

THE WINDCHEST

*Newsletter of the Delaware Chapter
American Guild of Organists*



Winter / Spring 2018

Dear Colleagues,

Tired of Winter? Think summer! As of 1 March, only 122 days until the AGO National Convention in Kansas City. Lower (early registration) fees are available until 31 March. See details in *The American Organist* or go to agokc2018.com for more information. You may wish to consider asking your church for funds to assist you in attending what is arguably the most significant and comprehensive biennial convention of our profession. The clergy usually receive continuing education funds; shouldn't we as well?



As always, there is an abundance of riches to be found in the *Coming Events* section of the newsletter including some major works that I think have not been performed in Delaware, at least not in the last 30 years. Please look these over and put some on your calendar.

Thanks to the many who sent me spring events information. I'm always glad to receive details about your events and programs for inclusion in *The Windchest*.

Best wishes from your Editor,
David Herman
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2017-18 Chapter Programs

Saturday, 9 September, 6:00 p.m.

Potluck dinner, music exchange, and demonstration of *Hauptwerk*.
Newark United Methodist Church, 69 E. Main Street in Newark.

Saturday, 7 October, 9:00 a.m.

Signs and Wonders (Commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, 1517-2017). St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 701 S. College Avenue in Newark.

Saturday, 13 January, 9:00 a.m.

The annual, multi-chapter *January Jumpstart*. Details forthcoming.
Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 625 Montgomery Avenue, Bryn Mawr, PA.

Sunday, 11 February, 3:00 p.m. (Cosponsored with Christ Church).

Stephen Tharp, organist. Christ Church Christiana Hundred, 505 Buck Road in Wilmington.

Sunday, 3 June, 6:00 p.m.

Annual banquet with AGO national president Michael Bedford as guest speaker.
Immanuel Highlands Episcopal Church, 2400 W. 17th Street in Wilmington.

From The Dean

Greeting DE AGO! I hope you're having a great winter season and surviving a very early Lent! This issue of the Windchest is crammed full of info. Please take time to read about the wonderful upcoming events. We are also in the process of planning programming for next season. Do you have a workshop or event you would like to suggest? Please let us know.

~ Ned ~

From The Sub-Dean

Although winter is not yet over, I hope you will begin thinking about two important events in the life of our chapter before summer arrives. First, there will be an election of officers in the spring. A nominating committee is being formed, as the three-year terms of dean, subdean, and one board member will end on June 30.

Please mark June 3 on your calendar for our annual banquet, with this year's special guest our national president Michael Bedford. Not only is Michael an outstanding performer, composer, and clinician (as well as the author of mystery novels), he is also one of the friendliest and most approachable people you will ever encounter. I am sure you will enjoy meeting him and as always sharing a good meal with chapter friends.

Bill

More Coming Events

(Admission is free unless indicated otherwise. **Chapter events are shown in purple.**)

Sunday, 4 March, 2:00 p.m. Guildford College Concert: “Joy and Justice”.
Silverside Church. Wilmington, DE 19810.

Friday, 9 March, 7:30 p.m. J.S. Bach’s three sonatas for harpsichord and viola da gamba at Immanuel Church Highlands. John Walthausen, harpsichord and Elena Smith, viola da gamba. Free-will offering.

Friday, 9 March, 8:00 p.m. Winter Musical Gala. Featuring Elizabeth Holmes, soprano. Sharon Babcock, mezzo-soprano. Christian Sanders, tenor. Travis Lucas, baritone and The Westminster Choir. Paul Fleckenstein, organ & piano with special guest Timothy Schwarz, violin.

Friday, 23 February, 7:30 p.m. Organ Recital by Dexter Kennedy (Michigan) at Emmanuel Church, Chestertown. \$20/\$5.

Thursday, 1 March, 12:30 p.m. Center City Chorale presents *Jubilate!*, choral music from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries at First & Central Presbyterian Church. David Schelat, director.

Saturday, 3 March, 8:00 p.m. Organ recital by Alcée Chriss at The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew. Suggest donation of \$20 at the door.

Sunday, 4 March. Organ prelude by Michael Smith, St. Thomas’ Whitemarsh (**4:30**) and Choral Evensong (**5:00**). Music by Martin, Caracciolo, Lehman and Rutter. Christ Church Christiana Hundred. Bruce J. Barber II directing.

