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October Event

Chapter Members' Recital

Chapter members, guests and friends

Saturday, October 22, 2022 at 10am
Holy Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church
604 4th Street
Catasauqua, PA 18032

Chapter Members' Recital

Join us for a return of our in-person members' recital on Saturday, October 22 at 10am. Come and play your favorite prelude or postlude, or simply come to enjoy the music and camaraderie. The organ is a Walker Technical Organ and a wonderful instrument to play and hear. Play solo or bring along a musical partner. If you are able to perform, please contact host musician Ben Becker at benjamin.j.becker82@gmail.com or coordinator Michael Fister at fistern@nasdschools.org. Check out the Walker's [stoplist](#).

POE+ Director's Report

POE+ - Lehigh Valley AGO
June 12 - 17, 2022
Report - Gloria Snyder, Co-Director

It all began in 2018 with a question. Thomas Dressler, Dean of the Lehigh Valley Chapter AGO at the time asked the Executive Board, "Do you think we could host a POE+?" The members of the board replied with an enthusiastic, "Yes." Little did we know at that moment what a test of our resolve and determination that project would become.

Our approved dates in 2020 had to be postponed because of COVID. Again, in 2021, the pandemic would cause another postponement. With some apprehension, we moved forward to 2022, planning for a POE+ in mid-June.



When the participants, faculty and committee members gathered on the campus of Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA on June 12, 2022, it was truly a dream come true. Our participants came from Connecticut, Florida, New Jersey, Ohio, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania. Guest faculty included Christine Clewell, Bryan Holten, Mark Laubach, Shelly Moorman-Stahlman and Clair Rozier. Local faculty included Thomas Dressler, Lou Carol Fix, Susan Frickert, Michael Krentz, Andrew Lutz-Long, and Stephen Williams. Additional workshop leaders included Erin Petrella and Luke DiGiacinto.

Monday through Thursday, the morning was devoted to private instruction and organ practice. Sincere appreciation is offered to the many churches in Allentown, Bethlehem and Emmaus who hosted morning POE+ lessons and practice. Various workshops on organ registration, repertoire, practice techniques, improvisation, preparing for Guild certification exams and other topics were offered in the afternoon or evening.

Sunday and Monday evening offered concerts by our talented faculty. Sunday evening's program began the week with a concert by five faculty members at Egner Memorial Chapel on the campus of Muhlenberg College. A welcome reception for participants and faculty followed. On Monday evening, the musical offerings were presented by six faculty members at the Cathedral Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem.

On Tuesday, we were privileged to attend the final Bach at Noon Concert conducted by Greg Funfgeld. Mr. Funfgeld is retiring as Music Director and Conductor of the Bach Choir of Bethlehem.

A highlight of the week was a Hymn Festival for Challenging Times prepared and presented by Mark Laubach on Tuesday evening. Beginning with a responsive reading of Psalm 150, the hymns alternated with prayers and poetry in a very meaningful sequence. Both the Bach at Noon program and the Hymn Festival were at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Allentown.

A tour of the Walker Technical Company on Wednesday afternoon gave a close look at the work of a local digital organ manufacturer with several entertaining demonstrations. That visit was followed by a visit to DeSales University in Center Valley, PA. In Connelly Chapel, we were able to hear and see the newest Austin Pipe Organ to be installed in the Lehigh Valley.

Another highlight of the week was the concert on Thursday evening by the Allentown Band at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Allentown. That concert featured clarinet soloist Steve Reisteter and organists Eric Gombert, Michael Krentz and Stephen Williams playing with the band.

The community was invited to attend the evening concerts to share the excellent music. It was particularly exciting to fill several church sanctuaries with appreciative audiences.

As we began the week with organ concerts, we brought the week to a close with two organ concerts on Friday morning. Thirteen of the participants elected to play in one of two student recitals given at First Presbyterian Church of Allentown and at Egner Memorial Chapel. Their excellent music was an exciting and inspiring celebration of the accomplishments of the week.

In reading the goals of the participants on their registration forms, it became abundantly clear that these registrants represented the cohort for which a POE+ is intended – adults who love to play the organ and are looking for fresh ideas and inspiration to help them play the organ even better. One of the recurring goals was networking with other organists. The laughter heard during meal times and the camaraderie during

the week were good indications that many new friendships were formed during the POE+ week in the Lehigh Valley.

