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The Clarion

American Guild of Organists – Harrisburg Chapter



From the Dean

Greetings, colleagues!

On behalf of the chapter board, I'd like to wish each of you our best wishes for the upcoming holiday season. Know that each of you are in my prayers as you put the final preparations on the many programs and services that you have in the coming weeks.

May God continue to bless you richly for the countless hours you spend bringing the season to life for so many through your ministry.

I look forward to the many wonderful things that 2020 has in store for us!

Pax vobiscum,
Justin Myers, Dean

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.

Upcoming Programs

Choral Reading Session: "One Hit Wonders" Anthems that can be learned in one rehearsal—Saturday, January 25 at 10:00 a.m. with Joy and Andrew Meade, Clinicians at Market Square Presbyterian Church, 20 S. Second Street, Harrisburg

Members' Recital: Organ and Piano Duets—Friday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m. Preceded by a Pot-luck Dinner at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey

Nathaniel Gumbs Recital—Sunday, March 15 at 4:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill

Banquet and Annual Meeting—Friday, May 1 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Fox-Eichelberger VFW Post 7415, 109 Third Street, New Cumberland

Michael Hey Recital—Friday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Pine Street Presbyterian, 310 N. Third St, Harrisburg

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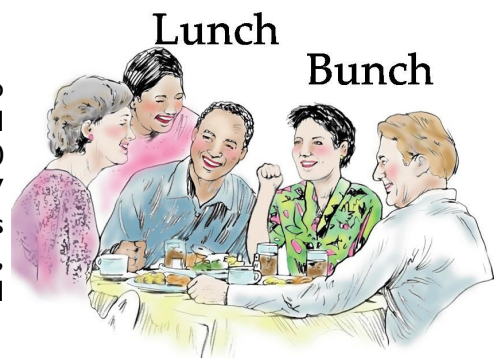
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Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.



Lunch Bunch

Networking lunches are super times to connect with others so please plan to attend our next luncheon on December 11th 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, December 9th if you plan to attend dorisagohbg@comcast.net or (717) 697-4042.



Free Pipe Organ

- 3-manual / 27-rank Reuter (1966) available at no charge to party who will remove before July 2020.
- Releathered 2011; Peterson System 1996.
- Located in Derry Presbyterian Church, Hershey
- Contact danstokes1801@gmail.com 717-533-9667
- Specification available online: <https://www.harrisburgago.org/AreaOrgans/DerryPres/DerrySpecs.HTM>
- Online Video: <https://youtu.be/9czvjN5ruxl>



Area Events

Sunday, December 1, 2019—5:00 p.m.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, 221 North Front Street, Harrisburg presents an Advent Evensong. Be refreshed in the promise of Advent with our Evensong Services. Free parking.

Sunday, December 1, 2019—6:00 p.m.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 22 S. Sixth St, Lebanon presents a Service of Advent Lessons and Carols sung by the St. Luke's Festival Choir directed by William C. Claxton and accompanied by Jason Yannuzzi CAGO.

Wednesday, December 4, 2019—12:15 p.m.

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 North 23rd Street Camp Hill presents organist Daniel Dorthy in recital. A light lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall prior from 11:45–12:15. A free-will offering will be received.

Thursday, December 5, 2019—6:00 p.m.

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 North 23rd Street Camp Hill presents soloists the Popcorn Hat Players Children's Theater. A free-will offering will be received.

Friday, December 6, 2019—7:30 p.m.

Mount Zion Lutheran Church, 2164 Mount Zion Road York presents Hershey Handbell Ensemble in concert. Enjoy Free admission with an offering.

Saturday, December 7, 2019—7:00 p.m.

Episcopal Church of St John the Baptist 140 North Beaver Street York presents Hershey Handbell Ensemble in concert. Enjoy Free admission with an offering.

Saturday, December 7, 2019—7:30 p.m.

Harrisburg Singers – Holiday! Contact Harrisburg Singers for ticket prices.

Sunday, December 8, 2019—4:00 p.m.

Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 1801 Colonial Road, Harrisburg presents The Hershey Handbell Ensemble in concert.

Sunday, December 8, 2019—4:00 p.m.

