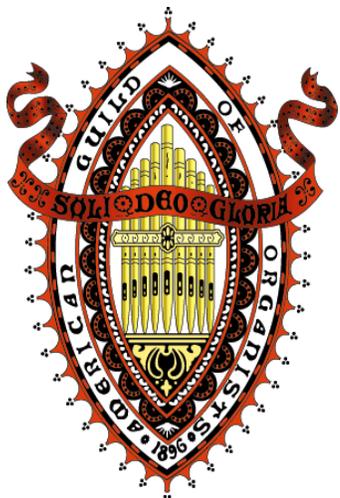


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# The Clarion

## American Guild of Organists – Harrisburg Chapter



The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to enrich lives through organ and choral music. To achieve this, we:

- Encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music;
- Inspire, educate, and offer certification for organists and choral conductors;
- Provide networking, fellowship, and mutual support;
- Nurture future generations of organists;
- Promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles; and
- Engage wider audiences with organ and choral music.

### Lunch Bunch

Please plan to attend our next luncheon on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. We will meet at the Perkins Restaurant, 7 Erford Drive, Lemoyne (in front of the Radisson). Please email or phone Doris Savage no later than the preceding Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend. Email [dorisagohbg@comcast.net](mailto:dorisagohbg@comcast.net) or telephone (717) 697-4042.

Invite a friend to join us!

### Last Call for March Improvisers

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I hope you're all planning to attend Jeffrey Brillhart's workshop on organ improvisation on **Saturday, March 3** at Trinity Lutheran Church in Camp Hill. Whether you're a beginner or an advanced improviser, we will all learn a lot. We will begin with some goodies and used music sale at 10 and the session will be 10:30-12:30.

If you would like to be one of the improvisers that day (*be not afraid...*), please let me know by Tuesday, February 27 at noon. You can reach me at [BTerry@pinestreet.org](mailto:BTerry@pinestreet.org) or call (717) 238-9304, ext. 106.

Grace and peace,  
Brett A. Terry, Sub-Dean

### Upcoming Programs

#### Improvisation Masterclass by Jeffrey Brillhart

Participants of *all levels* are encouraged to play! Jeff firmly believes improvisation is for everyone. He can give you good skills to use whether you're an improvisation wizard or total novice. Mr. Brillhart is on the organ faculty of Yale University as instructor of improvisation; Director of Music and Fine Art at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian; Artistic Director of Philadelphia's Singing City Choir; first prize winner of the American Guild of Organists' National Competition in Organ Improvisation; and has performed extensively throughout the United States and abroad. He has also studied improvisation with Olivier Latry and Philippe Lefebvre. His improvisation textbook, *Breaking Free: Finding a Personal Voice for Improvisation through 20<sup>th</sup> Century French Improvisation Techniques*, is in use in organ departments throughout the country and available through Wayne Leupold Editions. RSVP to play by e-mailing [BTerry@pinestreet.org](mailto:BTerry@pinestreet.org).

Saturday, March 3, Gathering at 10:00 a.m., Session at 10:30 a.m.  
Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill  
*Timothy Koch, host*

We will feature **Clara Gerdes** in a rising star recital  
underwritten by the Clapper—Frysinger Fund.  
Friday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church, 64 W. Chocolate Ave, Hershey  
*Shawn Gingrich, host*

#### Peter Richard Conte and Andrew Ennis in Recital

Saturday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m.  
Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 N. Third St, Harrisburg  
Free parking is available in the South Street Garage.  
*Brett Terry, host*

**End of the Year Banquet and Annual Meeting with Installation of Board Members**—Friday, May 4 at the Fox-Eichelberger VFW Post 7415 in New Cumberland. The dinner menu will include appetizers, a 2-entrée buffet, and dessert. A cash bar will be available. Save the date!

### Membership News

Ellen Hunt was honored at Market Square Presbyterian Church with what was dubbed "Ellen Hunt Sunday" on January 14. The Session of Market Square Presbyterian Church has named Ellen as Minister of Music and Organist Emerita. There was a reception honoring Ellen after worship today. Congratulations to Ellen!