The Planning Committee is to be commended for their hard work and their patient, dedicated persistence over these several years. This special group is especially appreciated for their careful attention to detail, their excellent assistance with technology and administration and their creative problem-solving. The third try was definitely the charm!

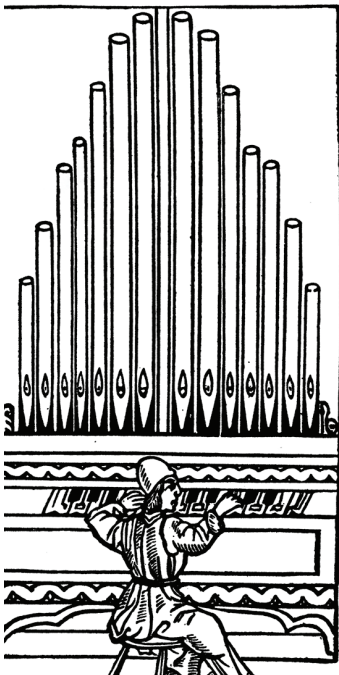
Gloria Snyder, Co-Director

Photos of the 2022 POE+, taken by Greg Kuklinski, may be found at the [POE+ Gallery](#) on the LV AGO website.

Camerata Singer Audition

Camerata Singers are inviting all musicians interested to audition and join us for our 2022–2023 season. Under the direction of Vincent Trovato, we will be presenting our annual performance of the master work “The Messiah” by G.F. Handel for our winter performance. We will continue our season with our spring concert on April 29th 2023 with a performance encompassing a wide array of music we have entitled “So I’ll Sing With my Voice”

Singers interested in joining our group should email our Music Director, Vincent Trovato, at vincenttrovato@muhlenberg.edu to arrange an audition.



Event Calendar

Saturday, October 22, 10:00 a.m. Chapter Members’ Recital, Holy Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church, 604 4th Street, Catasauqua

Saturday in January, 28, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. January Jumpstart, Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Bryn Mawr, PA

Sunday, March 19, Time TBA Bach’s Big Birthday Baroque Blast (formerly the Bach Marathon),

Sunday, May 21, 4:00 p.m. Young Artist’s Recital, Banquet, & Annual Meeting, Featuring Amelie Held, a student of Paul Jacobs

Upcoming Concerts

Sunday, October 30, 4 :00 p.m. Barbara Thomson, organ; Episcopal Church of the Mediator, 1620 W Turner St, Allentown, Works by Buxtehude, Bach, Larry King, and Vierne

Free Organ Master Shoes

Women’s size 10, used, very good condition. Email Dodd Lamberton, prdodd@gmail.com

Organ Instructor Wanted

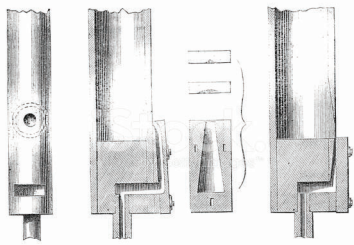
We have received a request for an organ instructor from Pastor Robin Roman of Salem UMC Zionsville. Pastor Roman has a 12 year old young man in the church who would like to start lessons. He is an excellent piano player and lives in Lehigh County. If interested, please contact Pastor Roman via email at pastor.salemUMC@outlook.com.

Robin Roman
Pastor, Salem UMC Zionsville

Tuning Assistants Needed

Emery Brothers is in need of a couple of part-time helpers to serve as tuning assistants for the upcoming Christmas tuning season. If there is anyone from amongst the ranks (pun intended) who might be

interested please contact Adam Dieffenbach, Owner.
Office: 610.797.2510, Mobile: 267.738.2326
Email: adam@emerybrothers.com



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.

