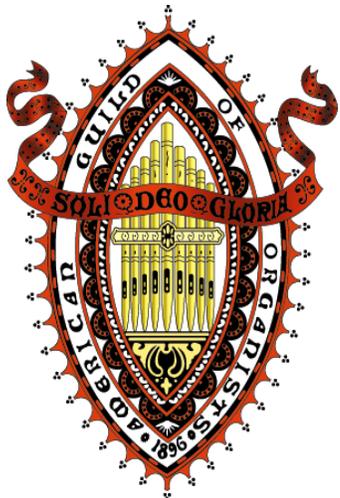


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From the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

On Saturday, November 10 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Camp Hill, we were treated to a fantastic workshop by the incomparable Mark Miller. Mark taught us some of the most common Gospel Techniques every organist should know, led us in singing, and played some of his own organ music. He then let us ask him what he would do with a given hymn and he gave us an example right there on the spot. It was a wonderful day. Thanks to Timothy Koch for hosting, Phyllis Conrad and team for hospitality, and everyone who attended.

Our board also met in November and made several exciting decisions. One of them was that we have decided to move our checking and savings accounts over to Members 1st Credit Union. We will also invest a portion of that money in federally insured Certificates of Deposit to protect against inflation and obtain a modest return.

Did you know you can attend January Jumpstart for free? We have scholarships available to cover the full cost for anyone who would like to attend. It will be held at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church on January 12 from 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Having played there several times, I can assure you that the incredible Rieger organ is enough reason to make the trip on its own. Carson Cooman will be the featured artist. There will also be Philadelphia musicians giving presentations and a worship service. E-mail Secretary Christopher Prestia at chris.prestia@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

Following that, we'll have our Chant-Based Organ Repertoire Members' Recital at St. Patrick Cathedral in downtown Harrisburg on Friday, March 1. I hope we will have room for every willing participant on the program, but we will formulate a balanced recital, so please let me know if you'd like to play, and if so what you'd like to play, at your earliest convenience. As always, you can reach me at BTerry@pinestreet.org if there's ever anything I can do for you.

Grace and peace,
Brett

Upcoming Programs

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. Applications are due by December 12 for [Throne Scholarships](#)*

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

Don Saliers Workshop—Saturday, April 27 at 10:00 a.m. 9:30am Gathering time with coffee and goodies AND used music sale. Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 N. 23rd St, Camp Hill—*The AGO national chaplain and 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. A reception will follow the recital.*

Banquet and Annual Meeting—Friday, May 17 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Fox-Eichelberger VFW Post 4715 in New Cumberland.

Lunch Bunch

We always have such a great time together at our monthly networking lunches. Please plan to attend our next luncheon on December 12th at 11:30 a.m. We will meet at the Perkins Restaurant, 7 Erford Drive, Lemoyne. Please email or phone Doris Savage no later than the preceding Monday, December 10th if you plan to attend. Email dorisagohbg@comcast.net or telephone (717) 697-4042.

August Board Meeting Summary

The Harrisburg AGO Board met from 7:00–7:53 p.m. on Monday, August 13, 2018 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Mechanicsburg, PA. In the Chaplain's absence, Secretary Prestia opened with the devotion and invocation. The board introduced themselves to each other, and the Dean led a discussion on the AGO mission, vision, and value proposition as being the guiding principles for the board's work, as well as laying out basic operating procedures.

Each officer and committee chair gave a report, or reported no report, and several key decisions were made:

1. The May 2019 Banquet will be held at the Fox-Eichelberger VFW Post 4715 in New Cumberland.
2. Membership pamphlets will be created and distributed at the three-chapters recital and other upcoming events.
3. Birthday and Condolence cards will be sent to chapter members.
4. A New Member Initiative was approved. The Harrisburg AGO will cover the cost of the first year of membership for new members.
5. Monies remain available as scholarships to underwrite the cost of the January Jumpstart.
6. The next two meetings were agreed upon as being:
Monday, November 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Camp Hill Presbyterian Church
Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

If there are items you would like the board to consider, please contact the Dean or the appropriate committee chair. Please submit these requests in writing by **Tuesday, February 5, 2019.**

Area Events

- Sunday, December 2, 2018—3:00 PM
Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill presents Messiah Sing-a-Long with Harrisburg Choral Society. This concert requires tickets. For information visit www.trinitycamphill.org.
- Sunday, December 2, 2018—4:00 PM
St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 839 West Market Street, York presents the Wheatland Chorale in a concert entitled "Manger Songs"—Ticketed event
- Sunday, December 2, 2018—6:00 PM
St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 22 S. 6th St., Lebanon—Advent Lessons and Carols—St. Luke's Festival Choir
- Friday, December 7, 2018—7:30 PM
Mount Zion Lutheran Church, 2164 Mount Zion Road, York presents the Hershey Handbell Ensemble in concert. The concert

is free with a free-will offering.

