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DEAN'S LETTER

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come...

*"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.."
~ 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (KJV)*

The last Sunday of September was Harvest Home Sunday when we recognized the bountiful harvest of food that was brought in by the farmers and gardeners - a specific theme of thanksgiving. In this month of November, we want to acknowledge ALL the blessings showered down upon us from on High - a very broad theme for Thanksgiving.

The song *For the Beauty of the Earth* mentions almost every facet of life for which we can "raise our hymn of grateful praise" - beauty of our universe; the love that surrounds us; the beauty of daytime and nighttime; physical features of our planet; sun, moon, and stars; the joy of human love by our family and friends; and finally for Thy church in worship and sacrifice. We may complain at times, but we must admit that we are a blessed people.

We often think only of being thankful for material blessings, but let's not forget the spiritual blessings we enjoy. We have God's Word, redemption, forgiveness of sin, adoption as His child, abundant life now, inheritance of eternal life, and more. As it says in Ephesians 1:3 - "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ."

As well, let us remember to be thankful for what is connecting us all who are reading this - our Lancaster AGO Chapter. I am, and I trust you are too, thankful for all those folks who have worked over the years to bring our Chapter to where it is today. It has grown to include the Board and numerous committees who meet to accomplish different goals.

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Be sure to take a look at the end of the newsletter at all the people who serve in our Chapter. And notice the fact that all positions are filled! I'm grateful for each one who is willing to cover all the duties to keep our Chapter alive and in pursuance of the mission of the AGO.

All good gifts around us are sent from Heav'n above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all His love.

*"I will praise the name of God with a song, And will magnify him with thanksgiving."
~ Psalm 69:30*

- Greg Gehman, *Dean*

CHAPTER PROGRAMS

NOVEMBER PROGRAM: KEYBOARD CONNECTIONS RECITAL

Our November meeting is a concert sponsored by Lancaster Church of the Brethren as part of their Starlight Tea Concert Series. Entitled Keyboard Connections, the program features duos, trios and more on the church's 67 rank Moller/Walker organ, 2 grand pianos, and 3 harpsichords presented in historic and sacred literature. Performers are Guild members Ross Ellison, Pat Bleecker, Kyle Postlethwait, John Zielinski, Frank Dodd, John and Lisa Huber, Greg Gehman, Jonathan Humbert, Margaret Marsch, and some of our former and present scholarship recipients. Some compositions include movements from Saint Saens' Carnival of the Animals on 2 grand pianos and organ, and the first movement of the Bach Triple Harpsichord Concerto BWV 1063. Other compositions are by Haydn, Soler, Guilman, Ravel, Gounod, Poulenc, and some modern hymn arrangers.

The concert is Sat., Nov. 13 7:00pm at Lancaster Church of the Brethren, 1601 Sunset Ave., Lancaster, 17601. Invite your churches and all your organ fans - this one of a kind concert is not be missed! Freewill offering.



***A full-sized PDF poster to promote this concert has been sent with this month's newsletter.
Please post this in your churches.***

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 15 8 AM - 4 PM
January Jumpstart
Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church
625 Montgomery Avenue, Bryn Mawr, PA
19010
Register in November at agophila.org
Cost: AGO members - \$40, None-members -
\$60, Students - \$10, lunch included

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

Fri, Apr. 22 7 PM
Silent Movie Night (Don Kinnier)
First United Methodist Church
68 North Church Street, Ephrata

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.

REPORTS

Sept. Executive Board Meeting Highlights

1. Looking for members to serve on Nominating Committee, play for Christmas at the Organ program
2. Correction- 14 young organists in current membership
3. Non-profit organization paperwork filed
4. Considering creating a list of practice organs in churches and homes for students with unreliable practice places.

- Jenny Fritsch, *secretary*

Treasurer's Report

9/20/21

Bank Acct Name:	Balance:
Checking	\$16,035.85
Beginning Organist	\$4,100.07
Lunt/McConnell	\$4,200.06
Concert Savings	\$12,217.05
Check/Donations	\$118.76
Total	\$36,316.63

8/19/2021

-Patricia Bleecker, *treasurer*

IN REVIEW:



It was a very worthwhile evening on Monday, October 18 to sit and listen to the workshop on Wilbur Held presented by David Schelat at the Church of the Apostles. Held was quite a long-lived man (Did you know he was a centenarian?) and has a lot of compositions under his belt. Obviously we didn't hear all of them last evening, but what we heard was interesting, well-written, AND would be accessible to many organists. Several members, along with David, had the opportunity to demonstrate the playing of Held's pieces. It was good to see those who came out to listen and fellowship (and that's an important part of our chapter). Thank -you and welcome to Lars Potteiger, our host who is relatively new to our area and Chapter!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Former Lunt-McConnell Scholarship winner, Rachel Schulz, competed in the Toulouse International Organ Competition in France on Oct 5. Rachel is 2020 graduate of Lebanon Valley College where she studied organ with Dr. Shelly Moorman-Stahlman. Currently, she is pursuing her Masters in Church Music with concentrations in Organ and Choral Conducting at the University of Kansas where she studies with Dr. Michael Bauer and Dr. James Higdon.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

A warm welcome to the following new or returning members:

None to report this month

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)

LOCAL EVENTS

The following events are local organ, choral, or sacred music related presentations taking place during coming month. Submission are due by the 20th of the preceding month for inclusion in the newsletter.

Sun, Nov. 7, 2021, 6 PM

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Lebanon

Requiem Mass for Victims of COVID-19 featuring John Rutter's Requiem sung by the St. Luke's Festival Choir. Freewill offering.

Sat, Nov. 20, 2021, 7 PM

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lancaster

International concert pianist and Assistant Professor of Piano at Washington State University, Dr. Fabio Menchetti, performs a concert of classical sonatas, fantasies, and sacred works for solo piano. Freewill offering.

Sun, Dec. 5, 2021, 6 PM

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Lebanon

Adventvesper featuring Cantata 61 "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland" by J. S. Bach with Con Brio Strings. Freewill offering.

Sun, Dec 5, 2021, 3 PM

Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren, Quarryville

Dr. Ross Ellison, Sub-Dean of the Lancaster AGO Chapter, will present a Christmas-themed organ recital.

LOCAL EVENTS CONT'D

Sun, Dec. 12, 2021, 4 PM

Chiques United Methodist Church, Mount Joy

Tom Berdos will conduct the Christmas portion of Messiah at Chiques UMC in Mount Joy. Soloists include soprano Monica Ziglar, mezzo Amy Yovanovich, tenor Brian Ernstes, and bass Justin Beck. Full orchestra and community chorus with Deborah Berdos as organist. Tickets are \$20.00; contact Tom for more information: trberdos@gmail.com

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 ('22)</i>
Auditor	<i>Roger Kurtz ('22)</i>

APPOINTED POSITIONS

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

STANDING COMMITTEES

Program Committee: *Ross Ellison, chair ('23); Margaret Marsch ('22); John Huber ('22); Tom Berdos ('24); Karl Moyer ('24)*

Scholarship Committee: *David Schulz, chair ('22); Peter Brown; ('23); Christopher Prestia ('24)*

Nominating Committee:



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