

January 2015

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The Bombarde

American Guild of Organists – Harrisburg Chapter



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.

January Program

The January 6, 2015 meeting will include a banquet with dinner being catered by Premier Caterers of Camp Hill. The evening will begin with a Social Hour at 6:00pm, followed by dinner at 6:30pm. Used music will be available for sale during the event. Music left after the September sale will be displayed and all are welcome to bring more items. Please arrive early to set out the music if you plan to bring some.

The cost of the dinner will be \$24.00 per person. Reservations are due by Tuesday, December 30, 2014. Please mail reservation checks made payable to "Harrisburg Chapter AGO" to: Phyllis Conrad

216 Karinch Street
Lebanon PA 17042

MENU

- Assorted Wine
- Fresh Vegetables and Cheeses
- Tossed Salad
- Fresh Baked Rolls
- Chicken Florentiene
- Oven Braised Beef
- Rice Pilaf
- Grilled Vegetables
- Assorted Pies
- Hot Beverages

From the Dean

Merry Christmas! Keep the celebration alive through the twelve days. Our culture's tendency is to be done with Christmas on the first day of Christmas but I enjoy being counter-cultural and I continue to wish people a merry Christmas through the twelfth day on January 5.

The next event will be an Epiphany day gathering in Camp Hill for a catered dinner provided by Premier Caterers and a solo vocal program by Christyan Seay, accompanied by Tim Koch. Don't miss this opportunity to have a nice meal, hear a wonderful musical offering, and to be with your fellow guild members. Since this newsletter is reaching you before the December 30 deadline to register I am making this one last plea to encourage you to attend.

Another opportunity is fast approaching. I will be taking a car load of our members to the Philadelphia Chapter's January JumpStart on January 17. Your registration will be covered by our Throne Fund. I need to have a reply from you by January 6 so we can register on time. So far we have four members planning to go. Let me know if you want to join in. See below for complete details.

Blessings to you all as you serve!

Pax vobiscum,
Shawn Gingrich

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January JumpStart 2015

a workshop for the church musician seeking new ideas for a new year
Complete information is available at: <http://pcagoo.memberlodge.org/event-1795127>

Schedule

- 8:00 am — Registration, coffee, bagels, used music exchange (scores and CDs)
- Throughout the day — Young's Music Store
- 8:30 to 9:45 am — Morning Session I
- 10:00 to 10:50 am — Plenary Session
- 11:00 to 12:00 noon — Service led by Michael McCarthy, *National Cathedral Choir*
- 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm — Lunch: Ministries Center
- 1:15 to 2:30 pm — Afternoon Session I
- 2:45 to 4:00 pm — Afternoon Session II

All workshop events held at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church,
625 Montgomery Avenue, Bryn Mawr PA 19010.

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Clinicians for the day include:

Michael McCarthy
Benjamin Straley
Washington National Cathedral Choir
Bertrand Cattiaux
Rae Ann Anderson
Steven Ball
Jeffrey Brillhart
Amelia Garbisch
Christopher Kehoe
Lee de Mets
Erik Meyer
Gwyneth Michel
Nancy Wicklund Gray

Sessions include:

Considerations of service playing;
Considerations of choral rehearsal
Planning a service at short notice
Choral Repertoire (free packets for participants)
An Introduction to the Carillon, its History, and its Technique
Six centuries of French Organ Building
AGO Exams and Requirements
Overcoming Auto-Pilot: Effective Warm-up Strategies to Teach Choral Music
Erik Routley: Great Britain's Envoy to North America
CHOIR CAMP - Build it and they will come!
What is Moravian Music and How Can I Use It?
The Genius of Cavallé-Coll

To attend contact Shawn Gingrich by January 6. 717-877-8554 or dean@harrisburgago.org.

Membership Corner

Member News

Ruth Brommer had back surgery on December 8. She returned home December 11 to begin the process of recuperation. The doctor informed her husband Bob that the surgery was successful and Ruth should be feeling marked improvement when she has fully recovered.

Cards and words of encouragement may be sent to her home: Ruth Brommer
3016 Mayfred Lane
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Lunch Bunch

Our next luncheon will be held on Wednesday, January 14th at 11:30 a.m. in the Bridges Café at the Radisson in Camp Hill. Please email or phone Doris Savage no later than Monday, January 12th if you plan to attend. Phone (717) 697-4042 or email dorisagohbg@comcast.net.

