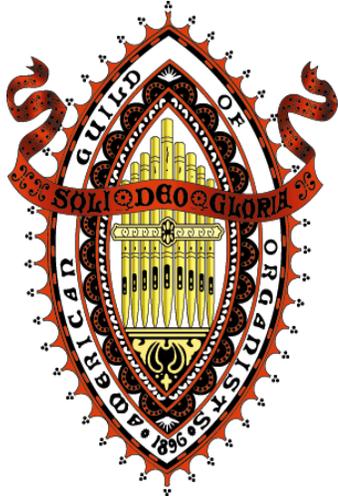


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The Clarion

American Guild of Organists – Harrisburg Chapter



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From the Dean

Greetings, colleagues!

By now many of you are in the midst of preparations for the upcoming holiday season, which is always an extremely busy time of the year for us! While it always brings me great personal joy to prepare all of this music for my congregation, I must admit that these next few weeks typically become some of the most stressful of my year. Maybe some of you feel the same way? If so, I'd like to offer the following for your own personal reflection:

Try not to allow yourself to get so buried in the details that you miss the miracle of the holiday season. We spend countless hours working to recreate the magic of the season for others, that sometimes we forget about allowing the magic to happen in our own lives. The holiday season is a journey—one that gives us the ability to touch thousands of lives through our ministry...let's not forget to take care of our own spiritual needs as well! May you be richly blessed during this beautiful time of the year.

Pax vobiscum,
Justin Myers, Dean

November Event

Organ Crawl of Downtown Harrisburg — Saturday, November 16, 2019

Are you an organist who'd like the chance to see and experience other instruments in your community? Or, perhaps you're someone who has always been curious about these grand instruments and never had the opportunity to learn more. Or, maybe you've always wanted to learn to play the organ and would love to meet the right people who would be more than willing to answer any of your questions. Well, The Historic Harrisburg Association and the Harrisburg Chapter American Guild of Organists invite you to attend an 'Organ Crawl' of Downtown Harrisburg. This is a fun and unique event showcasing some incredible pipe organs, and the beautiful churches that house them.

On the morning of November 16, seven downtown churches will open their doors, choir lofts, and organ consoles to visitors who would like to see, hear, and even play these unique instruments. You may casually tour these locations on your own, or for a more structured morning, you may choose to follow the schedule. The schedule begins with an introduction to the organ, then cycles through all seven churches with a 10-minute organ demonstration at each of the following locations.

9:30 Market Square Presbyterian, 20 S. 2nd St. - introduction to the organ

9:40 Market Square - demonstration

10:00 St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, 221 N. Front St.

10:20 St. Lawrence Chapel, 110 State St.

10:40 St. Michael's Lutheran, 118 State St.

11:00 Grace United Methodist, 216 State St.

11:20 Pine Street Presbyterian, 310 N. 3rd St.

11:40 Zion Lutheran, 15 S. 4th St.

Most church doors and consoles will be open from 9:30-12:30

N.B. St. Lawrence will not be open to visitors until 10:00

Please join us for a fun morning touring the magnificent pipe organs of Downtown Harrisburg and get a first-hand look at what makes these glorious instruments all the same, and also as individually unique as the musicians who play them!

Contact Christopher Prestia chris.prestia@gmail.com for more information.

Upcoming Programs

Organ Crawl with Open Consoles Visiting Organs in Downtown Harrisburg—Saturday, November 16 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Choral Reading Session: “One Hit Wonders” Anthems that can be learned in one rehearsal—Saturday, January 25 at 10:00 a.m. with Joy and Andrew Meade, Clinicians at Market Square Presbyterian Church, 20 S. Second Street, Harrisburg

Members’ Recital: Organ and Piano Duets—Friday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m. Preceded by a Pot-luck Dinner at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey

Nathaniel Gumbs Recital—Sunday, March 15 at 4:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill

Banquet and Annual Meeting—Friday, May 1 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Fox-Eichelberger VFW Post 7415, 109 Third Street, New Cumberland

Michael Hey Recital—Friday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Pine Street Presbyterian, 310 N. Third St, Harrisburg

Lunch Bunch

Networking lunches are super times to connect with others so please plan to attend our next luncheon on November 13th 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, November 11th if you plan to attend dorisagohbg@comcast.net or (717) 697-4042.

