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

**H**appy New Year to all! As we begin this New Year, I hope you will all take advantage of our January Jumpstart. It is



Alan Morrison

specifically designed to reinvigorate your creativity to help bring new ideas, skills and awareness to your weekly duties in the choir loft. I encourage you also to bring friends who may not be members so that they may hopefully want to join. The fee is nominal and well worth it. Katherine Reier has outdone herself once again in planning this mini-convention. Of course she has assembled a team of hard workers. For fear of leaving anyone out, I won't attempt to name them all. So a huge thanks goes to all involved!

I have written in the past about how we should explore new ideas in repertoire and presentation. January Jumpstart provides the perfect avenue for such a journey. I will look forward to hearing from you about your experience and any new ideas you walk away with and implement into your routine. Please do let me know!

Cheers for an inspirational 2009!

Alan Morrison



CHAPTER EVENTS IN REVIEW

Philadelphia Chapter organists performing at Verizon Hall. Pictured left to right: Sub-Dean David Beatty, past Dean Clair Rozier, Karen Christianson, Patrick Kreeger, Josh Strafford, Nathan Laube and Daniel Razonale (students of Alan Morrison).

Philadelphia, PA, October 19, 2008. The Philadelphia Chapter sponsored multiple concerts for the **International Year of the Organ Celebration**. The day's festivities began in Philadelphia at the Kimmel Center's Verizon Hall where students of Alan Morrison and Sub-Dean David Beatty and past Dean Clair Rozier performed short programs. The second event was held in the suburbs at Abington Presbyterian Church, in which a dozen organists with connections to the Church participated. The Organ Spectacular concluded at St. John's United Church of Christ in Lansdale where past deans Rae Anne Anderson, David Furness and current Sub-Dean David Beatty performed.

--Elizabeth Cochran

**REGISTRAR'S CORNER**

JOE LEWIS, REGISTRAR

**CURRENT MEMBERSHIP**

398 (at time of publication). Our numbers at this time are down by 10 members compared to last year, partly due to some relocations to other areas of the country, changes in job status, and the deaths of some members.

**RECRUITMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

With our annual January Jumpstart at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church coming up this month on the 17th, an event which is especially filled with wonderful and varied attractions for potential new members, and since the annual nationally sponsored New Member Reduced Dues Program will take place in February and March of '09 (see below), this could be once again a great time to encourage your musical colleagues, or that Organist/Director from the church or synagogue down the street, to join us and to take advantage of our many benefits and programs. Let us eagerly work together, both officers and members alike, to make Philadelphia a chapter that has creative retention and recruitment activities!

**REDUCED DUES PROGRAM**

Again this year the National AGO office will sponsor a special REDUCED DUES RATE for the remainder of the current membership year (ending 6/30/09). This reduced rate is for NEW MEMBERS ONLY who join between February 1 - March 31, 2009. This rate allows these new members to still receive nine monthly issues of The American Organist (beginning with the March 2009 issue) and, of course, our local Crescendo (through the June 2009 issue). This is a great way to get anticipated new members to become part of the chapter prior to our normal May/June membership drive, and for them to receive TAO sooner instead of waiting for the usual first issue in December.

**NEW MEMBERS**

We welcome the following members to the chapter and ask that you to warmly greet them at all future programs: Olena Kulbachna, Trumbauersville, PA; Hehsun Chun Smith, Lawrenceville, NJ; and Dennis Charles Stevenson, Philadelphia, PA.

**IN MEMORIAM**

I regret to inform you of the sudden passing of member Clifford N. Bohnson on November 25th, 2008. He was a recent appointee as Organist and Choir Master at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Phoenixville, and in a short time developed many friends and admirers there. A service was held at St. Peter's on December 6th. Our deepest sympathy goes out to this family and friends at his loss.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Lewis  
Registrar@agophila.org

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 ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, WAYNE

Sunday 19 October, 2008  
**ORGAN SPECTACULAR!** Multiple events, all free and open to the public, throughout the area including:  
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 VERIZON HALL AT THE KIMMEL CENTER  
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 ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ABINGTON  
 Rae Ann Anderson, David Furniss, David Beatty  
 ST. JOHN'S UCC, LANSDALE

Saturday, 15 November, 2008, 9:00 am  
**Organ Music on Hymns Modern and Ancient**  
 Gary Garletts, Abigail Palmisano, Bruce Tonkin  
 TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, AMBLER

Sunday, 28 December, 2008, 4:00pm  
 "And what happened at YOUR Christmas Pageant?"  
**Pot-luck Dinner and Christmas Convivialty**  
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Saturday, 17 January, 2009, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm  
**January Jumpstart**  
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Tuesday, 10 February, 2009, 7:30 pm  
**Music in the Reformed Synagogue**  
 KENESETH ISRAEL, ELKINS PARK

Monday, 2 March, 2009, 8:00 pm  
**Legends of Philadelphia: First Baptist Church**  
 Alan Morrison  
 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA

Saturday, 25 April, 2009  
**Hidden Gems of Philadelphia**  
 A LOCAL ORGAN CRAWL, WITH JEWELER JONATHAN BOWEN

June (TBD)  
**End of the Season Celebration**

**Kimmel Center Presents**  
**Master Musicians: Organ**  
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Saturday, 25 October, 2008, 3:00 **Vincent Dubois**  
 Saturday, 7 March, 2009, 3:00 **Jane Parker Smith**  
 Saturday, 2 May, 2009, 3:00 **James David Christie**

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Job description:

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- Play for one Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. (and two services on Easter)
- Play for special services during the year (Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday)
- Occasional extra rehearsals in preparation for special times
- Accompany the children's choir once a month
- Choose, prepare, and play introit, offertory and benediction weekly

Salary within AGO guidelines.