February Recital Participants Needed

What is your favorite hymn, chorale, or church melody? Perhaps a composer as far back as the 12th century wrote a short piece or pieces such as chorale preludes using this "melody." Pair that with a setting of the same tune by a later or contemporary composer and you have a personal contribution for the chapter program on February 10 at Camp Hill United Methodist Church.

Please contact Delight St. John-Brainerd with the following information:

- Title of Chorale / Hymn / Melody
- Text of First Stanza or Verse
- Composer and dates of early period offering
- Composer and dates of later period offering

Please contribute—it will be a learning as well as a giving experience. Contact Delight at delizia@pleinjeu.org.

Cassell Competition Update

Harrisburg has been chosen to host an AGO / Quimby competition on February 28, 2015 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Camp Hill. For rules or application forms visit www.agohq.org/performance-competitions/rcyo/. For information about our local competition, contact Ellen Hunt at ellenhunt@ruthhunter.com or 717-463-9012.

Upcoming Chapter Programs

Tuesday, January 6, 2015 (Snow date: January 13), Gathering at 6:00pm with Used Music Sale, Dinner at 6:30pm, Program at 7:30pm, Catered Twelfth Night Dinner with Vocal Recital by Christyan Seay, soloist; Timothy Koch, accompanist. Church of the Good Shepherd, 3435 Trindle Rd., Camp Hill, Tony Ciucci, host (see details on page 1).

Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 7:00pm
Members' Recital presenting two contrasting Chorale Preludes on the same hymn tune, i.e. Baroque to Modern. For instance, one might play the Bach setting of NUN DANKET, then the Karg-Elert or Reger setting of that tune. Camp Hill United Methodist Church, 417 South 23d Street, Camp Hill, Brian Rice, host. (See above for information on participating.)

Saturday, March 14, 2015, Gathering at 8:30, Session 9:00-12:00 "Lau on Lau," Dr. Robert Lau showcases his organ music. First United Methodist Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey, Shawn Gingrich, host.

Friday, April 17, 2015, 7:30pm
Organ Recital by Mark Laubach. Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 N. Third St., Harrisburg, Ellen Hunt, host.

Tuesday, May 12, 2015, 6:00pm gathering, 7:00pm dinner — Annual Chapter Business Meeting and Dinner, including installation of officers. The location of this event has been changed due to the closing of our previously announced banquet location. We will hold this event on the same date at the Colonial Country Club, 4901 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg.

Archivist Report

1951-1952 Season
from handwritten notes

The following programs were listed in the minutes of the Secretary.

- September: Stevens Memorial Church—covered dish social
- October: Christ Lutheran—400th anniversary of Genevan Psalter
- November: J. H. Troup Music House—preview of organ and choral Christmas music
- December: Home of Dr. Rhein—annual Christmas party
- January: Messiah Lutheran—Christian Symbolism
- February: Grace Methodist--preview of Lenten music/musician and clergy meeting
- March: Derry Street E.U.B.—recital and lecture on “Tone and Registration” by Ernest White Church of The Virgin Mary, New York City
- April: Zion Lutheran—Adam Hamme recital
- May: Salem Reformed—recital for organ and instruments / election of officers
- June: Colonial Park Reformed—annual banquet
- July: Gibbles’ Cottage / near Picketown—picnic

The Executive Board proposed that a \$100 scholarship be awarded to an organ student based on need and talent. The announcement was placed before the Chapter members and approved by ballot. Details of the scholarship were to be worked out after the approval of the Chapter members. Applications for the scholarship were to be in the applicant’s handwriting to be received by April first. Karl Moyer and Frank M. Mulheron were the two applicants for the scholarship. Mr. Mulheron was chosen by the Executive Board to receive the scholarship for the year. The scholarship was awarded at the Annual Banquet in June.

The Secretary was authorized to purchase 500 small envelopes with 2 cents postage to be printed with the Chapter name.

Beginning with this season there are newsletters and postal cards announcing the various programs and events. These are very interesting to read but too numerous and lengthy to include in this monthly report. The content of the materials is mostly a listing of the programs and announcements of future meetings of the Board and the Chapter.

Ken Walker
Archivist

Positions Available

Part-time Organist and Sr. Choir Director:

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of York Springs is seeking applicants for the part-time, paid position of Organist/Sr. Choir Director. Responsibilities include providing musical leadership of our 10:15 am worship service (moved to 9:30 am on three Sunday per year) and directing the senior choir. Holy Trinity features a tracker organ (Taylor and Boody Opus 12). Holy Trinity is a congregation that believes in using the assets of its staff and members, so the council will consider dividing the organist and choir director functions if appropriate. Please contact Pastor Ben Leese at 717-528-4393 or ben.leese@gmail.com to inquire about this position or to receive a full job description.

