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American Guild of Organists – Harrisburg Chapter



From the Dean

Greetings Colleagues!

For those of you who were in attendance at our annual scholarship recital, I hope that you were as impressed and excited as I was to see (and hear!) so many young people interested in the organ! What a magnificent program by our students and teachers!

As I mentioned in my remarks that afternoon, that recital is the most important thing we do as a chapter all year long. For our profession to remain healthy and vibrant into the future, it is most important that we continue to encourage these young people and foster their growth!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of our Education Committee: Andrew Meade (Chair), Robert Lau, Deb Dillane, and Shawn Gingrich for their support of my sometimes crazy initiatives, and their desire to see these programs grow. Without their dedication and efforts, we would not be nearly as successful as we have been this past year. I am encouraged by the growth that we've seen, and look forward to how these programs will continue to grow in the future.

Coming up the rest of this year, you will see one of the most diverse program calendars that we've had in recent years. I do hope that you'll plan on marking your calendars and joining us...they are sure to be both educational and enjoyable!

Pax vobiscum,
Justin Myers

From the Sub-Dean — October Event

Dear friends,

Happy fall! It sure did seem like the summer flew by this year. The Programming Committee and I have put together our 22-23 program year. I think you will find that it is a varied program – we have workshops and seminars, recitals and potlucks, and more! I hope you will make a strong effort to attend our Chapter's programs this year.

Coming up, we are having a **Workshop Saturday!** We will meet at St. Joseph's Catholic Church (400 East Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg, 17055) on October 22 from 10 to 12:30 pm. Feel free to arrive around 9:30 for some breakfast goodies prepared by our Hospitality Committee. We will begin the workshops at the stroke of 10! Dr. Rachel Cornacchio (Messiah University) will be presenting on *Repertoire for the Adolescent Voice*; Dr. Shawn Gingrich (Messiah University) will be leading us on *Ringing with Smaller Groups*; and Dr. Shelly Moorman-Stahlman (Lebanon Valley College) will finish the morning with a wide range of *Organ Repertoire* that we can use for our beginner students and new repertoire that we can use in worship. Each workshop is 40-minutes in length and it promises to be a great morning. I hope you will come and support our colleagues who are presenting and join us for this educational event.

Click go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/JL53SDH to take a survey regarding future program years. We would like to hear from you about what you think will be beneficial for you; what you would like to see in future years; and any suggestions you might have. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey.

Hope to see you in October!

Warm regards,
Tyler Canonico

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.

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Programs 2022-2023

- ◆ Workshop Saturday with clinicians Rachel Cornacchio, Shawn Gingrich, and Shelly Moorman-Stahlman Saturday, October 22 – 9:30 am (gathering) 10 am – 12 pm St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Mechanicsburg, Justin Myers, host (See details p.1)
- ◆ Preaching to the Choir: The Care and Nurture of the Church Choir a workshop with Dr. Wayne Wold Saturday, November 19 – 10 am – 12 pm Messiah University (choral rehearsal room), Shawn Gingrich, host cosponsored by the ACDA Student Chapter
- ◆ January Jumpstart presented by Philadelphia AGO Saturday, January 28, 2023 9am-4pm at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church Tom Trenney will open with a hymn festival, Renée Anne Louprette will close with a recital on the 59-stop, 89-rank Rieger Orgelbau, and Eileen Hunt delivering a keynote speech during lunch. Sessions will be lead by these 3, plus Jeff Brillhart, Mark Miller, Shelly Moorman-Stahlman, Sarah Simko, Michael Smith, and David Storey.
- ◆ Epiphany Party Friday, January 6 – 6:30 pm St. Catherine Labouré, Harrisburg, Justin Pechulis and Fr. James Lease, hosts
- ◆ Members Recital with Pot-luck Supper - Music by Black composers Friday, February 10 – 6:30 potluck – 7:30 recital Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg.
- ◆ Works by Women Composers presented by students of The Curtis Institute Saturday, March 18 – 2:00 pm Trinity Lutheran Church, Camp Hill, Tim Koch, host Co-sponsored with Trinity Concert Series
- ◆ Vespers Sunday, May 7 – 4:00 PM St. Catherine Labouré, Harrisburg, Justin Pechulis and Fr. James Lease, hosts
- ◆ Recital and Banquet Monica Czausz Berney, organist Sunday, June 4 – 4:00 p.m. Market Square Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, Tyler Canonico, host

For more information regarding programs, please contact our Sub Dean, Tyler Canonico, canonico@marketsquarechurch.org or 717-257-1270 ext. 18. All programs (except the banquet) are free and open to the public!

