

THE WINDCHEST

*Newsletter of the Delaware Chapter
American Guild of Organists*



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Dear Colleagues,

Those attending our November meeting had a unique, interesting and enlightening experience: learning about, seeing and hearing the pipe organ in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irénée du Pont, Jr. This month, we'll be focusing on making music for one of the two most demanding weeks of the church's year. Tiring as it is for us church musicians, everything ultimately goes well and our congregations are inspired, uplifted, and thrilled. When it's all over and you're recovering, please consider going to the annual *January Jumpstart* at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. For details, please see below.

I wish you the many joys of Advent and Christmastide, and God's rich blessings in the New Year.

Your Editor,

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2015-16 Chapter Programs

Saturday, 12 September, 6:00 pm.

Covered dish supper at Zion Lutheran Church, 2101 Lancaster Avenue, Wilmington. A music exchange will be provided, so please bring organ scores or anthems that you do not want to keep. This meeting is a great opportunity to renew old friendships, meet new members, and share experiences and information of interest to all chapter members.

Saturday, 3 October, 10:00 am. First Unitarian Church of Wilmington, 730 Halstead Road. Repertoire workshop by Stephen Hamilton, Minister of Music Emeritus, Church of the Holy Trinity, New York City.

Bagels and coffee will be available at 9:30 a.m. More information below.

Saturday, 7 November, 10:30 am. A visit to Granogue, the du Pont family home and currently the residence of Irénée du Pont, Jr. Granogue has an organ installed by Mr. du Pont's father, which has a treasure of organ rolls that have been converted to MIDI files by Mr. du Pont.

Saturday 16 January 2016, 8:30 am. *January JumpStart* at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 625 Montgomery Avenue in Bryn Mawr, PA. Our annual multi-chapter, mini convention! Details below.

Saturday, 12 March, 10:00 am. *Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza* – a “meet the organ” experience for young people. Newark United Methodist Church. Details to follow.

Sunday, 5 June 5, 6:00 pm. Our end-of-year banquet, with a members recital. The Rev'd Thomas R. Malia will be our guest speaker. Thomas Malia is Assistant to the President for Mission of Mercy Medical Center in Baltimore. He was previously a priest in the Archdiocese of Baltimore for 30 years. He is particularly interested in the liturgy of the church and is active in the Baltimore Chapter of the AGO.

From The Dean



It's almost the new year! I hope all of you not only survived the Advent / Christmas season but actually enjoyed it! With a new year comes some new ideas on how we can communicate more effectively with each other. One of our primary tools is this newsletter. In order to streamline the production and distribution of this newsletter I'd like to put the following deadlines into action.

1. Please submit your info via email no later than the 15th of the prior month. Example: The February newsletter info will be due January 15th.
2. If you miss the deadline, please send your info anyway. The info will be included in a mid-month email update.

Thank You for helping keep the newsletter up to date!

Before I sign off...It would be wonderful to publish event photos with short descriptions in our next edition of the Windchest. Do you have concert, recital, or Christmas pictures? Send them in!

~Ned Perwo~

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From the Sub-Dean

I hope the holiday season has been a wonderful one for you and that 2016 will be a great year in spite of the rampant hatred and fear in the world.

I want to encourage you to consider attending the January Jumpstart in Bryn Mawr. Yes, I know it's not easy to give up all that time on Saturday with Sunday responsibilities bearing down. (Does it ever seem to you that in spite of the seven-day interval on the calendar, Sundays seem to come around about every third day?) Nevertheless, I am confident that if you attend, you will find a variety of interesting and enriching programs from which to choose. Lunch is good too. If you are interested in carpooling, please send me an email at WRobin44@aol.com and I will see what arrangements may be possible.

Happy New Year!

Bill

More Coming Events

(Admission is free unless indicated otherwise.)

Sunday, 20 December, 4:00 pm. The Cathedral Choir School of Delaware presents its annual service of Christmas Lessons & Carols at Immanuel Highlands Episcopal Church.

Tuesday, 5 January, 6:00 pm. Twelfth Night Evensong at Emmanuel Church, Chestertown, MD

Sunday, 10 January, 4:00 pm. Choral Evensong at Immanuel Church on the Green, New Castle.

Saturday 16 January, 8:30 am. Chapter Program: *January JumpStart* at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church.

Friday, 22 January, 7:30 pm. Organ recital by Julie Evans at Emmanuel Church, Chestertown, MD. Tickets required.

Sunday, 24 January, 4:00 pm. Selections from Bach's cantatas 10, 36, 107, 93. The Immanuel Bach Consort at Immanuel Church on the Green, New Castle.

Tuesday, 2 February, 7:00 pm. Procession and sung Eucharist for Candlemas at Immanuel Church on the Green, New Castle.

Sunday, 7 February 2016. Evensong at Christ Church Christiana Hundred. Organ prelude by Matthew Boatmon at **4:30**. Evensong at **5:00**, Bruce J. Barber II, director.

Wednesday, 10 February, 6:00 pm. Evensong for Ash Wednesday at Emmanuel Church, Chestertown, MD.

Wednesday, 10 February, 7:00 pm. Ash Wednesday Eucharist at Immanuel New Castle.

Sunday, 14 February, 4:00 pm. Choral Evensong at Immanuel Church on the Green, New Castle.

Friday, 19 February, 8:00 pm. Organ recital at Longwood Gardens by James O'Donnell, Master of the Music at Westminster Abbey.

