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American Guild of Organists – Harrisburg Chapter



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; and
- Engage wider audiences with organ and choral music.

From the Dean

We had a great event at Derry Presbyterian Church on Saturday, October 8. Dr. Robert Lau led the anthem reading session, Hinshaw Music provided the packets of anthems, Daniel Dorty, Sean McCarthy, and Brett Terry accompanied anthems, and Phyllis Conrad and Brenda Helwig provided food. Thanks to all of these chapter members for their efforts!

Chapter member Charles Grove will be presenting our November event. See the complete details below and plan to attend.

An electronic file of the directory was emailed out to members at the beginning of October. Printed copies will be available upon request and printed copies for members without email were mailed with this newsletter.

As we approach Advent, consider getting the new collection of organ arrangements by Robert Lau which are dedicated to the members of the Harrisburg Chapter. *Lo, He Comes!* is published by Lorenz (code 70/1967L) and contains seven arrangements for use during Advent.

Pax vobiscum,
Shawn Gingrich

November Event

“A Psalm is the voice of the church. It gladdens Feast Days, it creates the grief which is in accord with God’s will, for a psalm brings a tear even from a heart of stone.”
St. Basil of Caesarea (c. 330-378)

Our next event will be led by chapter member Charles Grove. “Singing the Psalms: Teaching and Learning Anglican Chant” will be presented on Tuesday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 N. 23rd St, Camp Hill, Daniel Dorty, host. Charles grew up in our chapter having received Shenk and Yocum scholarships. We are pleased to have him leading a session this year and encourage you to attend. You are also encouraged to invite members of your choirs to participate.



Charles Grove

Charles Grove is currently the Organist and Choirmaster at Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, where he leads a growing semi-professional adult choir in the Anglican tradition.

A multifaceted musician of diverse interests, Charles Grove has served the Washington Memorial Chapel on the grounds of Valley Forge National Park since 2013 and joins a line of distinguished organists and choirmasters that includes Peter Richard Conte, and Paul Jacobs.

In addition to weekly Mass, the Chancel Choir at Valley Forge sings services of Evensong, Compline, and

In Memorium

At this time of year when we observe the feast of All Saints we remember departed members:

Gerald Hoover
and
Charles Yocum, Jr.

“There are special people in our lives who never leave us ... even after they are gone.” D. Morgan

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Lessons and Carols under his direction throughout the year and has attracted top regional talent for the special events.

Charles graduated from Lebanon Valley College with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and Bachelor of Arts in Organ and Sacred Music studying under Shelly Moorman-Stahlman. While a student at LVC he was invited to attend Yale Organ week and studied with Martin Jean and Bruce Neswick. He is much in demand as a teacher and presenter at Pipe Organ Encounters and is a veteran student of 9 POEs.

He is a member of the American Guild of Organists, the Association of Anglican Musicians, and the American Chemical Society.

Thanks—Shenk Scholar

To play or not to play? That was my quandary as the time approached to apply for the Shenk Organ Scholarship. My desire to play was real, but my instructor from the previous year was not available. Who would instruct me? Where would I have access to practice? Thankfully, I applied and all the details fell into place.

I was very fortunate to study under the very accomplished Mr. Brian Rotz, and glean from his vast musical knowledge. Also, I was able to practice at not just one but two churches.

Once again the Shenk Organ Scholarship has furthered my enthusiasm and appreciation for the organ. This being my second year receiving the scholarship, I was able to build upon, and go beyond the foundation I had created the previous year.

I am very grateful for the Shenk Organ Scholarship and all you do for aspiring students. I hope to apply for the scholarship again next year.

Franklin Snyder

Lunch Bunch

Our next luncheon will be held on Wednesday, November 9th 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, November 7th if you plan to attend. Email dorisagohbg@comcast.net or telephone (717) 697-4042.



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Programs 2016-2017

Tuesday, November 15 – 7:00 p.m.

“Singing the Psalms: Teaching and Learning Anglican Chant” Charles Grove, presenter. AGO members are encouraged to invite members of their choirs to participate. *Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 N. 23rd St, Camp Hill. Daniel Dorty, host.*

Saturday, January 14 – 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

January JumpStart, Focusing on the music of organist/composer Craig Phillips. *Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 625 Montgomery Avenue, Bryn Mawr.*

**Tuesday, February 7 – 6:00 p.m. dinner;
7:00 p.m. concert**

“Organ Music for Lent” Chapter Members’ Recital. Dinner is \$10 per person. *St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, 121 N. Spring Street, Middletown. Joyce Gerstenlauer, host*

NOTE: If you would like to perform, please send your program information including your name as you would like it to appear, composition title, opus number (if applicable), composer’s name, and composer’s life dates, to Brett Terry at BTerry@pinestreet.org by Tuesday, January 24.

