

Lehigh Valley Chapter

# American Guild of Organists

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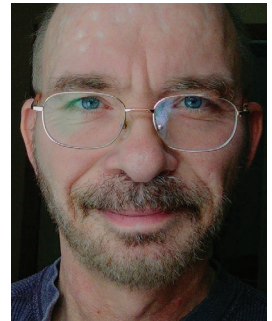
Linda Maule (2022)

Robert Riday (2022)

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## Dean's Mixtures

Last month I talked about looking through seed catalogs and looking at new music to work on. I hope we're all taking some time to look at new pieces! I've been looking more closely at some of Vierne's music, with this year being the 150th anniversary of his birth. This is a good example of how we can keep our enthusiasm alive as we go through life. I never played Vierne when I was younger, so I am now learning some of his more popular works, and having a very good time doing it!



Continuing the gardening metaphor, when we plant seeds, there is a lot of activity that goes on inside the seed before we see a sprout, and our chapter has had that kind of activity related to the upcoming POE+. The committee has launched into a lot of detail work in various areas, and we have started to receive applications from potential participants! It's a very exciting time! With the publicity starting and applications coming, we've moved into the emerging seedling stage. Please keep this event on your radar!

I encourage you to attend all of the events our chapter is providing this spring. The Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza, which has become somewhat of an annual event, is a very rewarding event. It is a special joy to show

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## February Event

### *Pedals, Pipes and Pizza*

**Introduction to the pipe organ for young people**

Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 9:30 am to 1 pm

First Presbyterian Church

3231 W. Tilghman Street, Allentown, PA 18104

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“newcomers” how the organ works, and share our enthusiasm. While there are presenters talking about one aspect and another, I encourage anyone to attend, as there is plenty of time to mingle and talk with aspiring organists and those who just have an interest in the instrument.

Just as it is important to spend some time looking through seed catalogs, it's also important to keep interest in the various stages of early and later plant growth, culminating in beautiful flowers or nice vegetables. So if you've found some new pieces to learn, make sure to stay with them, giving them attention, keep working with them. In time your new pieces will bring forth blooms or fruit! Different plants grow differently, and all of us learn music differently. Use what works for you and stay with it, and you might have something new and wonderful to play on Easter!

Tom Dressler, Dean

## February Event

### Pedals, Pipes and Pizza

**Saturday, February 8 from 9:30 am to 1 pm**

**First Presbyterian Church, Allentown**

This year's Pedals Pipes and Pizza will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Allentown on February 8. It will be from 9:30 to 1 with pizza at around 11. If you have students or friends who wish to come learn more about the organ, they are welcome. In recent PPPs, we've had members of congregations attend. If you know of any people in your congregation who might be interested, invite them to come as well. There is still plenty of room. Tom Dressler, Luke DiGiacinto and Mike Krentz will be presenting this year! Hope to see you there!



## January Event Review



Ten members of the chapter participated in a concert of varied organ pieces on January 19 at Light of Christ Lutheran Church, 2020 Worthington Avenue, Bethlehem. The event, coordinated by host musician Linda Maule, was very well-attended. Following the concert, members and guests enjoyed a sumptuous Potluck dinner. It was a wonderful way to begin the New Year with music, food and fellowship.

These were the performers and the pieces they played:

### Thomas Busteed

O Lamm Gottes, unshuldig BWV 401 J. S. Bach

### Marisa Deshler

Chant du Paix Jean Langlais  
Festive Trumpet Tune David German

### Luke DiGiacinto

Gott sei Gelobet und Gebenedeiet Heinrich Scheidemann  
In Dulci Jubilo BuxWV 197 Dietrich Buxtehude

### Greg Kuklinski

Christ Lag in Todesbandon BWV 625 J. S. Bach  
Liturgical Improvisation #1 George Oldroyd

