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From the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

Happy Epiphanytide to you all! I hope the new year has brought each of you a refreshed energy and outlook for the coming months.

We are planning a wonderful recital on March 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Patrick on State Street in downtown Harrisburg (parking is free). It is an incredible space with a glorious acoustic. I hope you will all attend to support our colleagues and invite every music lover you know to enjoy the evening.

You are the featured artists! The program will consist of organ repertoire based on chant. I am putting together a schola to chant the source material for the composition prior to each selection. If you are interested in playing, please e-mail me the following:

1. Title of selection
2. Composer (with dates)
3. Key or mode
4. Duration
5. Mood

As always, I'm at BTerry@pinestreet.org. I would appreciate having your information by February 15. Have a great rest of the month!

Grace and peace,
Brett

Upcoming Programs

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. 9:30am Gathering time with coffee and goodies AND used music sale. 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. A reception will follow the recital.*

Banquet and Annual Meeting—Friday, May 17 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Fox-Eichelberger VFW Post 4715 in New Cumberland.

Lunch Bunch

We always have such a great time together at our monthly networking lunches. Please plan to attend our next luncheon on February 20th at 11:30 a.m. We will meet at the Perkins Restaurant, 7 Erford Drive, Lemoyne. Email or phone Doris Savage no later than the preceding Monday, February 18th if you plan to attend. Email dorisagohbg@comcast.net or telephone (717) 697-4042.

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 2019. 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. This year POE will be held in Cape Cod, MA; Seattle, WA; St. Louis, MO; and Helsinki, Finland. There is also a POE Advanced in Houston, TX; and a POE Technical in River Forest, IL. The deadline for applying for this scholarship is March 15, 2019.

Starting February 20 the application will be available for the Shenk Scholarship for summer organ lessons offered by several members of the Harrisburg Chapter, for youth in grades 6-12. 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 April 30, 2019. More details and application forms are available on the Chapter website (Education—Scholarships) or by contacting Education Chair, Chris Prestia by e-mail at chris.prestia@gmail.com.

Area Events

Wednesday, February 6, 2019—12:15 PM

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 N 23d St., Camp Hill presents Dr. Shawn Gingrich, organist in recital. A casual lunch will precede the recital at 11:45am. The lunch and concert are free with opportunity to donate to a free-will offering.

Saturday, February 9, 2019—9:30 AM

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill presents West Shore Symphony Orchestra Children's Concert—a program for young listeners. This concert is free. For information visit www.trinitycamphill.org.

Sunday, February 10, 2019—3:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill presents West Shore Symphony Orchestra and Harrisburg Choral Society in concert. Tickets required—for information visit www.trinitycamphill.org.

Sunday, February 10, 2019—4:00 PM

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 N 23d St., Camp Hill presents a Hymn Sing under the direction of Linda Tedford with the Chancel Choir of the Church presenting a concert of hymns and spirituals, featuring works by John Rutter, Mack Wilberg, Gilbert Martin, and other American arrangers, accompanied on organ and piano by Director of Music and Organist, Daniel Dorty. The congregation will have the opportunity to sing several well-known hymns throughout the program.

Sunday, February 10, 2019—6:00 PM

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 22 S. 6th St., Lebanon—Choral Evensong and Organ Recital—David M. Miller (Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Hagerstown, MD).

Saturday, February 16, 2019—7:00 PM

Market Square Presbyterian Church, 20 South Second Street, Harrisburg presents *L'anima d'amore* featuring Tara Savarino, Laura Petravage, Joshua Kobel, and Jordan Markham, accompanied by a chamber orchestra. Suggested donation of \$10.

Sunday, February 24, 2019—3:00 PM

Christ Church UCC, 247 S. Market St., Elizabethtown presents

Justin Pechulis in a free piano/organ recital. All are welcome.

Saturday, March 9, 2019—7:00 PM

First United Methodist Church, 64 W. Chocolate Ave. Hershey presents mezzo-soprano Gwendolyn Bowers in recital. The event is free with a free-will offering.

Sunday, March 10, 2019—6:00 PM

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 22 S. 6th St., Lebanon—Choral Evensong and Guest Preacher.

Wednesday, March 13, 2019—12:15 PM

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 N. 23d St., Camp Hill presents Deborah Dillane, organist in recital. A casual lunch will precede the recital at 11:45am. The lunch and concert are free with a free-will offering.

