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American Guild of Organists – Harrisburg Chapter



From the Dean

Greetings colleagues!

By now, I hope that you have recovered from the busy Advent and Christmas seasons, and have been able to enjoy the holidays with your families. As we look to a new year, and reflect on the one gone by, I find myself feeling incredibly thankful for the impact that the AGO has made on my life, and for each of you who make our chapter so successful. Collectively, let's make it our New Year's Resolution to each invite someone we know to join us at one of our events this year. Who knows, we may even convince some of them to become members!

My prayer for each of you this year is that you find continued joy and peace in your ministry, knowing that what you do has a profound impact on so many lives.

I look forward to another great year together!

Pax vobiscum,
Justin

January Event

On Saturday, January 25 at 10 AM at Market Square Presbyterian Church, 20 South Second Street, Harrisburg we will have our next chapter event! Joy and Andrew Meade who will present choral works that one can do with the choir with only one rehearsal. Joy is the new director of choral studies at Messiah College and Andrew is the music director at Grace United Methodist Church in Hummelstown.

In order to know how many scores to order, We need to get a rough count on who is planning on attending. If you plan to attend please let Tyler Canonico know - email Canonico@marketsquarechurch.org phone: 717-257-1270 Ext. 18.

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;
- Engage wider audiences with organ and choral music.

Lunch Bunch

Please plan to attend our next luncheon for food and fellowship on January 8th at 11:30 am 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, January 6th if you plan to attend. Email dorisavage@comcast.net or telephone 717-697-4042.



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Upcoming Programs

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 3rd St, New Cumberland

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

Archivist Report

2000/2001

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GUILD PROGRAMS SEPTEMBER 2000 / MAY 2001

September 17—"Hymn Festival", Wayne Wold, Derry Presbyterian Church, Hershey

October 15—"Pipes Spectacular", Zion Lutheran Church, Harrisburg

November 4—"Resources and Techniques for the Church Musician"
Helen Anthony, Shawn Gingrich, Thomas Clark-Jones, Pine Street Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg

January 23—"Organ and Choral Music for The Seasons of Lent and Easter", Derry Street United Methodist Church, Harrisburg

February 6—"Clergy/Church Musician Dinner Meeting", Grace Lutheran Church, Camp Hill

March 6—"Using Midi", Robert Lau, Mt. Calvary Episcopal Church, Camp Hill

March 30—"Organ Recital", Delbert Disselhorst, Pine Street Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg

May 7—"Annual Banquet", The Arches, Harrisburg

FROM BOARD MEETING MINUTES AND THE BOMBARDE

At a Board meeting in August, 2000, it was decided that \$5,000 would be invested in a Business Investment Account with Mellon Bank

taking \$1,799 from a CD, \$1,225 from Savings and the remaining amount from the checking account. At the same meeting suggestions were made that the Officers and Board Members wear name tags at Chapter Meetings, the Board Members were asked to write autobiographical sketches for publication in *The Bombarde*, and the Cassel Competition was scheduled for February 24, 2001, at Pine Street Presbyterian Church.

There was encouraging news regarding the condition of the organ in the Forum Auditorium. The State committed to the re-leathering of the console, restoring the console to complete working order before June of 2001. The State also planned to continue with a yearly maintenance and funding contract.

Mark Cole, a member of our Chapter, was accepted as a finalist for the Albert Schweitzer Organ Competition. Mark was a junior at Lebanon Valley College and studied organ with Shelly Moorman Stahlman.

On Sunday, October 15, "A Rainbow of Sounds" was presented at Zion Lutheran Church, Harrisburg. Chapter members and other instrumentalists, vocalists, readers and a rapper performed as part of the Pipes Spectacular program.

Chapter members were encouraged to write letters of dissatisfaction to the local PBS radio station, WITF, regarding the cancellation of the "Pipedreams" programs on the station.

Melanie Moll, Sub-Dean, accepted a new position in Austin, Texas as Director of Music and Principal Organist at St. Martin's Lutheran Church.

Harrisburg and Lancaster AGO Chapters co-sponsored a Pipe Organ Encounter in June of 2001. The purpose of the summer organ institute was to introduce high school students to the organ and to give them opportunities to develop and enhance their musical and keyboard skills.

Violette Cassel, who passed away on November 8, 1974, was a resident of Mt. Gretna and bequeathed to our Chapter a monetary sum to provide a cash award to be paid annually to deserving and talented organ pupils designated by The Board of our Chapter. The gift has allowed our Chapter to hold yearly organ competitions to determine the winner to whom this scholarship is given. Some years later, a second prize was created from a donation

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from Harold J. Stahle, Jr. The competition was held February 24, 2001. Sarah Thrush, a sophomore at Lebanon Valley College, was the winner of that year's competition.

The Region III Convention was held in Allentown hosted by the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the AGO.

Arnold Bowman, a Charter Member of our Chapter, passed away at the age of 93. He was a resident of Mt. Gretna and retired Director of Music and Recreational Therapist at the Harrisburg State Hospital.

