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## DEAN'S LETTER

### Perseverance

*Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;  
~ Romans 12:11 (KJV)*

By the time you are reading this, you/we will have passed the seasons of Lent and Easter. In your preparation for all those services you may have experienced some despair as you worked to pick, plan, and learn all that music - BUT you did it! That was perseverance! The dictionary describes "to persist" as 1. to be obstinately repetitious, insistent, or tenacious, 2. to hold firmly and steadfastly to a purpose, state, or undertaking despite obstacles, warnings, or setbacks, and 3. to continue in existence; last. Congratulations!

I trust you feel your work as a Church musician is very worthwhile even though sometimes it does seem overwhelming and impossible to get everything done. At the moment, it's tough. After the work is done (and it all went well), we can look back, and with a sigh of relief, rejoice in our accomplishments. There is that delayed reward of a good feeling about what you just did. David says in Psalm 40:1 - "I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined to me and heard my cry." Remember, we are not the only ones who have struggled in persevering. There are others among us.

Now that all sounds very one-sided as we are not making all that music just for ourselves. We mostly do this for the sake of others (our congregations) as music adds to and supports what takes place in our services. However, in a greater way, we play all this music because of our love for the Lord. That is the greatest part (and goal) of our accomplishment! So "turn up" your perseverance!

*Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us...*

*Hebrews 12:1 (KJV)*

- Greg Gehman, *Dean*



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## CHAPTER PROGRAMS

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### IN REVIEW: APRIL MEETING Silent Movie Night with Don Kinnier

As part of your relaxation after all your Lent and Easter work, I hope you considered attending our Chapter's April meeting that took place on the Friday after Easter. That evening we enjoyed a silent movie, Sherlock, Jr., accompanied by Don Kinnier at First United Methodist Church in Ephrata. There was a very nice sized group who were thrilled with the combination of a silent movie with LIVE organ accompaniment using some familiar melodies, but mostly made up on the spot. It was a good exercise for the mind in following the plot without any voices and only a few sentences thrown in here and there.



"Thank-you, Don, for sharing your musical creativity with our membership and community!" And no, First Church's organ is no longer under "a rest."

## MAY

### Members' Annual Banquet & Business Meeting

Just around the corner, Monday, May 9, our Chapter will be holding our Annual Meeting to include a banquet, annual meeting/election results, and presentations by our student scholarship players. The doors open at 5:30 PM, banquet begins at 6 PM, and the meeting and scholarship presentations at 7 PM. The location is Lancaster Church of the Brethren, 1601 Sunset Avenue, Lancaster. It is a great time to gather together, meet other and new members, and just CHAT!

The banquet menu will include: Chicken Cordon Bleu or Pork Tenderloin, Roasted Potatoes, Broccoli, Tossed Salad, cake and pie, rolls, iced tea, and water.

The break-down for the cost for the evening is:

- Chapter Members - \$20, but you pay only \$10. Your Chapter is covering \$10,
- Student Scholarship Recipients - free to include up to two parents,
- Guests - \$20.

This is payable at the door by cash or check.

There is still time to register, so please reply ASAP to Greg Gehman, Dean, at [ggehman58@gmail.com](mailto:ggehman58@gmail.com). The deadline to register for the May Banquet is Tuesday, May 3.



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## PROGRAMS CONT'D

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### JUNE

#### Lancaster Summer Arts Festival Organ Recital



Preparations have long been underway for our last program event of this season - the Lancaster Summer Arts Festival Organ Recital. This year we are excited to be in a new venue, Historic St. Mary's Catholic Church, located at 119 South Prince Street, Lancaster. The date is Thursday, June 9, 7:00 pm.

The organ at Historic St. Mary's is originally a Hall Organ, Opus 229 from c1925. Major work was done in 1959 by Gundling Organ Company, and today is maintained by Brunner and Associates, LLC.

This year's players will include: Kyle Bainhauer (Scholarship student), Deborah Berdos, Ross Ellison, Mark Herr, Joy Ide, Margaret Marsch/Dr. Ken Laudermilch, Chris Prestia, Doug Wimer, and John Zielinski. They will be playing music by Bach, Clark/Purcell, D'Antalffy, Franck, Howells, Messiaen, Mulet, Noble, and Vierne.

Thank-you for supporting our Chapter's efforts in promoting the "king of instruments." There will be a collection taken which goes to support our new and developing organists through the "Beginning Organist" and "Lunt-McConnell" scholarships. The upcoming scholarship winners will be announced at this evening event.