Thursday, 8 March, 12:30 p.m. David Schelat plays Bach and more at First & Central Presbyterian Church.

Sunday, 11 March, 3:00 p.m. Piffaro Band: *Back Before Bach*. Christ Church Christiana Hundred. Tickets are \$29-49/person. Advanced purchase is recommended though purchase at the concert is offered. To purchase advanced tickets online, visit www.piffaro.org/season

Sunday, 11 March, 4:00 p.m. *A Meditation on the Passion of our Lord* at Immanuel on the Green. Readings, hymns and carols including those by Halley, Poulenc, Gibbons, Paulus and Lotti. Jack Burnham directing.

Friday, 16 March, 7:30 p.m. Organ recital by Maxine Thévenot (Albuquerque) at Emmanuel Church, Chesterton. \$20/\$5.

Saturday, 17 March, 4:00 p.m. Concert by the Cecil County Choral Society, *Music's Inner Voice*, to include music in honor of the 100th anniversary of the ending of World War I. Freewill offering. St. Paul's Lutheran Church 701 S. College Ave. Newark, DE

Sunday, 18 March, 1:00 p.m. Organ recital by Neil Harmon at Longwood Gardens. Free with admission to gardens.

Thursday, 22 March, 12:30 p.m. Concert by *Quintus*, Delaware's only all-male a cappella quintet, at First & Central Presbyterian Church.

Sunday, 25 March, 3:00 p.m. *A Palm Sunday Concert* by the Choir of Christ Church Christiana Hundred, Bruce J. Barber II, director. Music by Pergolesi, Monteverdi and J.S. Bach's Cantata 150: *Nach dir, Herr, verlanget mich*.

Sunday, 25 March, 7:00 p.m. Grace U.M. Church, Wilmington. The Grace Church Choir with harp, flute, oboe, horn, and strings, will sing Michael John Trotta's poignant new work, *Seven Last Words*. Also featured will be Bob Chilcott's *Five Passion Hymns*. Neil Harmon directing. Free admission; donations welcomed.

Monday, 26 March, 7:00 p.m. Marcel Dupré's *Stations of the Cross* performed, at The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew, by students from the Curtis Institute of Music.

Friday, 30 March, 7:00 p.m. Anthems, hymns and spirituals for Good Friday as well as *The Seven Last Words* of Théodore Dubois. The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew.

Friday, 30 March, 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service at Christ Church Christiana Hundred.

Friday, 30 March, 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service at Newark UMC.

Sunday, 8 April, 4:00 p.m. Choral Evensong sung by the Women of the Immanuel Choir, at Immanuel on the Green. Music by Archer, Maggie Burk, Sarah MacDonald and Mendelssohn.

Friday, 13 April, 7:30 p.m. Organ Recital by Parker Ramsey (Oberlin) at Emmanuel Church, Chestertown. \$20/\$5.

Saturday, 14 April, 3:00 p.m. Concert by the New Ark Chorale, *Requiem for the Living*, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Newark. Tickets at the door: \$15.

Sunday, 22 April, 3:00 p.m. Concert, *It's a Zoo Out There!*, by the Capital Ringers at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Newark. Freewill offering.

Sunday, 29 April, 5:00 p.m. A Service of Easter Lessons & Carols. Bruce Neswick, guest conductor. Christ Church Christiana Hundred. Music by Marenzio, Victoria, Proulx, Bainton, Bairstow and more.

Friday, 4 May, 7:30 p.m. Organ recital by Ken Cowan (Rice University) at Emmanuel Church, Chestertown, his 23rd appearance on their series. \$25/\$5.

Sunday, 6 May, 3:00 p.m. Concert of music by Mozart by the Northern Delaware Oratorio Society at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Newark. Tickets at the door: \$15.

Thursday, 10 May, 12:30 p.m. Center City Chorale presents *A Spring Miscellany* at First & Central Presbyterian Church.

Thursday, 10 May, 7:00 p.m. Service for the Feast of the Ascension, Christ Church Christiana Hundred.

Thursday, 10 May, 7:00 p.m. Choral Eucharist for Ascension Day at Immanuel on the Green.

