

Lehigh Valley Chapter

# American Guild of Organists

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## Executive Committee

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## February Event

### Informal Chapter Zoom Event

On Saturday, February 6, at 10:00 AM, chapter member Bob Riday will host a zoom gathering (NO!, it's not a formal meeting!) to discuss our lives as church musicians this past year. Items for discussion will include:

- Sudden church closures in March, '20. How was it handled? Who in the church decided what to do? Was music staff part of the planning?
- Was your church already doing live streamed services? If not, how was this implemented?
- Reflections and memories of things we learned very quickly about Zoom services.
- Church staff/clergy communication throughout this experience.
- Did you continue choir rehearsals and choir providing music at worship? If so, how? Live? Virtual? Pre-recorded?
- How have weddings, funerals, other services been handled?
- Hybrid return to worship?
- Has communion been given?
- Has congregation been receptive and cooperative regarding things such as distancing and wearing of masks?
- Has your salary been affected?
- Has church membership or giving changed significantly?
- Does your particular church fear for its viability because of the Covid crisis?

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- Other items for discussion that you may think of!

A Zoom meeting invite will be emailed to members a day or two prior to this gathering. Bob would invite members to email him with additional thoughts for discussion, or suggestions for this meeting. The meeting is meant to be a light-hearted get together to discuss what has been a difficult year to endure. We have all endured this together, and must have some helpful things to share as well as some humorous recollections. Bob looks forward to hosting this event. He admits to having a little stage fright, as this will be the first Zoom meeting he will be hosting! He promises to keep the discussion moving and lively!

## Bach Marathon Concert

Good news! The LVAGO will be hosting a virtual Bach marathon in March, 2021. The event will take place on Sunday, March 7, beginning at 4:00pm via a Zoom gathering, and continue for no more than 1 1/2 hours, ending by 5:30pm. We are asking each performer to submit their recorded video of organ music by Bach and/or his predecessors, contemporaries and successors who were inspired by Bach's compositional style and forms. Each submission should last between 10-12 minutes (which is much less performing time than usual), as we must keep the time shorter to allow for more people to participate in this unique virtual performance. There will be brief remarks between performances to introduce the organists and the music they will play.



Performers are asked to record their own videos from the organ of their choice, and to send the video to the program host (tbd) no later than Monday, March 1. You will receive more detailed information in a future email about who will be hosting the Zoom gathering. In addition to your recorded music, please include the composer's name and dates; the title and BWV number, if needed; the place of performance and the builder of the organ; plus a short biography of the performer.

You may send the written information to: Lou Carol Fix, email: [lcbfix@gmail.com](mailto:lcbfix@gmail.com) by Sunday, February 28 to be included in a printed program. Again, please keep your recorded videos to a total time limit of 10-12 minutes. We thank all performers in advance for their willingness to participate in this unique Bach marathon in 2021, and look forward to hearing wonderful and inspiring organ music to help celebrate the birthday of J.S. Bach.

Lou Carol Fix, Coordinator Bach Marathon

## 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).

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
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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
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Karen Scott	May—Sep	610 737-1701
Michael Seroka	Mon—Fri	570 386-2378
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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 Ministry/Organist (1)

**Church:** St. John's UCC, 610-767-5554  
15 S. Second Street, Slatington Pa. 18080

**Website:** [www.facebook.com/st-johns-united-church-of-christ](http://www.facebook.com/st-johns-united-church-of-christ)

**Contact:** Bonnie Brozey, 610-767-5554  
[stjohnsunitedchurch@rcn.com](mailto:stjohnsunitedchurch@rcn.com)

**Weekly services:** 1

**Ensembles:** Adult Choir—14

**Instruments:** 3 manual Allen

**Music budget:** \$1200

**Weekly attendance:** w/covid 40, prior 78

**Position fill date:** ASAP

**Deadline:** None listed

**Total hours per week:** 13+

**Salary:** \$15,000–\$20,000 depending on qualification and experience

**Weeks vacation:** None listed

**Benefits:** book/music allowance, study/professional leave

**Notes:** None listed

## Newsletter Editor and Webmaster

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