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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.

April Program features Mark Laubach in Recital

Harrisburg Chapter AGO and Music at Pine Street are joint sponsors of a concert by Mark Laubach on April 17 at 7:30pm. Remember the “standing room only” audience rising to applaud him loudly and long for his stellar performance during our 2011 convention?



Mark is organist and choir master of St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Wilkes-Barre, adjunct instructor of organ and church music at Marywood University in Scranton, and honorary Canon Precentor of the Diocese of Bethlehem. He is known and respected throughout the United States and Europe as a gifted recitalist and has recorded three compact discs on the Pro Organo label.

Plan to bring a friend to this exciting event. A reception for Mark will follow in the Gathering Place. Suggested donation is \$10.00 though Harrisburg AGO members will be admitted by mentioning their affiliation. There is free parking in the South Street Garage for all Music at Pine Street events. Simply exchange your ticket for an exit ticket before or after the concert. Street parking is free after 7:00pm.

From the Dean

We had a splendid time at our March event in Hershey which was presented by Robert Lau. Phyllis Conrad with help from several others provided good food for us as we gathered and at the break. In the session Dr. Lau talked about his organ works and played representative works from various collections that he has in print. He shared insights about the music, his work of composing, and he entertained with his wit. The 35 members and friends in attendance were appreciative for the morning. Thank you Dr. Lau, Phyllis, et al! See the photo from the event on page 2.

I surely hope to see many of you on Friday, April 17 when we next meet for a special recital program. We will co-sponsor the event with Pine Street Presbyterian Church. You won’t want to miss the superior playing of organist Mark Laubach nor the excellent organ he’ll play at Pine Street. I recall the program Ellen Hunt references in the article and it was absolutely “stellar.” See the article in the left column for more information.

The busy approach to Easter is almost complete. As we move forward into the beauty and warmth of Spring, I pray you will take some time to “smell the roses” and enjoy the beauty God provides us.

Blessings to you all as you serve!

Pax vobiscum,
Shawn Gingrich

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LAST CALL for Shenk Scholars

The Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) is pleased to invite piano students, grades 6-12, to apply for the Shenk Scholarship for summer organ lessons offered by several members of the Harrisburg Chapter. 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 to apply for this scholarship is April 30, 2015. More details and application forms are available on the Chapter website (Education—Scholarships) or by contacting Shawn Gingrich, at (717) 877-8554, or by e-mail at dean@harrisburgago.org.

The deadline to apply for this scholarship is April 30

Membership Corner

Member News

We extend our collective sympathy to Jean Thurston whose husband, Emery, passed away on March 11.

Congratulations to Helen Anthony on her retirement from Derry Presbyterian Church in Hershey after serving there for 29 years.

Lunch Bunch

Our next luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 8th 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, April 5th if you plan to attend. Phone (717) 697-4042 or email dorisagohbg@comcast.net.

Yocum Scholars Awarded

We congratulate five of our young chapter members who are recipients of the Yocum Scholarship to attend a Pipe Organ Encounter this summer. Grady Daub will be attending the NW Indiana event in July and Lidiya Louder, Peter Gingrich, Sarah Gingrich, and Christian Gingrich will be attending the Brooklyn NY event in July. Congratulations to these students! Thank you Harrisburg Chapter for your continuing financial support of young organists. Please consider a special gift to the scholarship funds. We especially are in need of funding for future POE awards.



Dr. Robert Lau
at the
Letourneau
Organ of
First United
Methodist
Church, Hershey
presenting
“Lau on Lau”
Saturday,
March 14, 2015.

Upcoming Chapter Programs

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. See details below.

Annual Meeting and Banquet

The Annual Business Meeting of the Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will be held on Tuesday, May 12 2015, at the Colonial Country Club, 4901 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112. The evening will begin with a Social Hour at 6:00 PM and be followed by dinner at 7:00 PM. The meeting and installation of the elected officers and board members-at-large will follow dinner.

The evening will feature music provided by harpist Louis Lynch.

The buffet dinner menu will include:

- Assorted Cheese and Crackers
- Cash Bar
- Garden Salad
- Chicken Cordon Bleu
- Beef Marsala
- Chef's Choice of Vegetable and Side dish
- Fresh Baked Rolls
- Cheesecake with Strawberry Topping
- Coffee Tea Iced Tea

The cost of the buffet will be \$34.00 per person. Reservation checks, made payable to Harrisburg Chapter, AGO, should be mailed to:

Phyllis Conrad,
216 Karinch Street,
Lebanon PA 17042.

