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DEAN'S LETTER

SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SEEDTIME AND HARVEST!

"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease." ~ Genesis 8:22

Hmmm... What? As a country boy growing up on a dairy farm in rural, northern Lancaster County, I was very aware of the process that farmers went through year after year, and they counted on it - preparing the field, sowing the seed, tending the crop, and finally bringing in the harvest! They counted on that as it didn't work any other way. It's the same with our Lancaster AGO Chapter year after year—it only continues to function after we put in the time and work. Just coming off the Program Committee, I've seen that firsthand, and even more so after planning and replanning on account of Covid.

If you were asked when our Chapter was founded, could you give the correct answer? It was 1947 with Frank A. McConnell as the first Dean. This principle of "seedtime and harvest" is what will be bringing our Chapter into its seventy-fifth year come January 2022. What an accomplishment! What a lot of work, time, and dedication that went into bringing our Chapter to this point in time!

All that to say "thank-you!" to the many folks who served as officers and volunteers on various committees over all those years, but it doesn't stop there or it will. We are beginning a new year with several new officers to whom you were introduced in my July email. Because several folks have expressed their interest, we will be able to fill the remaining open positions. With that accomplished, there is a vital element still needed in order to secure a good harvest - and that is YOU!

You have already seen this year's events prepared by the Program Committee, so we would encourage you to mark these dates in your

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calendar and then plan to participate or attend. Several events will require players (**Picnic/Officer Installation/Hymn Sing** - September, **Christmas at the Organ** - December, **Members' Recital of Favorite Hymns ... Arrangements** - February, and **Lancaster Summer Arts Festival Organ Recital** - June), but ALL events will require an audience. Please join us with your support in producing another good harvest!

*"All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty." ~
Proverbs 14:23*

You cannot reap a harvest where you have not sown seed. It's as simple as that!



- Greg Gehman, *Dean*

CHAPTER PROGRAMS

SUB-DEAN'S LETTER

As we begin a new program year not only in our churches, but also in our local AGO chapter, our membership will come together in fellowship and song! Our first program of the new season will be on Sunday, September 26, at Memorial United Methodist Church in Quarryville. Beginning with a Chapter members' picnic at 5 PM, we'll have induction of new officers at 6:30 PM followed by a hymn sing (open to the public) at 7 PM. You are cordially invited to join us! If you would like to play a hymn, please contact Ross Ellison (mail@universitymusic.com) indicating both your willingness to play and the hymn you would like to play. (This is not a recital, although we might throw a couple of hymn-tune preludes into the mix.) Hope to see (and hear) you there!!

- Ross Ellison

Sub-Dean & Program Committee Chairman



**Quarryville UMC houses a
3-manual Walker digital organ.**

21-22 PROGRAM CALENDAR

Sun, Sept. 26 5 PM / 6:30 PM / 7 PM
Picnic/Officer Installation/Hymn-Sing
Memorial United Methodist Church
101 South Hess St., Quarryville

Mon, Oct. 18 7 PM
Wilbur Held Masterclass (David Schelat)
Church of the Apostles
1850 Marietta Ave, Lancaster

Sat, Nov 13 7 PM
Starlight Tea Concert Series:
Organ/Piano/Harpsichord Duets
Lancaster Church of the Brethren
1601 Sunset Ave, Lancaster

Wed, Dec. 29 7 PM
Christmas at the Organ:
Carol Sing & Recital
Highland Presbyterian Church
500 East Roseville Rd, Lancaster

Sat. Jan 11 8:30 AM - 4 PM
January Jumpstart
St. David's Episcopal Church
763 South Valley Forge Rd, Wayne

Mon, Feb 7 6:15 PM
Member's Recital & Repository Shopping:
Favorite Hymn Arrangements
Westminster Presbyterian Church
2151 Oregon Pike, Lancaster

March - date TBD Time: TBD
Louis Vierne:
The Blind Organist of Notre Dame
Lititz Church of the Brethren
300 West Orange St, Lititz

April - date TBD 7 PM
Silent Movie Night (Don Kinnier)
Location: TBD

Mon, May 9 5:30 PM
Annual Chapter Banquet & Meeting
Lancaster Church of the Brethren
1601 Sunset Ave, Lancaster

June - date TBD 7 PM
Lancaster Summer Arts Festival
Organ Recital
Location: TBD

REMINDERS

- The ***Herald Trompette*** newsletter deadline is the 20th of each month. Please send all submissions to our Chapter's Newsletter Editor, Frank Dodd: frankdodd1@gmail.com.
- We will be releasing our annual Members Directory at the end of the summer. Stay tuned.
- Be sure to check and update any changes to your contact info with AGO Nationals. To do so, go through the [ONCARD](#) portal on the AGOhq.org website or call National headquarters directly at 212-870-2310.

