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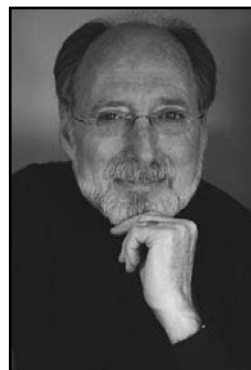
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American Guild of Organists

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January JumpStart

a workshop for the church musician seeking new ideas for a new year

Saturday, January 12, 2008

8:30 to 4:00

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church • 625 Montgomery Ave, Bryn Mawr PA 19010

Presenters:

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Michael Baal
Phyllis Hentz
Gordon Turk

Helen Kemp
Ethel Geist
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WILMA JENSEN has been heralded as one of the most outstanding recitalists, church musicians and teachers of our age. As Professor of Organ at Indiana University, Oklahoma City University, Scarritt Graduate School and the Blair School of Music at Vanderbilt, she has shaped a generation of outstanding organists, teachers and church musicians. Her own extensive concert career has taken her throughout the U.S. and around the world. Dr. Jensen is choirmaster/organist emerita at St. George's Episcopal Church in Nashville, Tennessee, where she served for nineteen years.

Dr. Jensen teaches master classes at 9:00 and 2:30 on the following works from the current AGO examination repertoire:

J.S. Bach - Prelude in F Minor, BWV 534

Libby Larsen - *Tambourines* from "Aspects of Glory"

Jean Langlais - *Incantation pour un jour Saint*

Contact Alan Morrison if you would like to play: alanmorrison@agophila.org

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D E A N ' S L E T T E R

As we approach the holiday season, we can easily slip into mundane musical routines due to lack of inspiration. The holidays (or even thinking about them) can be exhausting. What inspires? For me this is easy. Venturing out and hearing the creative efforts of colleagues is the ultimate cure. Of course it is difficult with busy church schedules involving extra services and rehearsals. However, we must take time to hear our neighboring choirs of various types, or it will never happen. When I had a regular church post, I remember going often around the city to hear what was happening for repertoire ideas. There were always favorite anthems or organ solos I looked forward to returning to each year (or expected to by the congregation!), but there was also the excitement of finding something new and then presenting it myself to utmost effect during a future worship service. This advice only comes in handy for next year's planning since your Advent season will undoubtedly be planned by the time of this printing. Take the opportunity THIS season to spark new ideas for next year. And it is a great way to support your colleagues!

I wish you all a very happy, safe, healthy, peaceful, and inspired holiday season!

Alan Morrison, Dean



Alan Morrison

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January JumpStart
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HELEN KEMP is the beloved high priestess of all things related to children's choirs. In this workshop, she shares her wisdom regarding aging singers and their voices.

MICHAEL KEMP holds the Barnes Chair for Distinguished Teaching in the Fine and Performing Arts at Germantown Academy in Ft. Washington, PA, where he conducts youth and adult choruses and orchestras. He has held positions in church, academia, and community, and is widely respected as a speaker at music conferences throughout North America. Mr. Kemp's compositions have been published by Augsburg and Choristers Guild, and his new book, *The Choral Challenge: Practical Paths to Solving Problems*, is being published by G.I.A.

Registration and Information:

Contact NancyBrown@nctbrown.comcast.net

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An application form appears on page 12.

Bring a Friend! Bring a Potential Member!
Bring a Student!

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CHAPTER EVENTS IN REVIEW



Peter Richard Conte, Sub Dean, Philadelphia Chapter (left) and recitalist, Todd Wilson (right)

On October 20, 2007, **Todd Wilson** dazzled a large audience with his charm and virtuosity at an afternoon recital on the **Fred J. Cooper Memorial Organ at the Kimmel Center**, home of the **Philadelphia Orchestra**. This concert was the first in a series of three organ recitals to be presented this season on the Dobson instrument at Verizon Hall, co-sponsored by the Philadelphia Chapter and the Kimmel Center. Mr. Wilson's varied concert program, which included Reubke's *Sonata in C minor* (94th Psalm), was preceded by a "Meet the Artist" session hosted by Michael Barone of Minnesota Public Radio. —Elizabeth Cochran

