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The Bombarde

American Guild of Organists – Harrisburg Chapter



From the Dean

Greetings Colleagues!

I'm sure that this issue of the Bombarde finds you making your final preparations for Holy Week, and getting settled in for the long nights ahead! I'd like to share with you a prayer that I've found to be very powerful in my own life, as I get ready for these upcoming weeks:

*God as we walk through Holy Week toward the cross,
may we remember the wonder of who you are.*

*Beyond sin Your love is inexhaustible,
beyond brokenness Your forgiveness is incomprehensible.*

*Beyond betrayal Your grace is poured out eternally,
beyond death Your life is unimaginable.*

*Beyond human understanding,
Your ways are always higher than ours.*

Know that what you do makes a large impact on the lives of so many. Thank you for all that you do for our chapter, our community, and the guild. Have a blessed Easter season!

With a grateful heart,
Justin

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;
- Engage wider audiences with organ and choral music.

May Events

The Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) presents concert organist Michael Hey of New York City on the four-manual, 83-rank Aeolian-Skinner / M.P. Möller organ at Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 N Third Street, Harrisburg, at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 22. This event is open to the public and is free, though donations will be gratefully received.



Hey will play works of Bach and Sowerby, among others, and an exciting new composition by Jason Roberts.

Described as "flashy" and "exciting" (The American Organist), Hey has been increasingly visible on U.S. and international concert stages. Michael has performed solo organ recitals at Lincoln Center (New York), the Kimmel Center (Philadelphia), the Kennedy Center (Washington D.C.) and Davies Hall (San Francisco).

A native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Michael graduated in 2014 from The Juilliard School, where he received both his Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees in organ performance under Paul Jacobs.

Within one year of his graduation, he was appointed Associate Director of Music and Organist of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, where one of his first major tasks was to play organ for Vespers and Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral and Madison Square Garden for the first U.S. visit of Pope Francis.

In September 2017, Michael received first prize in the First Shanghai Conservatory of Music International Organ Competition. In 2019, he performed solo recitals for the New York City Chapter of the AGO and two regional conventions for the American Guild of Organists.

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The Annual Meeting of the Harrisburg AGO Chapter and a Sunday Supper will be held on Sunday, May 22, at Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 N. Third Street, Harrisburg PA 17101, following the Michael Hey recital. Supper will be served at approximately 5:30 PM in the Social Hall of the Church and followed by the business meeting and installation of officers.

The food for the evening will be catered by Mission Bar-B-Q and include the following menu:

- Sliced Beef Brisket
- Pulled Pork
- Pulled Chicken
- Baked Macaroni and Cheese
- Green Beans with Bacon
- Cole Slaw
- Slider Rolls/Corn Bread Combo
- Assorted Beverages and Dessert

The cost per person will be \$20. You may send reservations electronically using Venmo (@HarrisburgAGO) or Paypal (harrisburgago@gmail.com). If sending a check, please send them to Shawn Gingrich, 1102 Ballyshannon Drive, Elizabethtown PA 17022, by May 14. Guests are welcome.

Lunch Bunch

Come try a new lunch spot in April! We have been gathering for lunch and networking and encourage you to join us for the next lunch on Wednesday, April 20 at 11:30am at Marzoni's Restaurant, 4925 Ritter Rd, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

To signup visit this link: <https://tinyurl.com/33exr4v7> or for more information contact the chapter email address: harrisburgago@gmail.com or call Shawn Gingrich at 717-877-8554.

Archivist Report

2009-2010

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PROGRAMS

- Shenk Scholarship student/teacher recital at Derry Presbyterian Church, Hershey



- Covered dish supper, Chapter business meeting, update on Regional Convention, music by Four Winds Saxophone Quartet, Organ music belonging to Carolyn Evens available for donation to our Chapter at First Presbyterian Church, Carlisle
- Workshop with Dr. Brenda Smith: "Introduction to the Alexander Technique" Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church
- Workshop with Dr. Brenda Smith: "The Aging Voice" open to Chapter Members and their choir members at Trinity Lutheran Church, Camp Hill
- Twelfth Night Celebration
- Workshop with Dr. Robert Lau: "Easy Improvisation for the Church Organist" at Zion Lutheran Church, Harrisburg
- Chapter member Susanna Faust: A Power Point presentation on Bach's St. Matthew Passion with examples sung by Chapter Members and Chapter friends at St. Michael Lutheran Church, Harrisburg
- Ken Cowan recital co-sponsored by Camp Hill Presbyterian Church and our Chapter at Camp Hill Presbyterian Church
- Annual Meeting and Banquet with election and installation of officers at the home of Karen Appel and Bob Wigand
- Bob Chilcott rehearsals, workshops, concert with choir and orchestra co-sponsored by Market Square Presbyterian, Pine Street Presbyterian and our Chapter at Market Square Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg

