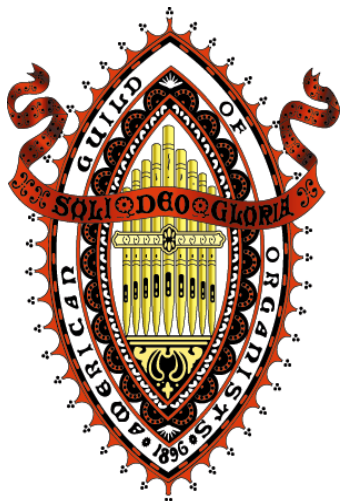


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The Clarion

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.

Lunch Bunch

Please plan to attend our next luncheon on March 14th at 11:30 a.m. We will meet at the Perkins Restaurant, 7 Erford Drive, Lemoyne (in front of the Radisson). Please email or phone Doris Savage no later than the preceding Monday, March 12th if you plan to attend. Email dorisagohbg@comcast.net or telephone (717) 697-4042.

Note we are skipping February since that date is Ash Wednesday.

The Clarion is our new mini-newsletter which will be released in the months between the quarterly publication of *The Bombarde*. It will be sent electronically to members with email to save expenses and for the few members without email it will be printed and mailed.

The main focus will be updates to area events and job listings, and sharing of pertinent membership news. The deadline for inclusion in this monthly bulletin will be the 25th day of the preceding month. Deadlines for the printed quarterly newsletter will remain the 15th day of the preceding months (Dec, Mar, Jun, Sep). We also will continue releases of Quick News alerts as needed.

Upcoming Programs

Improvisation Masterclass by Jeffrey Brillhart

Participants of *all levels* are encouraged to play! Jeff firmly believes improvisation is for everyone. He can give you good skills to use whether you're an improvisation wizard or total novice. Mr. Brillhart is on the organ faculty of Yale University as instructor of improvisation; Director of Music and Fine Art at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian; Artistic Director of Philadelphia's Singing City Choir; first prize winner of the American Guild of Organists' National Competition in Organ Improvisation; and has performed extensively throughout the United States and abroad. He has also studied improvisation with Olivier Latry and Philippe Lefebvre. His improvisation textbook, *Breaking Free: Finding a Personal Voice for Improvisation through 20th Century French Improvisation Techniques*, is in use in organ departments throughout the country and available through Wayne Leupold Editions. RSVP to play by e-mailing BTerry@pinestreet.org.

Saturday, March 3 at 10:30 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill

Timothy Koch, host

We will feature **Clara Gerdes** in a rising star recital underwritten by the Clapper—Frynsinger Fund.

Friday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church,
64 W. Chocolate Ave, Hershey

Shawn Gingrich, host

Peter Richard Conte and Andrew Ennis in Recital

Saturday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Pine Street Presbyterian Church,
310 N. Third St, Harrisburg

Free parking is available in the South Street Garage.

Brett Terry, host

End of the Year Banquet—tentatively planned for Friday, May 4. Save the date!

Membership News

Robert Lau's latest publication is an anthem setting of the Easter hymn *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*. The work is written for SATB voices with organ accompaniment and optional 2 trumpets published by Paraclete Press. Plan to include this in your Easter services! Visit paracletesheetmusic.com/product/come-ye-faithful-raise-the-strain for a preview and listening file.

Our archivist Ken Walker is looking for a Chapter Yearbook for 1993 to fill a void in the archives. Can anyone help us with a copy? Contact Ken Walker, call (717) 249-4355 or email kcwrst@comcast.net

Area Events Listing

Friday, February 2, 2018—7:00PM Wesley UM Church, Third and Market Streets in Bloomsburg present Allegro con Fuoco, keyboard Duo. (See complete details on p. 4.)

Saturday, February 3, 2018—7:00PM Music By the River at St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, 221 N. Front St., Harrisburg presents Bach's Best—Instrumental Concert.

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Tickets: \$20. For information call 717-236-4059 or visit www.musicbytheriver.org.

Monday, February 5, 2018—7:30PM Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill presents The Harrisburg Youth Symphony Orchestra and Junior Strings with Greg Woodbridge and Krista Kriel, conductors. Free. (See complete details p. 5)

Sunday, February 11, 2018—3:00PM Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 North Third Street, Harrisburg presents "Bravo, Bravissimo!" featuring Jonathan Hays, in a captivating recital with the beautiful singing we have all come to know and love. The New York Times said of Jonathan: "the nobility of his voice matched the nobility of his bearing and his singing was consistently strong, lucid, direct and bang on the note. His was a magnificent performance," and Opera Magazine stated "he has a lovely baritone, nicely placed and warmly resonant but capable of taut edginess." Mr. Hays will be joined by pianist Brett A. Terry, Pine Street's Minister of Music & Worship and MAPS' Artistic Director. Free parking will be available in the South Street Garage.