Saturday, March 18 – 9:30 a.m.

“Tips for Substitute Organists and the People Who Hire Them” Karen Appel and Robert Lau, presenters. *St. John’s Lutheran Church, 44 W. Main Street, Shiremanstown, Tom Notestine, host.*

Annual Banquet TBA – May 2017

Memorial Gifts

Gifts to the Yocum Fund in memory of Chuck Yocum have totaled \$7,760 to date. This fund is earmarked to provide scholarships to students to attend a Pipe Organ Encounter. We are thankful to the Yocum family for requesting memorial gifts in this way.



Memorial Gifts

Plan ahead ...

June 25 – 28 Regional Convention in Richmond, Virginia. For complete details visit <http://2017.richmondago.org/>.

Treasurer's Report

by Rick Zentmeyer

Balance in Checking as of 9/1/2016	\$4,573.74
Checks:	\$1,598.82
Debits:	\$97.18
Deposits & Credits:	\$695.50
Balance in Checking as of 9/30/2016	\$3,573.24

Invested Funds as of 9/1/2016	
Harrisburg AGO Savings*	\$47,855.61
Frances Bishop Bequest	\$126,244.57
Total	\$174,100.18

Invested Funds as of 9/30/2016	
Harrisburg AGO Savings*	\$48,191.36
Frances Bishop Bequest	\$128,348.05
Total	\$176,539.41

*Harrisburg AGO Savings Includes:

Cassel Competition Fund	\$5,093.74
Clapper-Frysinger Bequests	\$6,112.11
Reserve Savings	\$22,716.12
Savings Interest **	\$15.75
Shenk Scholarship Fund	\$2,662.22
Stahle Savings	\$723.78
Throne Fund	\$8,080.85
Yocum Scholarship Fund	\$2,786.79

** Savings Interest will be kept in new Asset Account "Reserve Savings Interest", and will be split up among the other funds at the end of the fiscal year (Jun 2017). This will allow us to share the income with all named funds, but not have to do the split every month.

POE+ Follow-Up

The Pipe Organ Encounter Plus (POE+) that we hosted in July was a great success. We printed two articles in the August edition of *The Bombarde* and now that the final reports have been submitted and accepted it's time to report on the bottom line.

Twenty-two students and eleven teachers experienced an exceptional educational event on the campus of Messiah College and in area churches. The following are comments from our evaluation forms:

"POE was fabulous; particularly enjoyed the workshops and inspiring recitals"

"Thank you for making a wonderful opportunity available"

"Thanks to you and your whole chapter – this was a dream come true"

"A worthwhile adventure"

"It was a boost to those of us working to minister to our congregations – I gained knowledge from many ideas that were exchanged, and from expert, encouraging, and patient teachers and workshop leaders"

"I made many new friends"

"Every teacher was very encouraging. Whoever invited this group of faculty picked just the right people to make a perfectly supportive environment for us to grow in."

We are grateful to the National Office, AGO chapter donors, advertisers, and our local chapter members for financial support. The total budget included \$17,625 in income and reported \$14,922.10 in expenses. Of the resulting profit of \$2,702.90, \$881.16 was returned to the National Office as seed money to the next POE+ as required by our agreement and the remaining \$1,821.74 was contributed to the Shenk Scholarship Fund for future organ lessons for students. Our agreement with National said that proceeds should be used for education.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this program a big success for our Chapter and special thanks to Ellen Hunt who chaired this event.

Fine Arts at First Presents ...

BRETHREN, a Christian male vocal ensemble composed of professional, military, and church musicians from the Northern Virginia/Washington, D.C. area, will perform a Benefit Concert for the Carlisle YWCA on Sunday, November 6 at 7 P.M. at First Lutheran Church, 21 S. Bedford St., Carlisle. The concert will be presented in memory of Nancy J. George, a member of First Lutheran who was a dedicated community leader and staunch supporter of the YWCA. All proceeds raised at the performance will support the organization's mission to provide programs empowering women and children. Music will include traditional hymns, spirituals, southern gospel, and patriotic standards. Brethren's musicianship is an impeccable blend of beautiful sound, phrasing, and diction. The group performed for Fine Arts at First in 2008 and was so well-received that it inspired a return engagement. Go to www.brethrengroup.com to hear their music. Sponsored by Fine Arts at First, admission is free. Call the church, 717-249-3310, or visit www.firstlutheran Carlisle.org for more information.



Area Events Listing

Wednesday, November 2, 2016—12:15 PM
Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 North 23rd Street, Camp Hill presents organist Richard Frey in recital. A light lunch will be served before the program at 11:45am. For information contact the church at (717) 737-0488 or office@thechpc.org.

