, Beth Palmer, Brian Rotz

Auditors: Josephine Freund, David Messner

Any additional nominations must be made by petitions signed by at least five Chapter Voting Members in good standing, and be received by the Secretary, Kenneth Walker, prior to April 1, 2011. The ballot for voting is on page 11 and must be submitted by May 8, 2011.

*Anthony Ciucci,
Nominating Committee Chair*

About Beth Palmer and Brian Rotz

Beth Palmer received a Bachelor of Music in Organ and Church Music degree, as well as a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Drake University, Des Moines, where she studied primarily with Carl Staplin and one semester with Arthur Poister. She is presently Director of Music at St. Joan of Arc Church in Hershey. She comes from the Chemung Valley chapter of AGO.

Brian Rotz is the Director of Music at St. John's Episcopal Church in Carlisle, PA. He holds organ performance degrees from Indiana University and Northwestern University, and is a current doctoral candidate in organ at the University of Cincinnati/College-Conservatory of Music. Brian is a former dean of the Toledo, OH chapter.

Professional Development Committee Formed

During the month of February the Professional Development Committee was formed. Initial information was presented to the chapter membership at the September AGO meeting. Our guest presenter was David Rhody, Esq., our own Region III chairperson for professional development. David spoke on the expanding work of the newly designed committee as it relates to the workings of the local chapter. Areas of concern are: the Guild's code of ethics; maintaining the code of professional standards; salary guidelines; grievance procedures; discipline; and career development, just to name a few. Some of the areas suggested by national headquarters are already being covered by our other committees.

The work will be slow at times, as we begin to develop ideas and goals for the chapter. One of the most pressing tasks will be to canvas the membership, collecting salary and fee information. The collected data will allow us to produce an updated salary schedule which will work here in central PA.

Two of our members have graciously accepted invitation to serve: S. Delizia St. John-Brainerd, AAGO and Donald Golden. Both have been members of the Guild for many years. They both bring varied levels of experience to the committee and will be able to maintain levels of confidence in dealing with any sensitive information which might be presented.

Please watch for information in *The Bombarde*. All suggestions and ideas from chapter members will be greatly appreciated.

*Pr. Steve Middernacht, Chair
Professional Development Committee*

Thank You!

As most of you are aware, I had major surgery on the 15th. I'm going to be fine and am home recuperating for a few weeks before returning to any type of normal schedule. I received a beautiful plant from the Harrisburg Chapter and thank you so much for your thoughtfulness. It's sitting on the hearth of the fireplace in the bedroom, where I am spending the majority of my time. I've received heartfelt notes on cards and best wishes from many of you, and I'm truly blessed to be a part of this caring organization.

Karen Appel

Mark Your Calendars Now
Camp Hill Presbyterian Church's 2010/2011
Music, Art & Drama Series Presents

Peter Richard Conte

Grand Court Organist of the world famous Wanamaker
Organ at the Macy's Philadelphia department store

Sunday, September 18, 2011 - 4:00 PM
Camp Hill Presbyterian Church
101 North 23rd Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011
(717) 737-0488 www.thechpc.org

*American Guild of Organists Harrisburg Chapter
Board of Directors Meeting - Tuesday, February 8, 2011*

The Board of Directors, Officers, and Committee Chairs of the Chapter met on Tuesday evening, February 8, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Camp Hill. The meeting was called to order by the Dean. The Invocation was given by Fr. Lease, Chapter Chaplain. Present: Dr. Ralph Kneeream, Brian Rice, Dr. Robert Lau, Fr. James Lease, Kenneth C. Walker, Kenneth Kline, Kay Shupp, Karen Worley, Deborah Dillane, Julie Jones, Ryan Brunkhurst, Tom Notestine, Anna Royer, Shawn Gingrich, Doris Savage, Rev. Steven Middernacht, Mary Jane Nelson, Dr. Shirley King (ex officio), Arnold Sten (ex officio). Excused: Nicholas Basehore, Tim Koch

