

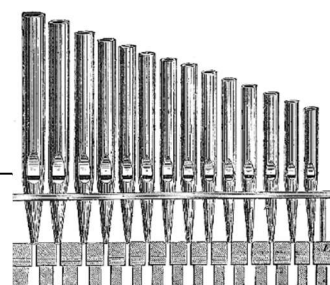
Letter from our Dean

Welcome to a new season of the Delaware chapter of the AGO. Thanks to the program planning committee, chaired by David Schelat, for putting together a series of interesting and informative programs for the 2019-2020 season. I hope you will enter all of the dates on your calendar and then join us at the meetings. Also please consider our two Saturday morning brunches, one in the fall and the other in the spring. They are a great opportunity to gather with friends in a totally relaxed setting.

At our opening meeting we will have a chance to meet our regional councilor, Wayne Wold. At the national level we have a new director of member engagement and chapter development, Elizabeth George. I hope we have an opportunity to meet her in person, but she has already started mailing information with suggestions for greater chapter involvement and growth. To be sure, her first mailing was about renewal of membership, so here comes my usual exhortation. We had an excellent renewal rate for those with a 7/1 date, but there are a number coming up with a 9/1 or 10/1 renewal date, so I hope you will want to continue being a member of our chapter.

I hope you had a great summer and are reinvigorated for all the activities about to start. Please join us at our first meeting on September 14, our annual potluck dinner plus members recital plus music exchange plus guest speaker. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. at Hanover Presbyterian Church in Wilmington.

—Bill Robinson



Delaware AGO Chapter Officers

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Chapter Event Dates Details inside...

September 14, Sat. 6:00 pm
 Potluck and Recital
 Hanover Presbyterian Church,
 Wilmington

October 19, Sat. 10:30 am
 Informal Brunch
 Location TBD

November 9, Sat. 10:00 am
 New Organ Music
 Immanuel Church, New Castle

January 11, Sat. 8:30 to 3:00
 January Jumpstart
 Location TBD

March 21, Sat. 10:00 a.m.
 Working with aging voices
 St. Paul's Lutheran Church,
 Newark

April 18, Sat. 10:30 am
 Informal Brunch
 Location TBD

May 31, Sunday 6:00 p.m.
 Annual Banquet
 Saints Andrew & Matthew

Letter from our Sub-dean

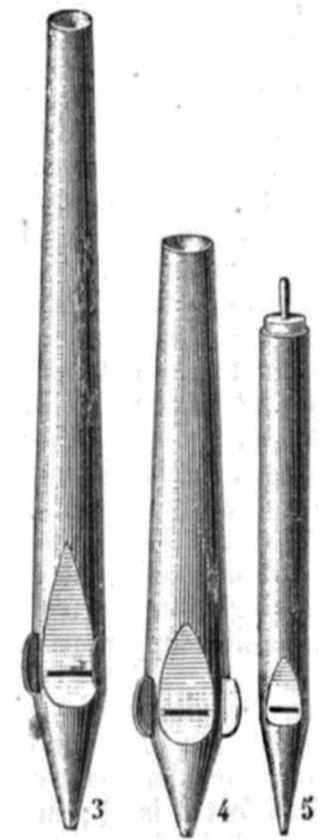
Your program committee has worked hard over the summer months to plan a year of programming that is sure to delight you, inform you, and provide ample opportunity to enjoy your organist colleague-friends. I hope that you will put the program dates found in this newsletter in your personal calendar today and plan to make your Delaware AGO Chapter meetings a priority for this season. I guarantee you will not regret this decision. I have done this my whole life and have found that the friendships I've made and the information I've garnered have been sustaining factors in my career.

I hope you plan to attend the first event of the season on Saturday, September 14 at Hanover Presbyterian Church. You'll get to meet our regional councilor Wayne Wold, hear the Wicks organ recently-refurbished by David Storey and Casavant (it sounds great!) and enjoy the musical artistry of members Twyla Evitts and Gabriel Benton during the members recital. Gabriel is new in town – the new organist at Grace United Methodist Church in Wilmington – and I'm sure you want to welcome him in our warm AGO fashion.