Hymn Festival

by Christopher Mirocco

On the evening of Friday, October 4th, Dr. Robert Lau and the Harrisburg Chapter AGO hosted a wonderfully informative and peacefully musical hymn festival which took us on a journey through the liturgical year. The festival took place at Camp Hill Presbyterian Church in Camp Hill, PA. The beautiful sanctuary houses a magnificent Shantz Pipe Organ which makes a bold statement in the room to both glorify and symbolize God’s presence. Mr. Dan Dorty is the Director of Music for this active congregation, and was proud to help host such an event. Each hymn was carefully picked and arranged by Dr. Lau with full explanation and historical detail throughout. To be witness to a roomful of unified followers singing the words of encouragement that only a hymn can provide is truly an experience to behold. It was a beautiful evening filled with voice, song, pipe organ, and brass.

Fine Arts at First

Thomas Gaynor, New Zealand-born organist, will perform in concert at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 21 S. Bedford St., Carlisle on Sunday, November 17 at 3:00 p.m. In 2017, he was awarded the First Prize in Organ interpretation as well as the Audience Prize at the St. Albans International Organ Competition - the 25th organist and the second New Zealander to receive this distinction since the competition and festival was founded in 1963. He is rapidly making his mark on the organ scene in both the Northern and Southern Hemispheres with rock-solid playing and remarkable musical élan. Mr. Gaynor is a doctoral candidate at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, and a recipient of Eastman's highly coveted Artist Certificate, an honor the institution had not given an organist for nearly three decades. The recital will feature something for everyone and will showcase the majesty and versatility of the church's 1951 Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ, regarded as one of the finest instruments in South Central Pennsylvania. The concert will be held as a benefit for **The Arc of Cumberland and Perry Counties (CPARC)**. Based in Carlisle, its mission is to provide support, training, and opportunities to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. The concert is free. All proceeds raised will be donated to support The Arc's programs. A dessert reception will be held following the performance. For more information, call the church, 717-249-3310, or visit www.firstlutherancarlisle.org.



Organ for Sale

I’m selling my ‘80s Rodgers Colombian 700 series digital organ. Two manuals, 32 pedals. Everything works. Has an upgraded power supply. Self contained speakers. Headphone jack. Bought used from, and serviced by, Buch’s over last 18 years. This organ could make a fine practice instrument in someone’s residence, or a service organ in a small chapel or choir room. Contact Robert Bonner (717) 564-4485 or (717) 580-0299 ybmug@verizon.net



Area Events

Friday, November 1, 2019—7:30 p.m.

Market Square Presbyterian Church, 20 S 2nd St., presents their Organ Spooktacular Concert featuring local organists Tyler Canonico, Jordan Markham, and Ellen Hunt. The three are back at it with more drama, dancers, lights, and all which will give you chills! The church will provide parking in the Market Square Garage located on the corner of 2nd and Chestnut. For more information, contact 717-257-1270 ext. 18 or Canonico@marketsquarechurch.org.

Sunday, November 3, 2019—7:00 p.m.

Palmyra Church of the Brethren, 45 N. Chestnut St., Palmyra, presents a Taizé Service. Prayerfully worship and reflect on the Love, Trust, and Hope of God. We will offer prayers, meditations, and musical responses from the Taizé tradition which includes praying with song in short, repetitive refrains. The French village of Taizé has been the home of an ecumenical community of brothers where prayer is the center of life. Each year, thousands of worshipers from around the world gather to pray with the Taizé community.

Sunday, November 3, 2019—6:00 p.m.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 22 S. Sixth St., Lebanon presents a Requiem Mass for All Faithful Departed including the "Short Requiem" by Henry Walford Davies and "Mass for the Quiet Hour" by George Oldroyd.

Wednesday, November 6, 2019—12:15 p.m.

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 North 23rd Street Camp Hill presents organist Eric Riley in recital. A light lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall prior from 11:45–12:15. A free-will offering will be received.

Sunday, November 17, 2019—3:00 p.m.