Minutes of the November 2010 meeting were approved with a correction: Competition/Education Committee SHOULD BE: Competition and Education Committees. Brian Rice, Treasurer, distributed financial statements covering the period November 9, 2010, through February 8, 2011. The reports were filed to audit. Dr. Shirley King, Coordinator of the 2011 Regional Convention, distributed updated reports on the convention and gave an oral report. On a motion by Dr. Robert Lau and a second by Kenneth Kline, the following was approved: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists authorize Arnold Sten to be named as the treasurer of the 2011 Region III Convention, upon the recent resignation of James Acri. Arnold Sten and /or Shirley King (Convention Coordinator) are authorized and have full authority to sign any and all checks drawn on the currently existing Harrisburg Convention 2011 accounts at Members 1st Credit Union. On a motion by Shawn Gingrich and a second by Anna Royer it was approved that the \$500 originally designated for financial aid to persons needing help for convention registration be used elsewhere.

Dr. Ralph Kneeream, Dean, thanked everyone for all the work done in the past year. He encouraged all present at this meeting to attend our future programs. Dr. Robert Lau, Sub Dean, reported that the programs for the rest of this year are in line. Programs for the coming year will be announced at our next meeting. Father James Lease reported on the Vespers program for this coming Sunday afternoon. Tom Notestine, editor of *The Bombarde*, stressed the importance of meeting the item submission deadline of the 15th of the month prior to the month of publication. Shawn Gingrich, chair of the Education and Competition Committees, announced that the Cassell Scholarship Competition will be held April 2, 2011, at First United Methodist church in Hershey at 1:00 p.m. The Education Committee has removed the three time limit for students applying for scholarships for organ lessons.

Doris Savage, chair of the Membership Committee and Registrar, announced that a Member Corner has been added to *The Bombarde*. Brenda Helwig, and Don Golden have agreed to serve on a Membership Committee. The Member Corner will feature news of members. Rev. Steven Middernacht, chair of the Professional Development Committee announced that Don Golden and S. Delizia St. John-Brainerd will be members of that committee.

Approved on a motion by Doris Savage and a second by Tom Notestine the renewal date for Chapter Friends will be based on the original date their contribution was received. With the new procedures for collecting dues from the National Office mentors have been set up to help members without computers renew their membership. The mentors are Ryan Brunkhurst, Shawn Gingrich, and Manel Neil Frau-Cortes.

Mary Jane Nelson, Publicity chair, reported that press releases on both of our scholarships and the January Organ-Plus program have been sent. The photo of participants and a description of the Organ-Plus event has been sent to TAO. Replying to a request at the November meeting, she reported on costs of possible advertising in several area monthly publications.

On a motion by Shawn Gingrich and a second by Brian Rice approval was given to send \$400 to National for the Annual Fund.

On a motion by Ryan Brunkhurst and second by Mary Jane Nelson it was approved that the \$500 received in offerings at our Anniversary Service be used to help set up the Archives for our Chapter. On a motion by Shawn Gingrich and a second by Ryan Brunkhurst it was approved that \$250 would be sent to the Delaware Chapter to help with their POE program this summer.

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Board of Directors Meeting continued from page 6.

A Chairperson for Development will be discussed after the convention. The Ida Enck Throne Scholarship was established based on the \$10,000 received from her estate to be used to train organists. Details of the scholarship will be worked out by the Education Committee.

The Dean presented a written report from the Nomination Committee listing the slate for our election of Officers and Board Members for the 2011/2012 year. Following procedure the ballot will be printed in the Bombarde and the election will take place at the annual dinner in the spring.

Next Meeting: Chapter Business Meeting on May 10, 2011, at the annual dinner.

