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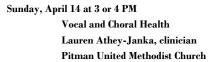
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Upcoming Chapter Events

Sunday, March 10 at 4 PM Helen Carrell Day II
The Organ as orchestral accompaniment
with other instruments
Kenneth Carson, host
Audubon United Methodist Church



Sunday, May 19 at 4 PM Members' Recital Joel Krott, Host First Presbyterian Church, Moorestown

Sunday, June 30 at 3 PM
Annual Business Meeting and Picnic
Evelyn Larter, Host



Dean's Message - by Jonathan Stark

The Fascinations of Hymnody

Hymn (hIm), *noun* 1a: a song of praise to God, 1b: a metrical composition adapted for singing in a religious service

For those of us who work in Christian churches, hymnody is our bread and butter. Many of us know a lot of hymns. But how many hymns are there? In my personal church music database I have cataloged 1,740 hymns. These are only the hymns in the organ music I own and the hymnals I've used. But there's more: sources on the internet estimate there are over 950,000 Christian hymns in existence!



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Sub-Dean's Report - by Lawrence DePasquale, CAGO

As you read this message will be almost halfway through Lent, the season of hopefully a bit more contemplation about Christ's temptation and ministry and the events leading to the Last Supper and his passion, death and resurrection. Our March program will provide music for reflection on these events as we celebrate Helen Carrell Day II at Audubon Methodist Church on March 10 at 4 PM in a program devoted to organ accompanying. Helen did a great deal of accompanying, and we all do, and more is involved than simply playing notes. Sensitivity to the group or soloist, appropriately addressing the room in which we play, and adjusting to varying organs if we are guests and not on our own benches show the versatility required and gained simply by experience and having an additional set of ears for guidance. Located elsewhere in this newsletter is an updated poster/invitation for you to post and share with friends and neighbors. Church attendance is down; many people have not returned since the Covid Pandemic. It is easier for some to now recognize Sunday as just another day to do shopping and chores rather than attend and participate in worship. Our learning systems have two functions: receptive and expressive; these two systems overlap which is where we mentally and physically internalize the material to the point where we can share the stimulus with others. Vocal and instrumental solos and one small group ensemble, all hosted by Kenneth Carson, bringing to the community the music of Vivaldi, Bach, John Prindle Scott, Camille Saint-Saens and other composers will cover the many scriptural periscopes for Lent, some with text and some without. As Christ and the apostles would say: come and see, come and hear.

Our April program, to be led by Mrs. Lauren Athey-Janka, our newest full-time vocal faculty hire at Rowan University, will address appropriate vocal warm-ups and maintaining vocal health in a world that has become practically overrun with bacteria, virus, pollen, germs, and various ways in which the voice is used daily that work against artistic use of the voice. To date 16 people have registered for this event, which is open to anyone who wishes to attend....chapter members and singers committed to their charge. A beginning time has yet to be determined but it will be either 3 or 4 PM on April 14 at Pitman United Methodist Church. A 90-minute workshop will be followed by each participant being offered a bowl of chili and a beverage, totaling two hours. Anyone interested needs to contact me by email at ldorg59@yahoo.com no later than Saturday, April 6.

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Cares and Concerns - by Cathy O'Neill

A get well card was sent to Bill Mitchell who is now at home recovering after a hospital stay. A sympathy card was sent to Kathleen, "boots' White upon the death of Walt Hullings, her partner of many years. She will be relocating to the Masonic Home in Burlington and when I receive that address I will notify you.

Please contact me if someone should be sent a card cmo125@aol.com or 856-214-1928

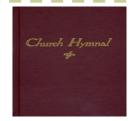
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Dean's Message,

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Last week our colleague and former Dean Evelyn Larter played a recital at Trinity Church in Moorestown. Evelyn played Parry's "Chorale Fantasia on an Old English Tune." I've owned the score for 25 years, played the piece a few times, but never knew what the "Old English Tune" was. This time it sounded hauntingly familiar and motivated me to search in depth. It turns out the tune is "Eltham" by the almost unknown 18th century composer Nathaniel Gawthorn. Eltham appears in the Episcopal Hymnal 1982, setting Isaac Watts' 1707 text "Nature with Open Volume Stands", and Henry Baker's "O God of love, O King of peace" of 1861. Interestingly, Parry subtitles the piece "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross", an association of tune and text unique to Parry and found nowhere else.

