



# Notes From A Loft

**November 2022**

**The American Guild of Organists**

**Tampa, Florida Chapter**

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## *FROM THE SUB-DEAN*

**PECULIAR PIPES!**

**THIS SUNDAY - October 30, 2022**

**4:00 p.m.**

First Presbyterian Church of Lakeland

175 Hollingsworth Drive

Lakeland, FL 33801

We look forward to seeing everyone at the SPOOK-TACULAR event featuring performers from Tampa, Lakeland, and Winter Haven.

Donations for the Tampa Chapter of the American Guild of Organists Margaret Smith McAlister Scholarship Fund will be collected at the exits of the sanctuary. Many thanks to First Presbyterian Church for hosting this event and to all the musicians for sharing their talents! Please joins us in the Welcome Center for a reception following the recital!

**LOOKING AHEAD!**

**Members Organ Recital**

featuring Tampa AGO's Scholarship Winners

Sunday, November 13, 2022

4:00 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church

3714 West Linebaugh Avenue

Tampa, FL 33618

Stephen L. Allen, Sub-Dean - Tampa Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

# *FROM THE DEAN*

Dear Tampa AGO Members and Friends,

Happy All Hallows Eve to all of you! We had a great chapter get-together at the home of Stephen Allen in September! With national midterm elections coming up, please vote if you haven't already.

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!!! We have much to be grateful for in our wonderful United States of America, not the least of which is surviving the world Covid pandemic.

So many wonderful programs coming up in the next few weeks. Please take note of the following events pages (highlights below) and enjoy as many as you can.

Friday October 28, 2022, 7pm - Organist extraordinaire Steven Ball will score Alfred Hitchcock's first big silent film scare, live on the Tampa Theater's Mighty Wurlitzer pipe organ. Name of film? "The Lodger", and this film made Alfred Hitchcock a name to remember. The trade journal Biosphere said, "It is possible that this film is the finest British production ever made." Reduced rate tickets for AGO patrons. Get your tickets online to save time in line with promo code: TAMPAAGO.

Sunday October 30, 2022, 4pm - Peculiar Pipes at First Presbyterian Church, 175 Lake Hollingsworth Drive, Lakeland, FL 33801 Thomas Ingui has assembled a roster of organists and a vocalist in costume. Come and be delighted. The Austin organ at this church is a true gem and you will hear it played most ably. Donations go to the Margaret Smith McAlister Organ Scholarship Fund and a reception will be held after the recital.

Saturday Nov. 5, 2022, 9am-1pm - Observe a pipe organ being built from scratch through the help of Orgelkids U.S.A.!! Too late to sign up for lunch, but not too late to observe, hear, and see. Ages 5-through high school are encouraged to attend. A \$5 registration fee collected at the door for students however, parental participation is free and encouraged. At 1:30pm all are invited to a silent movie with accompaniment. Please invite your piano-budding-organist students to this event which is sponsored by the Clearwater Chapter. For further info contact Dr. Linda Pointer, 727-441-1099.

Sunday Nov. 13, 2022, 4pm. - Tampa Chapter Young Organists Recital - Our 4 Margaret McAlister Organ Scholarship Winners for 2022 as well as other young organists from our Tampa Chapter will each provide us with lovely organ music. We are so thrilled to have each of you perform for us! Come to Grace Lutheran Church 3714 W. Linebaugh Ave. Tampa, FL 33618 and give our young organists your encouragement.

Saturday, Nov. 19, 11:10am - Feast of Hymns - Thanksgiving Celebration - in person at Tampa First Seventh-day Adventist Church, 822 W. Linebaugh Ave. and Livestream, at <https://www.youtube.com/c/TampaFirstSDAChurch>. The program will feature the University Trumpets, Trombones, Tubas, and Timpani; The Advent Chorale; and Tampa First String & Wind Orchestra. Donations collected during "Feast of Hymns" will go for Community Outreach and their Food Pantry. Please check out the flyer.

No chapter event scheduled for December. Have a Merry Christmas!

Plan to participate in our choral workshop and performance event Saturday and Sunday January 21, & 22, 2023.