Moving into 2020, come to the January Jump Start! This multi-event day has been taking place in Philadelphia with our Delaware Chapter financial assistance for years, and I suspect many of you have never attended. It's time to change your ways! This event is always great fun and a good chance to meet other organists from the region. There's always a car or two leaving for this from Delaware with space for more organists. Come and join the fun!

I hope I'll see you at many events this season. I know you'll find fun, friends, and food for the organist journey at your Delaware Chapter AGO program events.

—David Schelat



2019-20 DELAWARE CHAPTER PROGRAMS

Saturday September 14
6:00 p.m.

Hanover Presbyterian Church, Wilmington

Season-opening potluck dinner and member's recital by Twyla Evitts and Gabriel Benton. A chance to renew acquaintance with friends, exchange music, and meet with our regional councilor, Wayne Wold.

Saturday October 19
10:30 a.m.

Location TBD

Come share an informal Saturday brunch with friends and colleagues!

Saturday November 9
10:00 a.m.

Immanuel Church, New Castle

50 Market Street

Led by David Herman, members will present new organ music to the group gathered.

Saturday January 11, 2020
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

January Jumpstart, Location TBD

A Joint venture with the Philadelphia and surrounding area chapters.

Saturday March 21, 2020
10:00 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church; 701 College Ave. Newark

Working with aging voices, led by Suzanne DuPlantis

Saturday April 18, 2020
10:30 AM

Location TBD

Spring Brunch. Informal time to share with colleagues and friends. Talk, eat, share stories.

Sunday May 31, 2020
6:00 p.m.

Saints Andrew & Matthew Annual Members' Banquet

NOTABLE CONCERTS & EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

U.S. Army Chorus Baritones

Saturday 21 September 6pm

All Saints' Church

Rehoboth Beach, DE

Sunday 22 September 3pm

St. George's Chapel

Beaver Dam Rd., Harbeson

OCTOBER

Thursday 3 October 12:30 PM

David Schelat, organist

Bach, Vierne, *Robertsbridge Codex*,

Ad Wammes

First & Central Presbyterian Church

Free admission

Sunday 6 October 3:00 PM

Piffaro Renaissance Band

35th Anniversary Concert featuring

full array of wind instruments

Immanuel Church, Highlands

Tickets at Piffaro.org

Sunday 6 October 5:00 PM

Choral Evensong & Pet Blessing

Christ Church, Greenville

Saturday 12 October

5:00 PM and 7:30 PM

Organ Marathon

Two concerts, six organists play the

1969 Austin organ 50th anniversary

David Schelat, Jack Burnam,

David Christopher, Bruce Barber,

Paul Fleckenstein, Steven Patchel

Immanuel Church, Highlands

Freewill offering

Thursday 17 October 12:30 PM

Lyra Russian Choir

Singing music from their homeland.

First & Central Presbyterian

Free admission

Thursday 17 October 7:00 pm

Lyra Russian Choir

from St. Petersburg, Russia

St. Helena's Catholic Church

602 Philadelphia Pike

Saturday 19 October 6:00 PM

Festival of Fine and Performing Arts

Robert Wallace, Director

St. Mary's Episcopal Church,

Abingdon, MD

Saturday 19 October 6 PM

Jazz Mass by Angelo diLoreto

All Saints' Church

Rehoboth Beach DE

Sunday 20 October 3:00 PM

Christ Church Choir, Greenville

with Tempesta di Mare

Handel Concerti and

Coronation Anthems

Saturday 26 October 1:00 PM

Pipe Organ Spooktacular

in conjunction with Sea Witch Festival

played by Jackson Borges

All Saints' Episcopal Church,

Rehoboth Beach

Sunday 27 October 3:00 PM

David Schelat, organist

Stanford, Bach, Vierne

Admission: \$25 (\$10 students)

www.marketstreetmusicde.org;

\$30 at the door

First & Central Presbyterian

Thursday 31 October 12:30 PM

Center City Chorale

The spirited downtown choir sings

music of Philip Stopford and Robert

Shaw/Alice Parker.

