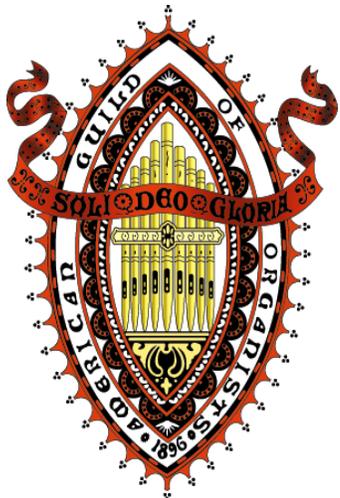


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# The Clarion

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### From the Dean

Dear Colleagues.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Greetings, as you find some time to rest, after the extra flurry of the Lenten season, Holy Week and musical celebrations of Easter! Blessings to you all.

And, the *Notre Dame* organ is unharmed and intact! We give thanks and keep the musicians and pastoral staff in our prayers, as they rebuild this architectural masterpiece. I had the pleasure of visiting there in 1979, and have never forgotten my humbling, spiritual experience.

May 6 at 6:00pm, is our end-of-year banquet and annual meeting. I hope you all are attending for a night of good food and fun among our musical friends. There will be some surprises!

May 10 at 7:00pm, features Paul Jacobs at the Pine Street Presbyterian organ for an exciting program. Don't miss it, as this is our co-sponsored program with Pine Street. Invite your choirs and congregations.

Soli Deo Gloria,  
Joyce E. Gerstenlauer, Interim Dean  
[joyce.gerstenlauer@verizon.net](mailto:joyce.gerstenlauer@verizon.net)

### Paul Jacobs—"The Sound and Fury"

Friday, May 10, 2019 | 7:00 pm

Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 North Third Street, Harrisburg

GRAMMY Award-winning organist Paul Jacobs has received praise from audiences and critics alike: "An obliterating performance by one of the major musicians of our time" (The New Yorker); "a virtuoso of dazzling technical acumen" (The New York Times); "one of the greatest living virtuosos . . . utterly without artifice" (The Washington Post); and "America's leading organ performer" (The Economist).



A native of Washington, PA, Mr. Jacobs is the only organist to ever win a GRAMMY for a solo album. He is the chair of the organ department at the Juilliard School in New York. His extensive repertoire includes the complete works of Bach, Messiaen, Vierne, and others. Numerous concerti have been written for him and he has been a champion for new music throughout his career. This recital is underwritten by Harrisburg Chapter AGO and Music at Pine Street.

Free Admission and Free parking in the South Street Garage  
Donations Appreciated

## Upcoming Programs

**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**—Monday, May 6 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Fox-Eichelberger VFW Post 4715 in New Cumberland. The cost of the buffet dinner will be \$30.00 per person. Please send reservation checks to Phyllis Conrad, 216 Karinch Street, Lebanon PA 17042 by April 27.

Cash Bar	Assorted Appetizers
Turkey Breast with Stuffing	Smoked Ham
Au Gratin Potatoes	Green beans
Tossed salad/ Dressing	Rolls/Butter
Dessert	Hot Beverages

## Membership News

Dear AGO Members and Friends,

Thank you for your expressions of concern during my recent hospitalizations. Your prayers, cards, and calls remind me of what a wonderful community we share. I continue to do well, and look forward to participating in AGO events in the near future.

With love, **Ellen Hunt**

Two of our scholarship students, **Abigail Wood** and **Christian Gingrich**, recently participated in the Pennsylvania Music Educators' convention in Pittsburgh as members of the State Orchestra Festival. Congrats to you both on your accomplishments!

Did you see Harrisburg Chapter was mentioned for our lunches in the Richmond, VA AGO Chapter News in the March edition of TAO? It said their former dean instituted the lunches having been inspired by the Harrisburg Chapter's model. **Doris Savage** believes we are in our 17th year of hosting the luncheons. Thank you for your efforts to keep this going Doris!