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REGISTRAR'S CORNER

JOE LEWIS, REGISTRAR

IN MEMORIAM

Recently, Dennis Elwell informed the former members of the 2002 Convention Steering Committee that Ralph D. Page passed away on 9/24/2007. Ralph was Chair of the Transportation Committee for the convention, and, with his fellow committee members, did an outstanding job on successfully moving over 2000 conventioners around the city and to distant locations with smoothly, well thought-out and carefully planned arrangements. Ralph served our chapter with distinction and dedication for many years. We extend our deepest sympathies to all Ralph's wife Marie, his family, and friends. A memorial service was held on Saturday, September 29th, at 11:00 am, at the Reformed Church of Willow Grove, Fitzwatertown and Woodland Roads.

I regretfully must report that Phoebe C. Bell (a recent new Philadelphia Chapter AGO member) passed away on Sunday, October 21, 2007. She was one of the organists at Bethel Presbyterian Church in North Philadelphia, and played for their Senior Choir. Her funeral was held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, 10/25/07, at the Second Baptist Church of Germantown, Germantown Avenue & Upsal Streets, Philadelphia, PA. Our sincerest sympathy goes out to her family and friends, and I especially thank our member Gloria Bracy for informing me of Phoebe's passing.

MAILING LABELS

As Registrar, it is my responsibility to send out sets of mailing labels of our membership to those who request them in order to advertise certain upcoming concerts, recitals, and other events. Included in these labels are the addresses of all those who have joined the Philadelphia Chapter A.G.O. for 2007/08, plus the names and addresses of those institutions, individuals, regional/national officers and advertisers who receive monthly courtesy mailings from us. These last 4 categories are particularly beneficial to you and your organization, since these go to music stores, music schools and libraries in the area.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP: 402 (at time of publication)

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the chapter and ask you to warmly greet them at all future programs:

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New Cumberland, PA

Joseph P. Hoppe
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September 30, 2007 at 4:00pm
Installation of Officers/Members Recital
 featuring Paula Pugh Romanoux and Wesley Parrott
 St. Peter's Episcopal Church
 3rd & Pine Streets, Philadelphia, PA

October 20, 2007 at 3:00pm
Todd Wilson, organ recital
 The Kimmel Center/Verizon Hall
 Broad and Spruce Streets, Philadelphia, PA

November 16, 2007 at 8:00pm
Buxtehude Celebration
 Martha Johnson, director
 St. Paul's Lutheran Church
 Doylestown, PA

January 12, 2008
January Jumpstart from 9:00am - 4:00pm
 Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church
 Bryn Mawr, PA

February 16, 2008 at 3:00pm
Hector Olivera
 The Kimmel Center/Verizon Hall

March 7, 2008 at 7:30pm
Michael Marissen, Bach Lecture
 St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
 Roxborough, PA

April 12, 2008 at 3:00pm
Dame Gillian Weir
 The Kimmel Center/Verizon Hall

May 10, 2008
Lancaster Organ Crawl (All Day)

June Annual Dinner
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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Wallingford, PA

Holy Trinity is a 118-year old congregation in a 50-year-old building with a 7-year old Walsh and Tidwell 25-rank organ. The congregation has about 300 members (including children), with an average worship attendance of about 110. During the last year there has been resurgence of membership, and on most Sundays now, half of the worshippers are visitors or new members. Many of the new families have children, especially pre-school children.

ORGANIST: The director of music would play the organ at the two Sunday services. The congregation uses one of the new liturgies from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship service book, and would like to learn at least an additional one. A variety of hymns are used, from several different hymnals. Leading congregational participation is an important part of the music director's job description.

CHOIR DIRECTOR: There are currently about a dozen members of the Adult Choir. There is the expectation that choir participation will grow. There is a weeknight rehearsal.

ANNUAL SALARY: \$15,000, with four weeks vacation

For additional information contact Pastor Gordon Simmons at 610-874-8652

Send resume to: holytrinity927@aol.com

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST

Saint John's Church, Glen Mills, PA

We seek one or two persons to lead the redevelopment of our music program. Saint John's Episcopal Church is a growing suburban congregation in SE Pennsylvania near the Delaware Border. The 305 year old parish is located on a 13 acre hilltop campus off Concord Road 2 miles from the intersection of Routes 1 and 202.

