

Lehigh Valley Chapter

# American Guild of Organists

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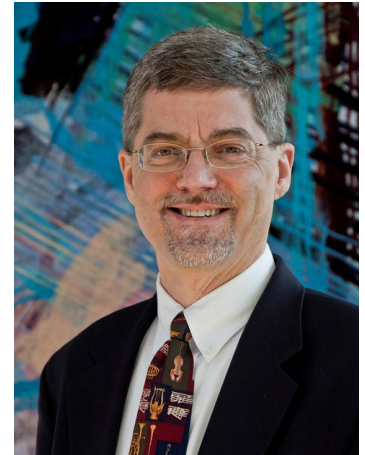
## Deans' Mixtures

I'm writing this on a beautiful sunny afternoon, with plenty of snow on the ground. And Lent is just around the corner, with everything that brings for us who work in the church. So I hope and pray that your Christmas and New Year celebrations were both festive and life giving, and that you are "ready to go" for the seasons ahead.

We have some wonderful programs planned for the coming months. First, on February 21st at 2:00 p.m. (note the start time) we will enjoy an organ recital performed by students at Moravian College on the beautiful organ at Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem.

Our March program (March 13) at Gideon F. Egner Memorial Chapel, Muhlenberg College will be this year's version of our annual Bach program. It will be **Bach Plus** — listen for music by Bach and others of his circle — people who

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## February Meeting

### Moravian College Student Recital

Featuring students of  
Rebecca Kleintop-Owens

Sunday, February 21, 2016, 2:00 pm  
Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem

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influenced him, or his students, or others whose music was shaped by the great master. And of course, there will be a healthy dose of music by the great master himself.

And in April, we look forward to Michael Kemp's Choral Workshop at Nativity Lutheran Church, Allentown.

So there is a lot on our calendar – I hope to see you at one or more of our programs!

Michael Krentz  
Dean

## February Meeting

An Organ Concert  
featuring  
Organ Students of Moravian College

Sunday, February 21, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.  
Central Moravian Church



*Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne* Dietrich Buxtehude  
*Grand Dialogue* Louis Marchand  
Luke DiGiacinto, Class of 2017

*Chorale-Prelude* Johannes Brahms  
Matthew Obszarny, Class of 2017

*Nimrod Variation* Edward Elgar  
*Trumpet Tune* David German  
Emily Brands, Class of 2016

*Adagio for the Glass Harmonica* W. A. Mozart  
*Shepherd Thy People* Michael Shea  
Rebecca Sheldon, Class of 2017

*Tocatta* Daniel Pinkham  
*Chant de Paix* Jean Langlais  
*Musette* Jean Langlais  
*Nun Danket alle Gott* Sigfrid Karg-Elert  
Patrick Oswald, Class of 2018

*How Great Thou Art* Douglas E. Wagner  
*Prelude* Gabriel Pierné  
Luke DiGiacinto, Class of 2017

## Coming Soon (We Hope)

Your LVAGO Executive Board is working on reviving our used music library – the library will be housed at a central location, and members will be able to stop by and browse “gently used” music. We hope to have the location finalized by the time of our next newsletter.

So, if you have music to donate, we will happily receive it in the very near future!

## Nominating Committee

It is the time of the year when we will be looking for people willing to serve in leadership of our chapter. Each year we elect our officers (Dean, Sub-Dean, Secretary, and Treasurer) to a one year term, and two board members to three year terms.

If you are interested in serving, please contact your Dean or any member of the Executive Board.

## February/March Concerts

**February 16** (Tuesday) 6:30 pm; **Lenten Organ Recital**; Michael Krentz, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Director of Music Ministries/Cantor; First Presbyterian Church, Allentown; Freewill offering

**February 19** (Friday) 7:00 pm; **Pennsylvania Philharmonic**; Featuring Vivaldi *Four Seasons*, Michael Butterman, Conductor and Music Director; First Presbyterian Church, Allentown; Tickets: 610-401-3650

**February 21** (Sunday) 4:00 pm; **Evelyn Stewart**,

**soprano; Songs Sacred and Spiritual;** Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem; \$10 Donation

**February 23** (Tuesday) 6:30 pm; **Lenten Organ Recital;** Allen Birney, PA Sinfonia Orchestra/Camerata Singers, Artistic Director; First Presbyterian Church, Allentown; Freewill offering

**March 1** (Tuesday) 6:30 pm; **Lenten Organ Recital;** Thomas Dressler, Associate for Traditional Worship, FPCA; First Presbyterian Church, Allentown; Freewill offering

**March 6** (Sunday) 3:00 pm; **Ian Tomesch, organ;** University Organist, Lehigh University; Packer Memorial Church, Bethlehem; Freewill offering

**March 6** (Sunday) 4:00 pm; **The Jubilee Singers;** From Westminster Choir College, Brandon Waddles, conductor; Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem; \$10 Donation

**March 8** (Tuesday) 6:30 pm; **Lenten Organ Recital;** Mark Laubach, St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre, Principal Organist; First Presbyterian Church, Allentown; Freewill offering

**March 13** (Sunday) 3:00 pm; **Music Among Friends;** Singers and Instrumentalists under the direction of Lucille Kincaid; St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Bethlehem; Freewill offering

**March 15** (Tuesday) 6:30 pm; **Lenten Organ Recital;** Stephen Williams, Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, Organist/Director of Music; First Presbyterian Church, Allentown; Freewill offering

## Looking Ahead

### March is now Marathon Plus

March 13, 2016 at 3:00 PM

Have you had a chance to check out the organ renovation at Muhlenberg College, work completed by Berghaus? The March concert will be the perfect time! Our Bach Marathon recital is always a great draw, but some performers remarked about feeling restricted from so many other great works! So, this year we've



branched out just a little to see how things go: join us March 13 for Bach plus.