### Slate of Nominations

- Dean: Brett Terry
- Sub-Dean: Helen Anthony
- Secretary: Christopher Prestia
- Treasurer: Scott Whitfield
- At-Large Board Nominees, class of 2018-2022,  
three of the following will be elected:
  - Tyler Canonico
  - Phyllis Conrad
  - Daniel Dorty
  - Ellen Hunt
  - Susan Wood

Any additional nominations must be made by petitions signed by at least five (5) Chapter Voting Members and be received thirty (30) days after this slate is announced to the membership. With the release of this newsletter on February 28, 2018, the due date of petitions is March 28, 2018. Send petitions to the Secretary:  
Kenneth Walker  
1200 Forge Road  
Carlisle, PA 17013

2018 Nomination Committee: Robert Carbaugh, Deborah Dillane, Shawn Gingrich (chair), Sean McCarthy, and Daniel Stokes

### Scholarship Opportunities Announced

The Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) is pleased to invite piano students from 13 to 18 years of age to apply for the Yocum Pipe Organ Encounter Scholarships to be offered during the summer of 2018. The Pipe Organ Encounter (POE) is a four to five-day event held in various parts of the country for young pianists who wish to explore the organ. The deadline for applying for this scholarship is March 15, 2018.



Also at this time the application for the Shenk Scholarship for summer organ lessons offered by several members of the Harrisburg Chapter, for youth in grades 6-12 is available. The Shenk Scholarship provides the equivalent of ten 30-minute organ lessons, membership in the Guild, as well as an opportunity to play in a chapter program. The deadline for applying for this scholarship is April 30, 2018. More details and application forms are available on the Chapter website (Education—Scholarships) or by contacting Education Chair, Helen Anthony, at (717) 439-1000 or by e-mail at [hdanthon@verizon.net](mailto:hdanthon@verizon.net).

### Jardine Organ Concerts

Cross Keys Village—The Brethren Home Community at 2990 Carlisle Pike in New Oxford, PA is the (nonretirement) home of an 1869 one manual George Jardine (NY) tracker action organ rebuilt in 1983 by Brunner & Associates. This year is the 15th annual concert series and features:

- March 4th — Richard Frey,  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation, York, PA
- April 29th — ADRIC,  
St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Timonium, MD
- June 24th — Victor Fields,  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, York, PA
- September 9th — Brian Rotz,  
St. John's Episcopal Church, Carlisle, PA
- October 14th — Michael Britt,  
Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church,  
Baltimore, MD

All recitals begin at 2:30 pm in the Nicarry Meetinghouse on the dates shown. Free-will offerings will be accepted and refreshments will be served.

### Fine Arts at First

Mutual Agreement, a vocal ensemble of Christian men from Washington, D.C. singing a cappella in six-part harmony, will perform gospels, spirituals, and hymns in concert on Sunday, March 18 at 3 P.M. at First Lutheran Church, 21 S. Bedford St., Carlisle. The group, whose name means "A Covenant with God", focuses on spreading the word of God through arrangements and renditions that are fresh and contemporary. The ensemble is a member of the Gospel Music Workshop of America. It was nominated one of the eight best a cappella vocal ensembles in the Mid-Atlantic region of the United States and won second place in the 2017 Mid-Atlantic Harmony Sweepstakes A Cappella Festival. It has performed at Showtime at the Apollo with Steve Harvey, at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, for the State Department, and for corporate and political events. It has also sung at homeless shelters, prisons, and juvenile detention facilities. Various



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television and radio programs have featured the group. Mutual Agreement seeks to preserve a musical art form that has played an important part in its musical heritage. Admission to the concert is free to all. A freewill offering will be received. For more information, call the church, (717) 249-3310, or visit [www.firstlutherancarlisle.org](http://www.firstlutherancarlisle.org).

### Sue Garton in Concert

First United Methodist Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey presents handbell soloist Sue Garton in concert on Sunday, March 11 at 3:00pm (note: we are reserving 3/18 as a snow date in case of bad weather).

Sue Garton, handbell soloist from Slippery Rock, PA, is known for her grace, artistry and effortless style. Audiences love her high level of technical skill and musicality.

Sue is very active in the handbell world as a soloist and clinician. She has been a featured performer at concert venues throughout the United States, including Handbell Musicians of America Pinnacle events in Nashville and Dallas. She was a member of the 2003 Dream Team quartet that performed and taught at the Solo-Ensemble Extravaganza in Colorado Springs. She also worked with a newly formed handbell choir in Kiev, Ukraine while presenting concerts in Kiev and Presov, Slovakia. Thirteen of her handbell solo arrangements have been published.