I must admit that until very recently I thought "Old 124th" and "Toulon" were two names for the same hymn tune. They're not. The error is understandable – "Toulon" is actually 4 of the 5 lines of music in "Old 124th". "Old 124th" is credited to Louis Bourgeois and first appeared in the 1551 revision of the Genevan Psalter, a collection of melodies written to be sung with metrical translations of the Psalms. It's unclear when the third of the five lines of "Old 124th" was deleted to create "Toulon"; the tune appears in a 1848 publication by Lowell Mason (but under a different name). Some composers and publishers are also confused – reviewing these two tunes in music and hymnals revealed several instances of mislabeling.

My main church job is at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Roxborough, Philadelphia. The feast day of Mary our patron saint is August 15. The Episcopal Hymnal 1982 doesn't specifically index Marian hymns. Thus I was delighted several years ago to realize that the hymnal contains a "stealth" Marian hymn- "Ye watchers and ye holy ones" by Athelstan Riley. Riley was an Anglo-Catholic and one of the creators of the New English Hymnal of 1906. The second verse of the hymn is, in English, a somewhat veiled reference to the Virgin Mary: "Thou bearer of the Eternal Word, Most gracious, magnify the Lord." It's been hypothesized that Riley, desiring this hymn to have broader use within the Anglican Communion, made the reference to Mary less overt. But the language is an almost direct translation of the Axion estin of the Greek Orthodox church.

Are you fascinated by hymns? I hope so! Do you dig into the texts, looking for layers of meaning, Scripture references, and connections to liturgical seasons and to the readings of the day? Do you give your preparation of hymn accompaniments equal priority with your organ voluntaries and choir work? Do you strive to match your registration and phrasing to the texts, do you seek out alternate accompaniments, or write them, or improvise them? I hope so! Hymns are the voice of the people in worship.

Soli Deo gloria.



Sub-Dean's Report, continued from page 2



This event is by reservation only for materials and food preparation can be done; attendance is limited to 30. We are indebted to William Mitchell for hosting this workshop.

Our May meeting will feature our annual Chapter Members' Recital, hosted by Joel Krott at Moorestown's First Presbyterian Church. Those interested in playing a favorite composition please contact me by email at ldorg59@yahoo.com by Sunday, April 14. The organ is unique and the sound travel in the room is an exciting one with more than bounce. The Scandinavian organ program which Joel hosted last year was a fine testament to careful planning of an appropriate instrument for the space. Please find a poster elsewhere in this newsletter to duplicate and place in your vestibule and in other public places. The only way we can increase the public's knowledge about good, time-honored music for worship is by invitation.

We have much for which to be thankful and my best wishes to all for a meaningful Passover and Lenten season. I look forward to receiving your reservations for the April and May meetings soon.

Larry DePasquale

Southwest Jersey Chapter American Guild of Organists presents

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Upcoming organ competition sponsored by the Northeastern CT Chapter of the AGO,

The 2024 L. Cameron Johnson Memorial Organ Competition for High School Students. This competition will be held on Saturday, June 1 at 11:00 a.m. at the Storrs Congregational Church located on the campus of the University of Connecticut. It is a competition solely for High School students and offers three cash prizes: \$1,500, \$750 and \$300 along with an audience prize of \$100. We have also advertised this on the National Website of the AGO, and hope that some of you might have private students that are eligible as well. Please have them contact

angelasalcedo@glastonburyfirst.org for more information.



Our chapter's scholarship program ...

exists to serve area congregations by increasing the number of capable organists and to insure the continuation of the classical church music profession.

The program is structured as 14 one-hour lessons scheduled at the mutual convenience of the instructor and student. The lessons and public jury must take place within 4 months. The practice instrument must have a minimum of two 61-note keyboards and a 32-note pedalboard, with all keys functioning. The student must have legs long enough to reach the pedalboard (!) and have intermediate piano skills

The audition for this program is on piano. Applicants will be asked to prepare and perform a simple Bach keyboard work, also one movement of a sonata by Mozart, Haydn, Beethoven, Clementi, or Kuhnau, and also one hymn written in traditional four-part harmony. The applicant will be asked to sight-read two short pieces; one will be in common meter.

At the conclusion of the I4 one hour lessons, a jury is required with the teacher and at least two additional chapter members present. The jury will consist of the following:

Two of these three chorales: Ein feste Burg, Lobe den Herren, Herzlich tut mir verlangen

A hymn will be sight-read, pedaling not required

The tune Old Hundredth in any of its traditional forms, copy provided to the committee

One pedal alone passage of a chorale, minimum 15 measures

A trio chorale

A prelude or fugue from the collection Eight Little Preludes and Fugues

The instructor is appointed by the local chapter. Accepted applicants are responsible for securing a pair of Organmaster shoes and required music. Instruction may happen any time provided all activities are completed within four months. Candidates of all ages who meet the above criteria are welcome. Please contact Lawrence De Pasquale at <a href="https://ldo.com/l

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Your Goals and Musical Background

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Purpose

The organ scholarship awarded by the AGO is necessary in order:

- To serve the congregations by increasing the roster of capable organists.
- . To foster an appreciation for sacred classical organ repertoire.
- To encourage more musicians to meet the standards and ideals of the American Guild of Organists.