Kenneth C. Walker, Secretary

Positions Available

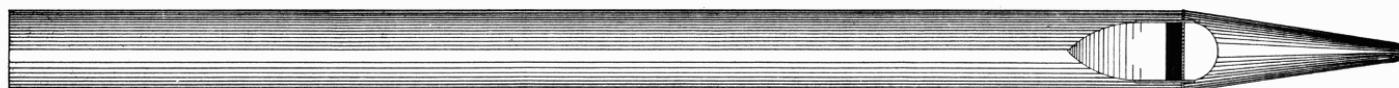
Organist/Music Director: Episcopal Church of the Nativity & St. Stephen, 159 South 2nd Street, Newport, PA 17074 Seeking a flexible and competent musician, well-versed in traditional and contemporary church music, to serve as part-time organist/music director. There has not been a choir at Nativity for quite a while and we'd welcome someone able to direct small groups in simple but beautiful pieces that will enhance our worship. Our hope is that this person will find working in a small congregation (average 50-60 on a Sunday morning) as a collaborator and teacher, a life-giving and rewarding pursuit! Sunday services (9:30 AM) and major feast days (Christmas, Ash Wed., Holy Week etc.) Assist in planning liturgies and music with Rector. Compensation: present musician earns \$50.00 per service plus mileage—pay is negotiable. Contact: The Rev. Daphne Messersmith, Rector at: church phone: 717-567-6514 or email daphne@pa.net Website: www.episcopalparish.org/nativity

Minister of Music: Trinity United Church of Christ, 116 York Street, Hanover, PA 17331 is seeking a part-time Minister of Music. Must be proficient playing Moeller pipe organ, piano, and handbells and able to lead various choirs. Send resume to Trinity UCC, 116 York St., Hanover, PA 17331 or email resume to: resume@trinityuchanover.org

Organist: St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Highspire, has need for a church musician to work in conjunction with the director of choirs. This person will accompany senior choir, youth choir and occasional bell choir. The congregation has a 17 Rank Wicks Pipe Organ and a Yamaha grand piano. Submit resumes to the attention of: Pastor Utter, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 240 Broad St., P.O. Box 97, Highspire, PA 17034, or email to stpeters@paonline.com. Phone 717-939-3492

Organist: Christ Lutheran Church, Stouchsburg, a small and energetic liturgical Lutheran Church (ELCA) in western Berks County seeks organist for one Sunday service (10:30). Organist will also serve as accompanist for Wednesday evening choir rehearsal. Church seeks musician with pipe organ and piano abilities. Organ is a well-maintained 18 rank Moeller. The sanctuary also has a medium size grand piano. Salary is negotiable and commensurate with experience. Direct inquiries to bb1fbla@comcast.net or call 717-866-1795

Director of Music: St. Jacobs Lutheran Church, Glenville, soon to be Glen Rock, PA. St. Jacobs Lutheran Church will move soon into a newly built church home, and is looking for a Director of Music Ministries who wants to serve Christ and his Church in ways that are faithful to tradition yet innovative. The individual who applies should be a fine organist and pianist, personable, able to create a vision for building up the congregation's music ministry and then enthusiastically share that vision with the congregation including the adult and children's choirs. At present, the congregation worships once weekly, but will add an additional service on Sunday mornings once we move. Salary is highly competitive and will increase as responsibilities increase. A full job description is available through the church office at 717-235-7313 or on our website: www.stjacobslutheran.org. For questions, please contact Rev. Paula Murray at 717-817-3165.



Trinity Concert Series Presents

Sunday, April 3, 2011, 4:00 PM
Dubois: Seven Last Words of Christ
Chancel Choir and Orchestra;
Timothy Koch, conductor

Sunday, April 30, 2011, 7:30 PM
Harrisburg Singers

Sunday, May 22, 2011, 4:00 PM
The Organ and Friends
Organ and Instruments;
Timothy Koch, organist

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania
(717) 737-8635 www.trinitycamphill.org

AGO Certification

Please consider taking a guild certification exam. Complete details of the exams can be found in the education and certification section of the national website: agohq.org. If you would be interested contact Education Committee Chair, Shawn Gingrich, 717-877-8554 or email music@firstumc-hershey.org.