First & Central Presbyterian

Thursday 31 October 6:00 PM

Silent Movie Night

Featuring F.W. Murnau's silent

masterpiece "Faust (1926)"

Jackson Borges improvises

accompaniment

All Saints' Episcopal Church

Rehoboth Beach, DE

NOVEMBER

Sunday 3 November 4:00 PM

Choral Evensong for All Saints

Music of Archer and Stanford

Immanuel Church, Highlands

Sunday 3 November 4:30 PM

Choral Evensong for All Souls

Organ Prelude: Edward Landin Senn

Christ Church, Greenville

Saturday 9 November 8:00 PM

University of Delaware Schola

Music of Bach and Kim Arnesen

With Orchestra. *Fee at door.*

St. Helena's Catholic Church

Sunday 10 November 3:00 PM

Steven Patchel, organist

Bach, Schelat, DuPont, Guilman

Longwood Gardens

Saturday 16 November 1:30 PM

Musical Conversation with

Philip Stopford

Performances by St Helena Choir,

Center City Chorale, Choir School

of Delaware, and St. Andrew's

Andean Ensemble.

Open rehearsal and performance

St Helena's Catholic Church

602 Philadelphia Pike

Saturday 16 November 7:00 PM

Yale Whiffenpoofs in Concert

Christ Church, Greenville

Sunday, 17 November 3:00 PM

Hymn Festival

Robert Wallace, Director

St. Mary's Episcopal Church,

Abingdon, MD

Sunday, 17 November 4:00 PM

Paul Fleckenstein, organist

"Semi-farewell concert"

Westminster Presbyterian Church

DECEMBER

Sunday 1 December 4:00 PM

Lessons & Carols for Advent

All Saints' & St George's Parish Choir

Jackson Borges, Director

Beaver Dam Rd., Harbeson, DE

Sunday 1 December 5:00 PM

Advent Lessons & Carols

Christ Church, Greenville

Saturday 7 December 7:30 p.m.

Mastersingers of Wilmington:

Carols of the Southwest

Holiday music of Conrad Susa based

on Latin American carols

Admission: \$25 (\$10 students)

www.marketstreetmusicde.org;

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, Delaware, is seeking an Interim Organist/Music Director to sustain an excellent sacred music program while we seek a permanent Music Director. The contract is expected to cover the time period January 1–June 30, 2020. This is a full-time salaried position with benefits.

Westminster offers two worship services each Sunday: The first service is a traditional Presbyterian service that includes a full choir and organ. The second service features creative liturgy, new songs and old hymns accompanied by piano and other instruments.

Westminster needs a talented, energetic and creative musician to:

- Serve as organist and/or pianist for all worship services. (1966 Austin organ, 3 manual, 53 ranks)
- Direct and accompany the Westminster Adult Choir and conduct weekly rehearsals (40-member choir with four paid professionals)
- Participate in weekly worship planning meetings with pastors
- Serve as a resource to the Director of Music for Children and Youth

We will begin considering applications on September 3, 2019. If you would like to apply for this position, please submit a letter of interest and your resume with references to Barbara Jobe, Convener of the Interim Organist/Music Director Search Committee, at bjobe@comcast.net. Short audio/video samples of playing and conducting are welcomed.

To learn more about Westminster Church, please see our website, www.wpc.org.

St. James Episcopal Church in Newport, Delaware is seeking a spiritual filled and talented organist. We have a Rodgers 905 organ with 3 manuals that was purchased in 1995. We also have an electronic piano.

There is one Sunday service at 10 a.m. In addition to weekly Sunday worship there are several other worship services during the year. Organist will be responsible for music during Sunday worship services, and Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Christmas Eve, and the Parish Candlelight Sing. We are hopeful that the Organist will be able to engage parishioners to join the choir or as soloists, vocal or instrumental, in small group ensembles to enhance the congregational liturgy. While not responsible for the children's choir, Organist will be a valuable support for this ministry. Such support could include accompaniment, musical selection, and incorporation of instruments.

If you are interested in an interview, please send your resume to stjamesnew@verizon.net. If you have questions, you may call 302-994-2029.

Organs in the News

The Wanamaker Organ has a gleaming new case

by Stacey Burling, June 1, 2019

Article of interest to organists in our area:

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/wanamaker-organ-macys-restoration-gold-leaf-20190601.html>

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