FROM THE BOMBARDES

- The 2009 Shenk Scholarship students having concluded their summer studies presented an enjoyable recital on Sunday, August 23, at Derry Presbyterian Church in Hershey. Helen Anthony, Director of Music at Derry, was the host for the

program. Students studied with Josephine Freund, Richard Frey, Shawn Gingrich, Steven Middernacht, and Shelly Moorman-Stahlman. Students who participated in the recital were Andrew Vensel, Layton Graves, Sarah O'Donnell, Caitlyn Voigt, Meghan Thomas and Quinn Schrum.

- The Twelfth Night Celebration scheduled for January was cancelled.
- At a Board meeting in December 2009 Dr. Shirley King, Convention Coordinator, gave an oral report on the progress of the planning for the 2011 Regional Convention to be hosted by our Chapter. At a later Board meeting Dr. King presented a written report on the proposed plans for the Regional Convention. All information given in the written report was not for publication at that time.
- Dr. Shirley King put together a Steering Committee for the Regional Convention. The Chairs of committees met on a monthly basis to discuss performance locations, programs, artists, restaurant suggestions and much more. The Program Committee chaired by Thomas Clark-Jones was busy setting up venues that would include some of the best locations in the Harrisburg/Hershey/York areas. David Hoffman chaired the Gifts/Grants Committee and contacted potential supporters/donors. The Hilton on Market Square in Harrisburg was chosen as Convention Headquarters.
- Dr. Robert Lau presented the program " Easy Improvisation for the Church Organist" in February 2010 at Zion Lutheran Church in Harrisburg. This presentation consisted of a graduated process in which written hymns are embellished initially for accompaniment to singing. Additional improvisatory techniques were examined to demonstrate further refinement resulting in works which could be used as preludes, offertories and/or pieces to be played during communion.
- The National Convention of the American Guild of Organists was held in Washington, D.C. July 4 through 8, 2010.

Positions Available

Church Musician (part-time) - Huntingdon Presbyterian Church seeks a candidate for a flexible position that includes playing for Sunday morning worship services and occasional evening services. Proficiency on piano required and proficiency with the organ highly preferred. We have an excellent three manual , 30 rank Hook & Hastings/Kilgen organ, and all our pianos are well maintained via regular servicing. Candidates should have experience as a church musician, working knowledge of hymns and service music, and ability to choose musical material appropriate to the liturgical calendar in coordination with church worship leaders. Competitive pay and access to benefits offered. All candidates should send letter of introduction and resume to: Personnel Committee, Huntingdon Presbyterian Church, 508 Mifflin Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652 or huntpci789@gmail.com.

Organist (part-time) - Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Boiling Springs, PA, is accepting applications for organist to support our weekly 10 am Sunday worship service (plus Christmas Eve and Ash Wednesday evening services) and to accompany a seasonal "pick-up" adult choir on occasion. The organ is a 2-manual Allen digital computer organ. The compensation is negotiable. Please submit your letter of interest and work history to the Rev. Deborah Brumbaugh, db.online@verizon.net. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The Rev. Deborah L. Brumbaugh, Pastor Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 325 Old Stonehouse Road South, Boiling Springs, PA 17007

Organist-Choirmaster (part-time) - St. John's Episcopal Church, Carlisle, PA seeks an organist-choirmaster to begin late-winter, early spring 2022. The organist choirmaster will serve as St. John's principal parish musician and educator. S/he will provide music and music leadership for 2-3 liturgies per week, additional services around Christmas and Easter, annual Epiphany celebration, occasional Evensong services, funerals, and weddings and will lead the adult SATB choir as well as the Men and Youth. To apply submit 1. a Cover Letter stating your vision for serving as a Parish Organist-Choirmaster, 2. a CV or Resume, and 3. three (3) Letters of recommendation to: David L. Smith, Organist-Choirmaster Search Committee Chair, St. John's Episcopal Church, 1a N. Hanover Street, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, 17013. Compensation will be commensurate with qualifications and years of experience as communicated by Association of Anglican Musicians. St. John's welcomes applications from all qualified candidates without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, genetic information, or sexual orientation. For a full position description visit <https://tinyurl.com/yeywj5s5>.