Organist and/or Organist and Choir Director:

Wesley United Methodist Church, Middletown PA position open for organist and/or organist and choir director. One weekly Sunday service, one Christmas Eve service, Ash Wednesday and Holy Thursday. Three-manual / pedal Walker digital (2005), drawknob organ of 51 voices, Colby console. Contact church office at 717-944-6242 or Walt Stiller at 717-944-4917.

Organist:

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Arendtsville is seeking applicants for the part-time, paid position of Church Organist. Responsibilities include providing appropriate prelude, offertory, and postlude music for regular Sunday services as well as hymn singing accompaniment, choir accompaniment, coordination with the Worship and Music Committee and regular communication with the pastor. Applicants will be expected to interview, audition, and undergo standard background check. Submit resume and a letter of reference (if available) to Pastor Ben Siebert at 38. N. High St. PO Box 309 Arendtsville, PA 17303, contact by email (see trinityarendtsville.org for Pastor’s email address), or call the church office at 717-677-8921 (ask/leave a message for Pastor Ben). All questions are welcome, job description available upon request.

Treasurer's Report

Cash in Checking as of 11/1/2014	\$ 3,942.70
Disbursements (→)	\$ 1,078.71
Receipts (+)	\$ 177.94
Cash in Checking as of 11/30/2014	\$ 3,041.93

Investments:

Cassel CD	\$ 5,044.78
Clapper/Frysinger Savings	\$ 6,543.65
General CD	\$ 5,039.90
Reserve Savings*	\$ 23,279.39
Shenk Savings	\$ 3,033.39
Throne Savings	\$ 8,481.39

Total assets as of 11/30/2014 \$ 54,464.43

*includes: 723.78 (Stahle Award) +
10.00 (Cassel Award) +
2211.28 (Yocum Scholarship)

Getting to Know Aaron Sunstein

by Mary Jane Nelson

I don't believe I've written any introductory articles to date about new members of our Chapter who have indicated their enjoyment in getting to know all of the wonderful farms and markets of the Central Pennsylvania area. Having been raised on a farm, I can identify immediately with this affinity! However, Aaron has also been very busy in his new role as Minister of Music at First Lutheran Church in Carlisle, where he is directing four choirs and playing its Aeolian-Skinner organ, in addition to completing his Doctor of Music degree in Organ at Indiana University.

While at Indiana, he served as Associate Instructor for the Organ Department and taught organ lessons, organ literature and sacred music coursework. He has studied with Chris Young, Gary Verkade, Delbert Disselhorst and Michael Kleinschmidt. Aaron has performed both in United States and in Sweden, and has been a prize winner in several national organ competitions.

A native of Boston, Aaron's earliest musical formation was received as a member of the Choir of Men and Boys at the Parish of All Saints Ashmont. Interested in organ repertoire of all periods, Aaron has worked extensively with American composer Gunther Schuller on the performance of his solo organ music.

Aaron met his wife, Malin, while an exchange student in Sweden, and all of her family resides there. Therefore, Aaron and Malin visit them frequently. They also love the outdoors — camping, hiking and backpacking. Over Thanksgiving, they enjoyed seeing the Grand Canyon, Monument Valley, and the Petrified Forest National Park in Arizona.

Aaron also enjoys literature and is currently "enthralled with Gogol's short stories."

A number of chapter members have met Aaron at our monthly luncheons at the Radisson, and some have heard him at the organ of Good Shepherd Parish on a December evening. I'm sure we will be hearing a lot more of his talents displayed in the future.

Welcome, Aaron!



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January Jubilee in Baltimore

Monday, January 19, 2015 8:00am to 4:00pm

A day for the part-time church musician—offering eight varied workshops, inspiring speakers and lunch, all for \$25. See registration info on page 6.