Saturday, 20 February, 9:30 – Noon. Workshop by James O'Donnell on the history of Westminster Abbey. St. Clement's Church, Philadelphia.

Sunday, 6 March. Evensong at Christ Church Christiana Hundred. Organ prelude by Paul Fleckenstein at **4:30**. Evensong at **5:00**, Bruce J. Barber II, director.

The 2016 January Jumpstart

This is our annual winter extravaganza event, cosponsored by a number of regional AGO chapters, including ours. As before, this year's program will be held once at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, on Saturday, 16 January. The program features Organist-Choirmaster **Kent Tritle** and **Canon Victoria Sirota** from the **St. Cathedral of John the Divine** in New York City. Kent is a brilliant choral technician, wonderful organist (the organist for the New York Philharmonic) and a fantastic educator. Canon Sirota is also an organist, former AGO National Chaplain and gifted preacher. Combined they will lead us in worship mid-day. The day begins at 8:00 a.m. with registration, coffee, bagels, and even a used-music table. Young's Music Store will be open throughout the day. Workshops kick-off at 8:30 a.m. and we are planning for a full day of workshops, going to 4:30 p.m. The day's events:

Speakers: Kent Tritle and Canon Victoria Sirota from the Church of St. John the Divine, NYC

Harpsichord for Organists: Joyce Lindorff

Body Mapping: Sheila Page

Pipe Organs 911: Steve Emery

Dealing with Difficult People: Dr. Tracy Burke

Choral Reading Session: John Sall

Preparing for the AGO Exams - Sandor Kadar

Handbells - Marcia Sommers

Clergy - Musician relationships: Victoria Sirota

Training Boy and Girl Choristers: Learning from One

Another - Darryl Roland

And lots more!!!



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We look forward to welcoming you to the 2016 AGO National Convention in June!

Sincerely,

The 2016 Houston Convention Executive Team
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Positions Available

The Presbyterian Church of Kennett Square is seeking an organist. Contact search committee chair Bob Johnson rwj44@verizon.net for details.

Mariner's Bethel Un. Methodist Church, Ocean View, DE seeks a part-time organist/pianist to accompany the congregation and choir for Sunday services and weekly rehearsals. A job description is available upon request. Send resume and letter of intent to janpar@juno.com

Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. Tenor section leader/soloist as part of our professional quintet. Thursday evening 7:30 PM rehearsal and Sunday morning 11 AM High Choral Mass. Salary \$100.00 per week. \$50.00 for every additional call. Weddings, \$200.00, funerals \$150.00, Cantor at assigned mass additional \$50.00 per mass. Excellent sight-reading a must. Interested singers should contact Louis L. Perazza at 302-421-3700 extension 19 or luigiorganum@aol.com

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Shillington, PA (one hour west of Philly), seeks a Director of Music/Organist to lead a broad, vibrant and innovative music/arts ministry that includes two Sunday morning services with four vocal choirs and two handbell ensembles. Competence in traditional Lutheran liturgy as well as contemporary/blended worship is desired. The sanctuary has a piano and fifteen year old Allen Organ console that accesses 32 ranks of Möller pipes, plus has 23 digital stops and antiphonal balcony speakers. There are 100 digital voices playable in the front and rear divisions. Starting salary for a minimum BA or its equivalent is \$35,000–40,000 per year for a 35-hour workweek. Medical insurance, pension and other benefits offered according to ELCA standards for full time employees. Contact music@graceshill.org to apply and/or seek further information.

Immanuel Highlands Episcopal Church is seeking a tenor and a bass choral scholar/section leader to begin in mid-September. \$100/week for Thursday rehearsal and Sunday service. Occasional evening services throughout the year. Contact Steven Patchel at spatchel@immanuel-highlands.org for more information and audition date.

Christ Church in Woodbury, NJ seeks an organist and choir director. Founded in 1856, Christ Church is firmly grounded in Book of Common Prayer (1979) Rite I Liturgy, using the Hymnal 1982. Traditional liturgical music is central to the main choral Eucharist at 10:00 on Sunday morning. The director will lead a choir comprising a quartet of paid choral scholars (underwritten) and several committed volunteers. The adult choir currently rehearses only on Sundays; a midweek rehearsal is a possibility. A children's choir, currently singing four services per year, is ripe for further development. The successful candidate will have solid conducting and service-playing skills. This position averages 20 hours per week. A full position description is [here](#). Interested candidates should forward a resume, two or three audio/video samples of playing and conducting totaling no more than ten minutes, and three references to office@christchurch.woodburynj.org, with "Organist/Choir Director Search" in the subject line. Application deadline: September 10, 2015.

St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Limestone Road in Wilmington is searching for an Organist. Two-manual pipe organ. Basic duties include: accompanying the choir rehearsal Wednesday evenings and at the traditional Sunday morning 11:00 service; providing preludes, offertories and postludes for all services (except the 8:30 praise service); playing for special services; directing the choir in the absence of the choir director; and playing for various church events such as funerals, special programs, etc. A more comprehensive job description will be posted shortly on the church's website. Call the church at (302) 994-0400 for more information or to apply.

The West Nottingham Presbyterian church in Colora, MD is looking for a music director. Details can be found in their add on Facebook or on the wnpc website. Contact pastordonna1@gmail.com for more information or to apply.

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