**The deadline for reservations
is April 29, 2015.**

Archivist Report

for the 1954/1955 Season

The first meeting of the season was held in September in the choir loft of Memorial Lutheran Church. Music for All Saints', Reformation, Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas was played and sung. Miss Violet Cassell was chairperson of the meeting, and Mrs. Gible was in charge of the social hour and refreshments.

The October meeting was a pilgrimage to Gettysburg to hear the organs at the college and seminary chapel.

In November, Mr. M. P. Moeller III spoke at Grace Methodist Church.

The annual Christmas Party was held at the home of Dr. H. D. Rhein.

There was no meeting in January of 1955.

In February, Miss Demessien of Paris gave an organ recital at Grace Methodist.

Organ / other instruments was the program for March at Derry Street E.U.B.

There was no meeting in April.

The final entry for this season was a recital at Zion Lutheran Church by Frank McConnell, F.A.G.O. of Lancaster's St. James Episcopal Church.

There is nothing written in the book of the Registrar for this season. Also, there is no written record of a spring banquet or election of officers.

There was a note in the Secretary records that listed Don Clapper as a new member of the Chapter.

Ken Walker
Archivist

Ballots for Election

The official ballot will be made available to each voting member during the first week of April. Members with email will be asked to vote online. A link will be provided and you will validate your vote by entering requested information. For members without email, the ballot will be mailed. When returning your ballot you must sign across the seal of the envelope as will be indicated.

Slate of Candidates for Office

The following slate of candidates for office in the Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists has been submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Dean: Shawn Gingrich

Secretary: Karen Appel

Treasurer: Richard Zentmeyer

Executive Committee (2015-2018):

Deborah Dillane

Robert Lau

Christopher Prestia

AGO Regional Convention - Opportunities for Renewal and Inspiration

June seems like forever away, especially with all the snow we have seen, but in reality it is but 2 months in front of us. And with that comes the **Mid-Atlantic Regional Convention**, June 21-24 in Pittsburgh. I encourage you to go to www.agopgh2015.com and register for this wonderful event - *Bridges to the Future*.

So many wonderful events await you:

The opening recital and silent movie accompaniment by *David Briggs*

Superstar *Nathan Laube* on the Beckarat at St. Paul Cathedral

Workshops featuring *Vocal Training, Music Technology, Jean Langlais* and more

The newly renovated Heinz Chapel and a concert by *Renee Louprette*

Exhibits with music to browse and ideas to stir your creative spirit

Chatham Baroque and *Reilly Lewis* on the new Taylor and Boody instrument at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

A dinner cruise on the *Gateway Clipper Ship*

And the closing recital by that "orchestra of voices," *Chanticleer*

This is but a small sample of what you can experience in Pittsburgh. Don't delay, register now for this exciting event.

Larry Allen
Chairperson

NOTE: If you plan to attend the convention, please contact the dean so that we know who will be going.
Call (717) 877-8554 or email dean@harrisburgago.org

Area Events Listing

Wednesday, April 1, 2015—12:15 PM

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 North 23rd Street, Camp Hill presents organist Helen Anthony 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.

Tuesday, April 14, 2015—3:00 PM

Lititz Church of the Brethren, 300 West Orange Street, Lititz presents organist Dr. Karl E. Moyer in Tuesday Tunes for the Organ.

Friday, April 17, 2015—7:30 PM

Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 North Third Street, Harrisburg and Harrisburg Chapter AGO present organist Mark Laubach in recital.

Saturday, April 25, 2015—7:30 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill presents the Harrisburg Singers in a concert entitled “Pops to Broadway.”

Sunday, April 26, 2015—4:00 PM

First United Methodist Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey presents the Hershey Handbell Ensemble in concert. A freewill offering will be received.

Sunday, April 26, 2015—7:00 PM

St. James Catholic Church, 505 Woodcrest Avenue, Lititz presents an Organ Dedication and Concert featuring organists Donna Burkholder and Eric Garner. The new organ was built by R. J. Brunner and Company. It is a two-manual, sixteen-rank instrument.

Tuesday, May 12, 2015—3:00 PM

Lititz Church of the Brethren, 300 West Orange Street, Lititz presents organist Victor L. Fields in Tuesday Tunes for the Organ.

Friday, May 15, 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, May 4 and 11 at 7:00 p.m. If you are considering joining us or have any questions, contact either Herb Dimmock at (717) 439-5766 (Herb@ststep.org) or Robert Lau at (717) 737-7038 (robertagohbg@hotmail.com).