Our congregation is completing plans to change from a two-service Sunday Schedule (one with music) to a three-service Sunday Schedule (two with music) beginning in September 2007. We seek a competent Organist and Music Director whose general duty is to provide and supervise music at one summer service and at two services from September to May, including

- To play organ for hymn singing and to lead a volunteer liturgical choir at an 11 AM traditional liturgy, including singing canticles and hymns in the Episcopal Church Book of Common Prayer tradition.
- To play organ and lead hymn singing at a 9:15 Family Service. As this service develops, the Music Director will coordinate occasional supplemental musicians as well as an existing monthly Children's Choir or Sunday School choir.
- Summer duties (June 1 to Labor Day) require one musical service only (10 am) and no choir, giving time for program preparation.
- Extra services at Christmas, Easter and a few other special occasions.
- Candidate has full exclusive first refusal to all wedding and funeral fees, as well as the opportunity to give lessons at the church.

Depending upon candidates, this position may be filled by one person who is

Music Director and Organist; by two persons, a Music/Choral Director and an Organist; or by a Music Director/Organist with a student organist assisting at one of the services during the school year. Salary within AGO pay scales. Allen two-manual electronic organ. To apply, email letter of interest and resume to: The Reverend Dr. John Sorensen, Rector at rector@saintjohnsconcord.com or write 576 Concord Road, Glen Mills, PA 19342.

CANTOR

Church of the Holy Trinity
2300 S. 18th St., Philadelphia

Church of the Holy Trinity, in South Philadelphia, seeks a cantor for the following: One 10am Sunday service per week; Additional services: Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Easter Vigil; Sing a solo approx. once per month; Lead the hymns, the Psalm, and various other service music (Lutheran Book of Worship); Pay is \$100/service

For more information, contact Michael Lawrence, organist, at 267-970-9823 or hocket@gmail.com

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC (ORGANIST-CHOIRMASTER)

Neshaminy-Warwick Presbyterian Church
1401 Meetinghouse Road • Warminster-Hartsville, PA 18794

Neshaminy-Warwick Presbyterian Church seeks a part time (15-20 hrs/wk) music professional to lead the music program for this historic, 650 member congregation in suburban Philadelphia. There are two Sunday services. The position is 12 months with 3 weeks vacation and one week study leave. Ensembles include Sanctuary (adult) Choir, Junior High Choir, Joyful Noise (primary school choir with lay leadership). Handbells are available but are inactive. Our two manual pipe organ was rebuilt by Jacob Gerger and Sons in 1990. Resumes should be sent to Donald Winey, Chair of Leadership Development (i.e. Personnel) at DPWiney@aol.com, FAX to 215-675-0516, or mailed to his attention at the church, 1401 Meetinghouse Road, Warminster-Hartsville, PA 18794

MUSIC DIRECTOR - ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR

St. John's Church, Lower Merion
404 Levering Mill Road • Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004
www.stjohnlm.org

Part-time position (7-10 hours per week). Organist plays one Sunday Service at 10 A.M. Direct adult choir (small group with no musical background) at 7:30 on Thursday evenings. Rehearsal lasts up to 1.5 hours. Occasional, limited work with small children's choir (6-9 voices). 1938 Moller Organ, 3000 pipes in 5 divisions. Some weddings are available, allowing organist extra fees of \$250 each. Music Director is expected to plan for special services at the holidays, utilizing paid musicians. Director is responsible for proposing suitable music and approximate budget to the Vestry in advance. Call and submit resume and list of references.

Contact: David Russell/Rector's Warden, 610-909-1129 (day), 610-664-4544 (evening), office@stjohnlm.org

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR

Lower Merion Baptist Church
911 New Gulph Road • Bryn Mawr, PA 19010
610-525-1855
www.lowermerionbaptist.org

Lower Merion Baptist Church, established in 1808, seeks an organist-choir director. Services are traditional with contemporary elements included.

