

# ORGEL ZEIT

## VICTORIAN SECRETS

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### Mission Statement

- To promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles
- To encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music
- To provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of members

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*Edwin H. Lemare*

Tuesday, November 11, 2008

7:30 pm

Zion Lutheran Church

2215 Brandywine Rd.

York, PA 17404

717-767-4673

Gerald Mummert, host

**Organ music from the Victorian Period  
British organists/composers 1830 - 1910**

The haunting melody which forms the chorus of this song started life in 1892 as an Andantino for organ by Edwin H. Lemare. Its opening phrase had an even earlier birth, however, bearing as it does an uncanny resemblance to that of the Adagio of Mozart's Hunt quartet. Can you name this song?

Organists performing: Rodney Barnett, Susan Stiller, Fred Meads, Gene Paul Strayer, Jerry Mummert, Jennifer Noel. playing music written by Victorian organist-composers: John Stainer, Basil Harwood, Edwin Lemare, Sir Edward Elgar, C. Hubert H. Parry, Charles Villiers Stanford, Henry T. Smart, William Faulkes, and John E. West.

Highlights of the program:

1. Edwin Lemare's "Andantino in D Flat". How many of our younger organist-members will be able to identify the song title, who lyrics made Lemare's composition even more well-known.
2. Rodney Barnett will play Elgar's "Nimrod" from the Enigma Variations.

Program will also include visuals related to the "Victorian Period" in British history.

Reception to follow, including "Tea and Crumpets".

### Directions to Zion Lutheran Church.

From Harrisburg 83 South to Exit 22 N. George St. (Old Exit 10) Stay on right lane bears right yield onto Lightner Rd. to next traffic light. Turn right on to Susquehanna Trail head north To next traffic light turn left on to Stillmeadow La. Then turn left on to Kayla Blvd. -- blends into Brandywine La. Church will be on your left.

From Baltimore 83 North to Exit 22, PA 181 N. George St. (Old Exit 10) Exit sneaks up on you! Stay on left lane turn left to 181 South going towards North York. Get on right Lane and turn right at light onto Lightner Rd. Next traffic light turn right on to Susquehanna Trail. Head North to next traffic light turn left on to Stillmeadow La. Then turn left on to Kayla Blvd. -- blends into Brandywine La. Church will be on your left.

From Lancaster Rt. 30 West to 2nd light past Interstate 83 Turn right on to Susquehanna Trail. Head North to third traffic light turn left on to Stillmeadow La. Then turn left on to Kayla Blvd. -- blends into Brandywine La. Church will be on your left.

From Gettysburg Rt. 30 East to light at Roosevelt Ave. Turn left at light and stay in the right lane. Right lane becomes turn lane. Turn right on Greenbriar Rd. Travel approx 1/4 of a mile to the intersection of Brandywine Lane. Turn right onto Brandywine Lane. Travel approx 3/4 mile church will be on right.

## DEAN'S LETTER



Victor Fields, Dean

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We organists and choral directors are front and center in some of the transitional times in today's churches. Some of us are retiring now after long tenures and some of us are deciding to look for new positions for financial or family reasons. Several of us have experienced worship style changes. Every few months, we hear of a church dismissing their professional musicians. Many churches are having budget problems and one of the first areas affected is often music. Our churches' budget problems will only get worse as the economy gets worse. Many of us will find the resources in our churches stretched and our lives more stressed. Thus the impetus for this article; taking care of yourself and each other as church musicians.

Many of us are in transition at some point in our lives through changes that are often out of our control. We may have family illnesses to deal with. Or we have our own illnesses or changes in our physical stamina. We may be attending school or hoping to go back to school. Ask yourself: am I having more physical problems than in the past, or illnesses recurring or becoming chronic? It could be stress, and one of the first signs that you may need to make some changes in your level of stress. If the stress is job-related, first ask for help at work to reduce it. Can you find more help? Be sure to ask—there may be individuals or groups in your church who are able to do so. If you get no assistance, you always have the option of leaving.