Sunday, March 17, 2019—4:00 PM

Derry Presbyterian Church, 248 East Derry Road, Hershey presents "Baroque Fireworks" with Scott Thornburg, trumpet; Yuko Naito-Gotay, violin; and Hershey Baroque Chamber Players. Get ready for a sparkling program of concertos for trumpet and violin by Bach, Handel, Corelli, and Telemann! The pyrotechnics will include Handel's Suite in D major for trumpet, strings, and continuo, Telemann's Trumpet Concerto in D major, and Bach's Violin Concerto in E major. Don't miss this chance to hear the HBCP bring the "greatest hits" of the 18th century to life! Free-will offering.

Sunday, March 31, 2019—3:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill presents French Masters: Duruflé *Requiem*, Poulenc *Organ Concerto*, and other works with Trinity Concert Choir and orchestra; Timothy Koch, conductor; and Chelsea Chen, organist. This concert is free. For information visit www.trinitycamphill.org.

Sunday, March 31, 2019—3:00 PM

First Lutheran Church, 21 S. Bedford St., Carlisle presents lyric tenor, Christyan Seay, 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, March 31, 2019—4:00 PM

Market Square Presbyterian Church, 20 South Second Street, Harrisburg presents the Vienna Boy Choir. This is a ticketed event.

Sunday, March 31, 2019—4:00 PM

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 N 23d St., Camp Hill presents the Ministers of Music in concert. Organized in 1979, the Ministers of Music are comprised of six men who offer a variety of musical styles, including hymns, gospel, and praise and worship choruses. The group sings familiar traditional songs in modern arrangements featuring a mellow blend of close harmonies accompanied by piano or a cappella.

Positions Available

Director of Music (organist/choir director): St. Peter's Lutheran in Middletown is seeking a part time

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Director of Music (organist/choir director) to enhance worship on an Austin Organ and/or Steinway piano for the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service. One will be expected to build and develop an adult choir, and to lead a children's choir. He/she will be encouraged to perform organ recitals on the Austin organ. For a complete job listing, go to www.stpetersmiddletown.org. Please send a cover letter (with salary requirements) and resume to parishmail@stpetersmiddletown.org.

Organist: Otterbein United Methodist Church, Carlisle. Mission: To provide organ and piano music for church activities and to elevate the quality and variety of worship music at Otterbein. Qualifications: Have a degree in music or its equivalent, be proficient in playing organ and piano, have experience in and appreciation for Christian choral music (both sacred and contemporary), have experience with vocal and instrumental performance, be able to sight read and play hymns from the UMC hymnal, have a cheerful demeanor and works well with others. Responsibilities: Play the organ for regular worship services Sundays at 9:00am and special services which may include Ash Wednesday, Lenten Season, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunrise, Thanksgiving Eve, Christmas Eve (6:30, 9:00, 11:00). Accompany adult choir with weekly rehearsal. Two weeks paid vacations (includes two Sundays). Other responsibilities and requirements are specified on the job description. Employment application can be requested from the church office. Contact Rev. Bruce Fensterbush, Otterbein United Methodist Church, 647 Forge Road, Carlisle, PA 17015, 717-659-7695.

Organist: Neffsville Mennonite Church is seeking a part-time Organist (approx. 7 hrs. a week, including practice) for their 10:00AM worship service, as well as special services throughout the year, and weddings and funerals. The Organist must demonstrate professional skills in pipe organ both as soloist and accompanist, including knowledge of both traditional and more modern styles of hymns, anthems and service music. Neffsville has a Schantz organ with 1425 pipes and 25 chimes that was installed in 1991. The Organist is responsible to the Director of Music and Worship and also works closely with the Lead Pastor and song leaders to ensure that music remains a relevant and vital part of church programs and enhances the worship of the church. For more information, or to submit a cover letter and resume, please contact Rashard Allen at rashard@neffmc.org.

Music Director for Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Schuylkill Haven, PA. Play liturgy (two services most Sundays, Evening Prayer in Lent, etc.), direct twenty member adult choir, oversee and work with praise team, foster music with children – all with the purpose of leading the assembly in giving glory of God. Instruments include twenty-five year-old, three manual, 32 rank Schantz organ, and Boston grand piano in setting with superb acoustics. 15 hours/week, salary based on musicianship and experience. For complete job description, follow the Music Director Position link at www.jerusalemchurch.com. Send resume with salary requirements by November 30 to Jerusalem Lutheran Church, 252 Dock Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972.

Director of Music: The Episcopal Cathedral of St. Stephen in Harrisburg is searching for a Director of Music. This full-time position with benefits involves playing organ for parish and diocesan

services, directing the adult choir, developing a children's choir, and teaching part time in the only Episcopal day school in central Pennsylvania. Bachelor's degree required. Position description will be posted on the cathedral website: www.ststep.org

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, 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.

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.