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Positions Available
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Sunday service is at 11AM (10AM in summer), with various seasonal services, and occasional weddings and funerals. The choir is small but motivated, with practices Thursday night at 7:30PM, and Sunday morning at 10:00AM. There is one professional soprano soloist. The organist/choir director will also work on occasion with the children and youth worker for special events. The position is part time, approximately 12 hours per week. The music ministry is a vital and important part of this family oriented American Baptist Church. We are looking for a candidate who is enthusiastic and eager to help build a music program. Please fax resume and letter of interest to 610-525-8393, attn. Karen K. Deasey, or email kdeasey@comcast.net. Messages can also be left at 610-525-1920(day) or 610-649-7664(evening).

ORGANIST

Church of the Messiah (Episcopal)
 Gwynedd, PA

Organist wanted beginning in early September to work with current Minister of Music/Choral Director. Music includes a range of genres, predominantly rooted in the Anglican tradition. The music ministry enjoys an excellent working relationship with our clergy, the congregation is appreciative and receptive, and we foster a highly musical, friendly, and collegial environment. Choir rehearsal on Thursdays @ 7:00 p.m. and Sunday services @ 9:30 a.m. with pre-service choir rehearsal @ 8:30 a.m. Please send resumes and inquiries to the Minister of Music at messiah.music@verizon.net

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Christ United Methodist Church
 1020 Valley Forge Road • Lansdale, PA 19446

Christ United Methodist Church is seeking a Director of Music Ministry (ordination preferred, but not required) for a full-time position. The Director of Music will administer, coordinate, and foster an established music program, which includes two children's choirs, a youth choir, an adult choir, a men's choir, a praise band, three hand bell choirs and a melody chime choir. It is expected that our music ministry program will be expanded. The Director will plan music for two Sunday morning services with the possible addition of a third contemporary service and other special services. Choral directing responsibilities involve choosing music, rehearsing, and leading the Chancel Choir (adults) in three to four Sunday services per month, and the Youth Choir (grades 7-12) in two Sunday worship services per month. In addition, this person will be expected to contribute to the overall administration and ministry of our church. Applicants should have a formal education in music conducting and vocal music education, keyboard skills, and at least five years experience in the area of church music. Salary commensurate with experience. Conference-sponsored benefits will be offered.

Resumes should be sent to Rev. Gary Knerr, Christ.church@netzero.net

KINDERGARTEN CHOIR DIRECTOR/PIANIST

St. David's Episcopal Church
 763 Valley Forge Road • Wayne PA, 19087

Part-time musician/pianist to direct a kindergarten choir and to accompany a children's worship service Sunday mornings (usually three times a month from 9 – 10:15 a.m.). The Kindergarten Choir rehearses weekly for 30 minutes and sings two or three times a year in the main worship service. This is a nine-month position, beginning in September and continuing through mid-May. There would be a break during the last two weeks of December, first week of January, Palm Sunday and Easter when Church School and Choir do not meet.

Please contact: Dr. Clair Rozier, Director of Music, 610-688-7947
CROZIER@STDAVIDSCHURCH.ORG

ORGANIST

First Baptist Church of Lansdale
 700 N. Broad St., Lansdale, PA 19446

First Baptist Church of Lansdale is searching for a gifted organist, who will work directly with and be accountable to our Director of Music Ministries. The church has a beautiful Austin pipe organ and a long tradition of appreciation for quality worship music.

Responsibilities: one traditional 11:00 a.m. service, with occasional participation in the contemporary services, Wednesday evening choir rehearsal, and availability for other services as needed, including weddings and funerals. Other opportunities exist for musical leadership, such as handbell choirs, children's choirs, etc., which could be negotiated. A complete job description is available from Janet Gross, Music Director, at janet@fbcl.com

Qualifications: We desire our organist, as well as all ministry staff, to be a committed Christian in beliefs and demonstrating exemplary Christian character. A qualified candidate will preferably have a degree in organ or a related musical field, and AGO certification and membership, and/or outstanding ability in organ performance in classical and church music traditions.

Compensation: Negotiable in the general range of AGO guidelines for 10 hours per week, with no additional benefit package, and up to four weeks paid absences. Candidates may inquire about or be asked to play for worship services in the interim until a regular organist is found, at the guest substitute rate of \$150 per week.