Her repertoire includes a wide variety of sacred, secular and classical music and she delights in presenting the artistry of solo handbells. Garton will be accompanied by pianist Becky Sopher.

The concert is free with a free-will offering.



### Area Events Listing

Sunday, March 4, 2018—2:30 PM

Nicarry Meetinghouse of Cross Keys Village—The Brethren Community at 2990 Carlisle Pk in New Oxford presents organist Richard Frey in recital on the 1869 one-manual George Jardine tracker action organ. Free-will offerings will be accepted and refreshments will be served. See article on page 2.

Sunday, March 4, 2018—4:00 PM

Derry Presbyterian Church, 248 East Derry Road, Hershey presents the Hershey Baroque Chamber Players return to present a concert drawn from the

noble courts of 18<sup>th</sup> century Europe. The ensemble is directed by Dr. Sean McCarthy. Complete season information is posted on [derrypres.org/events/arts-alive](http://derrypres.org/events/arts-alive).

Sunday, March 11, 2018—3:00 PM

First United Methodist Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey presents handbell soloist Sue Garton in concert. A free-will offering will be received. See article in the left column for more info.

Saturday, March 10, 2018—3:30 PM

Lebanon Area Evangelical Free Church, 600 Shepherd St., Jonestown presents the Central PA Handbell Festival – Eighteen PA and NJ bell choirs under the direction of Dr. Kimberlee Strepka. Free-will offering. For information contact Jeff Clouser, [jclouser@palmyracob.org](mailto:jclouser@palmyracob.org).

Tuesday, March 13, 2018—12:15 PM

Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 North Third Street, Harrisburg presents The Wednesday Club in the Lenten Recital Series.

Sunday, March 18, 2018—3:00 PM

Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 N. Third St., Harrisburg presents “Welcome to the Family” featuring the Lebanon Valley College Concert Choir. The 65 members of the choir will perform a diverse program of selections around the theme of family. Under the direction of Dr. Matthew Erpelding, Director of Choral Activities and Assistant Professor at LVC, the choir continues its long-standing history of musical excellence. The ensemble is composed of both vocal and non-vocal majors. Later this spring, members of the choir will take this concert on tour throughout the Northeast, a tradition started in 1936. Free parking will be available in the South Street Garage.

Sunday, March 18, 2018—3:00 PM

First Lutheran Church, 21 S. Bedford St., Carlisle presents Mutual Agreement, an a cappella gospel sextet. A freewill offering will be received. See the article on page 3 for more information.

Sunday, March 18, 2018—4:00 PM

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 839 West Market Street, York presents the Wheatland Chorale Accessible Artistry Concert. Free Admission.

Tuesday, March 20, 2018—12:15 PM

Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 N. Third St., Harrisburg presents Marcus Solemsky and Christopher Para, violin-viola duets in the Lenten Recital Series.

Sunday, March 25, 2018—7:00 PM

Palmyra Church of the Brethren, 45 N. Chestnut St., Palmyra presents a Taizé Service.

Friday, April 6, 2018—7:00 PM

First United Methodist Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey presents organist Clara Gerdes in concert. A free-will offering will be received. This concert

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is co-sponsored by the Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists made possible in part through their Clapper-Frysinger Recital Fund.

Friday, April 13, 2018—8:00 PM

Atonement Lutheran Church, 5 Wyomissing Blvd., Wyomissing presents the Wheatland Chorale with special guest Ola Gjeilo. Ticketed event.

Saturday, April 14, 2018—4:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church, 140 W. Orange Street, Lancaster presents the FPC Chamber Choir Festival featuring the Wheatland Chorale. Free Admission.

Saturday, April 14, 2018—7:30 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill presents the American Composers' Choral Festival with Mark Hayes and a 175-voice choir conducted by renowned composer Mark Hayes. \$10.

Sunday, April 15, 2018—4:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church, 140 E Orange Street, Lancaster presents the Wheatland Chorale Reflections Concert with special guest Ola Gjeilo. Ticketed event.

Sunday, April 22, 2018—4:00 PM

First Lutheran Church, 21 S. Bedford St., Carlisle presents the Gettysburg Children's Choir and Chamber Chorale in concert. A freewill offering will be received.