Sunday, February 11, 2018—4:00 PM Saint Patrick Cathedral, 212 State Street, Harrisburg presents a concert of some of the most famous sacred compositions for vocal soloists. Featuring several of the Harrisburg area's finest vocalists, come enjoy compositions of Franck, Faure, Handel, Schubert, Malotte, and many more.

Tuesday, February 20, 2018—12:15 PM Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 North Third Street, Harrisburg presents PC King, trumpet in the Lenten Recital Series.

Tuesday, February 20, 2018—7:30 PM Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill presents The U.S. Air Force Singing Sergeants and the Harrisburg Singers. The official chorus of the U. S. Air Force. Free. (See complete details p. 5)

Sunday, February 25, 2018—3:00 PM First United Methodist Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey presents a concert with Mod3, a versatile performing group consisting of oboes, violin, viola and piano. The term "mod" is reflective of the group's ability to transform itself (or modularize) based on the literature chosen for the occasion. Mod3 consists of Will Curry, violin and viola; Carol Ann Aicher, piano; and Kevin Chavez, oboes. A free-will offering will be received. Visit firstumchershey.org for details. Email music@firstumchershey or call (717) 533-9668 for information. (See details on page 6.)

Sunday, March 4, 2018—4:00 PM Derry Presbyterian Church, 248 East Derry Road, Hershey presents the Hershey Baroque Chamber Players return to present a concert drawn from the noble courts of 18th century Europe. The ensemble is directed by Dr. Sean McCarthy. Complete season information is posted on derrypres.org/events/arts-alive.

Sunday, March 11, 2018—3:00 PM First United Methodist Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey presents handbell soloist Sue Garton in concert. A free-will offering will be received. Visit firstumchershey.org for details. Email music@firstumchershey or call (717) 533-9668 for information. NOTE: we are reserving the following week, 3/18 as a snow date.

Saturday, March 10, 2018—3:30 PM Lebanon Area Evangelical Free Church, 600 Shepherd St., Jonestown presents the Central PA Handbell Festival – Eighteen PA and NJ bell choirs under the direction of Dr. Kimberlee Strepka. Free-will offering. For information contact Jeff Clouser, jclouser@palmyracob.org

Tuesday, March 13, 2018—12:15 PM Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 North Third Street, Harrisburg presents The Wednesday Club in the Lenten Recital Series.

Sunday, March 18, 2018—3:00 PM Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 North Third Street, Harrisburg presents "Welcome to the Family" featuring the LVC Concert Choir. The 65 members of the Lebanon Valley College Concert Choir will perform a diverse program of selections around the theme of family. Under the direction of Dr. Matthew Erpelding, Director of Choral Activities and Assistant Professor of Music Education at LVC, the choir continues its long-standing history of musical excellence. The ensemble is composed of both vocal and non-vocal majors. Later this spring, members of the choir will take this concert on tour throughout the Northeast, a tradition started in 1936. Free parking will be available in the South Street Garage.

Sunday, March 18, 2018—3:00 PM First Lutheran Church, 21 S. Bedford St., Carlisle presents Mutual Agreement, an a cappella gospel sextet. A freewill offering will be received. Call (717) 249-3310 or go to Fine Arts at First at www.firstlutherancarlisle.org for information.

Sunday, March 18, 2018—4:00 PM St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 839 West Market Street, York presents the Wheatland Chorale Accessible Artistry Concert. Free Admission.

Tuesday, March 20, 2018—12:15 PM Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 North Third Street, Harrisburg presents Marcus Solemsky and Christopher Para, violin-viola duets in the Lenten Recital Series.

Sunday, March 25, 2018—7:00 PM Palmyra Church of the Brethren, 45 N. Chestnut St., Palmyra presents a Taizé Service.

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 2018. 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. The deadline for applying for this scholarship is March 15, 2018.

Also at this time 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 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

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April 30, 2018. More details and application forms are available on the Chapter website (Education—Scholarships) or by contacting Education Chair, Helen Anthony, at (717) 439-1000 or by e-mail at hdanthony@verizon.net.