Contact: Resumes may be sent by mail or email to Janet Gross, Music Director, First Baptist Church, 700 N. Broad St., Lansdale, PA 19446; e-mail: janet@fbcl.com; tel: 215-855-3457 x106.

MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST

St. James United Church of Christ
 Havertown, PA 19041
 610-446-3036

Music director/organist sought by medium-sized, religiously open, and broad-minded church in a close western suburb of Philadelphia. Minimum 5 hours per Sunday. Job requirements include: playing pipe organ and piano for Sunday service, directing adult choir, running choir rehearsals (after church on Sunday), choosing and directing additional musicians, selecting varied sacred music. Congregation is supportive and progressive. Church is accessible by public transportation. Salary commensurate with experience. Paid vacation. St. James U.C.C., Havertown, PA. (610) 446-3036. Address resumes and questions to: Marian McKenzie, mmckenzi@haverford.edu (610) 896-1565, 36 Railroad Ave., Haverford, PA 19041

ORGANIST/PIANIST

Cochranville United Methodist Church
 P.O. Box 417 • Cochranville, PA 19330

Organist/Pianist needed for Sunday worship service with possibility of position expanding. For further information, call Sue Downing, 610-593-4296. Send resumé to Cochranville United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 417, Cochranville, PA 19330. Resumé may also be faxed to 610-593-6222 or e-mailed to cumc1@zoominternet.net.

ORGANIST

Nantmeal United Methodist Church
 359 Nantmeal Road, Glenmoore, PA 19343

One Sunday service, no choir. Pipe organ. Contact church office at 610-469-8655

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 8:00 PM

A Candlelight Christmas. Westminster Williamson Voices; James Jordan, conductor. Works by Jaako Manttjaarvi, Gerald Custer, Vaughan Williams, Whitbourn, Lauridsen, Davies and Wyers. For Tickets: GA \$20; Student: \$15. 609.921.2663 Morrisville Presbyterian Church, 771 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Morrisville PA www.mpcusa.net

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2:30 PM

Chapel Choir with orchestra (*Magnificat* and selections from *Christmas Oratorio* by Johann Sebastian Bach). Free Admission Princeton University-Chapel, Nassau and Washington Rds., Princeton NJ 609.258.3654 eplutz@princeton.edu www.princeton.edu/~choir/

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 4:00 PM

The Many Moods of Christmas VI. Choir, Orchestra, Handbells & Organ. H. Ray Hunsicker, Conductor. No admission charge, childcare available, shuttle service. Reception following. Calvary Lutheran Church, Rosedale Ave & New St, West Chester PA 610.696.2475

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 5:00 PM

An Advent Procession. The St. Martin's Choir, Ken Lovett, director. Music of Paul Christiansen, Jonathan Dove, Andrew Gant, Philip Ledger, Robert Parsons. Handicap accessible; childcare provided. Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Willow Grove Ave & St Martin's Ln, Chestnut Hill PA 215.247.7466 www.StMartinEC.org

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 12:00 PM

AGOPhila Tuesday Noon Organ Recitals. Mary Elizabeth Campbell. St. Basil the Great Church, 2300 Kimberton Road, Kimberton PA 610.933.2110 www.stbasils.org/church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 12:00 PM

Joshua Stafford, Organ. Vienne *Symphony* 3. Free-will offering. Handicapped accessible. No child care. Public transit: SEPTA buslines; near Suburban Station. Arch Street Presbyterian Church, 1724 Arch St, Philadelphia PA 215.563.3763

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 12:30 PM

After Noon Concert Series. Renee Louprette, organ. 30-minute recital. Princeton University-Chapel, Nassau and Washington Rds., Princeton NJ 609.258.3654 eplutz@princeton.edu www.princeton.edu/~choir/

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 7:00 PM

The Adult and Children's Choirs of Saint Denis Roman Catholic Church sing two one-half hour concerts in the ballroom at Longwood Gardens (7pm & 8pm). Ralph Purri, conductor; Loretta Hartnett, piano. St. Denis Church, Eagle Road at St. Denis Lane, Havertown, PA 610.446.0200 rpurri@stdenishavertown.org

