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Our mission is to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members.

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From the Dean

I look forward to seeing many of you at Trinity Lutheran Church, Camp Hill, on November 14: 9:30 -11:30. —"STRATEGIES FOR LIFELONG SINGING" —See the flier included with this issue for all the details. It would helpful for the folks at Trinity to have a rough idea of numbers. So, if you have some choir members who wish to attend, please send a quick email note to Tim Koch (timothy.koch@trinitycamphill.org) with those numbers.

Last month I shared with you some thank you notes from some of the Shenk Scholarship recipients. Here is another:

Thank you for granting me with the organ scholarship again this summer. I enjoyed playing even more than I did last summer . Even though the piece that I was working on was a bit of a struggle, it was a fun piece for me. Learning the organ is a great experience and something that I enjoy a lot. I am considering continuing to play the organ. Also I would like to thank you for sending me the CD recording of the recital. I had a great experience. Thanks again for everything.

Sincerely, Quinn Schrum

The next meeting of the Chapter Board of Directors takes place on November 10, 7:00 pm at Trinity. As always, kindly notify the secretary or dean of any absence.

Have a blessed and restful Thanksgiving in anxious anticipation of our busiest musical month of the year.

Arnold Sten

Dean

The Chapter Program Committee Voted to Cancel the January 5, 2010 Twelfth Night Celebration

Chapter Members who desire additional information on this decision should contact Ralph Kneeream, Sub-Dean & Program Committee Chair.



Monthly Lunch Bunch

Come out and join this friendly group for lively conversation and good food on Wednesday, November 11 at 11:30 a.m. We meet in the Bridges Café at the Radisson in Camp Hill 11:30 a.m. Call or e-mail Doris Savage by **Monday, November 9th** if you plan to attend, 717-697-4042 or email dorisagohbg@comcast.net

From the Membership Chairperson

In a past issue of TAO, there is a very timely article titled "Minister of Membership" where the interviewee is asked how many people are on the membership committee? Her answer is every member of the chapter! She's right "on the mark." Maintaining a successful chapter is a TEAM effort. Although we have completed our membership renewal campaign, recruiting new members or gently encouraging former members to rejoin is ongoing. Let's see what all of us can do to make this happen!

Directory Updates

New Members: **Kathryn (Kathy) Haskins** 2510 Arcona Road Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 717-697-7247

Membership Status: Regular Minister of Music St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church Middletown, PA 17057 717-944-6221

Scott Siciliano

411 N. 2nd St. Wormleysburg, PA 17043 717-856-8789 Email: scottsiciliano@yahoo.com

Membership Status: Regular Director of Music Ministries Colonial Park United Church of Christ 5000 Devonshire Road Harrisburg, PA 17109 717-545-3782

New Email Address: **Dr. Robert C. Lau** robertclau@verizon.net

Meet Harry Strack

by Mary Jane Nelson

As a six-year-old, growing up on his parents' Christmas tree farm in Central Pennsylvania, Harry already knew he wanted to be a musician. He had no particular link to a musical relative, teacher or performer, but he knew. As we know him now, he has been musically involved in Grace United Methodist Church in Lemoyne since 1997, working first as a substitute organist, then as a part-time organist on a rotation schedule, and at present, as the full-time organist in that parish.

Harry is an experienced choral director, pianist and harpsichordist, in addition to his organ playing. Additionally, he teaches in the areas of piano, organ and voice, as well as trumpet performance, theory and composition. He has arranged and composed for the keyboard for some 30 years.

With Mansfield University as his alma mater, he earned a B.M. degree in piano performance and educational certification, and took graduate courses towards his M.M. degree. His performance recitals and accompanying others took him through New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, and even a dedication recital for a new Rodgers Touring Organ in Tucson, Arizona. Harry accompanied NYS Regional and State choral festivals from 1980 to 1982, and using piano, harpsichord and organ, was accompanist for vocal, cello, violin, trumpet, clarinet, flute soloists and small ensembles.

As a Junior High School choir director at Owego Apalachin Central School District between 1976 and 1982, he directed six choirs, including an all-male chorus and a select girls ensemble of 12 eighth and ninth grade singers who were given an A+ on a test by the NYS Music Association, performing a piece of the highest difficulty, usually performed by seniors. While there, he began a "Solo Festival" concert, in addition to the standard Christmas and spring concerts, and encouraged approximately 50 students per year to perform solos, duets or small ensembles for an audience of 500+.