### Linda Maule

Shepherd's Noel Wayne Kerr  
Trumpet Tune Robert Lau

### John McEnerney

Prelude in D Minor (Dorian) BWV 538 J. S. Bach  
Come, Savior of the Nations, Come J. S. Bach  
Prelude in G Major J. S. Bach

### Maria Prochnau

Adagio in A Flat Major Jan Kuchar  
Voluntary: Adagio and Vivace John James

**Gary Raish with Bob Riday, flute/piano**

*Cold December Flies Away* J. S. Bach/Michael Barker  
*Pianosong* Paul Halley

**Robert Richelderfer**

*Now Thank We All Our God* Van Denman Thompson  
*Offertory on a Welsh Tune* David Paxton

A special THANK YOU to the performers for sharing their time and talent to enhance this chapter event.

## Bach Marathon Concert

The annual Bach Marathon Concert will take place on Sunday, March 15, 2020 at St. John's Lutheran Church at 37 S. 5th street in Allentown, and hosted by resident organist, Eric Gombert. The concert will begin at 3:00 pm and will continue into the evening hours until all performers have played. The concert will include music by J.S. Bach, plus music by Bach's predecessors, contemporaries and successors who influenced, or were later influenced by, the music of Bach.

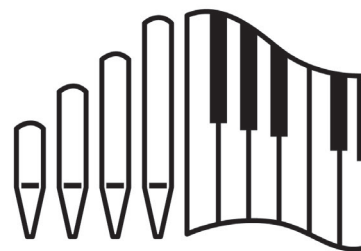
Performers are invited to play for any length of time from 5 minutes to 1/2 hour—we will find a spot for you to participate. We welcome chapter members and other musical friends who wish to participate and help celebrate the music of Bach in our annual marathon concert. So far the Lehigh Valley Horn Ensemble will participate. Practice time on the 4-manual Reuter organ will be organized by Eric Gombert on a spread sheet he will send out soon.

Members of the LVAGO are also requested to participate by bringing snacks, desserts, and beverages for the reception. Coffee will be provided by St. John's.

Please contact Lou Carol Fix, coordinator, via email: [lcbfix@gmail.com](mailto:lcbfix@gmail.com) (no later than March 1) if you wish to play for the Bach Marathon concert on March 15. Information I would need for the program includes: your name / contact info / titles and BWV # of your pieces / a very short biography / the time (and alternate time) you would like to play (between 3–7 or 8pm)—first come, first serve! Thank you for your willingness to perform and support this popular LVAGO event.

Free parking for evening and weekend events at 5th and Walnut St. parking lot. Parking meters on 5th St. are free on Sundays. Community Parking Deck at 6th and Walnut—\$1 per hour.

## POE Plus News



# POE+

Lehigh Valley AGO

June 28 to July 3, 2020

During the month of February, the early registration fee of \$450 to attend the POE + as a full participant will continue in effect. As of March 1, the regular registration fee becomes \$500. Please check the LVAGO Web Site for the Payment Form and the details related to registration fees. [www.lvago.org/poe](http://www.lvago.org/poe)

## 2019–2020 AGO Events

**February 8, 2020 Date at 9:30 am to 1 pm**

“Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza”—a program to introduce young people to the organ  
 First Presbyterian Church, Allentown  
 3231 W. Tilghman Street, Allentown, PA 18104

**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  
 Visit to pipe organs south of the Lehigh Valley  
 Itinerary TBA

**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

## February–March Concerts

**February 2** (Sunday) 4:00 pm; **Lou Carol Fix, organ;** Organ recital performed on the Heefner Organ Recital Series; Performing works by Bach, Reincken, Krebs, Hindemith, Peeters, Palm; Bomberger Hall, Ursinus College, Collegeville, PA; Free

**February 9** (Sunday) 4:00 pm; **Chester County Chorale's Chamber Ensemble;** Gary Garletts, conductor; Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem