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21 South Bedford Street, Carlisle, PA 17013
717-249-3310 www.firstlutherancarlisle.org

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Pennsylvania's Boychoir

Joseph P. Fitzmartin, Music Director
Steven M. Fisher, Associate Music Director
Sunday, April 3 at 3 P.M.
www.paboychoir.org

MENDELSSOHN PIANO TRIO

Peter Sirotn, *violin*
Fiona Thompson, *cello*
Ya-Ting Chang, *piano*
Carlisle C.A.R.E.S Benefit Concert
Sunday, May 22 at 3 P.M.
www.mendelssohntrio.com

2010/2011 Music, Art & Drama Series

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church
101 North 23rd Street
Camp Hill, PA 17011
(717) 737-0488 www.thechpc.org

Wednesday Noonday Organ Recitals
Featuring members of the Harrisburg Chapter
of the American Guild of Organists

11:45 AM – 12:15 PM
Light lunch served at the church

12:15 – 12:45 PM
Organ Recital
A free-will offering will be received.

March 2
Michael Shoemaker
St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, Harrisburg

April 6
Shawn Gingrich
First United Methodist Church, Hershey

Evensongs at St. Luke's Episcopal
22 S. Sixth St. (Sixth & Chestnut Sts.), Lebanon, PA
717-272-8251

*An Offering is Received at all Services
for the Support of the Concert Series.*

Sunday, March 6, 2011, 7:00 PM
Choral Evensong and Organ Recital by **Mark Laubach**,
St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre

Sunday, April 10, 2011, 7:00 PM
Solemn Evensong and Organ Recital
by **Gail Archer**, concert organist

Sunday, May 15, 2011, 7:00 PM
Festal Evensong and Concert by the **Eaken Piano Trio**
(John Eaken, Andrew Rammon, Gloria Whitney)

Sunday, June 12, 2011, 7:00 PM
Festal Evensong and Concert
Valley Forge Choir of Men and Boys,
Directed by Ronald Howell

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Photo courtesy of Rick Zentmeyer.

February Vespers at St. Lawrence Chapel

The Chapter program with Vespers, presented on Sunday afternoon, February 13, at the beautiful St. Lawrence Chapel on State Street in Harrisburg was educational, enlightening and worshipful. Thanks to our Chaplain, the Rev. Father James Lease, Mr. Nicholas Basehore, our Chapter member serving as Director of Liturgical Music at St. Patrick Cathedral, and a volunteer Schola of 15 persons comprised of Cathedral choir members, several AGO Chapter members, and persons from the Carlisle War College, recruited by Dean Ralph Kneeream.

After a 2:30 rehearsal of the Schola, the Dean introduced both Father Lease and Nick Basehore and gave some opening remarks. There followed a short run-through of sung portions of the Vespers Liturgy, with the assembly comprised of Chapter members and the general public.

The final segment of the afternoon was a Service of Vespers, from Prelude to Postlude, using the verses in Lectionary Cycle A. Many of the segments of the Gregorian Chant were adapted for English text and an SATB Schola, by our own Chaplain Lease, indicating that much time and talent were used in preparation of this unique program. Organist/director Nick Basehore patiently worked with his own choir, and with the one-time add-in voices to help us lead the congregation in Vespers. The photo includes Father Lease, Nicholas Basehore, Ralph Kneeream, dean, and the members of the Schola who led the service. Thanks to all for a delightful, meaningful afternoon!

Mary Jane Nelson

Dean's Report continued from front page.

If you have not yet registered for our June Convention, I hope you will soon. We want to have many of our members participate in one of the most significant events in our 75-year history.

In closing, let me wish each of you a happy Spring, a holy Lent, and don't forget to "spring forward" with the clocks on March 13, lest you be late for church!

