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The Clarion

American Guild of Organists – Harrisburg Chapter



From the Dean . . .

Dear Colleagues,

I have three wonderful pieces of AGO news to share with you. The first is that five members of our chapter attended a fantastic national convention in Kansas City earlier this month. For me, the highlights were some phenomenal performances, chief among them Todd Wilson’s “St. Cecilia” recital (the man made playing the Duruflé Suite from memory look easy), Kimberly Marshall’s fiery rendition of the Samuel Barber “Toccata Festiva” with orchestra, and an improvisation by Vincent Dubois I’ll never forget. South Central Pennsylvania also had a good showing with Rob Horton from the Lancaster Chapter placing second in the improvisation competition. These are only a few of the highlights. See myself, Scott Witfield, Ray Edmison, Victor Fields, or Timothy Koch for a more thorough review.

The second bit of news is that I had a wonderful “meeting of the deans” with my counterparts from the Lancaster and Reading chapters to plan this year’s joint recital on the two organs at Salem Lutheran Church in Lebanon. I hope we will all attend this great event later this fall. I’m especially looking forward to the hymn singing. That many organists in one place makes for a glorious sound!

The third of this set is that our new board has been duly affirmed and I think we are all excited to start the year. We had a great first meeting on August 13. Among other business, we approved a new member initiative. Our chapter will pay for the first year of AGO membership for new AGO members from within our chapter. So if you know someone who would like to try joining for a year to see what they think, let us know.

We are here to serve you, so please let us know if there is anything you think we should consider. Have a great start to the program year!

Grace and peace,
Brett

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- 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.

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September Event

The Hershey Handbell Ensemble, lead by Harrisburg Chapter member Shawn Gingrich, will be featured in a workshop on Saturday, September 29 at 10am. The workshop will be held at First United Methodist Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey. The ensemble will perform and lead handbell technique break-out sessions. This event is free and open to everyone.

Scholarship Student and Teachers

Shenk and Yocum Scholarship students and Shenk Scholarship teachers performed at First UMC in Hershey on Sunday, August 26. Pictured left to right are

Tyler Canonico, Torrey Reinford, Brian Rotz, Abbie Wood, Franklin Snyder, David Schulz, Christian Gingrich, Alyssa Meyers, and Josh Hendershot.



Membership News

Birthday Celebration Concert



There were sixteen chapter members (eleven pictured here) at the concert celebrating Ron Sider's 85th birthday. Dr. Sider

performed six organ selections, his daughter, Rhonda and son, Eric performed a duet, and Dan Stokes conducted a choral piece of volunteer singers.

Note of Thanks

I wish to thank our Dean, Brett Terry, for sending 85th Birthday Greetings from Harrisburg AGO. and to members of our Chapter who sent cards. I am grateful. I joined the Reading Chapter of the AGO in 1948, and I have been a member of six other chapters. Harrisburg AGO is tops! Again, thank you for all the good wishes.

Ralph Kneeream

Note from a Yocum Scholar

July 13, 2018

Dear AGO Members,

I have just returned from the Philadelphia POE and I had the most wonderful time. I have been to many other music camps for other instruments, and I can honestly say that this is the best camp I have attended in my entire life. I am 15 years of age, and was so delighted to meet such wonderfully talented people of my age, all with amazing and fun personalities. I just loved the other students, the teachers, the tours and experiences—all of it! I especially enjoyed listening to all of the famous, huge organs being played, such as the Wanamaker organ and the Kimmel Center organ. Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to experience all of this, and to make so many new friends that share a love for the pipe organ! I intend to attend many more in years to come! Again, it was the most rewarding and fantastic music camp I have ever attended!



Abbie with her POE teacher Marvin Mills

Sincerely,
Abbie Wood

Lunch Bunch

We always have such a great time together at our monthly networking lunches. Please plan to attend our next luncheon on September 12th 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, September 10th if you plan to attend. Email dorisagohbg@comcast.net or telephone (717) 697-4042.

Trinity Concert Series

Trinity Lutheran Church
2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill PA
www.trinitycamphill.org