Friday, May 15, 2015—8:00 PM

Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 North Third Street, Harrisburg presents a joint concert with Market Square Presbyterian Church. A free-will offering will be received.

Sunday, May 17, 2015—3:00 PM

First United Methodist Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey presents organist Joan Lippincott in recital to celebrate the completion of Létourneau Opus 121. A newly commissioned work by Dr. Robert Lau will be premiered. The concert is free and open to everyone. A free-will offering will be received.

Tuesday, June 9, 2015—3:00 PM

Lititz Church of the Brethren, 300 West Orange Street, Lititz presents organist Dr. Jeffrey S. Gemmell in Tuesday Tunes for the Organ.

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Treasurer's Report

Cash in Checking as of 2/1/2015	\$	1,970.77
Disbursements (–)	\$	200.00
Receipts (+)	\$	333.00
Cash in Checking as of 2/28/2015	\$	2,103.77

Investments:

Cassel CD	\$	5,046.12
Clapper/Frysingher Savings	\$	6,544.46
General CD	\$	5,040.31
Reserve Savings*	\$	23,281.68
Shenk Savings	\$	2,803.76
Throne Savings	\$	8,276.42

Total assets as of 2/28/2015 \$ 53,096.52

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

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2015/2016 Music, Art & Drama Events

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

Sunday, September 20, 2015—4:00 PM
Alan Morrison, Organist
The Curtis Institute in Philadelphia and
Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ
A free-will offering will be received.

Sunday, October 18, 2015—4:00 PM
Christyan Seay, tenor
A free-will offering will be received.

Wednesday, November 4, 2015—6:00 PM
Popcorn Hat Players present "Sleeping Beauty"
A free-will offering will be received.

Sunday, April 10, 2016—4:00 PM
Rizzetta's Tones
Linda Lohr, Amanda Wells, Randy Kochel, & Bill Stine
Instrumental & vocal ensemble presenting a potpourri of music
A free-will offering will be received.

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.

October 7
Anthony Ciucci,
Church of the Good Shepherd, Camp Hill

November 4
Christopher Prestia
Trindle Springs Lutheran Church, Mechanicsburg

December 2
T. Herbert Dimmock
St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, Harrisburg

January 6
No recital

February 3
Eric Riley
Market Square Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg

March 2
Deborah Dillane
Christ Lutheran Church, Elizabethtown

April 6
Aaron Sunstein
First Lutheran Church, Carlisle

Fine Arts at First

Fine Arts at First was able to contract with the music department at Dickinson College to sponsor their April concert that was already scheduled to occur at our church on April 12th, so a benefit concert for Carlisle's Safe Harbour is back on our 2014-2015 Series.



The **Dickinson College Collegium and Orchestra** will perform a **Benefit Concert for Safe Harbour** on Sunday, April 12 at 4 P.M. at First Lutheran Church, 21 S. Bedford Street, Carlisle. The Collegium will sing musical settings of texts from Virgil's Aeneid, and the Orchestra will perform works by Bartok, Vaughan Williams, and Bach. Also featured will be Mahler's Adagietto from Symphony No. 5 under the baton of guest conductor Cheung Chau, director of orchestral studies at Utah Valley University and music director of Sinfonietta Polonia in Poland. Sponsored by Fine Arts at First, admission to the concert is free. A freewill offering will be received to support the work of Carlisle's Safe Harbour whose mission is to provide shelter for the homeless. Additional funding for the concert will be provided by Thrivent Financial. First Lutheran Church is handicapped accessible. For more information, call the church, 717-249-3310, or visit www.firstlutherancarlisle.org.

(Note: This is the rescheduled concert date for the Safe Harbour Benefit at First Lutheran Church. The original March 22 date was cancelled.)

The Tiffany Series presents

An Organ Recital by James David Christie

One of the world's great organists



Sunday, May 3 at 3:00 pm

BROWN MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1320 Park Avenue (Bolton Hill), Baltimore
www.browndowntown.org 410-523-1542

Tickets \$15 (students \$5)

Dr. Christie will play works by Guilmant, Duparc, Ropartz, Bonnal, and conclude with Symphonie, Op. 5 by Barié.

Hershey Handbell Ensemble at First UMC, Hershey

The Sacred Concert Series of First United Methodist Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey will present the Hershey Handbell Ensemble in concert on Sunday, April 26, 2015 at 4:00pm. This concert will culminate a weekend of traveling which will take the ensemble to Eastern Pennsylvania and Northern Maryland.