Saturday, April 28, 2018—7:00 PM

Music By the River at St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, 221 N. Front St., Harrisburg presents The Bridge Ensemble, a Baltimore-based professional Chamber Choir. This performance will be presented as a free gift to the community. For information call 717-236-4059 or visit [www.musicbytheriver.org](http://www.musicbytheriver.org).

Sunday, April 29, 2018—2:30 PM

Nicarry Meetinghouse of Cross Keys Village—The Brethren Community at 2990 Carlisle Pike in New Oxford presents organist ADRIC in recital on the 1869 one manual George Jardine tracker action organ rebuilt in 1983 by Brunner & Associates. Free-will offerings will be accepted and refreshments will be served.

Sunday, April 29, 2018—3:00 PM

St. John's Episcopal Church, 239 E. Market St. Marietta presents Peter Stotzlufus Berton, in recital on the rebuilt organ.

Sunday, April 29, 2018—3:00 PM

Palmyra Church of the Brethren, 45 N. Chestnut St., Palmyra, presents organist Gail Archer. Free-will offering.

Sunday, April 29, 2018—4:00 PM

Derry Presbyterian Church, 248 E. Derry Rd., Hershey presents Concert pianist Thomas Pandolfi in an exciting recital of masterpieces by Mozart, Liszt, and Chopin, including favorites such as Chopin's "Revolutionary" Etude, and Polonaise in A-flat major, the "Heroic." Mr. Pandolfi has performed concert tours throughout the United States and Canada, and across the globe to China and Europe. His performances have garnered critical acclaim throughout the world for his passionate artistry and amazing technique.

## Positions Available

**Organist:** Dynamic Church seeks organist. Send cover letter, résumé, two recommendations to organist search committee: Christ Church UCC 247 S. Market St., Elizabethtown, PA 17022 or email [galenrussell@etownucc.org](mailto:galenrussell@etownucc.org). Deadline March 15, 2018.

**Music Director/Organist/Choir Director:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Dillsburg is seeking a Music Director/Organist/Choir Director to lead worship at the 10:15 Sunday morning service. The service is a traditional service of Holy Communion. There is one weekly service and one weekly choir rehearsal. We currently have an adult choir but have had a children's choir previously and may re-establish it. We have a Moller pipe organ (Installed 1941. It was rebuilt in 1989 to include a total of 11 Ranks). Additional special services throughout the year are Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve. Director will serve as a member of the Worship and Music Committee and will participate in liturgical music planning. For more information or to indicate interest and to provide credentials, please contact Matt Nielsen at [mn030913@comcast.net](mailto:mn030913@comcast.net).

**Organist:** The Camp Hill Church of God is seeking to fill a vacancy for a part time organist. The candidate will be required to play Sunday mornings at 10:00 service in coordination with a Contemporary Music Director. The organist may also be asked to play for Thanksgiving Eve service. Holy Thursday, Advent Services and weddings and funerals upon personal request. The organist will be under the direct supervision of the pastor. Salary offered is \$8,000- \$10,000 per year. Please contact Steve Shover at [stevedshover@yahoo.com](mailto:stevedshover@yahoo.com). Stephen D. Shover, Camp Hill Church of God, 123 N. 21st St. Camp Hill, PA 17011.

**Organist:** St. Edward's Episcopal Church, 2453 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster PA, is in search of a permanent, part-time organist. Responsibilities of this position include playing one service every Sunday morning (10:15 am) as well as other special services during the church year (such as Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, etc), serve as accompanist for the adult choir rehearsals and anthems. Contact Patrick Ishler, (717) 683-6886 or [stedsmusicdirector@gmail.com](mailto:stedsmusicdirector@gmail.com).

**Organist:** Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lewisberry Pa. is seeking an organist. This is a part-time position with 4 weeks paid vacation per year. Duties include playing for one regular 9:00am Sunday service plus special services throughout the year (e.g., Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Easter Sunrise Thanksgiving and Christmas Eves). The organist works with the pastor to plan music appropriate to the church's calendar. We are also seeking to fill the position choir director which could (but not necessarily) be combined with the organist position. Please send resume to [dikgip@verizon.net](mailto:dikgip@verizon.net) or to: Pastor, Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 863 Lewisberry Rd., Lewisberry Pa, 17339.