First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 21 S. Bedford St., Carlisle presents Thomas Gaynor, New Zealand-born organist, in recital. A freewill offering will be received. Call (717) 249-3310 or go to Fine Arts at First, www.firstlutheran.carlisle.org for information. See article, page 2.

Sunday, November 17, 2019—3:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill presents Tromba Mundi and Trinity Concert Choir. Free.

Sunday, November 17, 2019—4:00 p.m.

Derry Presbyterian Church, 248 East Derry Road, Hershey presents the Tom Knific Quartet presenting "The Great American Songbook Meets Brahms and Knific." Violin • Cello • Piano • Double Bass. Free will offering.

Sunday, November 17, 2019—4:00 p.m.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 30 West Chestnut Street, Hanover will present organist Peter Richard Conte in concert. Mr. Conte will be joined in several selections by Trumpeter/Flugelhornist Andrew Ennis. The church is located at 30 W. Chestnut Street, Hanover, PA. Free tickets are required for admission and can be ordered from October 15- November 12 by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the attention of "November Concert" St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 30 W. Chestnut St., Hanover, PA 17331. Please note the number of tickets desired. A free-will offering will be taken to assist with the concert series costs. The doors open at 3:30 p.m. A reception will follow the program.

Sunday, December 1, 2019—5:00 p.m.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, 221 North Front Street, Harrisburg presents an Advent Evensong. Be refreshed in the promise of Advent with our Evensong Services. Free parking.

Sunday, December 1, 2019—6:00 p.m.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 22 S. Sixth St, Lebanon presents a Service of Advent Lessons and Carols sung by the St. Luke's Festival Choir directed by William C. Claxton and accompanied by Jason Yannuzzi CAGO.

Wednesday, December 4, 2019—12:15 p.m.

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 North 23rd Street Camp Hill presents organist Daniel Dorty in recital. A light lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall prior from 11:45–12:15. A free-will offering will be received.

Thursday, December 5, 2019—6:00 p.m.

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 North 23rd Street Camp Hill presents soloists the Popcorn Hat Players Children's Theater. A free-will offering will be received.

Saturday, December 7, 2019—7:30 p.m.

Harrisburg Singers – Holiday! Contact Harrisburg Singers for ticket prices.

Sunday, December 8, 2019—4:00 p.m.

Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 1801 Colonial Road, Harrisburg presents The Hershey Handbell Ensemble in concert.

Sunday, December 8, 2019—4:00 p.m.

Market Square Presbyterian Church, 20 S 2nd St., presents a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols featuring the church's Sanctuary Choir under the direction of Tyler A. Canonico and will be accompanied by Ellen Hunt, organ, and a chamber orchestra. The church will provide parking in the Market Square Garage located on the corner of 2nd and Chestnut. For more information, contact 717.257.1270 ext. 18 or Canonico@marketsquarechurch.org.

Sunday, December 8, 2019—5:00 p.m.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, 221 North Front Street, Harrisburg presents an Advent Evensong. Be refreshed in the promise of Advent with our Evensong Services. Free parking.

Friday, December 13, 2019—7:30 p.m.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, 221 North Front Street, Harrisburg, Music By The River Concert Series presents Hershey Handbell Ensemble in concert. Enjoy the sounds of the sixteen member ensemble as they ring in the Christmas Spirit at St. Stephen's! Free admission and parking.

Sunday, December 15, 2019—3:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill presents Christmas at Trinity. Free.

Sunday, December 15, 2019—5:00 p.m.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, 221 North Front Street, Harrisburg presents an Advent Evensong. Be refreshed in the promise of Advent with our Evensong Services. Free parking.

