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Dean's Mixtures

The leaves are already starting to turn colors up here in the Poconos. I love this time of year, and the colors of the leaves remind me of the rich colors we organists have at our disposal as we make music.

The colors also make me think of something else. I always love the richness of landscapes that are cohesive even with the variety of brightly colored fall leaves. And this year, the fall colors are making me think of the terrific meetings that some of us have been involved in recently as we plan the upcoming POE+. There has been a beautiful energy of cooperation—people with different outlooks and different opinions coming together just like the varied fall leaves. The spirit of working together has been palpable, and the sharing (and occasional laughter) has produced an atmosphere as happy as the colorful fall leaves in the forest here where I live.



Hopefully all of you will think of being a part of the sharing, perhaps through helping with the POE+ and/or perhaps through attending the great events our subdean, Jane Errera, has organized for the coming season. There are interesting programs planned, but what makes them really special is the mix of personalities when we all come together, both

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October Event

Choir Favorites!

Anthem Reading Session

Saturday, October 19, 9:30 am

West Side Moravian Church

402 Third Avenue, Bethlehem

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to participate in events, but also just to talk with one another and share experiences.

I encourage you to look over the list of coming events and come join us!

Tom Dressler, Dean

October Event

Choir Favorites! Anthem Reading Workshop

Our original presenter, Mark Schweizer of Saint James Music Press, is unable to be with us for our October 19 event. We'll go with Plan B, which also promises to be a worthwhile morning for all. Beginning at 9:30 am with refreshments and socializing, the day will continue from 10–12 with an anthem-reading session featuring music that your choir likes to sing. That means that we, the members, will be the presenters. Surely you have anthems that your choristers really enjoy. Your colleagues would like to know what those anthems are, so that our choir members can enjoy singing them, too!

Please look through your music library, find two or three choir favorites, and bring enough copies (twenty?) to the meeting for those present to sing through. We have both organ and piano available for accompaniment. You may do the accompanying or else we'll provide an accompanist for you.

If you attended the anthem-reading workshop that we had two years ago, you'll remember what a good and worthwhile morning that was. This year's anthem-reading should prove to be the same: a morning of fellowship, fun, singing, and getting new anthem ideas. We need as many of you as possible to share your choir's favorites. Please send the titles, composers, publishers, and season of the year (General, Christmas, Patriotic, et al) to Jane Errera (janeerrera@aol.com) by October 7 so that a handout can be prepared.

The October 19 event will be hosted by West Side Moravian Church, 402 Third Avenue, Bethlehem, 18018. Please contact West Side's organist, Luke DiGiacinto (lukedig94@aol.com), for more information.

Members News

We would like to express our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Emerson Harding. Mr. Harding passed away on Tuesday, September 24 at the age of 94. A long-time member of the LVAGO and past Dean, he most recently served at St. Michael-Nativity Lutheran, Allentown and Rosemont Lutheran, Bethlehem. His full obituary may be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/y6axxeat>.

September Event Review



September event performers John McEnery, Gary Raish, Bob Riday, Linda Maule, Mark Dennis, and Dodd Lamberton

Our LVAGO September Kickoff Concert was an enjoyable and successful event. Host church St. Thomas UCC, Macada Rd., Bethlehem did a wonderful job welcoming us and feeding us following the concert. St. Thomas Music Director Chris Malocheski, although unable to be at our event, was extremely welcoming and helpful as he and I communicated via email and text in preparation for the concert. The recently remodeled sanctuary is beautiful. The two-manual, 23 rank, 1993 Schantz, was a pleasure to play.

Six chapter members slid onto the bench to play a few selections each, listed on the next page. We six were in agreement that this Schantz is quite enjoyable to play, and has an excellent variety of sounds and flavors. The instrument seems like an excellent "fit" for leading worship and also for concert playing in this sanctuary. Several members were present to listen and also provide support for those who played.

Bob Riday

Here is a list of members who played and their selections with composer and publisher information:

John McEnery

Miniatures For Organ 10, 11, 12; Flor Peeters
Now Thank We All Our God; Siegfried Karg-Elert
Bist du Bei Mir; JS Bach

Linda Maule

On Eagle's Wings; Douglas Wagner
Immortal, Invisible "St Denio"; Michael Burkhardt
For All the Saints "Sine Nomine"; G. Winston Cassler

Bob Riday

Improvisations on *Hyfyrdol* and *Here I Am, Lord*

Gary Raish

Precious Lord, Take My Hand from **Six Gospel Hymn Preludes**; arr by Wilbur Held, Morningstar.
Go Out With Joy from **Go Out With Joy, vol. 2**; Mary McDonald, Lorenz.