Soli Deo Gloria

Ralph Kneeream, Dean

Area Events

Friday, March 4, 2011—7:30 PM

St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church, 129 Charles Street, Hanover, PA, presents organist Nathan Laube in recital. A free-will offering will be received. A reception will follow. St. Mark's is handicap accessible via the Willow Street entrance. For more information, you may contact the church at (717) 637-8904 or visit their website: www.stmarkhanover.org

Sunday, March 6, 2011—3:00 PM

First United Methodist Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey hosts a hymn festival with organists Timothy and Tamara Albrecht. The festival is free and open to all. A free-will offering will be received. For information call (717) 533-9668 or visit www.firstumchershey.org

Tuesday, March 8, 2011—7:30 PM

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 N. 23rd Street, Camp Hill, presents the Susquehanna University Choir and Chamber Singers, Rodney H. Caldwell, Director. A free-will offering will be received.

Sunday, March 20, 2011—4:00 PM

Jerusalem Lutheran Church, 36 Church Street, Rothsville presents Music for Organ & Violin featuring Ken Cowan, organ, and Lisa Shihoten, violin. For more information, call the church office at (717) 626-8972. A free-will offering will be received.

Friday, March 25, 2011—7:30 PM

Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 North Third Street, Harrisburg presents Thomas Clark-Jones, organist of Pine Street Church in his annual Organ Recital for the benefit of the Music at Pine Street series. The program will include Bach's 'Prelude, Adagio and Fugue in C' as well as his 'Schubler Chorales'. Also the Piece Heroique of Cèsar Franck. Of particular interest is Hermann Schroeder's brilliant, but seldom heard masterwork, Prelude and Fugue on *Christ lag in Tödesbanden*. Mr. Clark-Jones holds the B.Mus degree from Wilkes College and the M.A. from the State College of New Jersey. He has taught organ and church music at the University of Michigan's Flint Campus and has held major church positions in Pennsylvania, Virginia, Tennessee and Michigan. Suggested donation is \$10.00 at the door. Free parking will be available at the South Street Garage.

Friday, April 1, 2011—7:30 PM

Saint Patrick Cathedral, 212 State Street, Harrisburg presents *Le Chemin de la Croix* (Stations of the Cross) by Marcel Dupré. Nicholas F. Basehore, organist and Charles R. Peguese, reader. Free-will offering (\$10 per person is the suggested donation, but your individual circumstances may allow you to give more or less).

Sunday, April 3, 2011—3:00 PM

First Lutheran Church, 21 South Bedford Street, Carlisle presents the Keystone State Boychoir sponsored by the **Fine Arts at First Artist Series**. The KSB consists of more than 150 young men, ages eight to eighteen, and is recognized as one of the finest community-based boychoir programs in the United States today. The singers hail from five counties in the greater Philadelphia region and rehearse in one of ten different choirs. Two of the boychoir's most advanced ensembles - **The Towne Choir**, known for its challenging repertoire, and **The Graduate Choir**, featuring the oldest and most seasoned members who now sing tenor and bass - will perform at First Lutheran. The boys range in age from ten to eighteen years. Founded in 2001 in Philadelphia, the Keystone State Boychoir, conducted by Music Director Joseph Fitzmartin and Associate Music Director Steven Fisher, serves as musical ambassador for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, both at home and abroad, performing an extensive repertoire from classical to contemporary. American musical selections are a specialty of the choir. The boychoir has enjoyed unprecedented success for an ensemble so young. On its 2009 tour to Antarctica, it made history as the first choir to sing on all seven continents. Admission is free. A freewill offering will be received. For info: 249-3310, www.paboychoir.org or www.firstlutherancarlisle.org

Friday, April 8, 2011—7:30 PM

Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 North Third Street, Harrisburg presents the Annual Downtown Daily Bread Benefit. Four Vocal Virtuosi! Our four distinguished soloists from the Pine Street Choir, present an evening of vocal fireworks for various combinations of voices. The singers ... Courtney Gray, soprano; Beverly Hudson, mezzo-soprano; Jonathan Manley Hudson, tenor and John Sharpe, bass bring their talents to small ensemble works. Duets, Trios and Quartets from Opera and Oratorio as well as other styles will bring an evening of memorable music ... all to benefit Pine Street Church's Downtown Daily Bread ministry which feeds the poor and homeless of Harrisburg from the Boyd Center, across South Street from the church! This concert is always an inspiration as superb musicians share their talents so that others might have a bite to eat every day of the year. No admission ... but bring your checkbook and be generous! As always, free parking will be available at the South Street Garage.