**Robert Lau** announces new publications, a commission, and a comment . . . Sacred Music Press has published *God is Our Refuge and Strength*, an SATB anthem which was commissioned by St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Middletown for last year's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the church. SAB and 2-part mixed versions of the anthem *All Things Bright and Beautiful* have been published by Morningstar Music. The original SATB version of the work was published last year.

*Voices of the Valley* has commissioned the anthem *Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord* for the celebration of their 40th anniversary. The work will be premiered at St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral in Harrisburg on April 27 and at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Middletown on

April 28.

Christopher Cook's column, *The Practical Organist*, which appears in the April edition of *The American Organist*, is a discussion about "party people," based on Old Testament times where biblical party images abound. He states that "there is no shortage of inviting works that express joy, even ecstasy." And further, "Robert Lau's *Toccata on 'Old Hundredth'* alternates between majestic chords and rising scales reminiscent of Bach's well-known arrangement of *In dulci jubilo*." The work is published by Paraclete Press.

## Lunch Bunch

Networking lunches are super times to connect with others. We will not meet in March so that we can attend Deb Dillane's recital at Camp Hill Presbyterian but please plan to attend our next luncheon on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. We will meet at the Perkins Restaurant, 7 Erford Drive, Lemoyne. Email or phone Doris Savage no later than the preceding Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend. Email [dorisagohbg@comcast.net](mailto:dorisagohbg@comcast.net) or telephone (717) 697-4042.

## Area Events

Friday, April 26, 2019—7:30 PM

Hope Presbyterian Church, 931 Red Hill Rd, Dauphin presents the Hershey Handbell Ensemble in concert.

Saturday, April 27, 2019—7:00 PM

St. Peters Lutheran Church, 10 Delp Rd, Lancaster presents the Wheatland Chorale in a concert entitled "Reflections"—Ticketed event

Saturday, April 27, 2019—7:00 PM

First Church of the Brethren, 2710 Kingston Rd, York presents the Hershey Handbell Ensemble in concert.

Sunday, April 28, 2019—3:00 PM

First United Methodist Church, 64 W Chocolate Avenue, Hershey presents the Hershey Handbell Ensemble in concert.

Sunday, April 28, 2019—4:00 PM

First Lutheran Church, 21 S. Bedford St., Carlisle presents the Dickinson College Orchestra and Choir. A freewill offering will be received. Call (717) 249-3310 or go to Fine Arts at First at

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## Treasurer's Report

by Scott Witfield

Balance in Checking as of 2/28/2019	\$888.66
Deposits:	+\$97.00
Transfers	+\$1,000.00
Interest:	+\$77.25
Checks / Debits:	-\$1,274.47
Balance in Checking as of 3/31/2019	\$788.44
Invested Funds as of 3/31/2019	
Harrisburg AGO Savings	\$52,009.27
Frances Bishop Investment	\$132,501.58

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[www.firstlutherancarlisle.org](http://www.firstlutherancarlisle.org) for information.

Sunday, April 28, 2019—4:00 PM

Atonement Lutheran Church, 5 Wyomissing Blvd, Wyomissing presents the Wheatland Chorale in a concert entitled "The Unknown Region"—Ticketed event

Sunday, April 28, 2019—6:00 PM

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 22 S. 6th St., Lebanon—Choral Evensong and Concert—Berkshire Brass Quintet

Saturday, May 4, 2019—7:30 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill presents the Harrisburg Singers in a concert entitled "America Sings!" — Susan Solomon Beckley, director; Timothy Koch, accompanist. This concert requires tickets. For information visit [www.trinitycamphill.org](http://www.trinitycamphill.org).

Sunday, May 5, 2019—4:00 PM

Market Square Presbyterian Church, 20 South Second Street, Harrisburg presents an Evensong followed by a thirty-minute organ recital featuring Tyler Canonico

Sunday, May 5, 2019—4:00 PM

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 N 23d St., Camp Hill presents Essence of Joy Alumni Singers ~ Dr. Anthony Leach, Director. The Essence of Joy Alumni Singers perform sacred and secular music from the African and African-American choral traditions. Their mission is to learn, present, and promote music in this tradition in an effort to entertain, inspire, affirm, and unify the worldwide community.

