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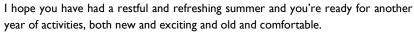
Annual Chapter Meeting at Home of Ken and Evelyn Larter

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Dean's Message - by Jonathan Stark

New and Old

Welcome to the first Sforzando issue of our Chapter's 2024-25 program year!





A personal anecdote about what's old: I am! The September TAO arrived yesterday, and in the Chapter News, I read about the Southern Indiana Chapter's "League of Distinguished Honorable Service", which commemorates those with "50 years or more of dedicated service to church music." "How wonderful!", I thought. Fifty years is a long time, and it's admirable that the Southern Indiana Chapter recognizes their old-timers. But then a little voice in the back of my head spoke up and told me to stop and think. Because...... this coming Sunday is the fiftieth anniversary of my first church service as organist, September I, 1974!! If I lived in Southern Indiana, they could put ME in that League. I was 18 years old that September, and for my postlude I played the fugue from Bach's D major Prelude and Fugue, BWV 532. Because, doesn't everyone play a major piece of Bach repertoire for their very first church service? I think in my 18-year-old cockiness I was trying to prove to the congregation that I was way more cool than their regular organist. (Shaking my head).continued on page 3

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Sub-Dean's Report -- by David Reich

Am we that I can't be alone in looking forward to cooler days as summer winds down. Our new season of programs starts on Saturday, 9/28/24. Please join us at First Church of Christ, Scientist at 355 Kings Hwy E. in Haddonfield for coffee and doughnuts at 9:30 followed by our program at 10:00. We will be learning about the use of the iPad for score reading and notation. Although the forScore app is favored by most musicians, we will also explore the free Piascore for those who wish to just "dip their toes in the water." The church has a parking area behind the building ac-

Our Annual Guild Service on Sunday, 10/20/24 at 4:00 P.M. is being hosted by the Episcopal Church of St. John the Evangelist, 1720 Old Black Horse Pike, Chews Landing. Canon Richard Wrede will lead the service with choral music under the direction of Larry De Pasquale and tudor era music offered by the Rowan University Collegium Musicum under the direction of Lourin Plant. The congregation of St. John's is graciously providing a Tudor inspired menu for our repast following the service.

On Saturday, 11/2/24 we gather at Haddonfield United Methodist Church at 29 Warwick Rd, Haddonfield for a master class led by Dr. Caroline Robinson, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The following evening, Sunday 11/3/24 at 7:00 p.m. we have the opportunity to enjoy Dr. Robinson's recital presented at HUMC as the church's annual Mi Wha Lee memorial organ recital.

Please come support your fellow AGO members and the artists who lend their talents to make our programs a success. See you when it's "sweater weather."

Matters of Note - by Cathy O'Neill



Hospitality

I hope everyone had a relaxing summer and is ready for the fall. I enjoyed the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians annual conference that was held in Indiana this summer as well as the annual Augsburg workshops at St Paul's in Ardmore. This year I am looking forward to having more receptions after our meetings to give members a chance to visit with each other.

Cares and Concerns

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Thank you cards were sent to Charlene Cranmer, Mary Johnson, and Hugh Kronrot who completed their terms on the executive committee in June. A congratulations card was sent to Charlene Cranmer who has successfully completed the testing for her AAGO certification. Cards and notes were sent to Ruth Fink and Kathleen "Boots" White who are both now in assisted living facilities. A thank you card was sent to Evelyn Larter for hosting our annual picnic that was a great success. As always if there is someone you know of in the chapter who should receive a card, please let me know. Cathy cmo125@aol.com or 856-214-1928

Dean's Message, continued from page 1



And what's new? Hopefully in another week, a new blower for the organ at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Philadelphia where I play on Sundays. The motor of the old blower burned out on July I2, but fortunately we have a fine Yamaha piano in the sanctuary. You might recall I wrote an article in the February 2023 Sforzando about being a church pianist. How fitting that I now have had an opportunity to heed my own counsel!

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Mount Holly, my home parish, where I also play for the Saturday Masses, has hired a new Organist and Choirmaster, Charles (Chuck) Griffin. Chuck lives in Bucks County and is already a member of the AGO Philadelphia Chapter (perhaps we can entice him to also join our chapter as a Dual Member.) Chuck starts his duties at St. Andrew's on September I, culminating an 8-month effort to define and document the position, publicize it, interview and audition candidates, select one, and negotiate a contract. Although the Rector of St. Andrew's necessarily took the lead role, I was also very involved. Normally I'm an applicant, but this time I got the chance to learn new things about the process from the hiring institution's perspective.

And in June I was privileged to meet a young man, still in high school, who is a budding organist. He simply showed up one Saturday at St. Andrew's before Mass. He serves his home parish, St. Lawrence Roman Catholic in Lindenwold as an organist. As a hobby he likes to visit other churches to see their organs. I spoke to him about the AGO and..... he had never heard of us(!) I would love to be able to gift him and other young folks with free memberships. These young people are the future of our profession, and could become the new leaders of the AGO.

Do you have some news about your personal musical life, or the musical life of an institution you serve which you'd like to share? Please do send it along to our Editor Glenn Rodgers, or to me, for a future issue of Sforzando. This is a **news**letter after all!

Soli Deo Gloria

In Recital

Larry DePasquale

Sunday, September 8 at 3pm



The new organ in Pfleeger Concert Hall, Wilson Music Center, will sound in its first solo recital on September 8 at 3 PM in a program entitled "Remembering Faithful Servants of Glassboro State College/Rowan University" with Lawrence De Pasquale at the console. Compositions dedicated to 11 late employees reflecting their personalities and contributions to the academic life of the campus are the structure of the 90 minute program, which is free and open to the public, and will include works by Balbastre, Franck, JS Bach, Handel, and Elgar. The organ was rebuilt by the Brunner Company, Silver Spring, PA in 2022. Assistant Vice President Lori Marshall will speak to open the program, and several faculty members will briefly address their colleagues' beneficence.