Formed in 2004, this auditioned community handbell ensemble was formed to fulfill the need for an auditioned community ensemble comprised of persons able to play advanced literature, interested in advancing the art of handbell ringing through education and performance, and interested in uniting people through this musical art.

The fifteen member group performs seasonally on seven octaves of Malmark Handbells, six octaves of Malmark Choirchimes, three octaves of Malmark Cymbells, two octaves of Schulmerich Silver Melody Bells, three octaves of Petit and Fritsen Handbells, and assorted other instruments.

The concerts will feature original works and arrangements of hymns, classic tunes, and other favorite melodies. Two selections will feature the addition of instrumental solos on clarinet as well as cello.

For information call (717) 298-7071 or visit the ensemble's website: www.hersheyhandbellensemble.org.

The concert is free but a free-will offering will be received.



As Delbert's Messiaen practice session draws to its conclusion, the Altar Guild waits for the "ALL CLEAR".



Area Events

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Wednesday, July 29, 2015—7:00 PM

First United Methodist Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey presents organist Tyler Canonico in recital. The recital is free and a free-will offering will be received.

Sunday, September 20, 2015—4:00 PM

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 North 23rd Street, Camp Hill presents Alan Morrison, Organist, Chair of the Organ Department at The Curtis Institute in Philadelphia and at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ. A freewill offering will be received at this concert.

Sunday, September 27, 2015—3:00 PM

Central Presbyterian Church, Chambersburg presents organist, Dr. John Walker in recital. This event celebrates the 75th anniversary of the church's Casavant organ and the installation of nine digital "ranks" by Walker Technical Company.

Sunday, September 27, 2015—3:00 PM

First United Methodist Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey presents singer and songwriter Mark Cable in concert. The concert is free and a free-will offering will be received.

Wednesday, October 7, 2015—12:15 PM

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Sunday, October 18, 2015—4:00 PM

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 North 23rd Street, Camp Hill presents tenor Christyan Seay in concert. A freewill offering will be received at this concert.

Wednesday, November 4, 2015—12:15 PM

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 North 23rd Street, Camp Hill presents organist Christopher Prestia 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.

Wednesday, November 4, 2015—6:00 PM

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 North 23rd Street, Camp Hill presents the Popcorn Hat players in "Sleeping Beauty." A freewill offering will be received at this concert.

Positions Available

Organist / Choir Director: Penbrook United Church of Christ is looking for an organist/choir director. This is a part-time position and would include preparation, and involvement in the Sunday worship, choir practice, and occasional special services, (i.e. Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Christmas Eve). The Director of Music may be asked to accompany for weddings and funerals, as available, with additional compensation provided. The Penbrook United Church of Christ is an accepting, caring, and nurturing community, gathering to worship God, and we welcome all in their journey on the spiritual path. Interested persons should send their completed resume including references to Penbrook United Church Of Christ at 56 Banks St. Harrisburg, Pa 17103 or email to penbrookucc@clear.net.

Organist: First United Presbyterian Church located in Newville Pennsylvania (35 miles southwest of Harrisburg) is looking for an Organist to provide leadership to our music ministry as a part-time Music Director. The ideal candidate will be a musician who has great sensitivity to the role music plays in setting the tone for and enhancing the worship of the congregation. Primary responsibilities include playing the organ and piano for our two Sunday morning worship services and directing our choir. The congregation possesses a custom-voiced Q345 58 Stop / 232 voice, three manual console, Renaissance Quantum digital organ by Allen. The congregation's 3 pianos include an Everett upright, a Story and Clark upright, and a Kimball spinet. Our extensive music library includes over 1,000 titles. Please send resumes or direct inquires to 1stup@pa.net.

Director of Music: St. John Lutheran Church LCMS, a church which loves to sing and worship is looking for a Director of Music who will help them to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord." This part-time position will be responsible for developing the music program. St. John currently has a traditional 8:30 service with organ music and choir and a contemporary 11:00 service with a praise team. We are looking for someone whose gifts could possibly cross over to both styles of worship. St John will also consider hiring an organist to play solely at our traditional 8:30 service as an option. Compensation will be according to experience and responsibilities. If interested contact St. John's at: stjohn-yorkpa@comcast.net Address is 2580 Mt. Rose Ave, York PA 17402. The church's phone number is 717-840-0382.

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please submit your items in electronic format.



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