Lunch Bunch

We have been gathering for lunch and networking and encourage you to join us for the next lunch on Wednesday, October 19 at 11:30am at Perkins 7 Erford Rd Lemoyne

To sign up visit the harrisburgago.org or for more information contact: harrisburgago@gmail.com or call Shawn Gingrich at 717-877-8554.

Shenk Scholar-Teacher Recital

by John Robinson

On August 28, the chapter met at Camp Hill Presbyterian Church to hold its annual student recital by recipients of the Violette I. Shenk Scholarship on the III/42 Schantz Organ Co. instrument of 2008. The fund was established in 2001 to promote and encourage the study of organ by interested students throughout the Central Pennsylvania region. Each summer the selected students, both beginning and advanced, receive ten half-hour lessons (or the equivalent) from members of the Harrisburg Chapter. Since being established, this fund has given 172 scholarships. Numerous students who were scholarship recipients have continued study and are now serving churches, majoring in music in college, and otherwise continuing to play the organ.



Left to right are Anna Smith, Jillian Collins, Julie Clarke, Dan Dorty, Victor Fields and Shawn Gingrich, Jonathan Brettschneider, Sean Skinner. In front of the bench is Kian Edris. (Photo: Rick Zentmyer)

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PROGRAMS

- August 28—Shenk Scholarship Students and Teachers Recital, First United Methodist Church, Hershey



- September 13—Potluck Supper followed by panel presentation “Tips from Great Teachers”, Mt. Calvary Episcopal Church, Camp Hill
- October 15—“Duet” (music for organ duet and piano and organ duet) Christ United Church of Christ, Elizabethtown
- November 12—Choral Reading Session presented by Dr. William Carroll, Editor, Hinshaw Music, Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church, Mechanicsburg
- January 17—Members’ and Organ Plus Recital, Camp Hill United Methodist Church, Camp Hill
- February 11—Organ Crawl to Hershey



- March 10—“Making the Most of Your Anthem”, Dr. Robert Lau, clinician, St. Stephen’s Episcopal Cathedral, Harrisburg
- April 21—“Marcel Dupre: A Power Point Presentation of His Life and Works”, Dr. Ralph Kneeream, clinician, Army War College, Carlisle



- May 8—Annual Chapter Business Meeting and Dinner, including the Installation of Officers at the home of Karen Appel and Bob Wigand, Harrisburg

FROM THE BOMBARDES

- In the August 2011 Bombarde Dean Ralph Kneeream wrote “Our 75th Anniversary Guild Service and Reception in October of 2010 was a wonderful celebration through Word, Music and Fellowship. Of course, A Capital Event, AGO Harrisburg, June 27-30, 2011, will long live in all our memories.”
- Shawn Gingrich—now Dr. Shawn Gingrich—completed the requirements for the Degree of Doctor of Worship Studies and was awarded the degree by the Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies on June 11.
- The following Chapter Members have attained Certification from The American Guild of Organists: Robert Bell, SPC; David Binkley, SPC, CAGO; Phyllis Conrad, SPC; Ray Edmison, SPC; Jane Errera, ChM; Dr. Shawn Gingrich, SPC; Timothy Koch, CAGO; Esther Long, SPC; Walter McAnney, Jr., SPC; Rev. Steven Middernacht, SPC; Jennifer Noel, SPC; Lois Paine, SPC; Doris Parsels, SPC; S. Delizia St. John-Brainerd, AAGO; Doris Savage, SPC, CAGO; Dr. Ronald Sider, AAGO; Carolyn Wright, SPC.
- The Education Committee announced that funds have been designated to support adult educational opportunities made possible by monies given from the estate of Ida Enck Throne.