<i>Dale Bonenberger</i>	<i>Mon–Fri</i>	<i>917 328-9041</i>
<i>Ruthann Brandt</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>610 262-3304</i>
<i>Janice Butz</i>	<i>Mon –Fri</i>	<i>610 882-9388</i>
<i>Carol Dzurenda</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>215 538-7273</i>
<i>Ellen Erb</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>570 350-0343</i>
<i>Charles Glandorf</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>610 416-1055</i>
<i>Eric Gombert</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>610 435-1641</i>
<i>Gail Hanzl</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>610 264-5859</i>
<i>Susan Hartney</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>610 360-6934</i>
<i>Michael Huffman</i>	<i>Sun–Sat</i>	<i>610 794-6056</i>
<i>Joe Kaczmarek</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>484 433-4336</i>
<i>Jacqueline Kuba</i>	<i>Sun–Sat</i>	<i>570 386-4480</i>
<i>Michael Kuhnert</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>215 536-4345</i>
<i>Dodd Lamberton</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>484 935-3505</i>
<i>Cristina Dinella Makowicz</i>	<i>Sun–Sat</i>	<i>585-732-8017</i>
<i>James Matz</i>	<i>Sun–Sat</i>	<i>610 367-8094</i>
<i>Linda Maule</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>610 258-5006</i>
<i>Richard McIntyre</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>908 283-4691</i>
<i>Jeffrey Raub</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>484 541-8322</i>
<i>Michael Seroka</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>570 516-7207</i>
<i>Barbara Thompson</i>	<i>Sun–Mon</i>	<i>908 591-4499</i>
<i>Bruce Tonkin</i>	<i>Sun–Sat</i>	<i>610 220-5457</i>
<i>Matthew Wary</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>610 743-0921</i>
<i>Stephen Ziminsky</i>	<i>Mon–Fri</i>	<i>610 417-2669</i>
<i>Freda Zimmerman</i>	<i>Mon–Fri</i>	<i>610 381-3089</i>

Postions Available

Church Musician(1)

Church: Chestnut Hill Church United Church of Christ;
6870 Chestnut Hill Church Road; Coopersburg, PA
18036

Website: www.chestnuthillchurch.org

Contact: Robin Shedlauskas, 215-527-8121

rsheds@ptd.net

Weekly services: 1

Ensembles: Adult Choir – 8, Currently only singing on
Easter and Christmas

Instruments: 2 manual pipe organ

Music budget: \$100

Weekly attendance: 20–30

Position fill date: October 2, 2022

Deadline: October 14, 2022

Total hours per week: 8

Salary: \$9,600

Weeks vacation: 0

Benefits: book/music allowance

Notes: This is a part-time position in a small church
– total membership of 174. We are anticipating
re-establishing our adult choir to participate in more
services than just Christmas and Easter.

If interested in supply coverage only, please let us
know.

Organist(1)

Church: Salem United Methodist Church Zionsville,
6440 Powder Valley Rd. Zionsville, PA 18092

Website: SalemUMCZ.org

Contact: Robin Roman, 610-248-3944,

pastor.salemUMC@outlook.com

Weekly services: 1

Ensembles: None listed

Instruments: 2 manual digital

Music budget: \$500

Weekly attendance: 14–17

Position fill date: None listed

Deadline: November 15, 2022

Total hours per week: 2.8

Salary: \$5,000

Weeks vacation: 2

Benefits: None listed

Notes: We are an older church who enjoys the tradi-
tional hymns with a few newer ones thrown in at
times. The organist will be expected to play three
hymns, prelude, postlude, Gloria Patri, and Doxology

as well as an offertory. Special music is always appreciated but we have limited people who can do something for special music.

Director of Music(1)

Church: Christ Episcopal Church, 205 N 7th Street;
Stroudsburg Pa, 18630, 570-421-7481

Website: christchurchstroudsburg.net

Contact: Fr. Bruce Gowe, 570-421-7481
bgowe01@gmail.com

Weekly services: 1-2

Ensembles: Adult Choir: 8-10 prior to Covid, Handbell choir: 5 and youth choir

Instruments: 2 manual pipe organ

Music budget: \$200 but also works with worship budget

Weekly attendance: 60

Position fill date: ASAP

Deadline: None listed

Total hours per week: 16-18

Salary: \$15,000-\$18,000

Weeks vacation: 1

Benefits: book/music allowance

Notes: This congregation values music in the life of its worship. We are looking for someone who knows or willing to learn our Anglican tradition but as well as works well across the board from classical to contemporary music. The music program in the past has really been part of the evangelism in the church especially with youth.



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