Saturday, 12 May, 7:00 p.m. *Sampson* by G.F. Handel at The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew. Delaware ChoralArts with orchestra and an impressive array of soloists, conducted by David Christopher. For tickets: www.DelawareChoralArts.org or call Lisa Nichols at [302-740-2410](tel:302-740-2410)

Sunday, 13 May. Organ prelude (4:30) by David Schelat and Choral Evensong (5:00). Music by Schelat, Jackson, Sumsion and Mathias. Christ Church Christiana Hundred.

Saturday, 19 May, 4:00 p.m. Choral Evensong (for "A Day on Old New Castle") at Immanuel on the Green. Music by Peter Aston, Radcliffe and Byrd.

Saturday, 19 May, 7:30 p.m. Concordia Choral Arts, S. Katherine Shealy, Artistic Director. The Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, in Wilmington. Free-will offering (Suggested donation \$15.00)

Saturday, 19 May, 7:30 p.m. Meistersingers of Wilmington, conducted by David Schelat, presents a concert of music by Bach, Schütz, Buxtehude and Mendelssohn, at First & Central Presbyterian Church. Admission: \$20 (\$10 students) at www.marketstreetmusicde.org; \$25 at the door.

Sunday, 27 May, 3:00 p.m. Concert by the New Ark Chorale, *American Tapestry XV*, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Newark. Tickets at the door: \$15.

Friday, 1 June, 8:00 p.m. Organ recital by Eugene Lavery (Texas) at The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew. Suggested donation \$20 at the door.

Sunday, 3 June, 3:00 p.m. Concert by the Rainbow Chorale of Delaware, *Greatest Shows on Earth*, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Newark. Ticketed event.

Sunday, 3 June. Organ prelude (4:30) by Louis Perazza, Saint Anthony's Wilmington and Evensong (5:00) with music by Hancock, Howells (*St. Paul's Service*) and Rheinberger. Christ Church Christiana Hundred.

Sunday, 3 June, 6:00 p.m.

Annual banquet with AGO national president Michael Bedford as guest speaker. Immanuel Highlands Episcopal Church, 2400 W. 17th Street in Wilmington.

Sunday, 17 June, 7:00 p.m. Opening concert of the *Clifford Brown Jazz Festival* at The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew. "Duke Ellington Sacred Concert," presented in collaboration with the City of Wilmington. Jazz orchestra, chorus, soloists and dancers; David Christopher, conductor.

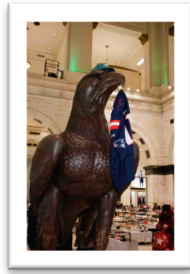
Friday, 22 June, 7:00 p.m. *Concert for a Summer Holiday* by the Community Choir and Orchestra at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Newark. Freewill offering to local and global charities.

Saturday, 23 June, beginning at 11:00 a.m. The annual Kimmel Center Organ Day.



Saturday, 23 June, 7:00 p.m. *Concert for a Summer Holiday* by the Community Choir and Orchestra at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Newark. Freewill offering to local and global charities.

Wanamaker Organ Events



<http://wanamakerorgan.com>

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Boardwalk Hall Organ Crawl

Hosted by the Southern DE Chapter

EXCITING NEW! We are finally headed to Atlantic City to see the Grand Organ at the Atlantic City Boardwalk Hall.

The facility houses two great instruments and you will not want to miss this opportunity. We will be leaving Delaware via the Cape-May Lewes Ferry on Tuesday, April 17th and spending the night in Atlantic City at the Claridge Hotel and going to see the Grand Organs at Boardwalk Hall on Wednesday, April 18th.

We will have backstage tours and bench time on the instruments. We will be heading home late Wednesday afternoon. Jon Rania is also working on finding another instrument for us to see while in the area.

The trip will cost \$75.00 for hotel for the night (single or double occupancy). The cost of the ferry for passengers and food for the two days. If you are interested in this great opportunity please contact me ASAP.

This trip will be a great opportunity to see a great instrument that has been out of commission for a long time and we are being given a wonderful opportunity to see the organ up close. Please consider joining us for these two days.

Please email or call me with questions: [\(302\) 236-1276](tel:3022361276) (cell) info@agosouthernde.com
Blessings,
Kevin B Chamberlain
Dean, Southern DE Chapter

Positions Available

None known at the present time.

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