## *FROM THE DEAN*



On Sunday October 9, 2022, at 4:00pm Grace Lutheran Church in Tampa presented Gavin McVey, organ and Benjamin Vantoorenburg in recital. Pictured above (l-r Dr. Laura Ellis, professor of organ at the University of Florida, Gavin McVey, a student of Dr. Ellis; Benjamin Vantoorenburg, Alice Tietjen, long-time teacher of Benjamin Vantoorenburg). Donations of \$317.00 from the recital were donated to the Margaret McAlister Organ Scholarship Fund which is administered by the Tampa Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Benjamin Vantoorenburg is a former recipient of a Margaret McAlister Organ Scholarship.

Sylvia Chai, Dean  
Tampa Chapter AGO

# *Welcome New Members!!!!*

**Joshua (Josh) Whiteneck**

**Ellen Prohl**

**Christopher Kick**

# 2022 – 2023 Calendar of Chapter Events

**October 30, 2022 – 4:00 pm – “Peculiar Pipes” – A Costumed Halloween Recital**

First Presbyterian Church of Lakeland, 175 Lake Hollingworth Dr, Lakeland, FL 33801

Contact: Thomas Ingui (772) 913-0279 or [hippomaster@gmail.com](mailto:hippomaster@gmail.com)

**November 13, 2022 – 4:00 pm – Members Organ Recital featuring**

**Tampa AGO Scholarship Winners and Our Young Organists**

Grace Lutheran Church, 3714 W Linebaugh Ave, Tampa, FL 33618

Contact: Sylvia Chai (813) 390-0911 or [sylviachai0@gmail.com](mailto:sylviachai0@gmail.com)

**January 21-22, 2023 – [detailed schedule forthcoming] – Festival of Music with  
Former Dean Nancy Callahan, Clinician, Members of the Tampa Oratorio Singers, the  
Chancel Choir, and All Interested Singers**

Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church, 3501 W San Jose St, Tampa, FL 33629

Contact: Stephen Allen (813) 997-7859 or [slafl@aol.com](mailto:slafl@aol.com)

**February 14, 2023 – 7:00 pm – “Seven Chances” – A silent film with accompaniment on the  
Mighty Wurlitzer by Artist-In-Residence Steven Ball**

Tampa Theatre, 711 N Franklin St, Tampa, FL 33602

[Promo code TAMPAAGO for \$3 ticket discount on online ticket sales]

*Pre-Concert Dinner – 5:00 pm – Si-Am Thai Restaurant, 713 N Franklin St, Tampa, FL 33602*

Contact: Steven Ball (609) 515-5857 or [info@stevenball.com](mailto:info@stevenball.com)

**March 19, 2023 – 4:00 pm – 22<sup>nd</sup> Bach Birthday Bash – Featuring Organ, Instrumental, and  
Vocal Works of Johann Sebastian Bach**

Benefiting the Margaret Smith McAlister Scholarship Fund

Hyde Park United Methodist Church, 500 W Platt St, Tampa, FL 33606

Contact: Van Howard (813) 857-8800 or [vbhoward@gmail.com](mailto:vbhoward@gmail.com)

**April 16, 2023 – 4:00 pm – Margaret Smith McAlister Scholarship Auditions**

St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, 13312 Cain Rd, Tampa, FL 33625

Contact: Edwin Taylor (203) 947-3497 or [edwintaylor52@gmail.com](mailto:edwintaylor52@gmail.com)

**April 30, 2023 – 5:00 pm – Adam Brakel Organ Concert**

Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church, 3501 W San Jose St, Tampa, FL 33629

Contact: Van Howard (813) 857-8800 or [vbhoward@gmail.com](mailto:vbhoward@gmail.com)

**May 19, 2023 – 6:30 pm – Closing Dinner and Installation of Officers**

Bonfish Grill, 3665 Henderson Blvd, Tampa, FL 33609

Contact: Van Howard (813) 857-8800 or [vbhoward@gmail.com](mailto:vbhoward@gmail.com)

# Looking Ahead this Month!



*The Tampa Chapter  
of the American  
Guild of Organists  
Celebrating 75 years*