REPORTS

June Executive Board Meeting Minutes

1. Awaiting approval of updated Operating Procedures by National AGO VP Jonathan Ryan
2. Approved transfer of funds to replenish scholarships
3. Continued discussion of finances to bring new board members up to date

- Jenny Fritsch, *secretary*

Treasurer's Report

Bank Acct Name:	Balance:
Checking	\$15,893.24
Beginning Organist	4,000.00
Lunt/McConnell	4,000.00
Concert Savings	12,216.84
Check/Donations	118.76
Total	36,228.84
7/20/2021	

-Patricia Bleecker, *treasurer*

IN OTHER NEWS

Congratulations to Lancaster Chapter Member-at-Large **John Zielinski** who not only tested and passed his CAGO (Colleague certification) AGO exam this spring, but John was also awarded the CAGO prize for highest passing score, which includes not only the spring candidates but those who also took the previous November's exam. Bravo, John!

For those who do not know John, he is currently Minister of Music at Ascension Lutheran Church in Willow Street, PA, and is the founder and director of Ascension Academy, a church-based music school that offers instrumental and vocal instruction. John also serves as the webmaster of our Chapter. His compositions, arrangements, and editions can be found at imslp.org.



John Zielinski

SUBSTITUTES & POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Chapter Substitutes List

Please check www.lancasterago.org for the current list. This list is published as a courtesy by the Lancaster AGO Chapter. The Lancaster AGO Chapter assumes no responsibility for the musicianship or reliability of substitute organists.

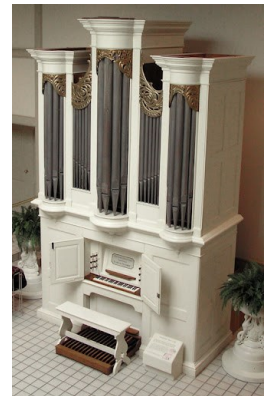
Positions Available

Please check www.lancasterago.org for the current list. If you wish to list available positions here, please email your info to the Chapter's Placements Chairperson: Dr. Terry Heisey (terryleb@aol.com)

UPCOMING EVENTS

2021 Tannenberg Summer Concerts

*Organists From Local Chapters of the AGO perform on the Historic 1804 Tannenberg Organ
At the York Historical Society, 250 East Market Street, York
Every Friday from July 9 to August 27, 12:15 - 12:45 PM*



July 9: Ray Edmison; July 16: Virginia Vaalberg; July 23: Robert Horton; July 30: Wicky Barnes
August 6: Frank Dodd; August 13: Mark Herr; August 20: Joshua Benkendorf; August 27: John Zielinski

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

A warm welcome to the following new or returning members:

Thomas Berdos

James Landis

Christian Roesser

Rachel Schulz

Tyler Velkly

LANCASTER CHAPTER AGO LEADERSHIP

ELECTED OFFICERS

Dean	<i>Greg Gehman ('23)</i>
Sub-Dean	<i>Ross Ellison ('23)</i>
Secretary	<i>Jenny Fritsch ('22)</i>
Treasurer	<i>Patricia Bleecker ('22)</i>
Member-at-large	<i>Deborah Berdos ('22)</i>
Member-at-large	<i>John Zielinski ('22)</i>
Member-at-large	<i>John Kracker ('23)</i>
Member-at-large	<i>Christopher Prestia ('23)</i>
Auditor	<i>Elaine Severein ('21)</i>
Auditor	<i>Roger Kurtz ('21)</i>

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Chaplain	<i>Bob Kettering</i>
Historian/Archivist	<i>Jenny Fritsch</i>
Hospitality	
Newsletter Editor	<i>Frank Dodd</i>
Placements/Subs	<i>Terry Heisey</i>
Publicity	
Registrar	<i>Deborah Berdos</i>
Webmaster	<i>John Zielinski</i>

STANDING COMMITTEES

Program Committee: *Ross Ellison, chair ('23); Margaret Marsch ('22); John Huber ('21); vacant*

Scholarship Committee: *David Schulz ('22); Peter Brown; ('23); vacant*

Nominating Committee:



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