Prior to his service at Grace U.M., Lemoyne, he was employed from 1980 to 1990 at Central United Methodist Church in Endicott, New York, first as a substitute for the full-time organist for six years, then as Chancel Choir Director from 1986 to 1990. His choir performed three anthems each week for worship services and one special performance each year with full orchestra, that included Handel's "Messiah" and Faure's "Requiem."

Harry enjoys traveling in his spare time, and hopes in the future to plan some duo recitals with other keyboard performers, as well as further extend his career as a teacher of all keyboards and voice.

He has already joined the "Lunch Bunch" group of AGO members who meet monthly to chat and chew, and we will enjoy his company at many of the other events in the future! THE HARRISBURG CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

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"STRATEGIES FOR LIFELONG SINGING"

Dr. Brenda Smith

Saturday, November 14, 2009 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill, PA

Dr. Smith teaches studio voice, singer's diction and vocal pedagogy at the University of Florida. Recognized for her contributions to the concept of lifelong singing through proper voice care, she works regularly as a consultant, clinician and conductor with amateur and professional choirs throughout the world and regularly appears in presentations for the American Choral Directors Association, the National Association of Teachers of Singing and the American Guild of Organists. The workshop will cover topics such as vocal hygiene, vocal warm ups and cool downs and healthy rehearsal techniques, basic topics which apply to singers of all ages. In addition, Dr. Smith will present materials which focus on the subject of the aging singer, a topic which has moved to the forefront of singing in recent years.



This workshop is FREE and open to all members of AGO as well as area choir directors and the members of their choirs, area vocal groups, voice teachers, and students and singers of all ages.

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Positions Available

- **Director of Music and Organist:** A half-time position, one- or two-year renewable contract depending upon qualifications. Excellent salary based upon choral and organ training and experience. Health and retirement benefits included. Three-week paid summer vacation. Play two Eucharist services each Sunday throughout liturgical year, as well as additional feast days, conduct Parish Choir and Men and Youth Choir, and organize musical repertoire for the worship of this "singing church". Director of Music may offer music instruction for additional income using church facilities at no cost. To receive a complete Job Description please send a request to Ms Lynn Kintz, Parish Administrator at <u>lkintz@stjohnschurchcarlisle.org</u> or by US Mail to Ms. Kintz at: St. John's Episcopal Church, PO Box 626, Carlisle, PA 17013. Submit resume with cover letter and two current letters of reference to <u>mscheneman@stjohnschurchcarlisle.org</u>, or The Reverend Canon Mark Scheneman, Rector, St. John's Episcopal Church, PO Box 626, Carlisle, PA 17013 by December 1, 2009.
- **Director of Music Ministy:** Central Presbyterian Church, Chambersburg PA, seeks a full time Director of Music Ministry who is willing and able to encourage the church to join together glorifying God and to draw people into His presence. The successful candidate will have a vision for worshipping through music, be well versed in sacred music, adept in traditional and contemporary worship, relate well to a variety of ages, and possess the ability to grow our music program. A music related degree from an accredited college is required, as is training and experience directing sacred vocal choirs, hand bells, and contemporary worship. Central Presbyterian, founded in 1868 in the center of downtown, is a healthy, prayerful, growing, traditional congregation led by the Holy Spirit. God has blessed us with numerous musical resources, including but not limited to: a congregation of talented children, youth, and adults; a Casavant organ and Steinway concert grand piano; a 5-octave bell choir; Orff instruments; chimes; and recorders. Interested candidates should send a resume & references to: Central Presbyterian Church, Director of Music Ministry Search Committee, Attn: Mr. Duane Gooch, Chair, 40 Lincoln Way West, Chambersburg, PA 17201 Or electronically to: search@centralonthesquare.org
- **Organist/Choir Director:** The Memorial Church of the Prince of Peace, 20 West High St, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, seeks a part-time (15 hr.) Organist/Choir Director to lead traditional Episcopal worship. The position includes both an adult and children's choir. Current position also includes a hand bell choir and men's chorus. Quality leadership skills are required and growth in the music program is a desired goal. A degree in music is required and demonstrated ability in organ performance is a must. Prince of Peace is an active historical church located in downtown Gettysburg. www.gettysburgepiscopal.org Contact: Duane Botterbusch dbotterb@gettysburg.edu
- **Church Organist/Keyboardist Wanted:** Trinity Lutheran Church, 38 West Baltimore Street, Taneytown, MD is seeking an Organist to play for a well established music ministry that includes traditional and occasional contemporary services. This position could be filled by one or two part-time people. The successful candidate(s) will fit well within the congregation's leadership team, demonstrate strong faith, and have the ability to work well with musicians of all ages and abilities. They should have good organizational skills and be proficient on one or more of the keyboards available: the historic Felgemaker tracker organ in the sanctuary, the Allen organ in the chapel, and the Clavinova for Contemporary Praise Services. Salary (up to \$14K) and benefits will be based on education and performance experience. Please email a cover letter and resume to our committee chairman, ednull@cen3.com. If questions, please call Trinity's church office at 410-751-1203.
- **Organist/Director of Music**: St. John's U.C.C. seeks a part-time (30hr) Director of Music to lead a dynamic program of music activities. The successful candidate will be adept in traditional and contemporary worship, relate to a variety of ages, able to work in a team, possess the ability to grow our music program, and sees music in the life of the church as an act of worship. A music related degree is required as well as organ and keyboard expertise. Send resume to: Director of Music Search Committee c/o St. John's UCC, 1811 Lincoln Way East, Chambersburg, PA 17202 or email to office@stjohnschambersburg.org
- **Senior Music Director**: First United Methodist Church, Mechanicsburg. Responsibilities include scheduling and supervising the church's music staff, overseeing choirs at all age levels, a program of hand bells and chimes for children, youth and adults, musical praise teams and soloists. Persons with a proven musical aptitude, strong administrative and leadership skills, experience leading a diverse music program, and an understanding of worship in a Christian setting are encouraged to submit a resume to SPRC, c/o First United Methodist Church, 135 W. Simpson St., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. Candidates applying for this part time position will also have the opportunity to apply for the positions of Senior Choir Director and Organist.
- Director of Choirs: (Leading to the Position of Minister of Music) ¹/₂ time position with negotiable salary. First United Church of Christ, 30 N. Pitt, Carlisle, PA 17013. Contact: Iva 717-243-2512 oneucc@embarq.com for full job description. <u>Quali-fications required:</u> Baccalaureate degree with strong music emphasis, meet First United Church of Christ Safe Church Policy and Procedure Manual requirements.