## American Guild of Organists Tampa Chapter

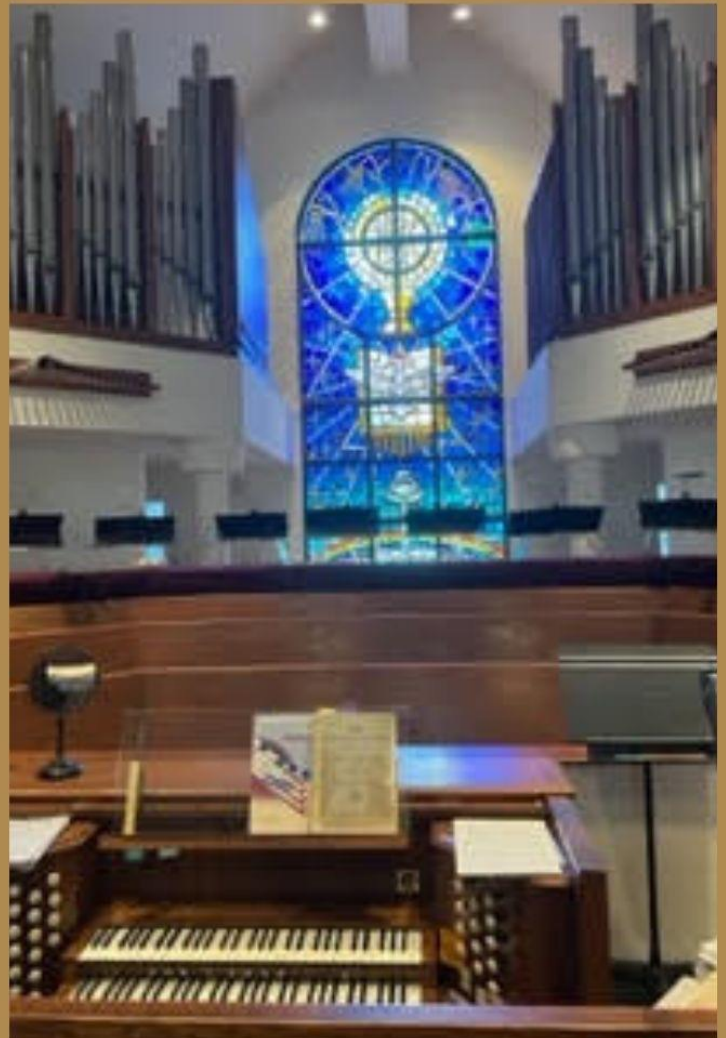
SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS  
AND MEMBERS  
RECITAL

Sunday, November 13, 2022 - 4:00 PM

Free will donations will go toward  
the Margaret McAlister Scholarship Fund

Grace Lutheran Church

3714 W LINEBAUGH AVENUE  
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**Sunday, November 13, 2022, at 4 pm**  
**Grace Lutheran Church, Tampa**

# Other Upcoming Events

October 28, 2022 – 7:00 pm – Halloween Special Silent Film with accompaniment on the  
Mighty Wurlitzer  
Tampa Theatre, 711 N Franklin St, Tampa, FL 33602



November 5, 2022 – 7:00 pm – Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza  
Sponsored by the Clearwater and Southwest Florida Chapters  
First United Methodist Church,  
Tampa Theatre, 411 Turner St, Clearwater, FL 33756

**Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza**

**WHAT IS PEDALS, PIPES, AND PIZZA?**  
Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza is a mini-day camp sponsored by the American Guild of Organists Clearwater and Southwest Florida Chapters designed to give children and youth (from ages 5-high school senior) a brief introduction to the pipe organ.

Participants will have the opportunity to see, hear, and play the pipe organ. By special arrangement with Organists USA, campers will assemble a pipe organ. Our adventure will conclude with a silent movie with organ accompaniment!

Hospitality includes a continental breakfast of hot waffles, fruit, cream, and assorted juices. Our luncheon features Cristina's Cool Over Cheese, Pepperoni, and Vegetable Pizza, leafy salad, delectable ice cream sundaes, and sparkling water. We aim to please the most discriminating palate!

**WHEN**  
Saturday, November 5  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**WHERE**  
First United Methodist Church  
411 Turner Street, Clearwater

**REGISTRATION | FEE | DEADLINE**  
There is a \$5 registration fee per participant, payable by check to the AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS CLEARWATER CHAPTER at time of registration. Participation is limited to 24 campers with a response deadline of Friday, October 21. Adult Counselor/Campers rates \$12. Parental participation is welcomed and encouraged at no charge.

For questions regarding this exceptional experience, please direct inquiries to the registrar.

**REGISTRAR**  
Dr. Linda W. Painter  
1925 Cleveland Street  
Clearwater 33765-3018  
727/441-1099

A collage of four images: top right shows a large wooden pipe organ; middle right shows children sitting at a table playing a smaller pipe organ; bottom left shows a large pizza with various toppings; bottom center shows a plate of fresh fruit including strawberries, blueberries, and kiwi.