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 To ensure the continuation of the church music profession.

History

In the 1980's a decline in the number of qualified organists and in the number of new organ students became a concern for churches and Guild chapters across the country. Inspired by an innovative "floating organ academy" begun in South Dakota and described in an article in *The American Organist*. AGO member Helen Taylor founded the Southwest Jersey Organ Scholarship program in 1988 as a way to help solve this problem. The first committee members were Marilyn Rabbai, Barbara Knight, Joyce Ann Routon, and Larry DePasquale.

Since its inception, more than two dozen organists have successfully completed the program. Many of these new organists have gone on to successful careers in area churches.

The Southwest Jersey Chapter is pleased to continue this tradition of service to its churches and to the art of organ playing.

AGO Code of Ethics

Approved by the AGO National Council January 27, 2017

Preamble/Preface

The American Guild of Organists encourages its members to embrace and practice the following values as core ideals that Guild members aspire to cultivate in their ethical and professional conduct.

Value 1. Responsible Conduct toward Those Whom We Serve (including but not limited to clergy, supervisors, congregants, choir members, students, children, et al.). Members shall:

- Treat those whom they serve in a professional manner, with dignity, compassion, civility, and respect.
- Show respect to those whom they serve, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, socio-economic status, disability, or medical condition.
- Avoid any sort of abusive behavior, whether verbal physical, sexual, psychological, emotional, or other.
- Refrain from disclosing confidential or sensitive information about others obtained in the course of professional service, unless disclosure serves a compelling professional purpose or is required by law.

Value 2 Respect for Our Professional Colleagues. Members shall:

- Maintain a professional attitude and act with integrity in relationships with colleagues, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, socio-economic status, disability, or medical condition.
- Respect the reputation and diversity of colleagues.

Value 3. Integrity in Our Professional Work. Members shall:

- Honor and abide by the conditions and requirements of the job descriptions and work agreements to which they have knowingly agreed, so long as those provisions are in accord with all applicable federal, state and local laws.
- Follow, as applicable, the principles of professional conduct that are expressed in the AGO Cock of Professional Standards.
- For the benefit of future generations of musicians and to preserve the instruments of our profession, use care to ensure that when playing an instrument, the institution's or pecked practices and requirements for the care of the instrument and its venue are met.

Organ Scholarship

for beginning students



presented by

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The Scholarship

The Organ Scholarship of the Southwest Jersey Chapter of the American Guild of Organists provides a term of 14 introductory organ lessons for qualified persons wishing to begin study of the organ.

Eligibility

All applicants must possess the following qualifications:

- Must reside in the Southwest Jersey geographical area.
- Must have received little or no previous formal classical organ training.
- Legs must be long enough to reach the pedalboard.
- At least an intermediate piano proficiency (see audition requirements befow).
- Basic knowledge of theory, including G and F clefs, key signatures, meter signatures, and chords.
- Must have access to an organ on which to practice. The organ console must either 1) conform to AGO standards having at least two 61-note manuals and a full pedalboard, or 2) conform to historical mechanical action standards.
- Must commit to completing 14 lessons and the jury within four to six months.

Inquiries

Address questions or inquiries to:

Vernon Williams email: vwilliams@trinitymoorestown.org phone: 856-235-0811

Application Procedure

Send completed applications to:

Vernon Williams
Trinity Episcopal Church
207 West Main Street
Moorestown, NJ 08057

In addition to the application form, applicants are asked to include on a separate sheet a brief statement of their goals and objectives for study and a summary of their musical background and experience.

The Audition

The audition is scheduled once the application has been received.. Auditions will be played on the piano. No memorization is required.

Prepared pieces

- Any Bach Two-Part Invention or one selection from the Anna Magdalena Notebook
- One movement from a sonatina by Mozart, Haydn, Beethoven, Clementi, or Kuhnau
- One fiymn written in traditional four-part harmony

Sight-reading

 Two short pieces: one in common time, the other in another meter

The Lessons

Lessons are arranged at the mutual convenience of the teacher and student, ideally on the organ where the student practices. In any event, at least one lesson per month will take place on the organ where the student practices.