Dodd Lamberton

Hymn to Joy, Introductions and Alternate Accompaniments for Piano: Hymns 819-893, Volume 10; 10-volume series for every hymn in ELW. Augsburg Fortress

Mark Dennis

Prelude on "Amazing Grace"; arr by David Lasky, H.W. Gray



2019–2020 AGO Events

Saturday, October 19th 2019 at 9:30 am
 Choir Favorites! Anthem Reading Session
 West Side Moravian Church
 402 Third Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18018

Sunday, November 17th 2019 at 3:00 pm

Hymn Festival with Wayne Wold
 St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
 37 South 5th Street, Allentown, PA 18101

Sunday, January 19th 2019 at 3:00 pm

"Potluck!" a members' recital of whatever you want to play. A members' potluck supper of whatever you want to bring.

Light of Christ Lutheran Church (formerly Messiah Lutheran)

2020 Worthington Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18017

February 2020 Date and Time TBA

"Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza" — a program to introduce young people to the organ
 Location TBD

Sunday, March 15th 2020 at 3:00 pm

Annual Bach Marathon
 St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
 37 South 5th Street, Allentown, PA 18101

April 2020 Date and Time TBA

Organ Crawl

Sunday, May 31st 2020 at 4:00 pm

Annual Young Artist's Recital presenting Emily Amos, Audience Prize winner, 2018 Albert Schweitzer Competition
 Annual Banquet and Annual Meeting
 DeSales University
 2755 Station Avenue, Center Valley, PA 18034

Oct–Nov Concerts

October 18 (Friday) 7:30 pm; **Amanda Mole, organ**; St. John's Lutheran Church Allentown; Free-will offering

October 27 (Sunday) 3:00 pm; **Interrupted Silence**; Vocal chamber ensemble, Early and Modern Music; First Presbyterian Church, Allentown; Free-will offering

November 3 (Sunday) 3:00 pm; **Mozart Requiem**; with orchestra, chorus and soloists; St. John's Lutheran Church, Allentown; Free-will offering

November 16 (Saturday) 7:30 pm; **Pennsylvania Sinfonia Orchestra**; Youth and Revolution: Mendelssohn, Haydn and Beethoven; First Presbyterian Church, Allentown; Tickets: 610-434-7811, www.pasinfonia.org

November 24 (Sunday) 3:00 pm; **Lehigh Valley Chamber Ensemble**; with Thomas Dressler, organ; First Presbyterian Church, Allentown; Free-will offering



Organist Substitute List

If you would like to be included in the Organist Substitute 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.

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| Dale Bonenberger | Mon—Fri | 917 328-9041 |
| Ruthann Brandt | Mon—Sat | 610 262-3304 |
| Janice Butz | Mon—Fri | 610 882-9388 |
| Stephen Cable | Mon—Sat | 484 866-6019 |
| Carol Dzurenda | Mon—Sat | 215 538-7273 |
| Kevin Freaney | Sun—Sat | 610 283-1944 |
| Pauline Fox | Sun—Sat | 610 735-2037 |
| Ellen Erb | Saturday | 570 350-0343 |
| Charles Glandorf | Sun—Sat | 610 416-1055 |
| Eric Gombert | Mon—Sat | 610 435-1641 |
| Gail Hanzl | Mon—Sat | 610 264-5859 |
| Bryan Holten | Mon—Sat | 585 633-8705 |
| Michael Huffman | Mon—Sat | 610 433-6563 |
| Joe Kaczmarek | Sun—Fri | 484 433-4336 |
| Jacqueline Kuba | Mon—Sat | 570 386-4480 |
| Michael Kuhnert | Mon—Sat | 215 536-4345 |
| Dodd Lamberton | Sun—Sat | 484 935-3505 |
| James Matz | Sun—Sat | 610 367-8094 |
| Linda Maule | Mon—Sat | 610 258-5006 |
| John McEnerney | Sun—Fri | 215 794-7338 |
| Richard McIntyre | Mon—Sat | 908 283-4691 |
| Erin Petrella | Sun—Sat | 484 863-9052 |
| Maria Prochnau | Sun—Sat | 610 866-2560 |
| Karen Scott | May—Sep | 610 737-1701 |
| Michael Seroka | Mon—Fri | 570 386-2378 |
| Brian Snyder | Mon—Thurs | 484 838-0977 |
| Donald Vaughn | Mon—Sat | 610 966-0682 |
| Matthew Wary | Mon—Fri | 610 473-8777 |
| Stephen Williams | Mon—Fri | 610 737-5196 |
| Stephen Ziminsky | Mon—Sat | 610 417-2669 |
| Freda Zimmerman | Sun—Sat | 610 381-3089 |