Market Square Presbyterian Church, 20 S 2nd St., presents a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols featuring the church's Sanctuary Choir under the direction of Tyler A. Canonico and will be accompanied by Ellen Hunt, organ, and a chamber orchestra. The church will provide parking in the Market Square Garage located on the corner of 2nd and Chestnut. For more information, contact Tyler at Canonico@marketsquarechurch.org or 717.257.1270 ext. 18.

Sunday, December 8, 2019—4:00 p.m.

Zion Lutheran Church, 85 E. Brandt Blvd., Landisville, presents The Heritage Chorale of Lancaster as part of the Zion Musik Concert Series. Under the direction of Barry L. Sawyer and accompanist Anne L. Lefever, The Chorale will perform "O magnum mysterium: We sing the mystery of Bethlehem!" Music of Lauridsen, Forrest, Stopford, Warlock, Marenzio, Wilberg, Rutter, Fraser, Chilcott, Leontovich/Wilhousky and beloved carols of the season. A freewill offering will be received. For more information visit www.zionhempfield.net

Sunday, December 8, 2019—5:00 p.m.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, 221 North Front Street, Harrisburg presents an Advent Evensong. Be refreshed in the promise of Advent with our Evensong Services. Free parking.

Friday, December 13, 2019—7:30 p.m.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, 221 North Front Street, Harrisburg, Music By The River Concert Series presents Hershey Handbell Ensemble in concert. Enjoy the sounds of the sixteen member ensemble as they ring in the Christmas Spirit at St. Stephen's! Free admission and parking.

Saturday, December 14, 2019—7:00 p.m.

Salem Lutheran Church, 99 York Road, Jacobus presents Hershey Handbell Ensemble in concert. Enjoy Free admission with an offering.

Sunday, December 15, 2019—3:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill presents Christmas at Trinity. Free.

Sunday, December 15, 2019—3:00 p.m.

Dover United Church of Christ, 45 West Canal Street, Dover presents Handbell Ensemble in concert. Enjoy Free admission with an offering.

Sunday, December 15, 2019—4:00 p.m.

Pine Street Presbyterian Church 310 North Third St. Harrisburg, presents a Festival of Lessons and Carols with Chancel Choir, Central PA Oratorio Singers, Brass Ensemble, Bell Choir and Organ.

Sunday, December 15, 2019—5:00 p.m.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, 221 North Front Street, Harrisburg presents an Advent Evensong. Be refreshed in the promise of Advent with our Evensong Services. Free parking.

Saturday, December 21, 2019—4:00 p.m.

Derry Presbyterian Church, 248 East Derry Road, Hershey presents its annual Christmas concert featuring Derry Church choirs, Derry Ringers handbells, guest soloists and orchestra. Free will offering.

Sunday, December 22, 2019—5:00 p.m.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, 221 N Front St, Harrisburg presents an Advent Evensong. Free parking.

Sunday, January 5, 2020—3:00 P.M.

First United Methodist Church. 64 W Chocolate Ave, Hershey presents Rizzetta's Tones, Celtic band in concert.

Sunday, January 5, 2020—6:00 P.M.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 22 S. Sixth St, Lebanon presents a Choral Evensong and 7:00 Organ concert by Adam Koch.

Monday, February 3, 2020 (tent)—3:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill presents the Harrisburg Youth Symphony Orchestra and Junior Strings. Free.

Wednesday, February 5, 2020—12:15 p.m.

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 North 23rd Street Camp Hill presents organist Daniel Glessner in recital. A light lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall prior from 11:45 –12:15. A free-will offering will be received.

Friday, February 7, 2020 – 7:30 p.m.

Market Square Presbyterian Church, 20 S 2nd St., presents REVIVAL in concert. REVIVAL is a folk-rock group from New York City, NY. The church will provide parking in the Market Square Garage located on the corner of 2nd and Chestnut. For more information, contact Tyler at Canonico@marketsquarechurch.org.

Saturday, February 22, 2020—7:00 p.m.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, 221 North Front Street, Harrisburg, Music By The River Concert Series presents The Hunchback of Notre Dame, *Silent Film Event with Peter Krasinski*. This program will feature live improvised organ accompaniment to this classic film. The performance will be in collaboration with the Midtown Cinema. Regular Admission-\$25, Students with ID-\$15. Concessions available. Free parking.