Saturday, December 8, 2018—7:00 PM

Atonement Lutheran Church, 5 Wyomissing Blvd, Wyomissing presents the Wheatland Chorale in a concert entitled "Manger Songs"—Ticketed event

Saturday, December 8, 2018—7:00 PM

Salem Lutheran Church, 99 York Road, Jacobus presents the Hershey Handbell Ensemble in concert. The concert is free with a free-will offering.

Sunday, December 9, 2018—3:00 PM

First United Methodist Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey presents the Hershey Handbell Ensemble in concert. The concert is free with a free-will offering.

Sunday, December 9, 2018—3:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill presents Cantus: *Lessons and Carols for Our Time*, Men's premier vocal ensemble. This concert is free. For information visit www.trinitycamphill.org.

Sunday, December 9, 2018—3:00 PM

First United Methodist Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey presents the Hershey Handbell Ensemble in concert. The event is free with a free-will offering.

Sunday, December 9, 2018—4:00 PM

Market Square Presbyterian Church, 20 South Second Street, Harrisburg presents Lessons and Carols featuring the choir of Market Square Presbyterian Church. Suggested donation of \$10.

Sunday, December 9, 2018—4:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church, 140 E. Orange St, Lancaster presents the Wheatland Chorale in a concert entitled "Manger Songs"—Ticketed event

Sunday, December 9, 2018—4:00 PM

Derry Presbyterian Church, 248 East Derry Road, Hershey presents "Christmas in Ireland" with Sanctuary Choir, Children's Choir, Orchestra and Handbells. This holiday season, we invite you and your family to experience Christmas in Ireland. Come enjoy beautiful folk carols from the emerald isle, and join the combined choirs and orchestra in a sing-a-long of favorite carols. The second half of the program features highlights from Handel's Messiah, which premiered in Dublin. Sharing the stage will be Derry's 45-voice Sanctuary Choir, the Derry Ringers handbell choir and Derry's youth and children's choirs. An outstanding orchestra provides accompaniment. Free-will offering..

Friday, December 14, 2018—7:30 PM

Cornwall Manor Retirement Community, Freeman Auditorium, 1 Boyd St, Cornwall presents the Hershey Handbell Ensemble in concert. The concert is free with a free-will offering.

Saturday, December 15, 2018—7:00 PM

Cross Keys Village, The Brethren Home Community, Nicarry Meeting House, 2990 Carlisle St, New Oxford presents the Hershey Handbell Ensemble in concert. The concert is free with a free-will offering.

Sunday, December 16, 2018—3:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill presents Christmas at Trinity with choirs, bells, and orchestra. This concert is free. For information visit www.trinitycamphill.org.

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Sunday, December 16, 2018—3:00 PM

St. Edward Episcopal Church, 2453 Harrisburg Ok, Lancaster presents the Hershey Handbell Ensemble in concert. The concert is free with a free-will offering.

Sunday, January 6, 2019—3:00 PM

Palmyra Church of the Brethren, 45 N Chestnut Street, Palmyra presents The Palmyra Community Band, under the direction of Kathleen (KD) Reese. The Palmyra Community Band is a wind and percussion ensemble comprised of music students from public and private schools, college students, music majors, music enthusiasts, parents and grandparents, music teachers, music advocates, and music lovers. More than 30 of the band's members are related to other members in the band. Reese's aim is for a multi-generational organization affording the opportunity for family members to play right along side one another. "Many of these musicians had put their instruments away once they left high school or college, and I'm thrilled they got them back out of their closets and are playing music again!" says Reese.. A good-will offering will be collected.

Sunday, January 13, 2019—6:00 PM

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 22 S. 6th St., Lebanon—Choral Evensong with Choir of St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, Harrisburg, and Organ Recital

Friday, January 18, 2019—7:30 PM

Market Square Presbyterian Church, 20 South Second Street, Harrisburg presents an organ recital featuring Chase Loomer from Yale University. Suggested donation of \$10.