Positions Available

Director of Music Ministries: Derry Presbyterian Church, Hershey seeks a full-time Director of Music Ministries (DMM) who will provide vision and leadership for a music ministry in harmony with our mission statement, "to proclaim God's word, share God's love, and practice God's justice" and our vision "to be an inquiring, inviting, and inclusive Christ-centered community." The DMM plans, produces, and provides music ministry programs that create community, educate listeners, and glorify God. Music is a vital part of our ministry together, so we seek a Director who leads from a place of spirituality rather than performance and who promotes a music ministry that is inclusive of various people, talents, and styles of worship music. We are passionate about mission and desire a missional music

ministry that not only leads in worship but also reaches out and ministers to our community. The DMM will be a ministry leader in the church who will report directly to the Pastor (Head of Staff) and work in collaboration with our dedicated staff and congregational volunteer leaders. The DMM will have a passion for sharing their love of God and of music with children, youth, and adults. Interested candidates should send a one-page cover letter that speaks to experience and passion for music ministry, a résumé, and contact information for three professional references who can attest to skills and abilities as a choir director and/or organist to Kathy McGrath at kathy.mcgrath09@gmail.com. Applicants are encouraged to submit links to streaming audio or video of their current choir and/or organ playing. A full job description can be found at www.derrypres.org.

Organist / Choir Director: Our Saviour Lutheran Church is looking for an Organist/Choir Director. This is a part time position (15 hours per week) and would include preparation, and involvement in the Sunday worship, choir practice, and occasional special services, (e.g. Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Thanksgiving Eve and Christmas Eve). The Organist/Choir Director may be asked to accompany for weddings and funerals, as available. Our Saviour Lutheran is a caring congregation dedicated to the Word of Christ that welcomes all people to worship and grow with us as we share His love and salvation with our neighbors, our children, and ourselves. Interested persons should send their completed resume, including references, to Our Saviour Lutheran Church at 420 North Progress Ave., Harrisburg, PA 17109 or email to ossec@comcast.net.

Organist / Pianist: Otterbein United Methodist Church, Carlisle, is seeking a PT organist/pianist position to provide music for a traditional worship service at 8:30 am. Music for the service typically includes a Prelude, three hymns, Offertory, and Postlude. Additional services would include Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Christmas Eve, and funerals and weddings if available. Salary range is 10,000 - 12,000. Additional compensation is available if the candidate would also serve as accompanist for the Adult Choir. Candidates should respond to: office@otterbeinumccarlisle.org. Rev. Bruce Fensterbush, pastor, 647 Forge Road, Carlisle, PA 17015.

Organist / Accompanist: First United Methodist Church, Mechanicsburg, is seeking an organist/accompanist. Responsibilities include playing for our 8:15 am Sunday morning worship service, other special services (as needed), and accompanying an adult choir. Some of these duties may be shared with another organist/pianist. Send resume, including education and work history via email to office@fumchurch.com or by mail to First United Methodist Church, 135 W. Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

Minister of Music: Zion Lutheran Church, Hummelstown, PA seeks a liturgically experienced musician to lead a diverse music ministry for a medium size congregation. The candidate will demonstrate well developed organ skills with attention to leading congregational song (hymns and liturgy), interpersonal skills to interact with young children through seniors, and the ability to work well with others – staff members and volunteers. Currently the musician leads two liturgical style worship services with organ and piano accompaniment, plus choral and bell music for adult, youth and children's choirs, coordinates with the guitar ensemble to lead worship on a

regular basis and incorporates instrumentalists to provide special music and to accompany hymns and liturgy. The candidate coordinates closely with the pastor to plan worship and special programs. The position averages 25 hours per week. The salary range is \$35,000 to \$40,000 commensurate with experience and includes an allowance for vacation, sick leave and continuing education. Please forward your resume, references and copy of the PA State Police and Child Welfare clearances to the attention of the Rev. Lois K. Van Orden at 100 W. Main Street, Hummelstown, PA 17036 or by email: lvanorden.pastoratzion@gmail.com.

Coordinator for Music Ministry: Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren is currently seeking a person to fill the position of Coordinator of Music Ministry. This position, involving up to 15 hours per week, involves oversight for the congregation's music ministry (including choir and other musical groups), and direction of the adult chancel choir. Assisting in the development of worship services through the use of traditional and other types of sacred music is also key to the assignment. Willingness to engage/encourage the congregation to broaden its musical repertoire is important. A strong Christian faith aligned with Anabaptist values is a priority. Keyboard or other accompanying skills would be preferred. Interested persons may contact Pastor Del Keeney for a full job description and to have questions answered. We are looking to fill this position by the end of 2019. Pastor Keeney can be contacted at: Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren, 301 Gale Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055, 717-766-8880, or via email at mcob-pastor@verizon.net.