Students will fearn how to practice and will become acquainted with registration, articulation, and pedaling, through the practice and preparation of hymns, teaching pieces, and repertoire.

Students will be required to have appropriate shoes (as recommended by their teacher) before the second lesson. Students will provide at their expense the necessary hymnal and books required by the teacher. (Generally hymnals may be borrowed from the student's church.) Photocopied music is illegal, contrary to the Guild's Code of Ethics, and may not be used.

The Jury

At the conclusion of the 14 weeks of study, the student will be required to play before a jury: Two of the following four-part hymns (at least one of the hymns must be played with pedal):

Nicaea Lobe den Herren
Ein feste Burg Olivet
Hymn to Joy
New Britain (Amazing Grace)
Herzlich tut mich verlangen
(Passion Chorale)

- The Doxology (Old Hundredth) in any of the standard forms
- One pedal-alone passage of a Bach chorale or from a method book, at least 16 measures long
- A trio exercise or a chorale trio
- A prelude or fugue from Bach's Eight Little Preludes and Fugues

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Thank you!

Glenn Rodgers, gcrodgers@aol.com





2023-2024 Season

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3:00pm



A Civil War Era Brass Band featuring Guest Soloist, Dr. Chris Troiano First Presbyterian Church 88 Market Street Salem, NJ



Erik Meyer, Organist St. John's Church 76 Market Street, Salem NJ

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Friday **Oct 27**





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3:00pm

Anna Ellsworth, Harp and Carol Joe, Flute First Presbyterian Church 88 Market Street Salem, NJ

Pics & Pipes 7:00pm

A Laurel & Hardy FilmFest

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7:00pm

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Sunday Dec 10

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3:00pm

Sunday Feb 25





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7:00pm - Concert

Friday Mar 22

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The New Jersey Chamber Orchestra

Dr. Thomas Hong, Founder & Director **Davidow Theatre** Salem Community College 460 Hollywood Avenue, Carney's Point NJ 3:00pm

Sunday Apr 1





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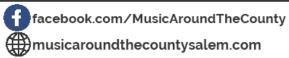
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Sunday

Jun 9





Positions Available/Substitute List -- by Peter Homon

If you are available to substitute and would like to be included on this list, please contact Peter Homon, our Referral/Position Coordinator. Please forward or refer any items concerning positions available or substitute needs to Peter at lapajar@yahoo.com or call 856-952-5132.

Positions Available:

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Mt Holly – O/D, 10am Sunday service, 1936 Aeolian-Skinner II/23 organ, Adult choir, Handbell choir. Salary \$25,000-\$28,000. Contact Fr Andrew Hanyzewski at 609-267-0225 or saintandrewschurchmh@gmail.com for full position description (2/24)

Trinity Episcopal /Old Swedes Church, Swedesboro - O/D, 9:30 service, Tracker organ, no choir but an occasional soloist, salary \$10,400 per year. Contact Rev. Greg Wilson at revgregwilson@gmail.com. (10/23)

Pittsgrove Presbyterian Church, Pittsgrove - DOM, Duties include weekly choir rehearsals, praise band and managing sound system. Knowledge of contemporary and traditional church music essential. Salary range \$8,000 - \$12,000 contingent upon experience. Email ppcclerk1741@gmail.com. (8/22)

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod), Blackwood - O/D, no choir but would like to begin one, 3 manual Allen Renaissance, 9 a.m. svc. Contact Carlo Danesi 609-832-9702 or cpdanesi@yahoo.com. (3/21)

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal, Cherry Hill - Interim Organist, 3 manual Allen Digital, 10:30 service, \$150.00 per ser-vice. Congregation uses 1982 Hymnal, LEVAS, and Praise Songs. Contact Fred Astmann at 856-424-3820. (11/22)

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St. Pauls United Methodist Church, West Deptford- O/D (Organist or Pianist), Thursday evening Adult Choir rehearsal, one service at 9:32m Allen. Contact Pastor Dave Delaney, 856-845-6638. (1/24)

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Ardmore - O/D, 8-10 hour workweek, 20 in choir plus 4 section leaders. For additional details contact Peter Phillips at pcphillips@comcast.net. (2/24)

First Baptist Church, Woodstown - O/D but the position can also be split. 9:30 service. Additional details on First Baptist Woodstown Website. Contact Pastor Tim Joyce at 856-769-0214. (2/24)

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The Southwest Jersey Chapter American Guild of Organists presents its

ANNUAL MEMBERS' RECITAL



Hosted by Joel Krott
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