Sunday, February 23, 2020—4:00 p.m.

Derry Presbyterian Church, 248 East Derry Road, Hershey presents the Dixie Kings of Philadelphia in a performance of traditional New Orleans jazz. Free will offering.

Sunday, February 23, 2020—6:00 p.m.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 22 S. Sixth St, Lebanon presents a Choral Evensong and 7:00 Organ concert by Alexander Ashman, Organist and Choirmaster, St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, Harrisburg.

Positions Available

Organist: Dynamic UCC church in Elizabethtown, PA seeks an Organist to lead worship through music. The successful candidate will possess strong musical skills playing the organ and piano as well as skills in organization and cooperative teamwork. Candidates should have a degree or equivalent experience, and have a broad knowledge of church music repertoire with proficiency in a wide range of musical styles.

The responsibilities of the Organist include: Approximately 10 hours per week doing the following: • Accompany adult choir rehearsals (occasionally other choirs) • Play for two Sunday morning worship services (one during the summer) • Play for a limited number of special worship services Christ Church UCC has a Safe Church Policy. A background check for all employees is standard procedure. For more details, visit www.etownucc.org. A letter of application, resume, and two letters of recommendation can be sent Attention: Organist Search Committee to either Christ Church UCC, 247 S. Market Street, Elizabethtown, PA 17022 or via email to: GalenRussell@etownucc.org. Deadline for submissions is December 1, 2019. A complete job description is available upon request.

Director of Music Ministries: Derry Presbyterian Church, Hershey seeks a full-time Director of Music Ministries (DMM) who will provide vision and leadership for a music ministry in harmony with our mission statement, "to proclaim God's word, share God's love, and practice God's justice" and our vision "to be an inquiring, inviting, and inclusive Christ-centered community." The DMM plans, produces, and provides music ministry programs that create community, educate listeners, and glorify God. Music is a vital part of our ministry together, so we seek a Director who leads from a place of spirituality rather than performance and who promotes a music ministry that is inclusive of various people, talents, and styles of worship music. We are passionate about mission and desire a missional music ministry that not only leads in worship but also reaches out and ministers to our community. The DMM will be a ministry leader in the church who will report directly to the Pastor (Head of Staff) and work in collaboration with our dedicated staff and congregational volunteer leaders. The DMM will have a passion for sharing their love of God and of music with children, youth, and adults. Interested candidates should send a one-page cover letter that speaks to experience and passion for music ministry, a résumé, and contact information for three professional references who can attest to skills and abilities as a choir director and/or organist to Kathy McGrath at kathy.mcgrath09@gmail.com. Applicants are encouraged to submit links to streaming audio or video of their current choir and/or organ playing. A full job description can be found at www.derrypres.org.

Organist / Choir Director: Our Saviour Lutheran Church is looking for an Organist/Choir Director. This is a part time position (15 hours per week) and would include preparation, and involvement in the Sunday worship, choir practice, and occasional special services, (e.g. Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Thanksgiving Eve and Christmas Eve). The Organist/Choir Director may be asked to accompany for weddings and funerals, as available. Our Saviour Lutheran is a caring congregation dedicated to the Word of Christ that welcomes all people to worship and grow with us as we share His love and salvation with our neighbors, our children, and ourselves. Interested persons should send their completed resume, including references, to Our Saviour Lutheran Church at 420 North Progress Ave., Harrisburg, PA 17109 or email to ossec@comcast.net.

Organist / Pianist: Otterbein United Methodist Church, Carlisle, is seeking a PT organist/pianist position to provide music for a traditional worship service at 8:30 am. Music for the service typically includes a Prelude, three hymns, Offertory, and Postlude. Additional services would include Ash Wednesday,

Maundy Thursday, Christmas Eve, and funerals and weddings if available. Salary range is 10,000 - 12,000. Additional compensation is available if the candidate would also serve as accompanist for the Adult Choir. Candidates should respond to: office@otterbeinumccarlisle.org. Rev. Bruce Fensterbush, pastor, 647 Forge Road, Carlisle, PA 17015.