The intent is to, yes, feature some of the countless Bach works out there, but dig up compositions or their composers that have links to Johann Sebastian Bach — someone he studied or emulated, someone who studied with him, someone who revived his work, someone who wrote a composition based on themes from a Bach work, and the list goes on! Put this event on your calendar, and consider playing! It's amazing how quickly a 15 or 20 minute slot can be filled with great music to share with our audiences.

## Calling All Subs

Going forward the LVAGO board has decided to have the Organist Substitute List published in the monthly newsletter. If you would like to be included in this list please forward your Name, Contact Information (phone/email) and Availability (Sundays, weekdays, etc) to Stephen Bueker, 2520 Clark Place, Easton, PA 18040; [sfbueker@rcn.com](mailto:sfbueker@rcn.com).

## Positions Available

### Organist/Choir Director (1)

**Church:** Jordan Evangelical Lutheran Church  
5103 Snowdrift Rd., Orefield, Pa. 18069, 610-395-5912

**Website:** [Jordanlutheran.org](http://Jordanlutheran.org)

**Contact:** Donna Stark, 610-398-0382  
[doda1987@rcn.com](mailto:doda1987@rcn.com)

**Weekly services:** 2

**Ensembles:** Chorale — 25, Canon Choir — 15, Cherubs — 7, Brass Sinfonia — 8, Handbells — 8. Position is responsible for Chorale and Sinfonia

**Instruments:** 3 manual Allen organ

**Music budget:** \$1500

**Weekly attendance:** 150— 225

**Position fill date:** ASAP

**Deadline:** None listed

**Total hours per week:** 18

**Salary:** \$19,200 — \$21,500

**Weeks vacation:** 2

**Benefits:** book/music allowance, secretarial assistance, music library assistance

**Notes:** 2 Services on Sundays — 8:00 and 10:30  
Lenten Services Wednesday evenings — 7:00

### Organist/Choir Director (1)

**Church:** Christ Lutheran Church of Lower Saucon  
 Number: PO Box 153, Hellertown, PA 18055  
 610-838-7370

**Website:** [www.christlutheranlowersaucon.org](http://www.christlutheranlowersaucon.org)

**Contact:** Marianne Zellner, 610-216-1016  
 Beachbummez@ptd.net

**Weekly services:** 1

**Ensembles:** Adult Choir — 5 to 6, Handbells — 2

**Instruments:** 3 manual pipe/digital

**Music budget:** \$200

**Weekly attendance:** 40 – 50

**Position fill date:** March 1, 2016

**Deadline:** February 15, 2016

**Total hours per week:** 4.75

**Salary:** \$10,500 – \$11,500

**Weeks vacation:** 4

**Benefits:** None

**Notes:** We prefer a combination of traditional and contemporary hymns and musical offerings. In addition, we wish to rebuild the bell choir and strengthen the adult choir

### Music Director or Organist (2)

**Church:** Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church  
 1742 Dinkey Road, P.O. Box 250, Ashfield, PA 18212-0250, 610-377-4242

**Website:** [www.dmlcashfield.com](http://www.dmlcashfield.com)

**Contact:** Rev. Anthony Pagotto, Pastor, 610-377-4242  
 prdinklc@ptd.net

**Weekly services:** 1 at 8:30 am

**Ensembles:** Adult Choir — 6, Chime Choir — 10 to 12  
 Responsible for ensembles if applying for Music Director

**Instruments:** 2 manual pipe organ

**Music budget:** \$100

**Weekly attendance:** 75-100

**Position fill date:** February 1, 2016

**Deadline:** Friday, January 15, 2016

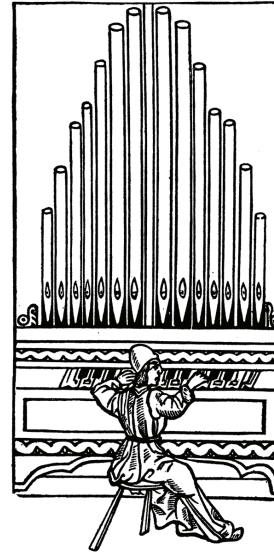
**Total hours per week:** 6.75

**Salary:** \$6,500 – \$8,200

**Weeks vacation:** 2

**Benefits:** book/music allowance, secretarial assistance

**Notes:** None listed



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 for information and the  
 Placement Service Information Sheet.

**Newsletter Deadline**  
 March: February 25, 2016