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 7:30 PM

Festival of Carols - Includes 8 area churches, Westminster Brass. Tenth Presbyterian Church, 17th & Spruce Streets, Philadelphia PA 215.735.7688 www.tenth.org

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 7:30 PM

Chester County Choral Society presents Handel's *Messiah* (Part I) with chamber ensemble. Alison Mekeel, Lorie Gratis, Benjamin Harbold, Randall Scarlata, soloists; Gary Garletts, conductor. Free will offering. www.chestercountychoralsociety.org West Chester United Methodist Church, High & Barnard Streets, West Chester, PA 610.516.1130

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 7:30 PM

Wayne Oratorio Society. Vaughan Williams *Hodie*, *Fantasia on Christmas Carols*; Pinkham *Christmas Cantata*; Carols. 180 voice choir & professional orchestra and soloists. Free will offering. Childcare provided. Handicapped accessible. Wayne Presbyterian Church, 125 E. Lancaster Ave, Wayne PA 610.688.8700 www.waynepres.org

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 4:00 PM

Chester County Choral Society presents Handel's *Messiah* (Part I) with chamber ensemble. Alison Mekeel, Lorie Gratis, Benjamin Harbold, Randall Scarlata, soloists; Gary Garletts, conductor. Free will offering. www.chestercountychoralsociety.org Ardmore Presbyterian Church, 5 W Montgomery Ave @ Mill Rd, Ardmore PA 610.516.1130

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 7:30 PM

Wayne Oratorio Society. Vaughan Williams *Hodie*, *Fantasia on Christmas Carols*; Pinkham *Christmas Cantata*; Carols. 180 voice choir & professional orchestra and soloists. Free will offering. Childcare provided. Handicapped accessible. Wayne Presbyterian Church, 125 E. Lancaster Ave, Wayne PA 610.688.8700 www.waynepres.org

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 7:30 PM

Messiah Sing (Community Sing with organ, strings and trumpet) General Admission: \$5, Students: free. Princeton University-Chapel, Nassau and Washington Rds., Princeton NJ 609.258.3654 eplutz@princeton.edu www.princeton.edu/~choir/

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 12:00 PM

AGOPhila Tuesday Noon Organ Recitals. Andrew Heller. St. Basil the Great Church, 2300 Kimberton Road, Kimberton PA 610.933.2110 www.stbasils.org/church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 12:00 PM

Joyce Lindorff, Harpsichord; Nancy Wilson, Baroque Violin; Sonatas by Teodorico Pedrini (1671-1746). Free-will offering. Handicapped accessible. No child care. Public transit: SEPTA buslines; near Suburban Station Arch Street Presbyterian Church, 1724 Arch St, Philadelphia PA 215.563.3763

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Advent is now celebrated by most denominations. It is one of the shortest seasons in the church year. Advent comes from the Latin *Adventus* which means "coming". It is coupled with the Latin word *Redemptoris* which means "the coming of the Savior". This is the season of preparation for the coming of the Savior. *Adventus* is also the Latin equivalent for the Greek word *Parousia*.

There are many different traditions that have developed to celebrate Advent: Advent Wreath, calendars, and services of Lessons and Carols. The biblical texts appointed for this season are rich in imagery and symbolism. There are interesting characters such as "John the Baptist" for 1 to 2 Sundays; Mary, mother of our Lord; and Elizabeth and Simeon.

This is one of those rare times that the "Second Coming" may be preached on. As musicians, do we take the time to ponder what some of these texts mean for us today? What does it mean when we sing a text that speaks about Jesus coming quickly such as the spiritual "Soon and Very Soon"? As leaders in worship and music, how are we helping people to prepare and to be ready for Christ's return?

This season is also considered penitential. It is a good time to review our lives to see how we are using the gifts God has given us. This is part of the preparation we can do ourselves. Encourage those we work with to do likewise also! Take some time in rehearsals to teach about the text after you have examined it yourself. When we have done some of these things to prepare, possibly we can sing with joy (such as Mary did in the *Magnificat*) these rich texts in this season of Advent.