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## UPCOMING

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### FOR YOUNG ORGANISTS

*For info on upcoming events planned for young organists, contact local organ teacher and Lancaster Chapter Member, Margaret Marsch. Her contact information is below.*

**Atlantic City Boardwalk Hall Auditorium Organ Tour** —Rudy Lucente, the Longwood organist who will do the registration on the Longwood Organ Day, has also offered to give us an inside tour of the humongous Atlantic City Boardwalk Hall Auditorium Organ. This is the largest pipe organ in the world with 7 manuals, and over 33,000 pipes, including a full 64' rank! I'm hoping this will be a Saturday in June. He's checking with the staff there to give us a date.

*Let me know if you're interested in these events.*

*These are some pretty nice opportunities for our young organists.*

Margaret Marsch

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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 5:30PM doors open  
6PM banquet 7PM meeting  
**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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## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

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*None to report this month.*  
*Keep spreading the word on the benefits of AGO membership!*

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## REPORTS

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### April - Executive Board Meeting Highlights

1. Membership 95, with 21 young organist
2. Full slate of nominees for election, online voting will be sent to members
3. Scholarship advertising in newsletter and form online.

- Jenny Fritsch, *secretary*

### Treasurer's Report

4/20/22

<b>Bank Acct Name:</b>	<b>Balance:</b>
Checking	\$17,348.70
Beginning Organist	\$4,491.31
Lunt/McConnell	\$4,438.32
Fritsch Concert Savings	\$13,487.78
Checking/Donations	\$118.76
Moyer Concert Fund	\$20,000.84
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$59,885.71</b>

-Patricia Bleecker, *treasurer*

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## LANCASTER CHAPTER NEWS

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### 2022 Lancaster AGO Scholarship Applications

Applications for the **Beginning Organist** and **Lunt-McConnell Scholarships** are now available on our website ([lancasterago.org](http://lancasterago.org)). Deadline to apply is May 15. The committee members are David Schulz ('22), Peter Brown ('23), and Chris Prestia ('24). Please contact David with any questions - [daschulz531@gmail.com](mailto:daschulz531@gmail.com).

AGO members and teachers, please encourage your students or others' students you know of, to apply for our scholarships. Students who have not studied organ, but have sufficient piano background are welcome to apply. The applications indicate appropriate piano pieces for auditioning.

### 2022 Chapter Elections and Voting

The following are the nominees for our 2022 Chapter elections:

- **Secretary (1):** Emma Arnold
- **Treasurer (1):** Patricia Bleecker (for a 1-year term extension)
- **Member-at-Large (2):** John Zielinski, Jonathan Humbert
- **Auditors (2):** Ray Edminson; Doug Wimer

**This is a reminder that online voting closes Saturday, April 30.**

**All paper ballots must be postmarked by May 2.**

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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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## 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.

**Sat, Apr 30, 2022, 7:30 PM**

Rustin High School, West Chester

Chester County Choral Society spring concert, "We Sing to Spring," with Prana Winds, Ann Ellis & Beth Manus, pianists, and Gary Garletts, conductor. Works by Martin, Morley, Duke, Debussy, Orff, Hagenberg, Berlin, Rutter, Powell, & Bernstein. Also featured are the winners of the 28th annual Vocal Competition (for HS seniors). Tickets online or at the door; see [www.chescochoral.org](http://www.chescochoral.org) for ticket information and pandemic protocol.

**Sun, May 1, 2022, 4 PM**

St. James Episcopal Church, Lancaster

"Let Our Love Be Heard" - the Wheatland Chorale in concert. A free concert.

**Sun, May 1, 2022, 4 PM**

Landisville Campmeeting, Landisville

In gratitude of their faithful service, Chiques United Methodist Church presents "Giving Back," a joyful concert of sacred choral music to raise funds for Penn State Health Life Lion LLC. With Tom Berdos, conductor and Deborah Berdos, organist. Freewill offering.

**Sun, May 8, 2022, 6 PM**

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Lebanon

Choral Evensong and Organ Concert by Thomas Mellon, St. Cecilia Roman Catholic Church, Boston, MA. Free-will offering.

**Wednesdays in June, 2022, 7 PM**

Mount Gretna Methodist Church, Mount Gretna

Mount Gretna Organ Series: Tyler Canonico—June 15; Ryan Brunkhurst—June 22; Abigail Wood—June 29

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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 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: *John Kracker, chair; Frank Dodd; Mark Herr*

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