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# HERALD TROMPETTE

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**Lancaster Chapter** *of the American Guild of Organists*

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## DEAN'S LETTER

### Year of the Young Organist

*"...And his brother's name was Jubal:  
he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ."  
~ Genesis 4.21 (KJV)*

The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to foster a thriving community of musicians who share their knowledge and inspire passion for the organ. This year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 has been designated to focus on building up our membership and involvement of young organists (those under 30), thus **The Year of the Young Organist**.

As part of this project, the AGO is offering a free year of membership for organ students under the age of 30. The Year of the Young Organist, located at [www.yearoftheyoungorganist.com](http://www.yearoftheyoungorganist.com), will provide you with online education programs that include masterclasses, webinars on organ maintenance, planning resources for the liturgical year, resume writing, and workshops that cover insurance, health and retirement, focused on both personal and professional development, to strengthen your career pathway. **Registration is still open for this offer!**

### AGO Young Organists (AGOYO)

This is an organization specifically designed for young organists who are members of the AGO. It is led by Jillian Gardner who is an award-winning performing organist with an international touring schedule. She leads a committee for Young Organists that is made up of six young organists whose goal it is to connect with other young organists across the United States as well as internationally. Currently the six are Emily Dowling, Grant Holcomb, Lindsey Johnson, Ethan Neal, Jordan Prescott, and Samantha Scheff, all performing organists.



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Using online resources, social media, and some in-person events, this community of young organists, who are members of the AGO, are connecting in this mostly virtual community to create networking opportunities and innovative web-based programming as mentioned above. To register, go to [www.agohq/free-membership/](http://www.agohq/free-membership/).

Our Chapter is very pleased to host these 18 organists who are registered as "young organists" and enjoying their free year of membership. They are Emma Arnold, Kyle Bainhauer, Joshua Benkendorf, Peter Hasse, Jonathan Jones, James Landis, John Landis, Eric Martin, Alex Petry, Kyle Postlethwait, Christian Roesser, David Schultz, Rachel Schultz, Tyler Velkly, Paton Walters, Kyle Weeks, Mary Weinheimer, and Otto Williams. Our Lancaster Chapter welcomes these young folks and looks forward to seeing (and hearing) more of them! "Yay" for all the "young folks!"



*"Saying, I will declare Thy name unto my brethren,  
the midst of the Church will I sing praise unto Thee."  
~ Hebrews 2:12*

- Greg Gehman, *Dean*

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## CHAPTER PROGRAMS

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### LOOKING BACK

#### Christmas at the Organ

Thank you to all who were involved in organizing, playing, and attending our December 29 event, Christmas at the Organ: Carol Sing and Recital. Part of the Dorothy Rose Smith Concert series at Highland Presbyterian, it was an enjoyable evening of singing and listening to Advent and Christmas music. The players enjoyed performing and accompanying on Highland's three-manual Wicks Pipe/Walker Digital organ. The singing was great with 200+ people in the audience. They ran out of bulletins not knowing what to expect because of the "times."



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## CHAPTER PROGRAMS CONT'D

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### Christmas at the Organ Performers

**Front row:** Karl Moyer, Ross Ellison, John Zielinski, Greg Gehman

**Back row:** Jonathan Lefever, Margaret Marsch, Eileen Laurence, Mark Herr, John Huber

### January JumpStart

Sorry for the cancellation of January JumpStart, but that was the decision of the Philadelphia Chapter due pretty much to Covid. Please do put that event on your calendar for next January. They are planning the same presenters and schedule for next year (2023).



## LOOKING FORWARD - 2022

### February - Informal Members' Hymn Arrangement Recital/Repository Shopping



On Monday, February 7 your Chapter is holding an informal members' "recital." The idea is to bring your favorite hymn arrangement for organ and present it to the rest of the members (who are playing or just listening). It's always a treat to hear what other Chapter members are playing for their congregations as we might discover some new pieces to learn and play. The repository opens at 6:15 pm for you to browse and purchase some "new" music at a greatly reduced price (to the benefit of the Chapter). The informal "recital" will begin at 7:00 pm. "Cocoa and cookies" will also be available to satisfy your sweet tooth before and after. The location is Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2151 Oregon Pike, Lancaster. We'd love to have many people play. Please email Ross Ellison at [info@universitymusic.com](mailto:info@universitymusic.com) with your name and title of hymn arrangement.