Positions Available

Music Director/Organist/Choir Director: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Dillsburg is seeking a Music Director/Organist/Choir Director to lead worship at the 10:15 Sunday morning service. The service is a traditional service of Holy Communion. There is one weekly service and one weekly choir rehearsal. We currently have an adult choir but have had a children's choir previously and may re-establish it. We have a Moller pipe organ (Installed 1941. It was rebuilt in 1989 to include a total of 11 Ranks). Additional special services throughout the year are Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve. Director will serve as a member of the Worship and Music Committee and will participate in liturgical music planning. For more information or to indicate interest and to provide credentials, please contact Matt Nielsen at mn030913@comcast.net.

Organist: Messiah United Methodist Church in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania is seeking an organist to lead the congregational singing during worship, provide worship music, and accompany the Chancel Choir. Messiah Church has a Moller Organ, purchased in 1924, reconditioned in 1949 and 1969. In 2016, the church again reconditioned the organ including rewiring all relays and stop switching components, adding the Peterson ICS 400 system to provide memory, and adding 12 new Walker digital voices for Great, Swell, and Pedal. We are currently accepting applicants for the organist position, hoping to hire in February 2018. Duties include weekly worship services at 9 a.m., Thursday evening Chancel Choir practice, and occasional services as needed. The organist does not play the last Sunday of each month and has two vacation weeks. For more information, call the church office at (717) 532-4904. Resume with cover letter may be emailed to messiahumc@comcast.net with 'Organist Applicant' as the subject line or mailed to the church at 30 South Penn St., Shippensburg, PA 17257. Please submit your application by February 8, 2018.

Organist: The Camp Hill Church of God is seeking to fill a vacancy for a part time organist. The candidate will be required to play Sunday mornings at 10:00 service in coordination with a Contemporary Music Director. The organist may also be asked to play for Thanksgiving Eve service. Holy Thursday, Advent Services and weddings and funerals upon personal request. The organist will be under the direct supervision of the pastor. Salary offered is \$8,000- \$10,000 per year. Please contact Steve Shover at stevedshover@yahoo.com. Stephen D. Shover, Camp Hill Church of God, 123 N. 21st St. Camp Hill, PA 17011.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Littlestown, Organist. St. Paul's is seeking an organist to lead worship at the 10:15 Sunday morning service. (9am in the summer.) The service is a traditional service of Holy Communion. Additional special services throughout the year are Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, mid-week Lenten services, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and occasionally as many as two community services every few years. The organist would work under the Worship and Music committee with the choir director and would also accompany the Chancel Choir. Most of the accompaniment of the Chancel Choir would be on piano and rehearsals for the choir are Wednesdays from 7-8:30 PM. The Chancel Choir begins rehearsals the last Wed. in Aug. and concludes practices in late May. St. Paul's has a very strong music program with about 16 members in the Chancel Choir. The organ is a Moller Pipe Organ opus 4961 and was originally installed in 1930. In 1963, the organ was rebuilt by Moller Organ Company and in 2012, SDG Organ Company of Millersville rebuilt it and added some new features such as the trumpet stop. For more information please contact Ben Messinger at (717) 359-4556 or benmessinger@comcast.net.

Organist: Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 208 Woods Drive, PO Box 374, Silver Spring Township, Mechanicsburg, PA, is seeking applicants for the position of organist/choir director. Though the emphasis is for an organist, having the ability to lead a choir is an added plus. The position is part time (12 -14 hours per week), and responsibilities include playing for one service per week, directing the choir during the festival seasons of the church year, as well as conducting choir rehearsals, playing for festival services, and periodic weddings and funerals. Those interested in applying should provide a resume/curriculum vitae, certifications, and references to Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church at the address above and/or to the following email address: calvarymechanicsburg@gmail.com.

Organist: St. Edward's Episcopal Church, 2453 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster PA, is in search of a permanent, part-time organist. Responsibilities of this position include playing one service every Sunday morning (10:15 am) as well as other special services during the church year (such as Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, etc), serve as accompanist for the adult choir rehearsals and anthems. Contact Patrick Ishler, (717) 683-6886 or stedsmusicdirector@gmail.com.

Organist: Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lewisberry Pa. is seeking an organist. This is a part-time position with 4 weeks paid vacation per year. Duties include playing for one regular 9:00am Sunday service plus special services throughout the year (e.g., Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Easter Sunrise Thanksgiving and Christmas Eves). The organist works with the pastor to plan music appropriate to the church's calendar. We are also seeking to fill the position choir director which could (but not necessarily) be combined with the organist position. Please send resume to dikgip@verizon.net or to: Pastor, Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 863 Lewisberry Rd., Lewisberry Pa, 17339.

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Carol Ann Aicher

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Sunday, February 25, 2018

3:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
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Music of
Bach, Mozart, Brahms, Loeffler and more.