Cantor (part-time): First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Carlisle, Pennsylvania (ELCA), is seeking a part-time cantor to help continue a long history of excellence in worship and music. In addition to serving as the organist for all worship services (on our well-maintained three-manual 56-rank Aeolian-Skinner Opus 1155, rebuilt and enlarged by R. A. Daffer in 1989), the cantor directs the Chancel Choir and Bell Choir and collaborates in worship planning. The successful candidate will have gifts in leading the liturgy and congregational hymn-singing and working with musicians of all ages and skill levels and good interpersonal skills. The 15-20 hour/week position (variable based on choir/church season) has the potential to grow as we emerge from the pandemic. Salary is commensurate with experience and education. For additional information contact Pastor Lisa Leber (pastor@firstlutherancarlisle.org or 717-215-6055). About First Lutheran: www.firstlutherancarlisle.org. Full job description: tinyurl.com/2p9hxbwn



Ken Walker
Archivist

Nominees for At-large Seats on the Board 2022-2026

Ellen Hunt has served churches in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania. A graduate of Westminster Choir College and Columbia University, she has been Dean of the Hartford, CT and Harrisburg, PA AGO chapters. She also was chair of the POE+ hosted by Harrisburg Chapter in 2016. Ellen was a founder and Dean of the Mt. Vernon Music Academy, Mt. Vernon, NY. She is Minister of Music Emerita at Market Square Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg.



A Dayton, Ohio native, **Grant Wareham** is a graduate of Rice University's Shepherd School of Music where he studied with Ken Cowan and Yale University Institute of Sacred Music and School of Music where he studied with Jon Laukvik and Thomas Murray. Winner of both the First and Audience Prizes at the 2017 Albert Schweitzer Organ Competition, Grant has appeared at the 2017 OHS Convention, and as a semifinalist in the 2019 Longwood International Organ Competition. He currently serves as the Organist and Director of Music Ministries at Derry Presbyterian Church in Hershey, Pennsylvania, the new home of Aeolian-Skinner Op. 1132, originally installed in 1950 at Church of the Redeemer in New Haven, CT.



Adam Koch is the Director of Music and Organist at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Frederick, MD where he oversees a vibrant and diverse music program. Adam graduated with honors from Shenandoah Conservatory with a degree in Church Music and the Performance Certificate in Organ Performance as a student of Dr. J. Thomas Mitts. Adam served as the Artistic Director and Conductor of the New Wave Singers of Baltimore for nine seasons. Adam also served as the Moravian College (now Moravian University) college choir accompanist and college organist and accompanist of the Hunter College Choir. Adam resides in Harrisburg's Shipoke neighborhood with his husband Matthew and two rescued greyhounds, Canon and Coda.



Rick Zentmeyer is a Navy veteran, attended Lebanon Valley College, and later graduated from the University of Toledo, OH with an Electrical Engineering degree. He worked in West Springfield, MA before moving to Hershey in 1993. Prior to learning classical organ, Rick enjoyed playing Theatre Organ style. He became a church organist after many years of private lessons when living in Westfield, having studied with Lynn Edwards and later with Allan Taylor. In Hershey he studied with Helen Anthony at Derry Presbyterian Church for several years before final organ studies at Lebanon Valley College, completing a two-year evening course, with studies from Suzanne Riehl and Dr. Pierce Getz. After doing a few years of substitute work Rick then became Organist/Choir Director at Faith UCC in Grantville, where he has been for 20 years. Rick has served on the Harrisburg AGO board in the past, has held the office of treasurer, and was on the 2011 Regional Convention Committee.



Originally from Eastern Canada, **Andrew Meade** currently lives in Mechanicsburg, PA and serves as the organist and director of worship at Grace UMC in Hummelstown, PA. At Grace, he oversees a music program that includes 4 vocal choirs, a handbell choir, contemporary praise band, and brass ensemble. He earned a B.M. degree from Dalhousie University (Halifax) and an M.M. degree from Westminster Choir College (Princeton). Andrew is married to Joy, who is the Director of Choral Activities at Messiah University, and they have two elementary-age children: Lydia and Elliott.



Shenk Scholarship

The Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) invites students in grades 4 to 12 to apply for the Violette I. Shenk Scholarship. The scholarship provides the equivalent of ten 30-minute organ lessons with qualified members of the Harrisburg Chapter as teachers; membership in the Guild; and an opportunity to play in a chapter program. The deadline for applying for this scholarship is April 30.

While previous piano experience is desirable, it is not required. The ability to read music is crucial, so having some experience with singing or playing another instrument is required.

Since 2001, this fund has given 165 awards. Many students who were scholarship recipients in the past have continued study and are now serving churches, are studying music in college, or are otherwise engaged in playing the organ.

Details and application forms are available on the website at www.harrisburgago.org/education. Spread the word!