Registration and lunch reservations are closed, but you are welcome to come & observe.

# Other Upcoming Events

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

A Concert for All Saints' Sunday

# *Requiem*

John Rutter

**Louise Lykes Ferguson Memorial Choir and  
Chamber Orchestra**

**Ryan Hebert and Coleman Flentge, conductors**

**Hein Jung, soprano**

**Dwight Thomas, organ**

**Sunday, November 6, 2022**

**5:00 p.m.**



# Other Upcoming Events

## *“Feast of Hymns”* *Thanksgiving Celebration* **Saturday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:10 A.M.**

In person: Tampa First Seventh-day Adventist Church  
822 W. Linebaugh Ave.

**Livestream:**

<https://www.youtube.com/c/TampaFirstSDAChurch>

*Donations collected during the “Feast of Hymns”  
singing for the following items for Community  
Outreach and Food Pantry:*

1. New men's underwear (M & L)
2. New women's underwear or bras (S, M & L)
3. New gym shorts or shirts
4. Sweatshirts and pants (M & L)
5. Toiletries (*toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, soap, shampoo, etc.*)
6. Checks, gift cards & monetary donations preferred. (*Pantry bulk buys at the foodbank.*)

### **Featuring:**

- University Trumpets, Trombones, Tubas, and Timpani
- Advent Chorale
- Tampa First String & Wind Orchestra

**Checks may be made payable to  
“Tampa First SDA Church” with  
“Community Outreach” in the memo line.**

Questions?  
Call Candice Bodden  
Church Office 813/933-7505

# 2022 – 2023 Officers – Tampa Chapter

## **Dean**

Sylvia Chai

## **Sub-Dean**

Stephen Allen

## **Secretary/Treasurer**

Van Howard

## **Members-At-Large**

Steven Ball

Dennis Douglas

Thomas Ingui

Tony Sievert

Rebecca Steinke

Edwin Taylor

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Rebecca Steinke, Webmaster

John Matthew Cowan, Social Media Coordinator

Please send any newsletter submission by no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> of the prior month for the next month's newsletter to Van Howard at [vbhoward@gmail.com](mailto:vbhoward@gmail.com)

## Positions Available

Please send available positions to Van Howard at [vbhoward@gmail.com](mailto:vbhoward@gmail.com) along with clear contact information for any inquiries

## Substitutes Available

(O - Organist, P - Pianist, O/D - Organist/Director, D - Director, V - Vocalist)

Please send updates or corrections to this list to Van Howard at [vbhoward@gmail.com](mailto:vbhoward@gmail.com). Inclusion in this list does not constitute the Chapter's endorsement of skills, and thus it encourages interviews with prospective substitutes. Those listed must be a member of the American Guild of Organists.

Mr. Stephen Allen	O/D	(813) 997-7859	Mon - Sat
Mr. Timothy Belk	O/D	(704) 309-0822	Sun, Tue - Sat
Ms. Cheryl Blackwell-Cox	O/P	(813) 465-3332	Sun - Sat
Ms. Sylvia Chai	O/D	(813) 390-0911	Sun - Sat
Dr. Christopher Combie	O	(813) 990-7369	Mon - Fri
Dr. Michael Dougherty	O/D	(813) 624-6768	Mon - Sat
Mr. Dennis Douglas	O	(813) 352-4748	Mon - Sat
Mr. Myles Hayden	O/D	(727) 644-6534	Sat
Ms. Jan Ellis Highsmith	O	(813) 495-8905	Sun - Sat
Ms. Frances Johnson	O/P	(813) 730-4173	Sun - Sat
Mr. Cal Leferink	O/D	(813) 850-9845	Mon - Fri
Ms. Rebecca Steinke	O/D	(619) 841-8930	Mo, Tu, Th, Fr
Mr. Edwin Taylor	O/D	(203) 947-3497	Sun - Sat
Mr. Kurt Taylor	O/D	(660) 631-9416	Sun - Sat
Dr. Shawn Thomas	O/D	(850) 316-0321	Mon - Sat
Mr. Brandon Vennink	O/D	(508) 208-7774	Mon - Fri
Ms. Sarah Whitt	O	(813) 928-2102	Sun - Sat