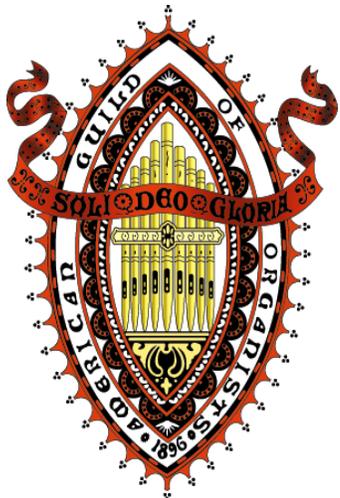


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American Guild of Organists – Harrisburg Chapter



From the Dean

This is it—my last column as your dean. I thank all of the current leaders who have worked hard for our success. Thanks to Brett Terry who will continue in leadership as our new dean, to Rick Zentmeyer who ends his four-year term as our treasurer, to Karen Appel who was our secretary for nearly four years, to Ken Walker who stepped in completing Karen's term as secretary, to the three board members who complete their terms: Deb Dillane, Robert Lau, and Justin Myers, and to the many chairs of committees. It has been great to work with you all.

The future is bright for our chapter. We have excellent leaders to carry on and a strong membership ready to encourage, inspire, educate, nurture, promote, and engage the future American organists. Those words are right out of our mission statement. The other part that we do very well is to "provide networking, fellowship, and mutual support." This is a valuable perk and I encourage you all to attend meetings and lunches to be a part of this great family.

As you renew membership please consider an extra gift to the chapter. There are five funds set up for donations. The biggest continues to be the Shenk fund for student organ lesson scholarships and donating to the general fund which will assist in meeting our budget so that we do not have to draw money from savings.

Finally, our next season of programs is included below. Be sure to mark these on your calendars now to save the date. It will be another great year!

Pax vobiscum,
Shawn Gingrich

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 June 13th 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, June 11th if you plan to attend. Email dorisagohbg@comcast.net or telephone (717) 697-4042.

Invite a friend to join us!

2018-2019 Programs

Shenk Scholarship Recital—Sunday, August 26 at 4:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 64 W Chocolate Ave, Hershey, PA 17033

Shawn Gingrich and the Hershey Handbell Ensemble Workshop—Saturday, September 29 at 10:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 64 W Chocolate Ave, Hershey—*The HHE performs and does breakout sessions to teach handbell techniques.*

Three-Chapters Recital—Sunday, October 14 at 3:00 p.m. at Old Salem Lutheran Church, 119 N. Eighth St, Lebanon—*Recital by members of the Harrisburg, Lancaster, and Reading chapters, utilizing both the Miller and Skinner organs in a mini-crawl extravaganza.*

Mark Miller – Gospel Techniques Workshop—Saturday, November 10 at 10:00 a.m. at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran

Church, 2000 Chestnut St, Camp Hill—*One of the leading gospel and contemporary sacred music composers gives us tips and tricks for playing in the gospel tradition at both the organ and piano.*

January Jumpstart—Saturday, January 12 at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 625 Montgomery Ave, Bryn Mawr—*Scholarship funds available to offset the cost of attending the event.*

Members' Recital: Chant-Based Organ Repertoire—Friday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral 212 State St, Harrisburg, PA 17101 *A small choir sings the chants prior to the organist's performance.*

Don Saliers Workshop—Saturday, April 27 at 10:00 a.m. at Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 N. 23rd Street, Camp Hill—*The AGO national chaplain and*

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liturgical superstar talks about the call of musicians to ministry and how to reinvigorate our spiritual lives.

Paul Jacobs Recital—Friday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 N. Third Street, Harrisburg—Presented in partnership with Music at Pine Street.

Banquet and Annual Meeting—Friday, May 17 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.—Location TBD

Membership News

Welcome new members to our chapter:

Brandon G. Roy – 1319 Mount Wilson Road, Lebanon, PA 17042 – br005@lvc.edu. Brandon just started learning organ about a year ago, but was previously a pianist. He is a junior studying Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Lebanon Valley College.

Patrick W. McMullen – 495 Valley Rd, Tamaqua, PA 18252 – pwm001@lvc.edu. Patrick is junior biology major with a music minor at Lebanon Valley College. He is the organist at St. John the Baptist R.C. Church Pottsville.

National Convention

At the 2018 AGO National Convention in Kansas City you will see and hear incredible performances by world-class organists and choirs, hear new music by some of the world's best modern composers, be able to check out dozens of workshops and seminars, and enjoy creative worship services in some of the most beautiful and historic organ venues in the country. The members of the Greater Kansas City Chapter of The American Guild of Organists look forward to sharing the grandeur of the city's organs and performance venues with you from July 2 – 6, 2018. We hope to see you there!