- Sunday, September 30 at 3 pm** - Ashu Internationally regarded saxophonist *
- Sunday, November 11 at 3 pm** - Principally Harps Two of America's finest harpists *
- Sunday, December 2 at 3 pm** - Messiah Sing-A-Long Harrisburg Choral Society, orchestra and soloists; Jason Vodicka, conductor
- Sunday, December 9 at 3 pm** - Cantus: Lessons and Carols For Our Time Men's premier vocal ensemble *
- Sunday, December 16 at 3 pm** - Christmas at Trinity Choirs, bells and orchestra; Timothy Koch, conductor *
- Monday, February 4 at 7:30 pm** - Harrisburg Youth Symphony Orchestra and Junior Strings The area's finest young musicians *
- Saturday, February 9 at 9:30am** - West Shore Symphony Orchestra Children's Concert—A free program for young listeners *
- Sunday, February 10 at 3 pm** - West Shore Symphony Orchestra and Harrisburg Choral Society Jennifer Sacher Wiley, conductor
- Sunday, March 31 at 3 pm** - French Masters: Durufle' Requiem; Poulenc Organ Concerto, and other works; Trinity Concert Choir and orchestra; Timothy Koch, conductor; Chelsea Chen, organist *
- Saturday, May 4 at 7:30 pm** - Harrisburg Singers - America Sings! Susan Solomon Beckley, director; Timothy Koch, accompanist

*free admission; other concerts are ticketed events.

2018-2019 Programs

Shawn Gingrich and the Hershey Handbell Ensemble Workshop—Saturday, September 29 at 10:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 64 W Chocolate Ave, Hershey—The HHE performs and does breakout sessions to teach handbell techniques.

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Three-Chapters Recital—Sunday, October 14 at 3:00 p.m. at Old Salem Lutheran Church, 119 N. Eighth St, Lebanon—*Recital by members of the Harrisburg, Lancaster, and Reading chapters, utilizing both the Miller and Skinner organs in a mini-crawl extravaganza.*

Mark Miller – Gospel Techniques Workshop—Saturday, November 10 at 10:00 a.m. at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut St, Camp Hill—*One of the leading gospel and contemporary sacred music composers gives us tips and tricks for playing in the gospel tradition at both the organ and piano.*

January Jumpstart—Saturday, January 12 at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 625 Montgomery Ave, Bryn Mawr—*Scholarship funds available to offset the cost of attending the event.*

Members' Recital: Chant-Based Organ Repertoire—Friday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 212 State St, Harrisburg—*A small choir sings the chants prior to the organist's performance.*

Don Saliers Workshop—Saturday, April 27 at 10:00 a.m. at Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 N. 23rd St, Camp Hill—*The AGO national chaplain and liturgical superstar talks about the call of musicians to ministry and how to reinvigorate our spiritual lives.*

Paul Jacobs Recital—Friday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 N. Third Street, Harrisburg—*Presented in partnership with Music at Pine Street.*

Banquet and Annual Meeting—Monday, May 6, 2019, Social hour at 6, dinner at 7, meeting at 8. Fox-Eichelberger VFW Post 7415, 109 Third Street, New Cumberland, PA 17070.

FINE ARTS AT FIRST 2018-2019 SERIES

First Lutheran Church, 21 S Bedford St, Carlisle
717-249-3310 www.firstlutherancarlisle.org

DAVID WRIGHT AND THE WRIGHT TOUCH

Bandleader, Vocalist, Saxophonist brings his six-member dance band from Washington, D.C.

Sunday, October 14 at 3 P.M.

APPALACHIAN WIND QUINTET

Barbara Spicher, flute Ed Stanley, oboe
Rick Mogensen, clarinet Scott Cassada, bassoon
Ed Schupp, French horn

Sunday, November 4 at 4 P.M.

CHRISTYAN SEAY, Lyric Tenor
Benefit for St. Barnabas Children's Ministry
Summer Camp for Harrisburg's Inner City Youth
Sunday, March 31 at 3 P.M.

DICKINSON COLLEGE ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR

Spring Concert 2019
featuring Gabriel Fauré's Requiem
Sunday, April 28 at 4 P.M.

Admission is free to all concerts.
A dessert reception follows each performance.

Area Events

Sunday, September 9, 2018—2:30 PM
Niccary Meetinghouse of Cross Keys Village—The Brethren Home Community at 2990 Carlisle Pike in New Oxford presents organist Brian Rotz in recital on the 1869 one manual George Jardine (NY) tracker action organ rebuilt in 1983 by Brunner & Associates. Free-will offerings will be accepted and refreshments will be served.

Friday, September 28, 2018—7:30 PM
Allen Organ Company, Octave Hall, Route 100, Macungie, PA presents Dennis James in the Allen Organ Fall Concert Series. For more than forty years, Dennis James has played a pivotal role in the international revival of silent films presented with live music. Don't miss this exclusive concert and movie combo! Be sure to order your tickets early as they are selling fast! Tickets are \$15.00. Click on the Order Form link below for further information.
<https://www.allenorgan.com/store/concertseries.html>.

Sunday, September 30, 2018—3:00 PM
St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Middletown presents Allegro con Fuoco, keyboard duo concert featuring Tyler Canonico and Jordan Markham.