Please contact the church office, 215-357-5636 or email nsrc1710@verizon.net.

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ent, both vocal and instrumental, available in our congregation. There are no regular weeknight obligations other than major festivals and holy days, though some flexibility is desired. We are seeking a candidate who will participate in the spiritual life of the church, and attend occasional committee meetings to assist in planning worship through the year. We are a diverse congregation that enjoys all kinds of music, is open to new ideas and loves to sing -- an inclusive community, sharing Christ on campus (University of Pennsylvania/Drexel University) and the city. Salary negotiable. Position available now To apply or for further information contact by email at unilu@uniluphila.org, or call the church office: 215-387-2885, or mail applications to church address above, attention: Organist/Music Director Search Committee

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Coventry Church of the Brethren in North Coventry Township, Chester County PA, is searching for a committed Christian musician to serve as the church organist, or also as director of an adult choir or Director of Music, if appropriate. Organist would be responsible for playing for one Sunday service each week, along with some additional special services, plus one adult choir rehearsal per week as accompanist. The Director of Music position would also include serving as director for the adult choir, and coordinating the complete music program of the church, including a youth choir, a children's choir, a weekly Sunday praise service, special music for other services, etc. Later this year, the church's 1930 Möller pipe organ will be interfaced with a new Allen three manual digital organ.

For more information, contact the church office by phone at 610-326-5426 or by e-mail at CoventryCOB@comcast.net

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Linfield United Church of Christ is seeking a part-time Choir Director for our small but very dedicated choir. The choir sings from September to May. Our

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choir director should be familiar with the use of the liturgical calendar and the scriptures to choose music that will enhance our worship. We are an all-volunteer choir with varying levels of musical knowledge who are eager to learn new music. We need a leader with the educational background to be able to teach as well as direct.

Duties include;

- Directing the adult choir for weekly rehearsals and Sunday worship from September to May.
- Coordinating music for worship on Sundays and for special services such as Lent, Holy Week, Advent and Christmas, and also coordinate special summer music
- Maintaining and expanding the music library.
- Working closely with the pastor and the Music Committee.
- Providing support and assistance for the leaders of the youth choir.

Send resume to address listed above.

#### **ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR**

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The Organist/Choir Director will be the primary person responsible for the following:

- Prepare and lead music in worship at each Sunday service (10:00 am.) and at special services (such as these during Lent and Advent) as they are scheduled.
- Conduct weekly Adult Choir rehearsals from September through mid-June. Rehearse and direct choir on Sundays for same months.
- Conduct Children's/Youth Choir rehearsals as needed for six anthems per year. Accompaniment and support roles are negotiable.
- Meet regularly with the pastor to coordinate music for the worship services.
- Meet regularly with the Music and Worship Committee to plan broader issues related to church music. The Organist/Choir director will serve as an Ex-Officio member of the Music and Worship Committee.
- Determine the budget for the music program and submit it to Council yearly.
- Consult with persons planning special programs involving music.
- Maintain and expand Choir repertoire, including the filing system.
- Rehearse and develop his/her own skills and attend workshops sponsored by professional organizations, denominations or other institutions related to the profession.

Part-time position requiring 8-10 hours per week. Willing to divide the positions of organist and choir director if necessary. Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM. Audio tape with resume is welcome and helpful, but not required.

Resumés may be mailed to UCC East Goshen, 1201 North Chester Rd., West Chester, PA 19380, faxed to 610-692-7951 or e-mailed (MS Word or Wordpad) to [music@ucceastgoshen.org](mailto:music@ucceastgoshen.org)

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Contact The Rev. David B. Christensen 215-723-8981 or [pastor@stpaulstelford.org](mailto:pastor@stpaulstelford.org)

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

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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### SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 4:00 PM

Epiphany Lessons and Carols. Nicholas Fenning, director. Grace Epiphany Church, 224 E. Gowen Ave, Mt. Airy PA 215.248.2950

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 4:00 PM

Menotti's *Amahl and Night Visitors*. Huw Williams, director. Tickets: \$20 GA, \$15 Students and Seniors, Children under 12 free. Church of the Redeemer, Pennswood & New Gulph Rds, Bryn Mawr PA 610.525.2486 ext. 10 info@redeemer.org

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 4:00 PM

Celtic Women and Friends Family Concert. A program of Celtic music and dance, including Irish Step and Scottish dances with traditional Celtic instrumentation. Free child care provided. Free will offering received. Snow Date: January 31, 2009, 3pm. Abington Presbyterian Church, 1082 Old York Rd, Abington PA 215.887.4530 www.apcusa.org

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 4:00 PM

*Christ Be Our Light*. A Youth Choir Festival featuring choirs from Abington, Bryn Mawr and Wayne Presbyterian Church. Tim Evers, John Sall and Sandra Thompson, directors. Free admission. Wayne Presbyterian Church, 125 E. Lancaster Ave, Wayne PA 610.688.8700 www.waynepres.org

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 8:00 PM

Cameron Carpenter in concert. Tickets: \$15 GA, \$5 Students, Family \$35. For tickets contact the church. Wayne Presbyterian Church, 125 E. Lancaster Ave, Wayne PA 610.688.8700 www.waynepres.org

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