**February 16** (Sunday) 3:00 pm; **Al Cerulo, Percussion; Jude Traxler, Sound Design;** 5 brand new percussion pieces for amplified percussion; First Presbyterian Church, Allentown; Freewill offering

**February 23** (Sunday) 3:00 pm; **Recordante;** Woodwind ensemble; St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Bethlehem; Free

**March 22** (Sunday) 3:00 pm; **Songs of Slavic and Jewish Culture;** Eileen Sedek, soprano; Benjamin Berman, tenor; Paul Conrad, piano; First Presbyterian Church, Allentown; Freewill offering

**March 22** (Sunday) 4:00 pm; **Nativity Cathedral Choral Scholars in Concert!;** soprano Lauren Smith, mezzo Lauren Curnow, tenor Joseph Mozingo, baritone Ian Murphy; Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem

## 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](mailto: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 |

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| 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

### Music Director (2)

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

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

**Contact:** The Rev. Anne E. Kitch, [anne@stlukesnj.org](mailto: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:** March 1, 2020

**Deadline:** None

**Total hours per week:** 5–7

**Salary:** \$10,000

**Weeks vacation:** 1

**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.



Additional stipend for weddings and funerals.

### Organist (2)

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

**Website:** [concordia-macungie.org](http://concordia-macungie.org)

**Contact:** Pastor Waldemar Vinovskis, 484-951-9441, [wrvinovskis@gmail.com](mailto:wrvinovskis@gmail.com)

**Weekly services:** 2, Wednesday evenings during Advent and Lent

**Ensembles:** Adult Choir—16, Youth Choir—12, Ensembles lead 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

### Director of Music (2)

**Church:** Reformation Lutheran Church, 3670 Perkiomen Ave, Reading, PA 19606, 610 799-0534

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

**Contact:** George Detweiler, Interim pastor: [pastor@reformationlutheran.org](mailto:pastor@reformationlutheran.org)

**Weekly services:** 2

**Ensembles:** Adult choir—15

**Instruments:** 3 manual Allen, about 25 years old, 7 foot Yamaha grand piano

**Music budget:** \$1,200

**Weekly attendance:** 140

**Position fill date:** March 1, 2020

**Deadline:** None listed

**Total hours per week:** 17

**Salary:** \$27,000

**Weeks vacation:** 4

**Benefits:** None listed

**Notes:** Applicants must be comfortable leading singing from the piano as well as the organ.

### Music Ministry Coordinator(1)

**Church:** Trinity Great Swamp UCC , 9150 Spinnerstown Road, PO Box 494, Spinnerstown PA 18968

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

**Contact:** Wade Trexler, 610-282-9955, [wktrex@frontier.com](mailto:wktrex@frontier.com)

**Weekly services:** 1

**Ensembles:** Adult Choir—10, Handbells—8, Youth choir—4

**Instruments:** 3 manual Allen with Vista Navigator

**Music budget:** \$1000

**Weekly attendance:** 80

**Position fill date:** ASAP

**Deadline:** None

**Total hours per week:** 12

**Salary:** \$13,000

**Weeks vacation:** 4

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

**Notes:** Pianist/organist to provide a blend of both traditional and contemporary music during our worship services and the ability to lead our church's choirs.

### Organist / Choir Director (1)

**Church:** Easton First Moravian Church, 225 N. 10th St., Easton, Pa 18045, 610-258-6317

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

**Contact:** Bobbi James 610-252-1714 [golfinbj@yahoo.com](mailto:golfinbj@yahoo.com)

**Weekly services:** 1

**Ensembles:** Adult Choir—5

**Instruments:** 2 manual Muller pipe organ

**Music budget:** \$400

**Weekly attendance:** 30

**Position fill date:** March 1, 2020

**Deadline:** None

**Total hours per week:** 5

**Salary:** \$9875

**Weeks vacation:** 2

**Benefits:** book/music allowance, music library assistance, sick leave

**Notes:** None

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