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## 21-22 PROGRAM CALENDAR

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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](http://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

Sun, Mar 20 4 PM  
**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

Thurs, Jun 9 7 PM  
**Lancaster Summer Arts Festival**  
**Organ Recital**  
Historic St. Mary's Church  
119 S. Prince St, Lancaster

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## UPDATE

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- **Lancaster Chapter member, Karl Moyer, FAGO**, has a new email address:  
[carolyn.moyer@comcast.net](mailto:carolyn.moyer@comcast.net). Please update your Members' Directory.

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## REPORTS

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### January - Executive Board Meeting Highlights

1. Christmas at the Organ program attendance about 220, raised \$1250.00 for Fritsch Concert Fund.
2. Four new members, brings membership to 92 with 16 Young Organist
3. January Jumpstart cancelled, chapter donation to go to 2023 program.

- Jenny Fritsch, *secretary*

### Treasurer's Report

1/10/22

<b>Bank Acct Name:</b>	<b>Balance:</b>
Checking	\$18,412.89
Beginning Organist	\$4,278.20
Lunt/McConnell	\$4,438.21
Concert Savings	\$13,467.45
Checking/Donations	\$118.76
Moyer Concert Fund	\$20,000.34
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$60,715.85</b>

-Patricia Bleecker, *treasurer*



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## IN OTHER NEWS

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### **Pipe Organ Encounter Plus (POE+)**

Registration is now open for the **Pipe Organ Encounter Plus (POE+)** hosted by the Lehigh Valley Chapter AGO. The dates are **June 12-17**. It is open to keyboard players 19 and older who want to play the organ or currently play the organ in a church or synagogue. This is a rewarding opportunity to learn about the pipe organ and its construction, receive instruction from experienced faculty, visit, hear and play outstanding instruments, and meet and interact with peers who share an interest in the King of Instruments. Participants should have achieved an intermediate level of keyboard proficiency. Previous organ study is not required. AGO membership is not required. All are welcome! This POE+ takes place in the Allentown, PA area with housing and meals on the campus of Muhlenberg College in Allentown. Rooms are single occupancy and hotel accommodations are possible as well as commuting. A brochure is available at [www.lvago.org](http://www.lvago.org) under the **POE+** heading. More information including pricing and steps for registration will be found there.

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## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

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*A warm welcome to the following new or returning members:*

Linda Braught

Wendell Funk

Paton Walters

Otto Williams

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## SUBSTITUTES & POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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### Chapter Substitutes List

Please check [www.lancasterago.org](http://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](http://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](mailto:terryleb@aol.com))

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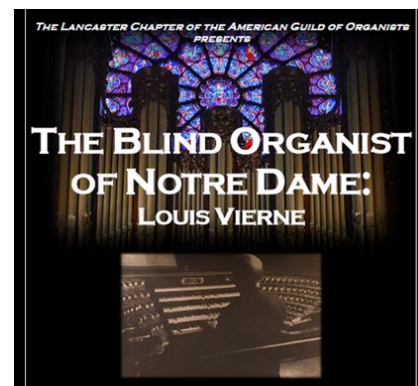
## UPCOMING

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### March - The Blind Organist of Notre Dame: Louis Vierne

Looking farther ahead, please put this long awaited program on your calendar. It was prepared for presentation in 2020, but Covid put it off two times. Now it is finally back on. The date is **Sunday, March 20 at 4:00 pm at Lititz Church of the Brethren**, 300 West Orange Street, Lititz.

It is a multi-media presentation to include the organ music of Vierne played by various members of our Chapter and a script on Vierne's life read by Steve and Doris Nolt along with a picture presentation.



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## LOCAL EVENTS

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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, Feb 22 , 2022, 6 PM**

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Lebanon

Choral Evensong and Concert by *Mozart and Friends* Woodwind Ensemble Freewill offering.

**Sat, Feb 26, 2022, 7 PM**

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lancaster

Westminster Music presents the 45-member Grove City College Touring Choir performing a concert of choral masterpieces and sacred anthems. The choir is under the direction of Dr. Katherine Mueller. Freewill offering.

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# LANCASTER CHAPTER AGO LEADERSHIP

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## 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 Cracker ('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: *John Cracker, chair; Frank Dodd; vacant*

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