Sunday, May 12, 2019—6:00 PM

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 22 S. 6th St., Lebanon—Choral Evensong and Organ Recital—Seung-Hee Cho (St. Timothy Episcopal Church, Philadelphia).

Sunday, May 19, 2019—4:00 PM

Derry Presbyterian Church, 248 East Derry Road, Hershey presents "Piano Parnassus" with pianist Joseph Kingma. One of America's most exciting emerging artists -- and a Hershey native - Joseph Kingma was winner of the First Prize in the 2017 American Liszt Society International Piano Competition. Free-will offering.

Friday, May 24, 2019—7:00 PM

First United Methodist Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey presents organist Alex Ashman in recital. The event is free with a free-will offering.

Sunday, June 2, 2019—7:00 PM

First United Methodist Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey presents a visiting youth choir in concert.

Sunday, June 9, 2019—6:00 PM

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 22 S. 6th St., Lebanon—Choral Evensong and Organ Recital—Rachel Gragson (Cann Memorial Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth City, NC)

## Positions Available

**Director of Music:** Derry Presbyterian Church, a 1,000-member congregation in Hershey, PA, is seeking a full-time Director of Music (DOM). Derry has a diverse and varied music program – most of which are led by volunteer directors under the guidance of the DOM. At present, the program includes (but not limited to): a

traditional choir, a hand bell choir, two children's choirs, two children/youth hand bell choirs, a youth choir, a brass ensemble, and coordination of other musicians when needed. Derry has a 27 rank Reuter pipe organ and a 6'4" Yamaha concert grand piano. The DOM may serve as a piano and or organ accompanist for all ensembles and for worship services, however a separate accompanist position is an option. The Reformed Tradition holds music in high regard as it contributes to the worship experience of the congregation and of individuals. We believe that music is a form of prayer and a proclamation of the Word of God. The DOM will have or develop an understanding of the role and function of music in the Reformed Tradition. A Bachelor's Degree in Music is preferred with 3-5 years' experience as a conductor of multiple choirs and ensembles (vocal, bells, instrumental); knowledge of appropriate church music (classical, contemporary, folk, gospel); direct a choir while playing a keyboard instrument. Derry seeks an accomplished choral director who can demonstrate spiritual growth through music for choirs, ensembles and the congregation. Additional information regarding Derry Church can be found at the Church's website: [www.derrypres.org](http://www.derrypres.org). From the home page, the job description is located under News, We're hiring. Qualified candidates are encouraged to respond by sending a resume to: [kathy.mcgrath09@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.mcgrath09@gmail.com). Derry Presbyterian Church is an equal opportunity employer.

**Organist:** Historic Gettysburg Presbyterian Church is seeking an organist for two traditional Sunday morning worship services (8:15 and 11:00), as well as special services throughout the year. Choir accompaniment a few times a year, piano skills a plus, sight reading not required. Right of first refusal for weddings and funerals. The organist must demonstrate professional skills with appropriate hymns and voluntaries. Responsible to Director of Music and Senior Pastor. Please submit cover letter and resume to [info@gettysburgpresbyterian.org](mailto:info@gettysburgpresbyterian.org) or phone 717.334.1235 for more information.

**Minister of Music:** Trinity United Methodist Church, New Cumberland, PA is an evangelical church seeking a full-time Minister of Music to lead the multifaceted music ministry. Nearly 20% of the membership is involved in music ministry groups at Trinity. Music is important in the worship service and the Minister of Music is responsible for scheduling and training musicians to provide music of varied styles in the 8:15 and 10:45 worship services. The Minister of Music serves as organist for all worship services and accompanies instrumentalists and vocalists, either on the sanctuary pipe organ or grand piano. Other accompanists are available, as needed. He or she will direct two adult choirs, a youth choir, and a small contemporary group. The person will have an understanding of the voice and demonstrate good choral and conducting skills. He/she will oversee volunteers who direct the children's and handbell choirs. Trinity seeks someone who is called to minister to others and serve God through music. A Bachelor's degree in music and 3-5 years experience in church music is preferred. Salary is commensurate with experience for this position which includes benefits. A detailed job description can be obtained from Ken Gable, staff/ parish representative. Send all inquires and resume information to [gablefam@gmail.com](mailto:gablefam@gmail.com).

