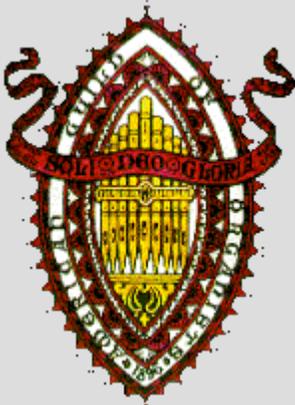


Lehigh Valley Chapter

American Guild of Organists

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Dean's Mixtures

2020 has arrived—the year of our POE+!

I hope everyone had a good Christmas season! I'm sure a lot of us are already looking at Lent and Easter music. The slight lull right now is a good time to look for new music, work on new pieces, plan new things. It's usually about this time that I go through my "bucket list" of pieces and decide what new things I might work on. Doing that always brings back my enthusiasm after a demanding Christmas season.



I've always loved the feeling of "newness" that comes with the beginning of another year. When I was a kid, my dad had built a greenhouse for starting plants for our rather large vegetable garden. We grew all our own vegetables. And one of my favorite things about the process was when my dad would start up the greenhouse in late January for the upcoming year. I loved to sit in the heated greenhouse while it was cold and maybe snowy outside, watching the tiny plants and imagining how they'd grow, what they'd become, etc.

It has been many years since my dad's greenhouse was operating, but nowadays there are all kinds of grow lights and plant growing systems. I

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January Event

Potluck!

Informal recital and potluck supper

Sunday, January 19, 4 pm

Light of Christ Lutheran Church

2020 Worthington Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18017

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bought a few small hydroponic countertop gardens this year, and I have rekindled that joy of watching seeds sprout and seeing plants develop during the dead of winter. Doing that reminds me of the joy of looking at and working on new organ pieces. I see some similarity in the two processes. With music, we bring the music notation to life. We water our pieces with our practice, and we fertilize them with our study of how to interpret them. And hopefully our results have some things in common: we produce “living” music for others to enjoy, and hopefully we grow as people in the process.

So the time is here to look through our seed catalogs (or look through our stack of music we hope to learn.) Daydream of the gardens you could grow (or the music you could play). I find in a given year that I can't grow all the things I'd like to, nor can I learn all the pieces I'd like, but the daydreaming is so important for motivation, both in the plant world and the music world! Keep those daydreams alive! Work on bringing some of them to life each year!

Tom Dressler, Dean

January Event

**Sunday, January 19th, 4 PM,
Light of Christ Lutheran Church**

You are invited to share organ repertoire and a Potluck meal with your chapter friends on January 19th, 4 pm, at Light of Christ Lutheran Church (formerly Messiah), 2020 Worthington Avenue, Bethlehem, 18017. Since we have a “potluck” theme, play music from any liturgical season (even something you just played for Advent or Christmas) or any general piece you would like to play.

Light of Christ has a 3-manual digital Rodgers with Walker speakers and antiphonal organ. There are 6 memories with 12 generals per memory. Registrating pieces will be simple for any number of players.

If you plan to participate, please contact Linda Maule (maule@ptd.net or 610-258-5006) and arrange a time to familiarize yourself with the instrument and set your registrations.

Dinner is Potluck, too. Please bring something: a salad, a side, veggies, rolls, or dessert. The main dish will be provided.

If you don't wish to play, come, listen and bring food to share and let us know what you are bringing.



Light of Christ Lutheran Church

January Jumpstart

The January Jumpstart of the Philadelphia Chapter is on Saturday, January 11. The cost for AGO members, including the Lehigh Valley Chapter, is \$30.00 including lunch. You can sign up on the [Philadelphia chapter website](#) (use the \$30 Philadelphia members category).

The location is the Abington Presbyterian Church:
1082 Old York Rd, Abington, PA 19001

SCHEDULE

9:00 am to 9:30 am:

Registration in the Parish Hall

9:30am to 10:30 am:

Session AM-1: Gordon Turk—TBD

Session AM-2: David Schelat—Music You Want to Use

Session AM-3: Ruth Ideen-Sall—Children's Choirs

10:40 am to 11:40 am:

Featured Artist

Paolo Bordignon—A New Work is at Hand

11:45 am to 1:00 pm:

Lunch, Announcements, and Awards in the Parish Hall

1:15 pm to 2:15 pm:

Session PM-1: Bynum Petty—Ask What the OHS Can

Do for You

Session PM-2: Paolo Bordignon—New Year, New Repertoire

Session PM-3: Ruth Ideen-Sall—Children's Choirs

2:30 pm to 3:15 pm:

Worship Service

Colin Howland

POE Plus



June 28 to July 3, 2020

As we turn the calendar page to 2020, we grow ever closer to the highlight of the year for the Lehigh Valley Chapter—the POE +. The Pipe Organ Encounter Plus is a program of the American Guild of Organists. It is a week-long event offering musicians age 19 and older an intensive and rewarding opportunity to learn about the pipe organ and its construction, receive instruction from experienced and talented faculty, visit, hear and play outstanding instruments and meet and interact with peers who share similar interests.

