

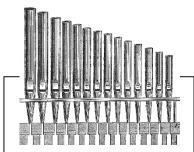
Fall 2018

Letter from the Editor

Welcome to a new season, new board, new editor and new-sletter! I'm happy to attempt to continue for David Herman who did a wonderful job as editor. We are grateful for his many years of excellent work and energy on this newsletter.

The newsletter will be published approximately four times per year, and include Chapter event updates, sub list, concert information, and job postings. Let me know if you have suggestions for the newsletter, going forward. Some of this will also be posted on our website <u>delawareago.org</u> so refer to that for information as well.

If you have musical events that are appropriate for our organist membership, email the dates/titles/location to info@delawareago.org and I'll do my best to include in upcoming editions. Thanks, Steven



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Letter from our Dean

Welcome to a new season for the Delaware chapter of the AGO. Your board has done a lot of work over the summer to prepare for the season. Special thanks to Steve Patchel for the work he has done on the website. Check it out at delawareago.org.

I hope you have already entered our first meeting on your calendar. It will take place on Saturday, September 22 at 6:00 p.m. at Silverside Church (2800 Silverside Road in Wilmington). Thanks to Melissa Heieie for hosting this event. More details about the potluck meal for the meeting will be sent in a message closer to September 22.

I mentioned in an email earlier this summer that Rebecca te Velde, who led the very successful program on the Oxford Hymn Series for Organists last year for our chapter, might be our guest. I'm happy to report that she has confirmed her visit and her pleasure in being able to meet with our members again. If you would like to hear her presentation to the Philadelphia chapter about the series, that program will start at 9:00 a.m. on September 22 at St. David's Episcopal Church, 763 Valley Forge Rd, Wayne, PA.

Chapter Event Dates Details inside...

September 22, 6:00 pm Silverside Church

November 10, 10:00 am First & Central Presbyterian

January 10, 8:30-3:00 Bryn Mawr Presbyterian

March 16, 10:00 am First Presbyterian Newark

June 2, 6:00pm Christ Church Greenville And finally, the dreaded mention of money. If you haven't renewed your membership, please consider doing so now so that you won't miss out on any of the services and news of the AGO. You can use ONCARD on the national website (agohq.org), or if you prefer to talk to a real person, you can call 212-870-2310.

I hope you've had a good summer and I look forward to seeing you on September 22.

Bill

Letter from our Subdean

Organist opportunities!

Once again, we Delaware organists embark together on another year of fun, learning, sharing, and friendship. Your board has worked diligently to create a season of interesting events and we hope you will participate in many of these.

And we need your help!

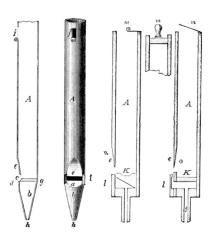
Our November 10 meeting about the organ music of stories organist and church musician Wilbur Held relies on your playing his music for each other at this workshop. When you receive an email from me asking you to help in this way, please say yes! Or better yet, simply volunteer to play by emailing me at davidschelat@gmail.com. We would love many to take part in this program of practical music for use in worship.

When we gather together on March 16, we will share a time together spotlighting our choral skill as various members lead us in a choral reading session. Again, when you are asked to help with this, please respond with a hearty "Of course! I'd be glad to help!"

My experience tells me that the more I put into a project, the more I will get out of it. This same reasoning works for membership in any organization, including the AGO. All of us on your board want you to take away many positive experiences from your Delaware Chapter. You can do this by participating fully in the life of this organization.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our September 22 meeting. Friendship and eating will be the main events of this meeting, and we will have three short mini-talks about technology that may make easier our life as church musicians.

David



2018-19 DELAWARE AGO CHAPTER PROGRAMS

Sat. September 22, 6:00 p.m. Silverside Church, North Wilmington

Season-opening potluck dinner. A chance to renew acquaintances with friends, exchange music, and a short program to enhance the evening.