Sunday, September 30, 2018—3:00 PM
Wilson College, Chambersburg presents organist Dan Miller in a Van Looy Organ Series concert on the four-manual 63-rank Whitelegg-Möller organ in Thomson Hall Alumnae Chapel. Admission is \$8.00.

Sunday, September 30, 2018—3:00 PM
Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill presents Ashu, Internationally regarded saxophonist in concert. This concert is free. For information visit www.trinitycamphill.org.

Sunday, October 7, 2018—3:00 pm
First United Methodist Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey presents Manor Winds in concert. A Lancaster-based ensemble, Manor Winds comprises of five musicians who come together to rehearse in a historic farm house on Manor Street. Since their formation in the Spring of 2016 they have given over 20 performances throughout the southeastern Pennsylvania region. At home in traditional and non-traditional settings, Manor Winds strives for professional performances of both standard and modern wind quintet repertoire. Built upon friendships developed in the freelancing community, Matthew Angelo, flute; Lauren Fairfull, oboe; Christy Banks, clarinet; Anne Nye, horn; and Robin Plant, bassoon believe that quality chamber music should be readily available to the region's diverse population. Manor Winds wishes to share their love of music and

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collaboration with their surrounding community and can be seen performing throughout southeastern Pennsylvania.

Sunday, October 14, 2018—2:30 PM

Nicarry Meetinghouse of Cross Keys Village—The Brethren Home Community at 2990 Carlisle Pike in New Oxford presents organist Michael Britt in recital on the 1869 one manual George Jardine (NY) tracker action organ rebuilt in 1983 by Brunner & Associates. Free-will offerings will be accepted and refreshments will be served.

Sunday, October 14, 2018—3:00 PM

First Lutheran Church, 21 S. Bedford St., Carlisle presents David Wright and The Wright Touch, a six-member dance band from Washington, D.C. A freewill offering will be received. Call (717) 249-3310 or go to Fine Arts at First at www.firstlutherancarlisle.org for information.

Friday, October 26, 2018—7:30 PM

Allen Organ Company, Octave Hall, Route 100, Macungie, PA presents Robert McCormick in the Allen Organ Fall Concert Series. Described as "indomitable and immensely gifted" (Choir & Organ), and as "an artist of rare sensitivity and passion" (The Macon Telegraph), Robert McCormick is widely heralded by his colleagues and known for his creative and notable abilities in organ improvisation and engaging performances of repertoire of all styles. Tickets are \$15.00. Click on the Order Form link below for further information. <https://www.allenorgan.com/store/concertseries.html>.

Sunday, November 4, 2018—4:00 PM

First Lutheran Church, 21 S. Bedford St., Carlisle presents the Appalachian Wind Ensemble in concert. A freewill offering will be received. Call (717) 249-3310 or go to Fine Arts at First at www.firstlutherancarlisle.org for information.

Sunday, November 11, 2018—3:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill presents Principally Harps, two of America's finest harpists in concert. This concert is free. For information visit www.trinitycamphill.org. St., Camp Hill presents the Harrisburg Singers in a concert entitled "America Sings!" — Susan Solomon Beckley, director; Timothy Koch, accompanist. This concert requires tickets. For information visit www.trinitycamphill.org.

Positions Available

Music Director: St. James Presbyterian Church in Mechanicsburg is prayerfully seeking a church musician to serve as its next Director of Music. The church, which is affiliated with the PC(USA), worships at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The music at this service is blended. The church has a piano, an organ and a new sound system; services usually include a worship band. Among the Director of Music's responsibilities will be: 1) to play for worship services 2) to direct the church's adult and youth choirs 3) to rehearse weekly with the adult and youth choirs 4) to coordinate when the worship band and other



groups of musicians sing during worship services 5) to select music for services in conjunction with the Pastor 6) to practice music before it is played in worship 7) to serve on the church's Worship and Christian Education ministry group and 8) to collaborate and to communicate regularly with the choirs, congregation and staff. The Director of Music will be ultimately accountable to Session, which is the governing body of the church, and will be supervised by the Pastor. Choirs rehearse on Thursday evenings, and occasionally, additional worship services are scheduled throughout the year. For more information or to apply, please contact the church office at (717)732-7848 or e-mail the Pastor Ron Gilmer (rongilmer.pcusa@gmail.com).

Organist: Messiah UMC, Shippensburg, PA. 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. They are currently accepting applicants for the organist position, hoping to as soon as possible. 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 Street, Shippensburg, PA 17257.