Ken Walker
Archivist

Note of Thanks

Chapter member Debbie Fortna, a recent recipient of a Throne Scholarship, would like to express her appreciation. She looks forward to taking the CAGO exam on 11/18/22 and becoming active in the chapter.

Positions Available

Church Music Coordinator: The Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren comes from the anabaptist/pietist heritage shared by Quakers, Mennonites and several other denominations. We practice peace, service, and openness to all. We seek a candidate for a flexible position that includes working with the pastoral team to plan musical support for 10:30 am Sunday morning blended worship services and Christmas Eve Service and occasional other services. This position will be responsible for developing, rehearsing and directing a variety of vocal and instrumental ensembles for supporting the worship experience. Proficiency on piano/ keyboard preferred. Candidates should have experience as a church musician, working knowledge of hymns and service music, and familiarity with a broad range of music styles. Competitive pay commensurate with experience. The full job description is available on the [Indeed listing](#).

Church Organist / Keyboardist: The Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren comes from the Anabaptist/Pietist heritage shared by Quakers, Mennonites and several other denominations. We practice peace, service, and openness to all. We seek a candidate for a flexible position that includes playing for 10:30 am Sunday morning worship services and Christmas Eve Service and occasional services. The congregation embraces a “blended” service with a variety of music genres. This position will accompany ensembles and soloists during Sunday morning services and for rehearsals. Proficiency on pipe organ required and proficiency with piano/ keyboard desirable. We have an excellent three manual, 27 rank Reuter/Walker pipe organ with 41 digitally reproduced stops. Candidates should have experience as a church musician, a working knowledge of hymns and service music, and familiarity with a broad range of music styles.

Competitive pay commensurate with experience. The full job description is available on the [Indeed listing](#).

Organist/Choir Director - Faith UCC, Grantville - one Sunday service (traditional) at 10:15 AM Choir Rehearsal on Wednesday 7:30 – 8:30 PM. Service is Traditional, 3 hymns, 2 responses, prelude/postlude, no Offertory. Choir of 12, balanced between men and women. Organ Rodgers 2-manual with 5 ranks of pipes, capture combination action, piano is relatively new. Position is part time with a current salary of \$800/Mo., but is negotiable. Applicants should contact Pastor George Robertson at 717-469-2444, or faithgrantville@gmail.com.

Part Time Organist - Paddletown St. Paul's UMC, Part Time Organist, Eppers, PA is seeking a Part Time Organist for 2 Sundays out of a Month. The candidate will work with the Pastor to plan worship services. Full Service per Sunday – to include 4- 5 hymns from the United Methodist Hymn Book and or other Song Books as well as Prelude, Doxology and Postlude. Knowledge of the Rodgers Glasgow 740 organ is desirable. Other worship events per request if available – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Christmas Eve, and others that may arise, including Funerals/Weddings. Salary to be discussed based on experience and qualifications. This job description is subject to modification, based on conversation with suitable candidates. Please reach out to Brenda Bonafair – bbonafair55@gmail.com if interested or have any questions.

Area Events

Wednesday, October 5, 2022—12:15 pm Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 North 23rd Street Camp Hill presents organist Dr. Robert Lau in recital. A light lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall prior from 11:45–12:15. A free-will offering will be received.

Sunday, October 16, 2022—3:00 pm Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill presents the Davin-Levin Duo, Harp and guitar in a dynamic Chamber Music experience. Free.

Tuesday, October 18, 2022—6:30 pm Derry Presbyterian Church, 248 East Derry Road, Hershey presents Simon Johnson in recital on the Aeolian-Skinner organ. Johnson is music director at Westminster Cathedral, the mother church of the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales where the Cathedral Choir is acclaimed as one of the world's great choirs and remains the only Catholic Cathedral choir in the world to sing daily Mass and Vespers.