Sat. November 10, 10:00 a.m. First and Central Presbyterian Church, Wilmington

A program about the organ music of Wilbur Held, led by David Schelat. David studied with Held, who in his long life left a wealth of music that is both accessible and of high quality.

Sat. January 12, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. January Jumpstart at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian

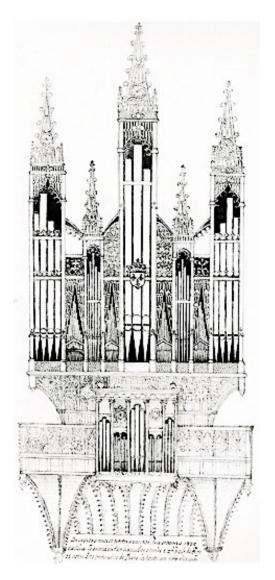
More information forthcoming from the Philadelphia chapter.

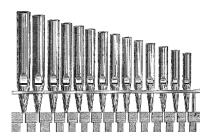
Sat. March 16, 10:00 a.m. First Presbyterian Church, Newark

Choral Reading Session. Chapter members will introduce new and noteworthy anthems, including some easier works suitable for small choirs.

Sun. June 2, 6:00 p.m. (TBD) Christ Church Christiana Hundred, Wilmington

Annual banquet with featured speaker and members' recital. Preceding the program, all are invited to attend a 5:00 Service of Choral Evensong.





NOTABLE CONCERTS & EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 20 8:00 p.m.

GRAND EVENING CONCERT

Wanamaker Organ, Philadelphia Peter Conte and Josh Stafford Play music dedicated to the memory of Michael Stairs.

Sunday, September 30 3:00 p.m.

SUMMER SHOWCASE Concert

Silverside Church 2800 Silverside Road, Wilmington Featuring Classical, Celtic, Sacred, Jazz and more. Silverside Choir and guest musicians. Freewill donation. Reception following concert.

OCTOBER

Thursday, October 4 12:30-1:00 p.m. DAVID SCHELAT, organist

Music of Buxtehude, Leo Sowerby First & Central Presbyterian, Wilmington

Sunday, October 7 3:00 p.m. JACKSON BORGES organ concert Longwood Gardens

Sunday, October 7 7:00 p.m. JAZZ VESPERS

Featuring the Jonathan Whitney Project Saints Andrew and Matthew \$10 suggested donation www.SsAM.org

Sunday, October 14 3:00-4:30 p.m. DAVID SCHELAT, organist

Bach, Couperin, Sowerby
First & Central Presbyterian
Tickets @ marketstreetmusicde.org
\$25 at the door

Sunday, October 14

4:00 p.m.

CHORAL EVENSONG

Music of Leighton, Sumsion, White Immanuel Church on the Green, New Castle

Thursday, October 18 12:30-1:00 p.m. LYRA RUSSIAN CHOIR

First & Central Presbyterian, Wilmington

Sunday, October 21 3:00 p.m. ORGAN RECITAL 100th Anniversary of the Cathedral of St. Peter

Austin/Davidson/Peragallo Organ Margaret Love, David Herman, John Peragallo, Mary Ann Quarry, John Dolan, Cameron Kuzepski, and Michael Davidson will perform. 6th and West, Streets, Wilmington 302-654-5920

Sunday, October 21 4:00 p.m. MOZART REQUIEM

Saints Andrew and Matthew Rowan University Concert Choir Christopher Thomas, Conductor David Christopher, Organ \$20 suggested donation at door

Saturday, October 27 6:30 p.m. A Family Event: HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

Presbyterian Church of the Covenant Music from The Nightmare Before Christmas, Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban and more. Organ, choir, handbells, audience sing-a-along of favorite "Ghoultide Scarols" Costumes and Prizes awarded.

\$5.00 per person/\$20 per family.

Saturday, Oct. 27 FAMILY HALLOWEEN EVENT

Saints Andrew and Matthew Christopher Soer, Guest Organist 4:30 – 6:30 Costumes and Parade 6:30 - 7:45 - Haunted Movies with Organ Accompaniment Winning costumes announced \$10 suggested Donation at door www.SsAM.org

Tuesday October 30 7:00 p.m.