For registration information visit the convention website: www.agokc2018.com or see the information in a recent edition of *The American Organist*.

The National Convention of the American Guild of Organists is held biennially in even-numbered years and reflects the diverse aspects of the Guild and its official work across the country. Held as a function of the national organization in partnership with a selected chapter, it represents a coalition between the national leadership and the host chapter's leadership. This joint venture combines the talents and creative strengths of each, and represents the larger vision of the whole membership and its needs.

Register now for the 2018 Organ Historical Society Convention!

The 63rd Annual Convention of the Organ Historical Society will take place in Rochester, NY from July 29–August 3, 2018. The week-long conference will feature nearly 40 pipe organs, with an impressive array of 35 performing artists in daytime and evening

recitals. Performers include Ken Cowan, David Higgs, Richard Hills, Nathan Laube, Anne Laver, Alan Morrison, and Bradley Hunter Welch, to name a few.



Convention registration includes participation in all events, transportation to all events, and lunch/dinner provided on most days. For details on the Convention, hotel, registration, and an interactive schedule please visit the convention website: <http://www.organsociety.org/2018>.

Area Events Listing

Sunday, June 3, 2018—4:00 PM

Saint Patrick Cathedral, 212 State Street, Harrisburg presents the Heritage Chorale of Lancaster. Based in Lancaster, PA, the Heritage Chorale, under the director of Barry Sawyer, strives to promote and preserve the choral art form through performance excellence. Their mission is to inspire listeners to a renewed appreciation of the rich and varied choral legacy that has been an integral part of our heritage. From madrigals to spirituals, all choral styles are represented. The repertoire includes both *a capella* and accompanied works based on the art of *bel canto*, which emphasizes purity of tone, contoured phrasing and vocal blend.

Sunday, June 24, 2018—2:30 PM

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

Sunday, September 9, 2018—2:30 PM

Nicarry Meetinghouse of Cross Keys Village—The Brethren Home Community at 2990 Carlisle Pike in New Oxford presents organist

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Brian Rotz in recital on the 1869 one manual George Jardine (NY) tracker action organ rebuilt in 1983 by Brunner & Associates. Free-will offerings will be accepted and refreshments will be served.

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

Positions Available

Organist / Choir Director: Mt. Calvary Episcopal Church, Camp Hill. 2-manual, 13-rank Moeller pipe organ. Two services weekly (Sat at 5pm and Sunday at 10am), plus Christmas Eve (2 services), Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Easter Vigil and 2 services on Easter morning. Senior Choir conjunction with the Rector, weekly staff meetings. Salary commensurate with education and experience. Call 717-737-9834 to speak with Fr. Greg Welin.

Organist: Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 208 Woods Drive, PO Box 374, Silver Spring Township, Mechanicsburg, PA, is seeking applicants for the position of organist/choir director. Though the emphasis is for an organist, having the ability to lead a choir is an added plus. The position is part time (12 -14 hours per week), and responsibilities include playing for one service per week, directing the choir during the festival seasons of the church year, as well as conducting choir rehearsals, playing for festival services, and periodic weddings and funerals. Those interested in applying should provide a resume/curriculum vitae, certifications, and references to Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church at the address above and/or to the following email address: calvarymechanicsburg@gmail.com.

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.

Organist: Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lewisberry 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 or to: Pastor, Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 863 Lewisberry Rd., Lewisberry Pa, 17339.

Treasurer's Report

by Rick Zentmeyer

Balance in Checking as of 4/1/2018	\$2,188.69
Checks:	\$1,250.00
Debits:	\$14.95
Deposits & Credits:	\$2,364.00
Balance in Checking as of 4/30/2018	\$3,287.74

Invested Funds as of 4/1/2018

Harrisburg AGO Savings*	\$52,679.27
Frances Bishop Investment	\$131,199.60
Total	\$183,878.87

Invested Funds as of 4/30/2018

Harrisburg AGO Savings**	\$52,980.12
Frances Bishop Investment	\$129,021.78
Total	\$181,001.90

NOTES:

*Harrisburg AGO Savings as of 4/1/2018:

Cassel Competition Fund	\$4,614.88
Clapper-Frysinger Bequests	\$6,348.23
Reserve Savings	\$22,713.00
Savings Accrued Total Interest	\$26.29
Shenk Scholarship Fund	\$2,669.13
Stahle Savings	\$725.82
Throne Fund	\$8,101.77
Yocum Scholarship Fund	\$7,480.15

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Our Investment continues to follow the DJIA lower, as of 4/28 we are only ahead by \$176.78. But this includes our withdrawal of \$1,500 for May Program.