Sunday, October 30, 2022—3:00 pm First UMC, 64 W Chocolate Ave, Hershey presents Harry Strack in a piano/ organ recital. Free with an offering at the door.

Wednesday, November 2, 2022—12:15 pm Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 North 23rd Street Camp Hill presents organist Deb Dillane in recital. A light lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall prior from 11:45–12:15. A free-will offering will be received.

Sunday, November 6, 2022—3:00 pm Mount Gretna United Methodist Church will host an organ recital featuring Margaret Marsch playing historic works and transcriptions of orchestral favorites by Mozart, Bach, Elgar, Franck, Widor, among others. The recital will showcase the 4-manual, 83-stop Allen Renaissance R-400 Digital Organ that had belonged to Walter G. McAnney, Jr. For years, McAnney and his partner Peter Hewitt hosted summer concerts in their Mount Gretna home as part of the Pennsylvania Chautauqua's Summer Programs. The Mount Gretna United Methodist Church acquired the organ from Hewitt's estate and is honored to continue the McAnney-Hewitt tradition of organ concerts. Marsch is a member of the Lancaster Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, has an active teaching studio of piano, organ and harpsichord students and is Sanctuary Organist at Lancaster Church of the Brethren. The concert is open to the public. A free will offering will be received.

Sunday, November 6, 2022—4:00 pm Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill presents Candlelight Vespers, Concert Choir and Orchestra presenting Gabriel Faure's Requiem. Free.

Wednesday, December 7, 2022—12:15 pm Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 North 23rd Street Camp Hill presents organist Todd Davis 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, December 9, 2022—7:30 pm First UMC, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey presents the Hershey Handbell Ensemble in concert. Free with a free-will offering received at the door.

Sunday, December 11, 2022—3:00 pm Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill presents Christmas at Trinity - Annual Christmas concert with choirs, bells and orchestra. Free.

Sunday, December 18, 2022—4:00 pm Fine Arts at First Lutheran Church, 21 South Bedford St, Carlisle presents a Festival of Lessons and Carols. Free and open to the public with a Free-will offering accepted.

Events listed are those submitted to the editor.

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Deadline is the 15th of the month preceding publication.

Finance Report

Shawn Gingrich, treasurer

Balance in Checking as of 6/30/2022	\$1,145.69
Expenses ¹	\$2,999.80
Deposits & Credits:	\$4,174.11
Balance in Checking as of 8/23/2022	\$2,320.00

Invested Funds as of 6/30/2022

Harrisburg AGO Savings ²	\$4,801.61
Thrivent Investment Fund ³	\$47,618.20
Frances Bishop Fund	\$133,593.14
Total	\$186,012.95

Invested Funds as of 9/30/2022

Harrisburg AGO Savings ³	\$3,354.89
Thrivent Investment Fund ³	\$50,611.45
Frances Bishop Fund	\$142,795.45
Total	\$196,761.79

NOTES:

¹Expenses reflect \$2,100 for Shenk Scholarships offset by a transfer in from that fund, a memorial paid for Caleb Flick, transfer to savings of special fund donations made with membership renewals, and other incidentals.

²Harrisburg AGO Savings is the total of the HAGO savings and the Thrivent Investment Fund. Detail as of 6/30/2022:

Cassel Competition Fund	\$4,378.00
Clapper-Fryinger Bequests	\$3,137.46
Reserve Savings	\$21,139.72
Shenk Scholarship Fund	\$10,155.43
Throne Fund	\$6,884.39
Yocum Scholarship Fund	\$6,899.81

³Harrisburg AGO Savings is the total of the HAGO savings and the Thrivent Investment Fund. Detail as of 8/23/2022:

Cassel Competition Fund	\$4,777.32
Clapper-Fryinger Bequests	\$3,374.89
Reserve Savings	\$22,382.80
Shenk Scholarship Fund	\$8,668.23
Throne Fund	\$7,289.21
Yocum Scholarship Fund	\$7,473.89

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Deadline for inclusion in the first quarter 2023 newsletter is December 15, 2022.

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