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**Director of Music/Organist:** Trinity Lutheran Church, Lemoyne, seeks a part time Director of Music/Organist responsible for playing the organ at all services and directing all choirs. Sunday services are at 8:00 and 10:45. Summer services are at 8:00 and 9:30. Advent and Lenten services are on Wednesday evenings (services during Holy Week), and two Christmas Eve services – 7:00 and 10:00.

Choirs: Chancel (approximately 15 people); Handbell; Children's Choir from ages 3-12 (approximately 10 members). Handbell and Chancel choirs rehearse Thursday evenings; Children rehearse Sunday at 9:30. Organ is an M.P. Moller, opus 9900. Salary is negotiable (\$18,000 – 20,000 based on experience). Applicant must be able to read music. Contact information: Jessica Miller, Office Administrator, Trinity Lutheran Church, 509 Hummel Avenue, Lemoyne, PA 17043, Email: [tlclemoyne@gmail.com](mailto:tlclemoyne@gmail.com).

**Director of Music (organist/choir director):** St. Peter's Lutheran in Middletown is seeking a part time Director of Music (organist/choir director) to enhance worship on an Austin Organ and/or Steinway piano for the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service. One will be expected to build and develop an adult choir, and to lead a children's choir. He/she will be encouraged to perform organ recitals on the Austin organ. For a complete job listing, go to [www.stpetersmiddletown.org](http://www.stpetersmiddletown.org). Please send a cover letter (with salary requirements) and resume to [parishmail@stpetersmiddletown.org](mailto:parishmail@stpetersmiddletown.org).

**Organist:** Otterbein United Methodist Church, Carlisle. Mission: To provide organ and piano music for church activities and to elevate the quality and variety of worship music at Otterbein. Qualifications: Have a degree in music or its equivalent, be proficient in playing organ and piano, have experience in and appreciation for Christian choral music (both sacred and contemporary), have experience with vocal and instrumental performance, be able to sight read and play hymns from the UMC hymnal, have a cheerful demeanor and works well with others. Responsibilities: Play the organ for regular worship services Sundays at 9:00am and special services which may include Ash Wednesday, Lenten Season, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunrise, Thanksgiving Eve, Christmas Eve (6:30, 9:00, 11:00). Accompany adult choir with weekly rehearsal. Two weeks paid vacations (includes two Sundays). Other responsibilities and requirements are specified on the job description. Employment application can be requested from the church office. Contact Rev. Bruce Fensterbush, Otterbein United Methodist Church, 647 Forge Road, Carlisle, PA 17015, 717-659-7695.

**Organist:** Neffsville Mennonite Church is seeking a part-time Organist (approx. 7 hrs. a week, including practice) for their 10:00AM worship service, as well as special services throughout the year, and weddings and funerals. The Organist must demonstrate professional skills in pipe organ both as soloist and accompanist, including knowledge of both traditional and more modern styles of hymns, anthems and service music. Neffsville has a Schantz organ with 1425 pipes and 25 chimes that was installed in 1991. The Organist is responsible to the Director of Music and Worship and also works closely with the Lead Pastor and song leaders to ensure that music remains a relevant and vital part of church programs and enhances the worship of the church. For more information, or to submit a cover letter and resume, please contact Rashard Allen at [rashard@neffmc.org](mailto:rashard@neffmc.org).

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2017—2018 Young Adult Representative (appointed)	Evan Brickner

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#### Submission to **The Bombarde** and **The Clarion**

The deadline for both publications is the fifteenth the month following month's edition unless otherwise noted. Whenever possible, please submit your items in electronic format. For area events, please follow the format.



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