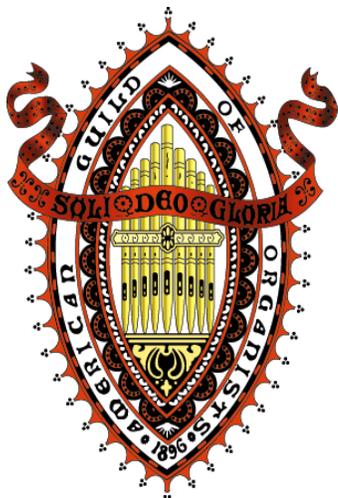


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The Clarion

American Guild of Organists – Harrisburg Chapter



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- 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
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From the Dean

Greetings, colleagues!

Amazing how quickly a year goes! Just a little over halfway through my term as your dean, I have really enjoyed learning more about some of the inner-workings of the Guild, and the opportunity to get to know many of you better. As you'll read in other parts of this newsletter, we still have a number of wonderful programs left in our 2019-2020 season, and hope to have many of you in attendance. With the exception of our May banquet, all of our other programs are open to the public. Feel free to invite friends, members of your music programs, and community members to attend and enjoy what our chapter is offering!

The AGO Mid-Atlantic Region is looking for a host for its 2023 convention, and after a successful run in 2011, we are in the preliminary stages of considering a bid to bring this event back to Harrisburg. If anyone is interested in serving on a committee to work on this further, please email me directly at pastoralmusician@stjosephmech.org.

Thanks for all that you do to make our chapter one of the best in the AGO!

Pax vobiscum,
Justin Myers, Dean

February Program

Dear friends,

Our next program, Members Recital, is on Friday, February 28 and will be held at First United Methodist Church in Hershey. This is a member's recital and we're requesting the repertoire to be piano/ organ duets. (Your duet partner does not necessarily have to be an AGO member). If you would like to play, please contact me no later than February 10 via phone 717.257.1270 ext. 18 or email

Canonico@marketsquarechurch.org.

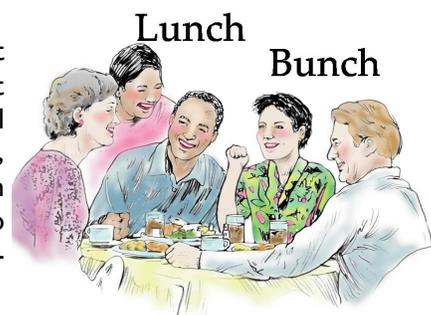
We are also going to have a potluck before the recital. At 6 PM we will gather in the Fellowship Hall and enjoy a meal together. Our main course will be meatloaf and I will send a Signup Genius out via email in the next several weeks. This will help to have a more diverse meal and not duplicate a dish. This will be fun and I hope you will make both the dinner and recital.

Looking forward to another great program.

Truly,
Tyler Canonico, Sub Dean

Lunch Bunch

Networking lunches are super times to connect with others so please plan to attend our next luncheon on February 12th 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, February 10th if you plan to attend dorisagohbg@comcast.net or (717) 697-4042.



Upcoming Programs

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

Fine Arts at First



WESTMINSTER KANTOREI, a choral ensemble specializing in early music from Westminster Choir College of Rider University,

Princeton, NJ, will present a concert on Sunday, March 1 at 4:00 p.m. at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 21 S. Bedford Street, Carlisle. Conducted by Jay Carter, the choir will perform German music from across the Baroque era, focusing intently on works by Heinrich Schütz, Andreas Hammerschmidt and members of the Bach family, culminating with J.S. Bach's masterwork *Jesu, meine Freude*, BWV 227. The award-winning chamber choir, focusing on early and contemporary music, is composed of students at Westminster Choir College. It performs regularly with Juilliard415 and several of America's leading specialists in early music. Westminster Kantorei was recently recognized as winners of The American Prize, whose judges stated that the choir is "truly outstanding" and has a "finely-measured and delicate balance of voices, and a mastery of stylistic performance practice." The ensemble's conductor, Jay Carter, is recognized as one of the nation's finest countertenors and a leading interpreter of late Baroque repertoire. Sponsored by Fine Arts at First, the concert is free. Doors will open at 3:15 p.m. A freewill offering will be accepted, and a dessert reception will be held following the performance. For more information, call the church, 717-249-3310, or visit <http://firstlutherancarlisle.org/fine-arts-at-first/>.

Central PA Handbell Festival

The 15th Central PA Handbell Festival will take place on Saturday, March 14th, 2020 at Lebanon Area Evangelical Free Church, 600 Shepherd St., Jonestown,

PA. Fourteen bell choirs from central Pennsylvania will ring under the direction of David Harris.