Chaplain Bruce

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 7:30 PM

Candlelight Service (A service of readings and music featuring the Chapel Choir and a cappella groups). Free Admission. Princeton University-Chapel, Nassau and Washington Rds., Princeton NJ 609.258.3654
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 7:30 PM

A Candlelight Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. The Washington Memorial Chapel Choral Scholars. Tickets: \$15 Adult / \$10 Seniors / Children 12 and under are free. (610) 783-5170 for reservations, (610) 783-0121 for credit card purchases. Washington Memorial Chapel, Rt. 23, Valley Forge, PA 610.783.5170 www.washingtonmemorialchapel.org

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 7:30 PM

A Candlelight Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. The Washington Memorial Chapel Choral Scholars. Tickets: \$15 Adult / \$10 Seniors / Children 12 and under are free. (610) 783-5170 for reservations, (610) 783-0121 for credit card purchases. Washington Memorial Chapel, Rt. 23, Valley Forge, PA 610.783.5170 www.washingtonmemorialchapel.org

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 12:00 PM

AGOPhila Tuesday Noon Organ Recitals. A. David Deery. St. Basil the Great Church, 2300 Kimberton Road, Kimberton PA 610.933.2110
www.stbasils.org/church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 12:00 PM

Eva Young, Piano; Works by Bach, Beethoven and Chopin. Free-will offering. Handicapped accessible. No child care. Public transit: SEPTA buslines; near Suburban Station. Arch Street Presbyterian Church, 1724 Arch St, Philadelphia PA 215.563.3763

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 10:30 AM

The Chancel Choir presents Vaughan Williams' *The First Nowell* during worship. David Beatty, organist; Gary Garletts, conductor. Ardmore Presbyterian Church, 5 W Montgomery Ave @ Mill Rd, Ardmore PA 610.642.6650 www.ardmorepres.org

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 7:30 PM

Lessons & Carols. Tenth Church Choir/Westminster Brass. Tenth Presbyterian Church, 17th & Spruce Streets, Philadelphia PA 215.735.7688
www.tenth.org

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 12:30 PM

Jonathan Moyer, organ. After Noon Concert Series: 30-minute recitals on Wednesdays. Princeton University-Chapel, Nassau and Washington Rds., Princeton NJ 609.258.3654
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Lunch greeters

4 people needed

Two teams of 2 people

You can switch-off and be able to eat.

First pair "on duty" at about 11:25

This means you'll need to leave the 10:30 session early.

You will be free to attend all other sessions.

Last pair on duty until about 12:45 or so.

Stand at the door of Congregational Hall (upstairs hall where lunch is served)

Greet people.

Check for lunch ticket/stamp on nametags or a brown bag in hand.

Direct people to the lunch serving tables, two lines at each of two tables.

Registrars

3-4 people to work with Nancy Brown, registrar

Be there at 8:00, work until sessions begin at 9:00

Check people in, collect money, hand out nametags

Clinician greeters

About 4 people needed

Arrive about 8:15; watch for clinicians to arrive

Greet, give nametags, show them to their classrooms

You will be able to attend any and all classes

Classroom helpers

10 to 20 people needed

Choose ahead to time which classes you would like to attend

At the beginning of the class, ask people to fill out an evaluation and hand in their nametag holder if this is their last class.

Ask people to turn off cell phones

Give ground rules regarding reading packets. (We'll decide what those ground rules are.)

Introduce the speaker and get the class started

(No elaborate introduction is needed)

Take attendance.

Give a 2-minute warning at the end of the period.

Coffee and refreshment team

2 people: get a friend

Buy food, coffee, tea, etc for refreshments

Or bake, or ask your friends and choir members to bake

(Thus saving the chapter money)

Submit receipts for reimbursement

One person needs to arrive at Bryn Mawr Pres at 7:00 AM

(I will arrive then and help with the initial coffee making)

Get the coffee urns going at 7:00, so the coffee is ready by 8:00

Set up the refreshments

Keep the tables tidy

Keep the coffee going throughout the day

Clean up after the afternoon break

This job limits your attendance at the first session,

But you will be able to attend some of the later sessions.