Cherry Rhodes

Friday, September 27 at 7:30pm

Works by J.S. Bach, Max Reger, Louis Vierne, William Grant Still and others.

The first of four events to celebrate the rededication of the church's landmark

Aeolian-Skinner organ (IV/128), renovated by Stephen Russell & Company.

Tickets are \$20 and \$30 and are available at the door or through the church website: https://stpaulschestnuthill.org/cherry-rhodes/

St. Paul's Church Chestnut Hill

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Philadelphia PA 19118



Sunday, September 8, 2024: "September II: A Memorial Concert" — Featuring Joseph Krupa (Piano), Joanne Owen (Organ) and soloists from the Delaware Valley Opera Company. First Presbyterian Church, 88 Market Street, Salem NJ 08079. Admission is Free, but donations gratefully accepted. For more information, please call Joe Krupa (856) 287-5313 or Joanne Owen (609) 420-0309. Presented by SCAA/Music Around the County.



September 11th: A Memorial Concert September 8th 3:00pm

First Presbyterian Church, Salem NJ

Delaware Valley Opera Company



Tunes from the Crypt

October 18th 6:00pm St. John's Episcopal Church, Salem, NJ

Erik Myer, Organist



Pics & Pipes: Buster Keaton's "Seven Chances" (1925) Silent Film

November 9th 7:00pm Alloway Baptist Church Alloway, NJ

Wayne Zimmerman, Organist



A Tuba Christmas

December 15th 7:00pm Woodstown Presbyterian Church, NJ

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2024-2025

First Presbyterian Church Special Events Series

Young Musicians' Concert

Sunday, November 17th, 2024 at 7 pm
Our young gifted musicians present solo songs and instrumental works
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Epiphany Celebration Service

Sunday, January 5th, 2025 at 9 am Choristers, Chapel Choir, Adult Choir Carols, Songs and Anthems of the Epiphany Season Including Multi-Choir works

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J.S. Bach - Heralding Cantatas

Sunday, May 18th, 2025 at 7:30 pm West Jersey Chamber Orchestra and Chorale Adult Choir of First Presbyterian Church

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme BWV 140 Singet dem Herrn ein neues Lied BWV 190 Erschallet ihr Lieder BWV 172

Liturgical cantatas celebrating Advent, New Year, and Pentecost Advent announced by oboes in consort. New Year and Pentecost heralded by festival trumpets and timpani.

This event is a collaborative event with

West Jersey Chamber Music Society therefore admission is ticketed,
\$30, Regular: \$24 Seniors: ALL children admitted free.

No one will be denied admission if unable to pay.

Tickets will be available at the door
or in advance through the church office, 856-235-1688

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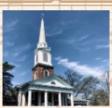














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2024-25 SEASON

Autumn Serenade

Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. with the West Jersey Chamber Symphony

W. A. MOZART Serenade in D Major, K. 239
Joseph SUK Serenade in Eb Major, Op. 6
Dag Ivar WIRÉN Serenade for Strings, Op. 11
Gyula BELICZAY Serenade for Strings in D minor, Op. 36

Christmas Celebration: Music for Choir and Brass and Reception Fundraiser

Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. with the West Jersey Chamber Chorale and Timberdale Brass

Enjoy music from composers new and old to celebrate the season.

Audience participation is included!

Join us for a post-concert reception/fundraiser with a sumptuous dessert buffet—details to come!

German Romantic Lieder

Sunday, March 2, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. Sophia Santiago, Soprano Benjamin D'Annibale, Piano

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J.S. Bach—Heralding Cantatas

Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

with members of the West Jersey Chamber Symphony and Chorale and Adult Choir of First Presbyterian Church

J.S. BACH "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme," BWV 140
"Singet dem Herrn ein neues Lied," BWV 190
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Your Goals and Musical Background

Please include on a separate sheet a brief statement of your goals and objectives for organ study and an outline of your musical background and experience.

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

reamble/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, marrial 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.

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- Maintain a professional attitude and act with integrity in relationships with colleagues, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, age, gender, gender identity, set ual 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 have
- Follow, as applicable, the principles of professional conduct that are expressed in the AGO Code 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 peeted practices and requirements for the care of the instrument and its venes are met.

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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 frymn 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 learn 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
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25th of the preceding month.

Thank you!

Glenn Rodgers, gcrodgers@aol.com

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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)

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Cherry Hill - O/D, 10:00 service, rebuilding choir, 1982 and LEVAS hymnals, Contact Betsy Murphy at 856-424-2229 or Office@stbart-cherryhill.org, (5/24)

First Presbyterian Church, Woodbury Heights - O/D of the Adult Choir, I I:00 Service (10:00 Summer) I weekly rehearsal, Salary commensurate with experience. Please contact David Taylor at dtaylor86@comcast.net or 856-906-1636 (9/24)

St. Matthew Lutheran Church (ELCA), Moorestown - O/D, PT 20 hours, Adult Vocal and Handbell Choirs, services 8:15 and 10:00. Contact Ethan Geehr at stmatthew@stmatthew-lutheran.org (9/24)

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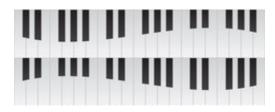
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Coming in October →

And in April....

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Left: Felix Hell Below: Erik Meyer

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St. John's Lutheran Church

355 St. John's Circle Phoenixville, PA 19460 October 12, 2024 | 9:00-3:00

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