Minister of Music: Zion Lutheran Church, Hummelstown, PA seeks a liturgically experienced musician to lead a diverse music ministry for a medium size congregation. The candidate will demonstrate well developed organ skills with attention to leading congregational song (hymns and liturgy), interpersonal skills to interact with young children through seniors, and the ability to work well with others – staff members and volunteers. Currently the musician leads two liturgical style worship services with organ and piano accompaniment, plans choral and bell music for adult, youth and children's choirs, coordinates with the guitar ensemble to lead worship on a regular basis and incorporates instrumentalists to provide special music and to accompany hymns and liturgy. The candidate coordinates closely with the pastor to plan worship and special programs. The position averages 25 hours per week. The salary range is \$30,000 to \$35,000 commensurate with experience and includes an allowance for vacation, sick leave and continuing education. Please forward your resume, references and copy of the PA State Police and Child Welfare clearances to the attention of the Rev. Lois K. Van Orden at 100 W. Main Street, Hummelstown, PA 17036 or by email: lvanorden.pastoratzion@gmail.com.

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Director of Music / Organist: Christ Presbyterian Church of Camp Hill, an active congregation of approx. 300 members, seeks a part-time Director of Music/Organist. Duties include providing organ and piano music for worship, directing the choir (about 20 members), handbell choir, and providing guidance for the children's choir. Anticipated salary range is in the mid \$20,000s. To apply for the position, please send a cover letter and resume to Philip Durgin, chair of the search committee: pdurgin@comcast.net or Philip Durgin, 3918 Ridgeland Blvd., Mechanicsburg, PA 17050. Deadline for applications is Sept. 28.

Organist/Choir Director/Bell Choir: Epiphany Lutheran Church, Harrisburg seeks an Organist/Choir Director/Bell Choir Director. Responsibilities include two Sunday services, 8:00 & 10:30 AM, September-May and one service, 9:30 AM, June-August. Weekly anthem (Sept-May) with weekly rehearsal. Bell Choir rehearsal and monthly performance. Participation in monthly Worship & Music Committee meeting and involvement in music selection. Approximately 10-12 hours a week. Contact Pastor Patrick Wirick (717 657-8959) for more information. Send resume, references and copy of PA clearances via email or USPS to pastorpwirick@epiphanylc.com or Pastor Patrick Wirick, Epiphany Lutheran Church, 1100 Colonial Rd, Harrisburg PA 17112.

Organist: Beaver Memorial United Methodist Church, 42 S. Third St., Lewisburg, PA 17837 is seeking applicants for the position of organist. Our instrument is an excellent 3 manual Kilgen organ. Duties include playing for one weekly Sunday worship service, festival services, accompanying the choir and soloists on organ or piano, as needed, as well as working closely with Pastor JT Young on worship planning. Additional work with the adult choir may be included, if applicant expresses interest, qualifications and experience. Please send a resume with references to the address above, Attention: Dr. Timothy Running; or email to timcrunning@gmail.com.

Organist / Choir Director: Calvary United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming congregation in the city of Reading, PA with a rich musical history. Our services merge modern and traditional styles. We are looking for a part time organist and choir director to plan and prepare music for one Sunday service, direct the adult choir and bell choir, and accompany the choirs on piano and organ. If you are interested in the position, please send a cover letter and resume to church@calvaryreformeducc.org or Calvary Church, 640 Centre Avenue, Reading, Pa. 19601.

Organist: Christ Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, PA seeks an organist to begin as soon as available. Responsibilities include one Sunday service at 10:30, plus Christmas Eve evening; playing hymns and service music, assisting in the selection of hymns, rehearsing with the monthly choir September-May, which

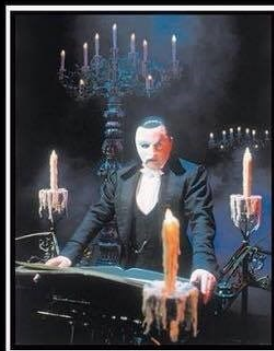
rehearses once the morning of performance. The organ is a 3 manual Austin rebuilt in 1986 Contact Rev. Drew Stockstill for more details or to apply. dstockstill@gmail.com (229)224-5557.

Assistant Organist: Pine Street Presbyterian Church seeks applicants for the position of Assistant Organist. Primary responsibilities include accompanying the choir, playing hymns and service music, and organ voluntaries. P/T 15-20 hours/week. Salary commensurate with experience and education. For a full job description, if you have any questions, or to apply, e-mail Brett A. Terry, Minister of Music & Worship, at BTerry@pinestreet.org. Please include a résumé and cover letter if applying; no recordings are needed at this time.

Organist: Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 208 Woods Drive, PO Box 374, Silver Spring Township, Mechanicsburg, 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 the Church at the address above and/or to the following email address: calvarymechanicsburg@gmail.com.

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What elderly relatives think I do



What I think I do



What I actually do