David M. Harris has been the director of The Raleigh Ringers since January 1990, when he was instrumental in the formation of the group. David studied music while earning a degree in computer science at the Pennsylvania State University and has received private instruction in conducting from Dr. William A. Payn of Bucknell University. David is in increasing demand as a clinician and guest conductor, and has led several national Handbell Musicians of America events as well as serving as the primary handbell clinician for denominational music events, such as those held at Montreat, Lake Junaluska, and Lutheridge.

The 4:00pm public concert will feature a special appearance by the duo handbell soloist and pianist Ron Bellamy and Linda Lorgus. A good will offering will be received to benefit Music for Everyone of Lancaster, PA. For more information about the Concert and/or Festival please contact Jeff Clouser, Festival Coordinator at centralpahandbellfestival@gmail.com.

This event is endorsed by Handbell Musicians of America, Inc. dedicated to uniting people through the musical art of handbell and handchime ringing. www.handbellmusicians.org

Area Events

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, NY. The church will provide parking in the Market Square Garage located on the corner of 2nd and Chestnut. For more information, contact Tyler at Canonico@marketsquarechurch.org or 717.-257.-270 ext. 18.

Sunday, February 9, 2020—4:00 p.m.

Zion Lutheran Church, 85 E. Brandt Blvd., Landisville, presents The Isosceles Trio as part of the Zion Musik Concert Series. Members Doris Hall-Gulati, clarinetist; Sara Male, cellist; and Maria Corley, pianist; are well known in the Lancaster area and beyond. The Trio will perform music of Bruch, Arnold, Kapustin and Brahms. A freewill offering will be received and refreshments will follow the concert. For more information visit www.zionhempfield.net.

Sunday, February 9, 2020—4:00 p.m.

Messiah College presents the world renown St. Olaf Choir in concert in Parmer Hall. Tickets required.—Tickets for all shows can be purchased [online](#), or by calling the Ticket Office at (717) 691-6036.

Saturday, February 22, 2020—7:00 p.m.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, 221 North Front Street, Harrisburg, Music By The River Concert Series presents The Hunchback of Notre Dame, *Silent Film Event with Peter Krasinski*. This program will feature live improvised 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. Dr. Stauffer is a distinguished professor of musicology at Rutgers University. He is known internationally as a scholar, performer, and writer on the music and culture of the Baroque Era and the life and works of J.S. Bach in particular. Ms. Louprette is known as a consummate liturgical organist, concert organist, and teacher at Rutgers's Mason Gross School for the Arts. The recital is free and an offering will be received. 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, New Jersey, 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 information.

Wednesday, March 4, 2020—12:15 p.m.

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 North 23rd Street 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 Canonico@marketsquarechurch.org or 717.257.1270 ext. 18.

Saturday, March 28, 2020—7:30 p.m.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, 221 North Front Street, 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. Hear the Old Testament come alive in Handel's interpretation of stories of bondage, deliverance, and hope. 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 informa-

tion 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 / Accompanist: First United Methodist Church, Mechanicsburg, is seeking an organist/accompanist. Responsibilities include playing for 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.

Scholarship Opportunities Announced

The Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) is pleased to invite piano students from 13 to 18 years of age to apply for the Yocum Pipe Organ Encounter Scholarships to be offered during the summer of 2020. The Pipe Organ Encounter (POE) is a four to five-day event held in various parts of the country for young pianists who wish to explore the organ. This year POE will be held in Manhattan, KS; Long Beach, CA; Winston-Salem, NC; Hartford, CT. The deadline for applying for this scholarship is March 15.

The application for the Shenk Scholarship for summer organ lessons offered by several members of the Harrisburg Chapter, for youth in grades 6-12 is also now available. The Shenk Scholarship provides the equivalent of ten 30-minute organ lessons, membership in the Guild, as well as an opportunity to play in a chapter program. The deadline for applying for this scholarship is April 30.

This year there are also three POE-Plus events for adults to be held in Allentown and Bethlehem, PA; Richmond, VA; and Rockford, IL. For chapter members interested in attending one of these events there are funds available from the Throne fund for adult education. Deadline is 30 days before the event.

More details and application forms for all three scholarships are available on the Chapter website (Education—Scholarships) or by contacting Education Chair, Chris Prestia by e-mail at chris.prestia@gmail.com.

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Treasurer's Report

by Scott Witfield

Balance in Checking as of 11/1/2019	\$2,914.76
Deposits:	+\$82.00
Interest:	+\$70.50
Checks / Debits:	-\$103.18
Balance in Checking as of 11/30/2019	\$2,964.08
Balance in Checking as of 12/1/2019	\$2,964.08
Deposits:	+\$119.05
Interest:	+\$71.10
Checks / Debits:	-\$14.95
Balance in Checking as of 12/31/2019	\$3,139.28
Invested Funds as of 12/31/2019	
Harrisburg AGO Savings (detail below)	\$53,272.19
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	\$24,564.31
Frances Bishop Investment	\$137,080.82