Harrisburg Chapter A.G.O. 2009-2010 Chapter Programs

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 9:30 AM-11:30 AM: WORK-SHOP WITH DR. BRENDA SMITH, "STRATEGIES FOR LIFE-LONG SINGING," OPEN TO BOTH CHAPTER MEMBERS & THEIR CHOIR MEMBERS, TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, CAMP HILL

JANUARY: TWELFTH NIGHT CELEBRATION. CANCELLED

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 9:30 AM-11:30 AM: WORK-SHOP WITH DR. ROBERT LAU, "EASY IMPROVISATION FOR THE CHURCH ORGANIST," ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, 2730 BOOSER AVE., HARRISBURG

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 7:30 PM: A POWERPOINT PRESEN-TATION ON BACH'S SAINT MATTHEW PASSION, SUSANNA FAUST, WITH EXAMPLES SUNG BY CHAPTER MEMBERS & CHAPTER FRIENDS, ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, HARRISBURG

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 4 PM: KEN COWAN IN RECITAL, CO-SPONSORED BY CAMP HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & OUR CHAPTER, AT CAMP HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY: ANNUAL BANQUET, WITH ELECTION/INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: **LOCATION, DATE, TIME: TBA**

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, & SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 4, 5, & 6: BOB CHILCOTT AT MARKET SQUARE PRES-BYTERIAN CHURCH, CO-SPONSORED BY MARKET SQUARE & PINE STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES & OUR CHAP-TER; CHAPTER MEMBERS ARE ENTITLED TO FOUR EVENTS-- AUDIT 2 REHEARSALS, ATTEND A CHILCOTT WORKSHOP, & ADMISSION TO A GALA CONCERT WITH CHOIR & ORCHESTRA: SPECIFICS TO BE ANNOUNCED

Program Committee: Tom Clark-Jones, Susanna Faust, Don Golden, Brenda Helwig, Ken Kline, Suzanne Klinedinst, Tim Koch, Robert Lau, Esther Long, Eric Riley, Darrell Woomer, Ralph Kneeream, chair; Arnold Sten and Mary Jane Nelson (exofficio).

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers needed for March AGO Program: Susanna Faust will present a program on March 12 about Bach's St. Matthew Passion. Anyone interested in singing a few choruses and chorales *in English*, please contact Susanna via phone (891-1162) or email (annehoijer@yahoo.com). Sheet music will be provided and there will be a few rehearsals scheduled to accommodate as many singers as possible. Open to non-AGO members.