Director of Music: Wolf's Covenant Church, York, PA, is seeking a part-time Director of Music. Responsibilities include selecting, planning, and leading music for Sunday Worship, midweek evening rehearsals, and special services. The candidate must have experience conducting a choir, the ability to play the piano/keyboard, and knowledge of a broad spectrum of Christian music. A comprehensive understanding of the worship service and experience with hand-bells is preferred. Salary is commensurate with training and experience. For inquiries or to request a job description, please call the church office at (717) 792-0731. To apply, please send your resume to Wolf's Covenant Church, 4501 Wolf's Church Rd, York PA 17408 or email to Pastor Palmquist at: eric.palmquist@hotmail.com.

Organist / Choir Director: Good Shepherd Lutheran (LCMS) in York, is seeking an organist/choir director. Traditional worship is Sunday at 11:00 (Prelude, 3 hymns + 2 more on communion Sundays, offertory, Postlude, and liturgy). Wednesday night services in Advent and Lent. Choir sings September through May with one Sunday off per month, with one evening practice each week. 4 weeks paid vacation. Our organ is a 10 rank Moller pipe organ with solid state circuitry and we also have a Yamaha upright piano in sanctuary. Salary is negotiable - range is around \$18-19K. For more information, contact Pastor Skip Nizinski at yorkshepherd@verizon.net or 717-764-4746.

Part Time Choir Director: Columbia UMC in Columbia PA is looking to hire a part time choir director to direct our choir that sings at our 11:00 a.m. traditional service. If interested please send a resume and references to Pastor Tom Grubbs at rev.tomgrubbs@yahoo.com or by mailing them to Columbia United Methodist Church 510 Walnut Street Columbia PA 17512. Columbiaunitedmethodist.org.

Organist: The Carlisle Church of the Brethren is seeking an organist for its Sunday morning 10:15 worship service. Responsibilities include playing a prelude, offertory, postlude and three hymns. Organist does not need to accompany the choir during anthems. The organ is an Allen electronic organ. Position is open immediately. Salary is commensurate with experience. Please submit resume to Carlisle Church of the Brethren, Attention: Patrice Tritt, 1340 Forge Rd, Carlisle, Pa. 17013. Questions may be directed to the church office at office@carlislecob.org.

Director of Music/Organist: Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC) in Elizabethtown. The mission of CELC is to receive and share the Light of Christ through Liturgy, Education, Fellowship, Witness and Service. With a baptized membership of 540 persons, our average attendance at two services each Sunday is 240. Our program includes (but is not limited to) established adult, youth and children's choirs, adult and youth bell choirs and coordination of musical talent within the congregation. CELC appreciates the variety and diversity of church music with Liturgy that is ordered by the historic western tradition. CELC has a 1946 Moeller pipe organ, rebuilt in 2006 with solid state memory and additional Walker digital stops, 3 manuals and antiphonal playable on all keyboards, a Kawai studio upright and Yamaha studio upright, 3 octave Schulmerich handbells and 3 octave Malmark choirchimes. Position includes two Sunday services, weekly choir practices, holy days, weddings, funerals and VBS. CELC seeks a director who understands the Lutheran value of music as proclamation of the Gospel. A Bachelor's degree is preferred with a minimum of 3 years' experience conducting choirs and ensembles. Qualified candidates are encouraged to respond by requesting a full job description and/or sending resume to Pam Wolgemuth: pamelaw56@comcast.net.

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Treasurer's Report

by Scott Witfield

Balance in Checking as of 9/1/2019	\$3,298.27
Deposits:	+\$825.00
Interest:	+\$74.98
Checks / Debits:	-\$261.93
Balance in Checking as of 9/30/2019	\$3,936.32
Invested Funds as of 9/30/2019	
Harrisburg AGO Savings (detail below)	\$52,767.59
Cassel Fund	\$4,054.88
Clapper / Frysinger Fund	\$5,813.23
Shenk Fund	\$2,799.13
Stahle Fund	\$725.82
Throne Fund	\$7,981.77
Yocum Fund	\$7,333.05
Reserve Savings	\$24,059.71
Frances Bishop Investment	\$131,074.48

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