Utility Infielders

2 people needed

Stay available to help with various tasks during the morning sessions

Watch for presenters to arrive (those who do not teach at the 9:00 session will arrive later), greet, show them to their classrooms

You will be free to attend the afternoon sessions.

Cleaner-uppers

2 people needed during the last session

Help tidy-up the place

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EACH ONE-REACH ONE

AGO Membership Development and Chapter Support Committee Announces 2007-2008 Member Challenge and Prizes for Leading Recruiters

NEW YORK CITY-The American Guild of Organists (AGO) and its Committee on Membership Development and Chapter Support announce the third and final year of the "Each One-Reach One" membership campaign. The 2007-2008 challenge is designed to stimulate membership retention and recruitment activities at all levels of the Guild-from the local to the national level-and to award those who excel at recruitment.

Each One-Reach One is designed to be a grass-roots effort to strengthen Guild membership nationwide by inspiring and empowering local chapter members and officers to focus on membership recruitment and retention. Leading membership recruiters will be awarded expense-paid registrations to the 2008 AGO National Convention in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minn. Expenses include convention registration with the transportation package, and five nights in the convention hotel-a \$1,400 value. Up to five prizes will be awarded. Some restrictions apply. Complete information, guidelines, and forms are available online at <www.agohq.org/eachone-reachone>.

The Committee on Membership Development and Chapter Support was established as a task force in 1994. In 1999, the task force became an AGO national standing committee. Chaired by Herbert R. Buffington (Atlanta, Ga.), the current committee consists of David Lincoln (Willowbrook, Ill.), Sharron Lyon (Brentwood, Tenn.), and Stephen Park (El Segundo, Calif.). Geographical diversity is intentional so that committee members have experience with AGO membership issues in various regions.

For further information about Each One-Reach One, please contact Jennifer Madden at 212-870-2311 (ext. 4304) or e-mail jem@agohq.org.

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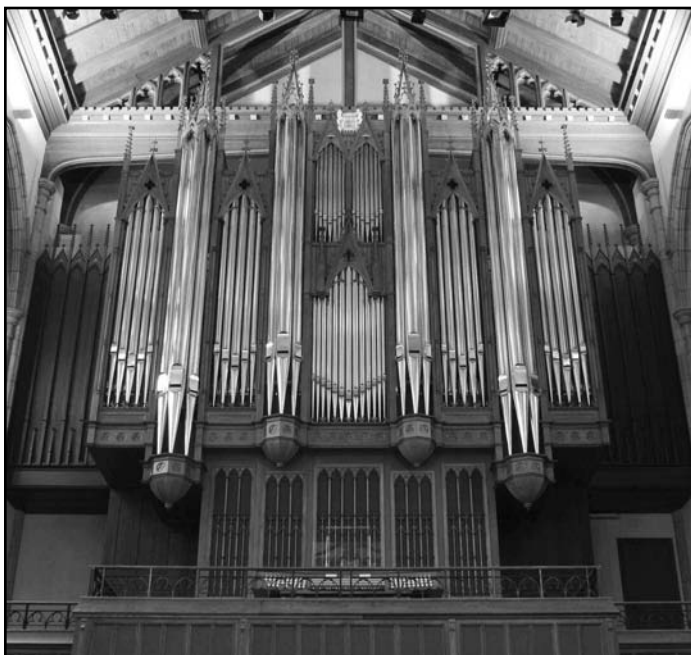
It's that time of year when we request that you send me all your final updates on any recent home address changes, new telephone numbers, and new email addresses that have occurred since you sent me your renewal membership forms in the summer. We take pride in keeping accurate records and totally rely on your information to make them as up-to-date as possible. Many members also frequently contact me to inform us of changes in their church, synagogue or other institutional affiliations. Please send all updates/corrections to me by no later than DECEMBER 15TH, 2007 in order that they may be included. December is one of our busiest months for all of us musicians, including myself, so the earlier I am informed of changes the better. Email probably is the most accurate and efficient way of sending corrections, and a short postal note will work nicely as well. Phone messages, if left on a machine, are often hard to decipher, but will do in a pinch!

Respectfully submitted,

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18: A. David Deery (St. Peter's Episcopal, Phoenixville)

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