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Friday, April 29, 2011—7:30 PM

Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 North Third Street, Harrisburg presents Lynne Davis, concert organist. A native of Michigan, Ms. Davis graduated with honors from the University of Michigan and shortly after moved to France to study with Jean Langlais and Maurice Dufuflé among others. Her career sprang to life with the winning of the St. Alban's Competition in England with recitals across Europe and the U.S. Ms. Davis remained in France where she married Pierre Firmin-Didot, founder of the Chartres Competition. Together the musical couple were a major force in French musical happening for several decades. She was appointed Professor of Organ at the Conservatory of Clamart and later to the Conservatory at Caen. In 2006 Ms. Davis returned to the U.S. to become the Associate Professor of Organ at Wichita State University in Kansas. She is a world-renowned authority on French organ music and plays this repertoire with a commanding security seldom heard even amongst native Frenchmen. Suggested donation: \$10.00. Free parking at the South Street garage.

Saturday, April 30, 2011—7:00 PM

Lancaster Church of the Brethren, 1601 Sunset Avenue, Lancaster presents Hershey Handbell Ensemble in concert. For more information please visit hersheyhandbellensemble.org or contact Shawn Gingrich, 717-533-9668 ext. 108 or info@hersheyhandbellensemble.org.

Sunday, May 15, 2011—3:00 PM

Lititz Church of the Brethren, 300 West Orange Street, Lititz presents Hershey Handbell Ensemble in concert. For more information please visit hersheyhandbellensemble.org or contact Shawn Gingrich, 717-533-9668 x108 or info@hersheyhandbellensemble.org.

Friday, May 20, 2011—7:30 PM

Saint Patrick Cathedral, 212 State Street, Harrisburg presents Susan A. Loy, saxophone, and Paul G. Fierro, piano. Free-will offering (\$10 per person is the suggested donation, but your individual circumstances may allow you to give more or less).

Sunday, May 22, 2011—3:00 PM

First United Methodist Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey presents "Organ, etc." celebrating the new Létourneau pipe organ with various organists and other instrumentalists who are part of the congregation. Dr. Karl Moyer, a Hershey native, who played the dedication of the former Kilgen organ will also participate in the program. The recital is free and open to all. A free-will offering will be received. For information call (717) 533-9668 or visit www.firstumchershey.org

Sunday, June 5, 2011—11:00 AM

Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 North Third Street, Harrisburg presents Arthur Honegger: *King David*. In 1921, Arthur Honegger, Swiss composer, and member of the French group known as *Les Six* undertook a commission to write incidental music to a play known as *Le roi David* by René Morax. This unusual commission grew into the first great French oratorio of the twentieth century. It is in three parts ... David as a youth and musician to Saul; the crowning of David and the glorious 'Dance before the Ark' and a final section foreshadowing the birth of the Messiah from the line of David. An unusual orchestration for sixteen musicians accompanies the work with soloists Courtney Gray, Beverly Hudson and Jonathan Hudson assisting the Choir in this soaring hymn of praise! During preceding weeks, sermons and services will be themed around the great shepherd-King and will lead up to the performance of this great oratorio in worship.



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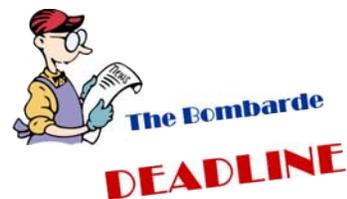
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