Positions Available

Parish Musician(1)

Church: St. John's Lutheran Church, PO Box 459, 4 S. Main St., Richlandtown, PA 18955, 215-536-5027

Website: www.stjohnsrpa.org

Contact: Pastor Kat Steinly, 267-614-6452, pastor@stjohnsrpa.org

Weekly services: 1

Ensembles: Adult Choir (8), Chime Choir (6), New Hope Band (4), New Life Band (6)
Responsible for choirs only

Instruments: pipe organ, 2 keyboards

Music budget: \$2500

Weekly attendance: 45

Position fill date: December 1, 2019

Deadline: November 4, 2019

Total hours per week: 12

Salary: \$16,800

Weeks vacation: 2

Benefits: book/music allowance, secretarial assistance, continuing ed

Notes: The Parish Musician is hired to lead the music ministry of the church in partnership with the pastor, the congregational council, and congregational teams. We are looking for someone who works well with people and will grow the music program, particularly with children and youth, but generally as a ministry to help the congregation grow in faith and connect with the wider community. Someone open to new ideas and who will help participants in the music program grow their skills would be a good match.

Organist/Choir Director(1)

Church: St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 105 E North 19th St., Northampton, PA 18067, 610-261-2910

Website: stpaulsnorth.org

Contact: Tom Unger, 610-262-9495, buddy4981@aol.com

Weekly services: 1

Ensembles: Adult Choir (12)

Instruments: 3 manual Allen Q325 with midi

Music budget: \$600

Weekly attendance: 75

Position fill date: January 1, 2020

Deadline: None listed

Total hours per week: 10 – 13

Salary: \$12,000 – \$15,000

Weeks vacation: 4

Benefits: music library assistance

Notes: For further information and full job description, please submit a letter of interest to the church:
ATTN Tom Unger, Chair of Search Committee

Music Director (2)

Church: St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 500 Hillcrest Blvd, Phillipsburg NJ 08865, 908-859-1479

Website: stlukesnj.org

Contact: The Rev. Anne E. Kitch, anne@stlukesnj.org, 908-859-1479

Weekly services: 1

Ensembles: Adult Choir (7)

Instruments: 2 manual Allen, Young Chang upright, Casio keyboard

Music budget: None listed

Weekly attendance: 70

Position fill date: September 1, 2019

Deadline: September 15, 2019

Total hours per week: 5-7

Salary: \$9000

Weeks vacation: 0

Benefits: None listed

Notes: The Music Director is a ministry position with an emphasis on leading worship and working collaboratively with the clergy to nurture a growing Christian community. The Director selects music for each service in consultation with the Rector, plays the musical portions of the worship service on organ or piano, rehearses and directs the church choir, plans anthems and appropriate seasonal music offerings, and encourages congregational participation.

Organist (2)

Church: Concordia Lutheran Church, 2623 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA 18062, 610-965-3265

Website: concordiamacungie.org

Contact: Pastor Waldemar Vinovskis, 484-951-9441, wrvinovskis@gmail.com

Weekly services: 2, Wednesday evenings during Advent and Lent

Ensembles: Adult Choir (16), Youth Choir (12);

Ensembles led by music director

Instruments: 2 manual Allen

Music budget: \$150

Weekly attendance: 125

Position fill date: July 7, 2019

Deadline: ASAP

Total hours per week: 5

Salary: \$8,500

Weeks vacation: 0

Benefits: None listed

Notes: None listed

Organist and/or Director of Music (2)

Church: Schwarzwald Lutheran Church, 250 Church Lane Road, Reading, PA 19606

Website: www.schwarzwaldlutheran.org

Contact: Diane V. Hafer, Office Administrator; 610-779-3480, administrator@schwarzwaldlutheran.org

Weekly services: 1, special services/holiday

Ensembles: Senior Choir (15), Junior (8), Cherub (6), Handbell (12), Ladies' Choir (10), Men's Choir (10)

Instruments: 3 manual Allen Q370

Music budget: \$400 (music), \$1,200 (summer camp)

Weekly attendance: 130 – 150

Position fill date: ASAP

Deadline: ASAP

Total hours per week: Organist— 10, DoM — 15

Salary: Organist — \$12,000, DoM — \$15,000, Combined position — \$27,000

Weeks vacation: 4

Benefits: book/music allowance, secretarial assistance, music library assistance, continuing ed

Notes: None listed



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