Monday, February 4, 2019—7:30 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill presents Harrisburg Youth Symphony Orchestra and Junior Strings in concert. This concert is free.

Saturday, February 9, 2019—9:30 AM

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill presents West Shore Symphony Orchestra Children's Concert—a program for young listeners. This concert is free.

Sunday, February 10, 2019—3:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill presents West Shore Symphony Orchestra and Harrisburg Choral Society in concert. This concert requires tickets. For information visit www.trinitycamphill.org.

Sunday, February 10, 2019—6:00 PM

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 22 S. 6th St., Lebanon—Choral Evensong and Organ Recital—David M. Miller (Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Hagerstown, MD)

Saturday, February 16, 2019—7:00 PM

Market Square Presbyterian Church, 20 South Second Street, Harrisburg presents L'anima d'amore featuring Tara Savarino, Laura Petravage, Joshua Kobel, and Jordan Markham, accompanied by a chamber orchestra. Suggested donation of \$10.

Positions Available

Music Director for Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Schuylkill Haven, PA. Play liturgy (two services most Sundays, Evening Prayer in Lent, etc.), direct twenty member adult choir, oversee and work with praise team, foster music with children – all with the purpose of leading the assembly in giving glory of God. Instruments include twenty-five year-old, three manual, 32 rank Schantz organ, and Boston grand piano in setting with superb acoustics. 15 hours/week, salary based on musicianship and experience. For complete job description, follow the Music Director Position link at www.jerusalemchurch.com. Send resume with salary requirements by November 30 to Jerusalem Lutheran Church, 252 Dock Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972.

Director of Music: The Episcopal Cathedral of St. Stephen in Harrisburg is searching for a Director of Music. This full-time position with benefits involves playing organ for parish and diocesan services, directing the adult choir, developing a children's choir, and teaching part time in the only Episcopal day school in central Pennsylvania. Bachelor's degree required. Position description will be posted on the cathedral website: www.ststep.org

Music Director: St. James Presbyterian Church in Mechanicsburg is prayerfully seeking a church musician to serve as its next Director of Music. The church, which is affiliated with the PC(USA), worships at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The music at this service is blended. The church has a piano, an organ and a new sound system; services usually include a worship band. Among the Director of Music's responsibilities will be: 1) to play for worship services 2) to direct the church's adult and youth choirs 3) to rehearse weekly with the adult and youth choirs 4) to coordinate when the worship band and other groups of musicians sing during worship services 5) to select music for services in conjunction with the Pastor 6) to practice music before it is played in worship 7) to serve on the church's Worship and Christian Education ministry group and 8) to collaborate and to communicate regularly with the choirs, congregation and staff. The Director of Music will be ultimately accountable to Session, which is the governing body of the church, and will be supervised by the Pastor. Choirs rehearse on Thursday evenings, and occasionally, additional worship services are scheduled throughout the year. For more information or to apply, please contact the church office at (717)732-7848 or e-mail the Pastor Ron Gilmer (rorgilmer.pcusa@gmail.com).

Organist: Messiah UMC, Shippensburg, PA. is seeking an organist to lead the congregational singing, provide worship music, and accompany the Chancel Choir. Messiah Church has a Moller Organ, purchased in 1924, reconditioned in 1949 and 1969. In 2016, the church again reconditioned the organ including rewiring all relays and stop switching components, adding the Peterson ICS 400 system to provide memory, and adding 12 new Walker digital voices for Great, Swell, and Pedal. They are currently accepting applicants for the organist position, hoping to as soon as possible. Duties include weekly worship services at 9 a.m., Thursday evening Chancel Choir practice, and occasional services as needed. The organist does not play the last Sunday of each month and has two vacation weeks. For more information, call the church office at 717-532-4904. Resume with cover letter may be emailed to messiahumc@comcast.net with 'Organist Applicant' as the subject line or mailed to the church at 30 South Penn Street, Shippensburg, PA 17257.

Assistant Organist: Pine Street Presbyterian Church seeks applicants for the position of Assistant Organist. Primary responsibilities include accompanying the choir, playing hymns and service music, and organ voluntaries. P/T 15-20 hours/week. Salary commensurate with experience and education. For a full job description, if you have any questions, or to apply, e-mail Brett A. Terry, Minister of Music & Worship, at BTerry@pinestreet.org. Please include a résumé and cover letter if applying; no recordings are needed at this time.