Organist / Accompanist: First United Methodist Church, Mechanicsburg, is seeking an organist/accompanist. Responsibilities include playing for our 8:15 am Sunday morning worship service, other special services (as needed), and accompanying an adult choir. Some of these duties may be shared with another organist/pianist. Send resume, including education and work history via email to office@fumchurch.com or by mail to First United Methodist Church, 135 W. Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

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, plus 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 \$35,000 to \$40,000 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.

Coordinator for Music Ministry: Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren is currently seeking a person to fill the position of Coordinator of Music Ministry. This position, involving up to 15 hours per week, involves oversight for the congregation’s music ministry (including choir and other musical groups), and direction of the adult chancel choir. Assisting in the development of worship services through the use of traditional and other types of sacred music is also key to the assignment. Willingness to engage/encourage the congregation to broaden its musical repertoire is important. A strong Christian faith aligned with Anabaptist values is a priority. Keyboard or other accompanying skills would be preferred. Interested persons may contact Pastor Del Keeney for a full job description and to have questions answered. We are looking to fill this position by the end of 2019. Pastor Keeney can be contacted at: Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren, 301 Gale Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055, 717-766-8880, or via email at mcob-pastor@verizon.net.

Director of Music: Wolf’s Covenant Church, York, PA, is seeking a part-time Director of Music. Responsibilities include selecting, planning, and leading music for Sunday Worship, midweek evening rehearsals, and special services. The candidate must have experience conducting a choir, the ability

to play the piano/keyboard, and knowledge of a broad spectrum of Christian music. A comprehensive understanding of the worship service and experience with hand-bells is preferred. Salary is commensurate with training and experience. For inquiries or to request a job description, please call the church office at (717) 792-0731. To apply, please send your resume to Wolf’s Covenant Church, 4501 Wolf’s Church Rd, York PA 17408 or email to Pastor Palmquist at: eric.palmquist@hotmail.com.

Organist / Choir Director: Good Shepherd Lutheran (LCMS) in York, is seeking an organist/choir director. Traditional worship is Sunday at 11:00 (Prelude, 3 hymns + 2 more on communion Sundays, offertory, Postlude, and liturgy). Wednesday night services in Advent and Lent. Choir sings September through May with one Sunday off per month, with one evening practice each week. 4 weeks paid vacation. Our organ is a 10 rank Moller pipe organ with solid state circuitry and we also have a Yamaha upright piano in sanctuary. Salary is negotiable - range is around \$18-19K. For more information, contact Pastor Skip Nizinski at yorkshepherd@verizon.net or 717-764-4746.

Part Time Choir Director: Columbia UMC in Columbia PA is looking to hire a part time choir director to direct our choir that sings at our 11:00 a.m. traditional service. If interested please send a resume and references to Pastor Tom Grubbs at rev.tomgrubbs@yahoo.com or by mailing them to Columbia United Methodist Church 510 Walnut Street Columbia PA 17512. Columbiaunitedmethodist.org.

Organist: The Carlisle Church of the Brethren is seeking an organist for its Sunday morning 10:15 worship service. Responsibilities include playing a prelude, offertory, postlude and three hymns. Organist does not need to accompany the choir during anthems. The organ is an Allen electronic organ. Position is open immediately. Salary is commensurate with experience. Please submit resume to Carlisle Church of the Brethren, Attention: Patrice Tritt, 1340 Forge Rd, Carlisle, Pa. 17013. Questions may be directed to the church office at office@carlislecob.org.

Treasurer’s Report

by Scott Witfield

Balance in Checking as of 10/1/2019	\$3,928.32
Deposits:	+\$74.00
Interest:	+\$77.39
Checks / Debits:	-\$1,164.95
Balance in Checking as of 10/31/2019	\$2,914.76
Invested Funds as of 10/31/2019	
Harrisburg AGO Savings (detail below)	\$53,269.14
Cassel Fund	\$4,054.88
Clapper / Frysinger Fund	\$5,813.23
Shenk Fund	\$2,799.13
Stahle Fund	\$725.82
Throne Fund	\$7,981.77
Yocum Fund	\$7,333.05
Reserve Savings	\$24,561.26
Frances Bishop Investment	\$132,413.69