ORGAN & ORCHESTRA HALLOWEEN

Kimmel Center, Philadelphia Spooky highlights include Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D minor and Gounod's *Funeral March of a Marionette*.

NOVEMBER

Sunday November 11 3:00 p.m. JOHN WALTHAUSEN organ concert Longwood Gardens

NOVEMBER

Friday, November 2 7:00 p.m.

GABRIEL FAURÉ: REQUIEM

Choral Mass for Faithful Departed Immanuel Church on the Green, New Castle

Sunday, November 11 3:00-4:30 p.m.

VARIANT 6 (Philadelphia choir)
Madrigals of Italy, Germany, France
First & Central Presbyterian
Tickets @ marketstreetmusicde.org
\$25 at the door

Sunday November 11 4:00 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG

Music of Walmisley, Radcliffe, Fauré Immanuel Highlands Episcopal Wilmington

Saturday, November 17 10:00 a.m. WILMINGTON HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

Festival of Trees to benefit Delaware Hospice The Summit 5850 Limestone Road Hockessin

Sunday, November 18 7:00 p.m. DELAWARE CHORAL ARTS

Saints Andrew and Matthew Music of Dan Forrest, Randall Thompson, Leonard Bernstein with Choir School of Asbury Park David Christopher, Conductor Tickets DelawareChoralArts.org Sunday, November 25 3:00 p.m. INAUGURAL PIANO RECITAL

Mark Blaschke, pianist
Featuring the church's new
Steinway Grand Piano
Saints Andrew and Matthew
\$20 suggested donation at door
www.SsAM.org

DECEMBER

\$25 at the door

Saturday, 1 December 7:30-9:00 p.m. MASTERSINGERS of Wilmington

First & Central Presbyterian
Marvin Mills, organist
Janet Whitman, harpist
David Schelat, conductor
includes Britten's Ceremony of Carols
Tickets@ marketstreetmusicde.org

Sunday, December 2
7:00 p.m.
WILMINGTON HANDBELL ENSEMBLE
Lutheran Church of Good Shepherd
1530 Foulk Rd. Wilmington

Sunday, December 9
3:00 p.m.
WILMINGTON HANDBELL ENSEMBLE
with Newark Symphony Orchestra
Independence School Auditorium
1300 Paper Mill Road Newark
Lessons and Carols for Advent

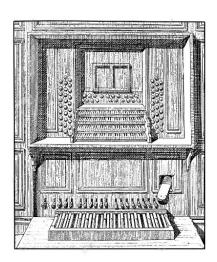
Sunday, December 9 4:00 p.m. LESSONS & CAROLS

Music of Guerrero, Bach, Britten, Rorem, and others Immanuel Church on the Green, New Castle

Sunday December 9 7:00p.m.

CANDLELIGHT ADVENT VESPERS

Featuring the Covenant Schola
Cantorum, Covenant Bells
Freewill Offering
Music of Robert Lehman, Michael
Praetorius, Franz Biebl and others.
Presbyterian Church of the Covenant
503 Duncan Rd, Wilmington



POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Grace United Methodist Church, Wilmington DE

Seeking one full-time Director of Music/Organist or two part-time musicians:

1. choir director, and 2. organist/accompanist

Direct the Grace Church Choir, Youth Choir and Hand Bell Ensembles. Conduct weekly rehearsals for the Grace Singers, Youth Choir and Hand Bell Ensembles. Organize concerts and concert series. Play organ and piano for all worship services, weddings, funerals, and other events as requested.

Coordinate and plan musical selections that correlate with lectionary and worship text. Administer all aspects of the Music Program, including, but not limited to: annual budget, expenditure, music selection, newsletters, and bulletin articles Represent Grace Church at Professional and Community Arts and Music Initiatives. Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest and resume to: gracemusicsearch2018@gmail.com

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