A clinical psychologist, a trusted minister outside the denomination, a social worker specializing in counseling, can all help with the first steps toward whether to stay in a job that is stressful or to leave. Basically, it is our decision. Negotiating a good leave-taking is not something we train for—arm yourself with information if your job is at risk. There are many resources online, through your denomination, and at the Pennsylvania Department of Labor. For some of us there is value in talking to an attorney - they may be helpful with contract enforcement. You should be aware that most churches do not pay into the unemployment fund in the state and you might not be able to get unemployment compensation unless you work somewhere else that does contribute. Even if you resign, you CAN file for unemployment if your job was changed sufficiently from your original contractual agreement and you find it impossible to do the work in the hours given.

Many of us are ministers in the truest sense of the word: we are selfless and caring of others often to the point of not taking good enough care of ourselves. Remember to take time for yourself every day—set aside hours that are for your contemplation, whatever form that may take. And don't let it be interrupted. Be sure to set strict boundaries for the times and places you will work. Leave work at work and don't do it at all hours of the day—email is especially pernicious in this regard since we often think we can check it for just a minute or two and end up spending hours!

One recommendation we all might follow in the Guild is to call each other more. Each of us could communicate with a trusted colleague when things are getting tough. We also could call any members whom you know are dealing with stress at work or with family and ask if there is anything we can do. I would like to see our Guild members call a church musician for whom they are asked to sub and make sure that the colleague is being dealt with fairly. Indicated your respect for their position and your care of him or her by calling before accepting a sub job. This may not seem practical given the short time commitment or for a last minute need, but we have power our support for each other. Churches often have all the legal powers in dealing with "at will" employees—let us use our ethical powers to support each other. May those of you going through transitions this year find them to be times of renewal in caring for self and others.

## SUBSTITUTE LIST

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### *Organ and Choral events in our area.*

**Sun. Nov. 2 , 4:00 pm.** Gail Archer, organ recital First Presbyterian Church, 140 East Orange St. Lancaster, PA. Archer comes from Vassar College, New York City and will be celebrating Messiaen's centenary.

**Sun., Nov. 9, 4:00 pm.** Jan Vládímír Michalko at Trinity Lutheran Church, 31 South Duke Street, Lancaster. Michalko is from the Academy of Music and Drama, Bratislava, Slovak Republic.

**Sun., Nov. 9, 7:00 pm.** *The Rossums* are a gospel and inspirational singing group that received public acclaim as winners of the "Apollo on Tour" contest at the Strand-Capital Performing Arts Center. From the stage at the Strand, to the stage of the legendary Apollo Theater in Harlem, New York to stages throughout Central Pennsylvania, *The Rossums* deliver the message of the Gospels through song. Trinity United Church of Christ, 32 W. Market St. York

**Tues. Nov. 11, 7:30 pm** *Victorian Secrets English Victorian Organ Music* Zion Lutheran Church, 2215 Brandywine Lane, York, PA. Gerald Mummert, host. Organists performing are Rodney Barnett, Fred Meads, Jerry Mummert, Jennifer Noel, Susan Stiller and Gene Paul Strayer.

**Sun. Nov. 16, 4:00 pm** Todd Davis, organ recital, Christ Lutheran Church, 29 S. George St. York, PA The complete works for organ of Johannes Brahms, celebrating his 175th anniversary.

**Fri. Nov. 21, 7:30 pm** Victor Fields, organ recital, St. Patrick's Cathedral, State St. Harrisburg, PA.

**Sun., Dec. 2, 3:00 pm** "A Gift of Sharing" A holiday concert to benefit the abused and battered women and children's organization "The Well". Ensembles from York Suburban High School, Southeastern High School, Dover High School will

perform holiday music. Free will offering to benefit "The Well". Trinity United Church of Christ, 32 W. Market St. York.