Workshops

*The one day solution ...
Eight opportunities to learn!*

◆ **Dynamic Hymn and Service Playing**



Dr. John Walker

◆ **Handbells 101: Ringing Techniques**

Deborah Woods

◆ **Anthem Reading Session: Anthems Old and New for Adult Choirs of All Sizes**

Wayne L. Wold

◆ **Music Ministry - How to Get Your Church Engaged and Excited**

Kathie Metz

◆ **Musicians and Clergy: An Essential Partnership for Spirit-Filled Worship**

Rev. Vivian C. McCarthy

◆ **Creative and Accessible Organ Repertoire for All Occasions**

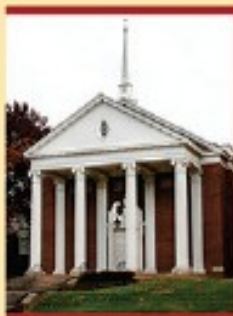
Theodore S. Davis

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
THE REV. THOMAS R. MALIA**

◆ **We Walk His Way - Memorable Songs from Around the Globe**



David Schelat



**HOST CHURCH:
Grace United Methodist
Church, Baltimore**

**Pipe Organ: Five-manual
Moller (digital additions
by Robert Walker)**

Digital Organ: Rodgers

◆ **Developing and Maintaining Choirs of Young Voices**

Michael J. Gaffney

**MUSIC DISPLAY: The Musical Source
Jack L. Ay, president**

Area Events Listing

Tuesday, January 13, 2015—3:00 PM

Lititz Church of the Brethren, 300 West Orange Street, Lititz presents organist Rev. Mark V. Herr in Tuesday Tunes for the Organ.

Sunday, January 18, 2015—4:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill presents Ugandan Orphans Choir featuring singers, dancers, and instrumentalists in colorful costume.

Friday, January 23, 2015—7:30 PM

Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg presents organist Cameron Carpenter in concert. Grammy nominated organist Cameron Carpenter has shattered the mold, playing the organ like no one before him or since. From technique, to costume, his five manual electronic pipe organ, the Pennsylvania native and Juilliard graduate is known as "The bad boy of the organ". Cameron will dazzle you with his energetic, dance-like performances of technical perfection and musical virtuosity. For Tickets visit www.gettysburgmajestic.org or call 717-337-8200. Ticket Prices: \$46, \$40, \$34.

Wednesday, February 4, 2015—12:15 PM

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 North 23rd Street, Camp Hill presents organist Daniel Dorty as a part of the 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. A free-will offering will be received. (717) 737-0488 www.thechpc.org.

Sunday, February 8, 2015—3:00 PM

First Lutheran Church, 21 South Bedford Street, Carlisle presents the Eaken Piano Trio in concert. Sponsored by Fine Arts at First, the concert is free and open to all. A freewill offering will be received. 717-249-3310 www.firstlutherancarlisle.org.

Tuesday, February 10, 2015—3:00 PM

Lititz Church of the Brethren, 300 West Orange Street, Lititz presents organist Donna A. Burkholder in Tuesday Tunes for the Organ.

Friday, February 13, 2015—7:00 PM

St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, 221 N Front Street, Harrisburg presents, Evensong under the direction of T. Herbert Dimmock and Robert Lau. Choristers are welcome to participate. Rehearsals on Mondays, February 2 and 9 at 7:00 p.m. If you are considering joining us or have any questions, please contact either Herb Dimmock at (717) 439-5766 (Herb@ststep.org) or Robert Lau at (717) 737-7038 (robertagohbg@hotmail.com).

Friday, February 13, 2015—7:30 PM

Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 North Third Street, Harrisburg presents Love Songs performed by the church choir. A free-will offering will be received.

Sunday, February 22, 2015—4:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill presents the Popcorn Hat Players, live theatre for the whole family.

Wednesday, March 4, 2015—12:15 PM

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 North 23rd Street, Camp Hill presents organist Brian Rotz as a part of the 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. A free-will offering will be received. (717) 737-0488 www.thechpc.org.

Friday, March 6, 2015—7:30 PM

First United Methodist Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey presents The Cornerstone University Chorale, from Grand Rapids, Michigan, Dr. Kent Walters, conductor. The concert is free and open to everyone. A free-will offering will be received.

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Register Now...

Deadline to ensure lunch is January 14

I am, I am not, a member of
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Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

e-mail _____

*Please let us know if you'd like a vegetarian lunch.

I enclose my \$25 check payable to:
Baltimore Chapter AGO

Send your check with this form to:
Kitty Allen
307-B Charles Street Ave
Baltimore, MD 21204

**Any questions? Contact Michael Britt at
410-523-1542, Ext. 16 or:
michael@browndowntown.org**

Note: Registration fee is non-refundable.



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CAMERON CARPENTER

Organ Concert

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Deadline for inclusion in the February 2015 newsletter is
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Please send **all** submissions to:

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