As a member of the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, how will you be involved in this major event of our season?

- As a fully subscribed participant, receiving daily organ instruction and an invitation to all activities and concerts. Please note, there is a partial registration fee of \$350 for local commuters who will not be using the dormitory. A separate meal plan will be available.
- As a financial supporter with a contribution toward the expenses of the event. Checks payable to L V American Guild of Organists can be sent to

Mike Krentz, marked POE +.

- As a welcome/hospitality/information host available at meal times and in the dormitory. Be the friendly face of the Lehigh Valley Chapter.
- As an usher at several concerts open to the community.
- As a provider of transportation from the airport to the dormitory on June 28 and return to the airport on July 3.
- As an attendee at workshops, tours and activities during the week.

Your able assistance is needed and most welcome as we host this major event of our season and represent the American Guild of Organists in this nationally recognized event.

To volunteer in any way, contact Ethel Geist (215.527.6380 or ethelgeist@comcast.net) or Gloria Snyder (610.439.1933 or gloriasnyder22@gmail.com).

2019–2020 AGO Events

Sunday, January 19th 2019 at 4:00 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

Jan–Feb Concerts

January 26 (Sunday) 3:00 pm; **Parkland Highschool Choral and Women's Ensemble**; First Presbyterian Church, Allentown; Freewill offering

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 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

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.

Dale Bonenberger	Mon—Fri	917 328-9041
Ruthann Brandt	Mon—Sat	610 262-3304
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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

Director of Music Ministries and Organist (1)

Church: Derry Presbyterian Church, 248 E Derry Road, Hershey, PA 17033, 717-533-9667

Website: derrypres.org

Contact: Kathy Mcgrath, 717-635-5525, Kathy.mcgrathog@gmail.com

Weekly services: 2

Ensembles: 2 Adult, 3 children, 3 bells, Applicant does not direct all of the above groups

Instruments: pipe organ, currently undergoing rebuild

Music budget: Not available

Weekly attendance: 500

Position fill date: ASAP

Deadline: None

Total hours per week: 40

Salary: \$50,000–\$70,000

Weeks vacation: graded up to 4

Benefits: health insurance, maternity leave, book/music allowance, 403(b) and sabbatical, secretarial assistance, study/professional leave, music library assistance, sick leave, continuing ed

Notes: We seek a full-time Director of Music Ministries (DMM) who will provide vision and leadership for a music ministry in harmony with our mission statement, “to proclaim God’s word, share God’s love and practice God’s justice and our vision “to be an inquiring, inviting and inclusive Christ centered community.

Director of Music (1)

Church: New Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3233 Apples Church Road, Bethlehem PA 18015, 610-838-0731

Website: Newjerlc.org

Contact: Music Hiring Committee, 610-838-0731, newjerelc@gmail.com

Weekly services: 1 Sunday 9am, 1 monthly Saturday

Ensembles: Adult Choir: 12
Instruments: None listed
Music budget: None listed
Weekly attendance: 90
Position fill date: None listed
Deadline: None listed
Total hours per week: 16
Salary: \$12,000–\$14,000
Weeks vacation: 4 to be taken in weekly increments
Benefits: None listed
Notes: None listed

Director of Music (1)

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

Website: www.reformationlutheran.org

Contact: George Detweiler, Interim pastor:
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

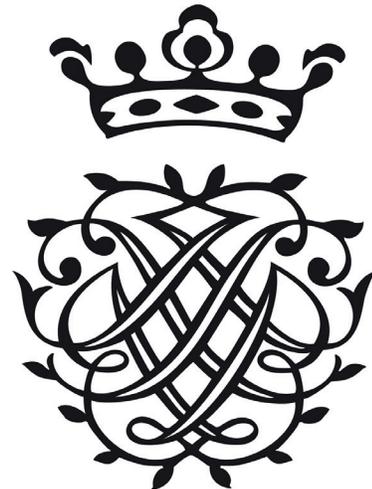
Total hours per week: 17

Salary: \$27,000

Weeks vacation: 4

Benefits: None listed

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



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