2009/2010 Music, Art & Drama Series

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church 101 North 23rd Street Camp Hill, PA 17011 (717) 737-0488 www.thechpc.org

Wednesday Noonday Organ Recitals Featuring members of the Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

> 11:45 AM – 12:15 PM Light lunch served at the church

> > 12:15 – 12:45 PM Organ Recital

November 4—**Anthony Ciucci** Church of the Good Shepherd, Camp Hill

December 2—**Helen Anthony** Derry Presbyterian Church, Hershey

January 6—**Deborah Dillane** Christ Lutheran Church, Elizabethtown

February 3—**Eric Riley** Market Square Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg

March 3—**Arnold Sten** Trindle Spring Lutheran Church, Mechanicsburg

> April 7—**Esther Long** Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Lewisberry

Treasurer's Report

Cash in Bank as of 8/31/2009	\$	7,453.15
Disbursements (-) Receipts (+)	\$ \$	978.60 505.00
Cash in Bank as of 9/30/2009	\$	6,979.55
Fotal Invested Funds: Cassel Award	\$	6,223.60
Stahle Award		1,097.78
Yocum Scholarship		2,064.77
Evens Memorial Fund	\$	6,753.81
General CD	\$	6,800.63

The Bombarde Online

Please e-mail Shawn Gingrich at <shawn.gingrich@firstumchershey.org> if you would like to sign up to receive **The Bombarde** on line.

Area Events

Sunday, November 1, 2009—7:00 PM

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 22 S. Sixth Street (Sixth & Chestnut Sts.), Lebanon presents Requiem for all Faithful Departed - *Requiem* by John Rutter in context. St. Luke's Festival Choir. Free-will offering. For more information, please call (717) 272-8251.

Wednesday, November 4, 2009—12:15 PM

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 North Twenty-third Street, Camp Hill, presents Anthony Ciucci, organist from Church of the Good Shepherd, Camp Hill. A light lunch will be served prior to the recital from 11:45-12:15. A free -will offering will be received. (717) 737-0488 www.thechpc.org

Sunday, November 8, 2009—3:00 PM

Grace United Methodist Church, 216 State Street, Harrisburg. The Central Pennsylvania Oratorio Singers, soloists and orchestra, conducted by Dr. Ronald Sider, will present Handel's Israel in Egypt. Tickets \$15.00 at the door, \$12.00 in advance of concert date, and for seniors and students.

Sunday, November 8, 2009—4:00 PM

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 North Twenty-third Street, Camp Hill presents Popcorn Hat Players--Aesop's Fables. A free-will offering will be received (717) 737-0488 www.thechpc.org

Sunday, November 8, 2009—4:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill presents The J. Stewart Hardy Tribute Concert - An allchurch musical tribute in recognition of our retiring pastor's 22 years of service. Guests include Christyan Seay, Amy Yovanovich, Carl Iba, and Jill Marchione.

Sunday, November 15, 2009—3:00 PM

Union Lutheran Church, 408 W. Market Street, York, PA 17401 presents organist Peter Richard Conte. Conte is Grand Court Organist of the world famous Wanamaker Organ at the Macy's Philadelphia department store. When not touring, he performs on the six-manual, 28,000-pipe instrument twice daily, six days per week. The Wanamaker Organ is the largest fully functioning musical instrument in the world; Mr. Conte was appointed Grand Court Organist in 1989, and is the fourth person to hold that title since the organ first played in 1911. For information, call 717-843-7897. Ask for Jennifer Noel. No admission charge, a free-will offering will be received. A reception will follow.

Sunday, November 22, 2009 – 3:00 PM

A choral and organ concert of classical and sacred music will be given Sunday, November 22nd at 3:00 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, 216 State Street, Harrisburg, PA. Music will be performed by the combined choirs of Grace United Methodist Church, and the Cathedral Parish of St. Patrick, Harrisburg, and organist Mark A. Cole, Director of Music at Grace UMC.

Sunday, November 29, 2009—4:00 PM

First Lutheran Church, 21 S Bedford Street, Carlisle. Fine Arts at First presents the Hershey Handbell Ensemble, Shawn Gingrich, director in concert. The concert is free and open to all. A free-will offering will be received. For information call (717) 533-9668 or visit www.hersheyhandbellensemble.org

Sunday, November 29, 2009—7:00 PM

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 22 S. Sixth Street (Sixth & Chestnut Sts.), Lebanon presents Advent Service of Lessons and Carols. St. Luke's Festival Choir. Free-will offering. For more information, please call (717) 272-8251.