Sunday, November 6, 2016—6:00 PM
St. Luke Episcopal Church, Sixth and Chestnut Streets, Lebanon presents an Observance of the Festival of All Saints: Requiem Mass for All Faithful Departed featuring *In Sure and Certain Hope* by Nicholas White. Sung by Saint Luke's Festival Choir.

Sunday, November 6, 2016—7:00 PM
First Lutheran Church, 21 South Bedford Street, Carlisle presents Brethren in concert. The Christian male vocal ensemble of professional, military, and church musicians is based in the Northern Virginia/Washington, D.C. area. Carlisle YWCA Benefit 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.

Friday, November 11, 2016—7:30 PM
Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 North 3rd St, Harrisburg presents a concert entitled "The Voice" featuring soprano Amanda Frederick in concert.

Wednesday, November 16, 2016—6:00 PM
Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 North 23rd Street, Camp Hill presents the Popcorn Hat Players from Gamut Theatre, Harrisburg. For information contact the church (717) 737-0488 or office@thechpc.org.

Sunday, November 20, 2016—3:00 PM
First United Methodist Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey presents the New Holland Band in a concert entitled "Great Music of the Church." The program is free and open to everyone. A free-will offering will be received.

Sunday, November 27, 2016—6:00 PM
St. Luke Episcopal Church, Sixth and Chestnut Streets, Lebanon presents Advent Procession with Lessons and Carols presented by Saint Luke's Festival Choir.

Friday, December 2, 2016—7:30 PM
St. Edward Episcopal Church, 2453 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster presents the Hershey Handbell Ensemble in concert. (717) 737-0488.

Saturday, December 3, 2016—7:00 PM
St. Paul Lutheran Church, 127 York Street, Hanover presents the Hershey Handbell Ensemble in concert.

Sunday, December 4, 2016—3:00 PM
First Lutheran Church, 21 South Bedford Street, Carlisle presents the Hershey Handbell Ensemble 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.

Wednesday, December 7, 2016—12:15 PM
Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 North 23rd Street, Camp Hill presents organist Jordan Markham in recital. A light lunch will be served before the program at 11:45am. For information contact the church (717) 737-0488 or office@thechpc.org.

Friday, December 9, 2016—7:30 PM
St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 118 State Street, Harrisburg presents the Hershey Handbell Ensemble in concert.

Saturday, December 10, 2016—7:00 PM
St. Jacob's Lutheran Church, 3444 Sticks Road, Glen Rock presents the Hershey Handbell Ensemble in concert.

Sunday, December 11, 2016—4:00 PM
Cathedral Parish of Saint Patrick, 212 State Street, Harrisburg presents A Festival of Lessons and Carols.



Sunday, December 11, 2016—6:00 PM
St. Luke Episcopal Church, Sixth and Chestnut Streets, Lebanon presents a Concert and Carols with The Eaken Trio.

Sunday, December 18, 2016—11:00 AM
Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 North 3rd St, Harrisburg presents "The Many Moods of Christmas" featuring the Pine Street Choir. The service will be followed by a festive Christmas tea.




The Tiffany Series presents

An Organ Concert

Celebrating JOHN WALKER

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Henry Lowe Eileen Guenther Michael Britt


The Organists

Brown Memorial's Chancel Choir and Soloists will also perform several commissioned works.

Sunday, November 6 at 3 pm

A reception follows the concert

Tickets: General Admission \$20 (Students \$10) Patron \$50



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Conte in Hanover

The St. Matthew Lutheran Church Concert Series will present Peter Richard Conte, the organist at Macy's (old Wanamaker's Store) in Philadelphia and the organist at Longwood Gardens, in concert on Sunday, November 20 at 4:00 pm. Mr. Conte will be joined in several selections by Trumpeter / Flugelhornist



Andrew Ennis. The church is located at 30 W. Chestnut Street, Hanover, PA. Free tickets are required for admission and can be ordered through November 10 by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the attention of "November Concert" St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 30 W. Chestnut St., Hanover, PA 17331. Please note the number of tickets desired. A free-will offering will be taken to assist with the concert series costs. The doors open at 3:30 p.m. A reception will follow the program. The program will include: *Finlandia* by Sibelius, Bernstein's *Overture to Candide*, Elmore's *Fantasy on Nursery Tunes* Respighi's *Pines of the Appian Way*, and Puccini's *Nessum Dorma* among other selections.

The St. Matthew Austin pipe organ is one of the ten largest pipe organs in the world. The new 2014 console operates over 230 stops and 14,000 pipes, plus the new digital and MIDI stops. The 198-bell Maas-Rowe carillon is playable from the console.

Peter Richard Conte is celebrating his 25th year as Wanamaker Grand Court Organist. He is only the fourth person to hold that title since the organ first played in 1911. He performs concerts twice daily, six days each week, on the largest fully-functioning musical instrument in the world. Mr. Conte is also Principal Organist of Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA, and, since 1991, has served as Choirmaster and Organist of Saint Clement's Church, Philadelphia, where he directs a professional choir in an extensive music program catering to the Anglo-Catholic tradition.