Ken Walker, Archivist

Area Events

January 5, 2020—3:00 p.m.

Palmyra Church of the Brethren, 45 N. Chestnut St., Palmyra. Palmyra Community Band Concert. Goodwill offering received. For information contact jclouser@palmyracob.org.

January 5, 2020—3:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey presents Rizzetta's Tones in concert. This American Celtic band blends twin hammer dulcimers, multiple stringed instruments, a variety of whistles and frame drums, all tied together by well-balanced medleys, arrangements, and original music. The concert is free with a free-will offering.

Sunday, January 5, 2020—6:00 p.m.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 22 S. Sixth St, Lebanon presents a Choral Evensong and 7:00 Organ concert by Adam Koch.

Monday, February 3, 2020—7:30 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill presents the Harrisburg Youth Symphony Orchestra and Junior Strings. Free.

Wednesday, February 5, 2020—12:15 p.m.

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

Friday, February 7, 2020 – 7:30 p.m.

Market Square Presbyterian Church, 20 S 2nd St., presents REVIVAL in concert. REVIVAL is a folk-rock group from New York City. The church will provide parking in the Market Square Garage located on the corner of 2nd and Chestnut. For more information, contact Tyler at 717.-257.-270 ext. 18 or Canonico@marketsquarechurch.org

Saturday, February 22, 2020—7:00 p.m.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, 221 N Front St, Harrisburg, Music By The River Concert Series presents The Hunchback of Notre Dame, *Silent Film Event with Peter Krasinski* improvising organ accompaniment to this classic film. The performance will be in collaboration with the Midtown Cinema. Regular Admission-\$25, Students with ID-\$15. Concessions available. Free parking.

Sunday, February 23, 2020—4:00 p.m.

Derry Presbyterian Church, 248 East Derry Road, Hershey presents the Dixie Kings of Philadelphia in a performance of traditional New Orleans jazz. Free will offering.

Sunday, February 23, 2020—6:00 p.m.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 22 S. Sixth St, Lebanon presents a Choral Evensong and 7:00 Organ concert by Alexander Ashman, Organist and Choirmaster, St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, Harrisburg.

Sunday, March 1, 2020—3:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey presents organists Renée Anne Louprette and George Stauffer in recital. The recital is free with an offering. For more information visit www.firstumchershey.org.

Sunday, March 1, 2020—4:00 p.m.

First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 21 S. Bedford St., Carlisle presents the Westminster Kantorei, an auditioned vocal chamber choir at Westminster Choir College of Rider University, Princeton, NJ, specializing in early and contemporary music. A freewill offering will be received. Call (717) 249-3310 or go to Fine Arts at First, www.firstlutherancarlisle.org for info.

Wednesday, March 4, 2020—12:15 p.m.

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 North 23rd St, Camp Hill presents organist Victor Fields 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, March 8, 2020—3:00 p.m.

Wilson College, Chambersburg presents organist Russell Weismann in a Van Looy Organ Series concert on the four-manual 63-rank Whitelegg-Möller organ in Thomson Hall Alumnae Chapel. Admission is \$7.00.

Friday, March 13, 2020 – 7:30 p.m.

Market Square Presbyterian Church, 20 S 2nd St., presents Manor Winds in concert. Manor Winds is a woodwind quintet from Lancaster, PA. The church will provide parking in the Market Square Garage located on the corner of 2nd and Chestnut. For more information, contact Tyler at 717.-257.-270 ext. 18 or Canonico@marketsquarechurch.org

Saturday, Marc 28, 2020—7:30 p.m.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, 221 N Front St, Harrisburg, Music By The River Concert Series presents G. F. Handel's oratorio *Israel in Egypt*. This masterpiece will be performed by a mass choir and orchestra featuring local and regional musicians. Regular Admission-\$25, Students with ID-\$15. Free parking.

Sunday, March 29, 2020—3:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill presents the CCU Benefit Concert – Messiah College Gospel Choir and soloist Christyan Seay. Free.

Positions Available

Organist: Dynamic UCC church in Elizabethtown, PA seeks an Organist to lead worship through music. The successful candidate will possess strong musical skills playing the organ and piano as well as skills in organization and cooperative teamwork. Candidates should have a degree or equivalent experience, and have a broad knowledge of church music repertoire with proficiency in a wide range of musical styles. The responsibilities of the Organist include: Approximately 10 hours per week doing the following: • Accompany adult choir rehearsals (occasionally other choirs) • Play for two Sunday morning worship services (one during the summer) • Play for a limited number of special worship services Christ Church UCC has a Safe Church Policy. A background check for all employees is standard procedure. For more details, visit www.etonnucc.org. A letter of application, resume, and two letters of recommendation can be sent Attention: Organist Search Committee to either Christ Church UCC, 247 S. Market Street, Elizabethtown, PA 17022 or via email to: GalenRussell@etonnucc.org. Deadline for submissions is December 1, 2019. A complete job description is available upon request.

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 N 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: ivanorden.pastoratzion@gmail.com.

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Deadline for inclusion in the second quarter 2020 newsletter
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