Wednesday, December 2, 2009—12:15 PM

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 North Twenty-third Street, Camp Hill, presents Helen Anthony, organist from Derry Presbyterian Church, Hershey. A light lunch will be served prior to the recital from 11:45-12:15. A free-will offering will be received. (717) 737-0488 www.thechpc.org

Saturday, December 5, 2009—7:00 PM

Winterstown United Methodist Church, 12184 Winterstown Road, Felton presents the Hershey Handbell Ensemble, Shawn Gingrich, director, in concert. The concert is free and open to all. A free-will offering will be received. For information call (717) 533-9668 or visit www.hersheyhandbellensemble.org

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Sunday, December 6--8:30 & 11:00 AM Worship

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 North Twenty-third Street, Camp Hill Singing Choirs present music for Advent and Christmas, David Binkley, organist/choirmaster. A free-will offering will be received (717) 737-0488 www.thechpc.org

Sunday, December 6, 2009—3:00 PM

First United Methodist Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey presents the Hershey Handbell Ensemble, Shawn Gingrich, director, in concert. The concert is free and open to all. A free-will offering will be received. For information call (717) 533-9668 or visit www.firstumchershey.org or www.hersheyhandbellensemble.org

Sunday, December 6, 2009—3:00 PM

St Paul Lutheran Church, 530 Bridge St, New Cumberland, offers a Messiah sing-along as part of their Centennial celebration. Tim Dixon, music director of the West Shore Symphony Orchestra, director of orchestral activities at Messiah College, and conductor of the Harrisburg Opera Association, will conduct.

Saturday, December 12, 2009—12:00 PM

Strawberry Square Shopping Center, 11 N. Third Street, Harrisburg presents the Hershey Handbell Ensemble, Shawn Gingrich, director in concert. The concert is free and open to all. A free-will offering will be received. For information call (717) 533-9668 or visit www.hersheyhandbellensemble.org

Sunday, December 13, 2009—8:30 & 11:00 AM Worship

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 North Twenty-third Street--Brass Choir presents music for Advent and Christmas--David R. Getz, conductor. A free-will offering will be received (717) 737-0488 www.thechpc.org

Sunday December 13, 2009—3:00 PM

Baughman Memorial United Methodist Church, 228 Bridge St. (Third and Bridge Sts.), New Cumberland presents **The Keystone Brass Quintet** in an afternoon of Christmas music, including a carol singalong. This concert is part of the church's Deborah Vowler Posner Concert Series. Free admission. Parking in rear of church.

Sunday, December 13, 2009—4:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill presents **Christmas at Trinity** - our yearly Christmas extravaganza with choirs and orchestra including Vivaldi's "Gloria".

Sunday, December 13, 2009—5:00 PM

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 22 S. Sixth Street (Sixth & Chestnut Sts.), Lebanon presents Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols. Valley Forge Choir of Men and Boys with Paul Jacobs, organist. Free-will offering. For more information, please call (717) 272-8251.

Sunday, December 20, 2009—4:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill hosts "A Candlelight Christmas" with the Susquehanna Chorale. Tickets \$22.00 (Trinity Patrons - \$10).

Thursday, December 31, 2009—7:00 PM

First United Methodist Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey presents singer Mark Cable in concert. The concert is free and open to all and will precede the outdoor New Year's Eve celebrations. A free-will offering will be received. For information call (717) 533-9668 or visit www.firstumchershey.org

Wednesday, January 6, 2010—12:15 PM

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 North Twenty-third Street, Camp Hill, presents Deborah Dillane, organist from Christ Lutheran Church, Elizabethtown. A light lunch will be served prior to the recital from 11:45-12:15. A free-will offering will be received. (717) 737-0488 www.thechpc.org

Sunday, April 11, 2010—3:00 PM

St. Luke Lutheran Church, Shaefferstown presents Carl Iba, violin and Randy Day, piano in a duo concert. A freewill offering will be received. For information call (717) 949-3375 or email stlukelutheran@verizon.net

Saturday, April 24, 2010—7:00 PM

Fawn Grove United Methodist Church, 67 South Market Street, Fawn Grove, PA hosts the Hershey Handbell Ensemble in a concert sponsored by the churches of southeastern York County, sponsored by Prospect UMC. The concert is free. A free-will offering will be received. Visit www.hersheyhandbellensemble.org for details. Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists Tom Notestine, Editor 112 Ashford Way Camp Hill, PA 17011-3919

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Deadline for inclusion in the December 2009 newsletter is Sunday, November 15, 2009. Please forward **all** submissions to:

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Thank you!