Mr. Conte is highly regarded as a skillful performer and arranger of organ transcriptions. Mr. Conte performs extensively throughout the United States and Canada under the management of Phillip Truckenbrod Concert Artists, and has appeared as a featured artist at American Guild of Organists' National and Regional Conventions.

Peter Richard Conte is an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Organ at Rider University's Westminster Choir College, Princeton, NJ, where he teaches Organ Improvisation. His numerous recordings appear on the GOTHIC, JAV, ProOrgano, DORIAN and DTR labels.

Andrew Ennis is a graduate of Rowan University where he received his undergraduate degree in music education, specializing in trumpet. While performing a wide variety of classical literature, he also enjoys jazz, and played lead trumpet in the Rowan jazz ensembles. In addition to his full-time duties as the newly-appointed Orchestral Music teacher at the Collingswood, New Jersey Middle School, Mr. Ennis also serves as the Director of Instrumental Music and assistant pianist and organist at his Parish of St. Joachim in Bellmawr, NJ. Liturgical music is one of the most important aspects of his life.

Positions Available

Music Director: Christ United Methodist Church of Waynesboro, Pa. The successful candidate must have proficiency in choral direction for church based choirs, experience in choir development and in directing bell choirs. The music director will coordinate music for worship and special services in consultation with the pastoral staff. Good keyboard skills are required. Experience with Children's choirs is a plus. Essential duties include selecting choral music for the choirs, music for bell choirs, leading in weekly choir practices and developing a well-rounded music program. This position requires being on site for 10-12 hours weekly and leadership in music for 42 Sundays. A complete job description is available upon request. Please send cover letter and resume to: Music Director Search Team, Christ UMC, 100 S. Church St, Waynesboro, PA 17268, umcchrist@gmail.com.

Organist: Hanover area church is looking for a Church Organist (1-2 services per month). Pay is based on experience. Send resume to: Trinity United Church of Christ, 116 York St, Hanover, PA 17331.

Director of Music Ministries: Grace United Methodist Church, Hummelstown. Salaried, Full-Time position, Bachelor of Music Degree preferred, previous experience in church music (both contemporary and traditional). See the full job description in the positions section of the chapter website or visit the church website at www.gracehummelstown.org.

Choir Accompanist: Grace United Methodist Church, Hummelstown. The purpose of the Church Choir Accompanist is to provide accompaniment for the Chancel Choir on a regular basis. Salaried, part-time, previous experience accompanying church music, both traditional and contemporary desired. See the full job description in the positions section of the chapter website or visit the church website at gracehummelstown.org.

Organist/Choir Director(s): Trindle Spring Lutheran Church, 14 State Road, Mechanicsburg, seeks Director(s). The positions have the possibility of being split, depending on applicant interest. We have a Moeller Pipe Organ, which was rebuilt by Zimmer in 1993 and enlarged to 17 ranks; it was also re-voiced by Dobson in 2013. We offer two liturgical worship services on Sunday; one at 8:00 am and one at 10:30 am. We also offer worship on Wednesday evenings during the Advent and Lenten seasons, and the customary additional holidays. A job description is available upon request. If interested, please send your resumé and references to office@trindlespringlutheran.org.

Director of Music Ministries: St. Jacob's Lutheran Church, Glen Rock, PA. We are a growing congregation with a new facility, including a lovely sanctuary with great acoustics. Our instruments include a three manual Allen organ and a grand piano. We are seeking a Director of Music Ministries who will serve Christ and his Church in ways that are both faithful to tradition and innovative. The Director's duties include playing for two services on Sunday mornings as well as occasional services like those of Holy Week and funerals and weddings. In addition, he or she will direct an adult and a children's choir, work with the pastor planning worship over the course of the Church year, and build on the congregation's present music ministries. This is a part-time position with a competitive salary. Email resume and references to stjacobs@comcast.net or contact Pastor Paula Murray at 717-817-3165.

Part-time Organist/ Leader of Music Ministry: This position is available at St. James Lutheran Church, Lebanon. Offers an opportunity to: work collaboratively in worship planning, use your talents and gifts to lead our congregation in weekly worship, work with a small, multigenerational choir, have creative opportunities to work with other musicians in the Lebanon Lutheran Cooperative Ministry to plan and participate in multi-congregational services and events throughout the year. For more information call 717-272-5563. Send resume or letter of interest to 53 Chestnut St., Lebanon PA 17042 or email stjames15@verizon.net.

Organist: One service Sundays at 10:15AM. No choir. Pay is \$125. Centenary UMC, 1010 Orchard Drive, Steelton. Contact Pauline Thrush 763-4004 or rttheo@aol.com.

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