Area Events

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 Jerrold Tidwell, Organist
Camp Hill Presbyterian Church 101 N. 23rd Street
Camp Hill, PA 17011, beginning at 11:45 with a light
luncheon in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a 30
minute recital in the Sanctuary. Both the luncheon and
program are free, but donations to defray the expense
are appreciated!

Friday, April 22, 2022 at 7:30 pm Mt. Zion Lutheran
Church, 2164 Mt. Zion Road, York presents Hershey
Handbell Ensemble in concert.

Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 7:00 pm Fishing Creek Salem
United Methodist Church, 402 Valley Road, Goldsboro
presents Hershey Handbell Ensemble in concert.

Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 3:00 pm First United Methodist
Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey
presents Hershey Handbell Ensemble in concert.

Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 6:00 pm St. Luke's Episcopal
Church, 22 S. Sixth St., Lebanon presents a Choral
Evensong and Organ Concert by Nicholas Basehore,
Hill Lutheran Church, Cleona PA. Free-will offering.

Sunday, May 1, 2022 at 4:00 pm Arts on the Square at
Market Square Presbyterian Church, 20 S. Second
Street, Harrisburg, PA presents Duruflé's Requiem and
Vaughn Williams' Five Mystical Songs. Choirs of Market
Square Church and Baltimore's First and Franklin
Church. Chamber Orchestra. Free-will offering. Free
parking.

Sunday, May 8, 2022 at 6:00 pm St. Luke's Episcopal
Church, 22 S. Sixth St., Lebanon presents a Choral
Evensong and Organ Concert by Thomas Mellon, St.
Cecilia Roman Catholic Church, Boston, MA. Free-will
offering.

Friday, May 27, 2022 at 7:30 pm First United Methodist
Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey
presents organist Rachel Schulz in recital. The recital
will include music played for Rachel's masters recital at
University of Kansas where she studies Church music
with concentrations in Organ and Conducting, studying
organ with Dr. Michael Bauer.

Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 7:00 pm Arts on the Square at
Market Square Presbyterian Church, 20 S. Second
Street, Harrisburg, PA presents the Market Square
Singers in concert as they depart on a concert tour of
Scotland. Free-will offering. Free parking.

Sunday, June 19, 2022 at 6:00 pm St. Luke's Episcopal
Church, 22 S. Sixth St., Lebanon presents a Choral
Evensong and Solemn Benediction sung by St. Luke's
Festival Choir. Free-will offering.

Events listed are those submitted to the editor.
Deadline is the 15th of the month preceding publication.

Finance Report

Shawn Gingrich, treasurer

Balance in Checking as of 1/1/2022	\$3,397.93
Expenses ¹	\$5,515.05
Deposits & Credits:	\$3,099.16
Balance in Checking as of 3/31/2022	\$982.04

Invested Funds as of 1/1/2022

Harrisburg AGO Savings ²	\$15,364.43
Thrivent Investment Fund ²	\$46,641.64
Frances Bishop Fund	\$166,649.46
Total	\$228,655.53

Invested Funds as of 3/31/2022

Harrisburg AGO Savings ³	\$6,749.01
Thrivent Investment Fund ³	\$54,382.24
Frances Bishop Fund	\$154,407.02
Total	\$215,538.27

NOTES:

¹Expenses reflect program expenses for two major events
along with hospitality for both, our donation to the
AGO Annual Fund, postage, and copying costs.

²Harrisburg AGO Savings is the total of the HAGO savings
and the Thrivent Investment Fund. Detail as of
1/1/2022:

Cassel Competition Fund	\$5,019.52
Clapper-Fryinger Bequests	\$5,167.24
Reserve Savings	\$24,737.64
Shenk Scholarship Fund	\$10,493.26
Throne Fund	\$8,522.27
Yocum Scholarship Fund	\$8,066.14

³Harrisburg AGO Savings is the total of the HAGO savings
and the Thrivent Investment Fund. Detail as of
3/31/2022:

Cassel Competition Fund	\$4,841.13
Clapper-Fryinger Bequests	\$4,983.59
Reserve Savings	\$23,858.44
Shenk Scholarship Fund	\$11,441.52
Throne Fund	\$8,219.39
Yocum Scholarship Fund	\$7,787.18

David Erickson Honored

Congratulations to David Erickson on his recent
"retirement" from First Lutheran Church in Carlisle. The
congregation gave gifts of appreciation which then were
appropriated to the Harrisburg AGO Shenk Scholarship
fund to support young organists.

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Submission to The Bombarde

The deadline for *The Bombarde* is the fifteenth of Dec, Mar, Jun, Sep for the following quarter's edition unless otherwise noted. Whenever possible, please submit your items in electronic format. For area events, please follow the format.



Deadline for inclusion in the third quarter 2022 newsletter is June 15, 2022.

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