**Sat. Dec. 6, 7:00 pm** Jubilate! Choral Ensemble is at First Presbyterian Church, Artistic Director Dr. Robert C. Lau presents a Christmas concert with works by Lauridsen, Rutter, Warland, Wood, and featuring Vaughn Williams' *Fantasia on Christmas Carols*.

**Sun. Dec. 7, 4:45 pm** Victor Fields, organ recital, St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City.

**Sat., Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m.** Handel's *Messiah*. Join the Harrisburg Choral Society, soloists and orchestra in a holiday season tradition. Hear the sounds of Handel's masterwork, or sing along with the choruses, including the classic, *Hallelujah Chorus*. Trinity United Church of Christ, 32 W. Market Street, York.

**Sun., Dec. 14, 4:00 p.m.** The same concert as above will take place at Market Street Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, on Sunday December 9, at 4:00 p.m. Tickets for both concerts available from **The BOX: 717-214-ARTS**. [www.harrisburgchoralsociety.org](http://www.harrisburgchoralsociety.org).

**Sun. Dec 28, 4:00 pm** York Ecumenical Choral Society *Lessons & Carols*, Rodney Barnett, Director, Victor Fields, organist, Trinity United Church of Christ, 32 W. Market St. York, PA

**Wed. Dec 31, 7-10 pm** *First Night*, Victor Fields, piano, Jerrod Coates, organ. Trinity United Church of Christ, 32 W. Market St. York, PA

**Sat. Jan 10, 7 pm**, First Presbyterian Church presents the 11th annual Jazz Vespers on Saturday January 10, 2009 at 7 pm. (Snow date Sunday 1-18-09). A concert of choral and instrumental jazz honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York (UUCY)** The position is part time (10 hours a week) at 925 S. George St., York. Phone # is 845 8212. Interested applicants can request more information at [music@uucy.org](mailto:music@uucy.org)

**Messiah United Methodist Church Organist.** Part Time Organist needed from January 1st to March 31st. Can be expanded to December to May if interested. Yearly position. Duties include one weekly Sunday worship service and one weekly Thursday evening choir rehearsal plus additional services as scheduled. \$200 per week plus extra for any additional services such as lenten services etc. If interested please call Steve Poff, Director of Music Messiah U.M. Church York, PA at 764-6324.

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# POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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**Grace Lutheran Church, Red Lion Organist/Choir Director.** Part-time/full-time organist/choir director needed. Send resume to the attention of Jessie Fishel at the church's address: 220 N. Charles St. Red Lion, Pa. 17356. Call 717-244-5987 for more information or e-mail Jessie at sgtre@aol.com.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Dillsburg - Minister of Music.** 201 South Baltimore Street, Dillsburg, PA 17019. Church phone: 717-432-3202. Contact Pastor Lois Van Orden at the church or by email, lvanorden@stpaulsdillsburg.com Lead worship at one Sunday service per week and special services. 2 manual, 10 rank Moeller organ. Traditional Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) with hymns from the LBW, With One Voice (WOV) and the new ELCA hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW). One adult choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings and leads most worship services, offering special music from September - May. The choir takes a summer break. We are looking to develop children's choirs to minister to the many youth of the congregation. This position is also to phase in the responsibility for leading the bell (adult) and chime (children) choirs. The hours are estimated at 15 hours per week.

## ORGAN SPECTACULAR IN REVIEW



What a spectacular organ event that was held on Sunday, October 19th as part of the American Guild of Organists, International Year of the Organ.

The York Chapter presented "From Old to New" featuring the 1804 Tannenberg organ at the York County Heritage Trust Museum and the Allen digital organ at First Presbyterian Church of York. Unfortunately, the new Allen pipe/digital organ was not completed in time for the Organ Spectacular. Nevertheless, the Allen digital proved a worthy substitute and made a grand and glorious sound.

Many thanks to all who helped to make the day a tremendous success. Special thanks go to Joan Beekey, Cheryl Huber and Carolyn Smith who worked on the planning committee.



**Carter Ishler, 8 years old playing the 1804 Tannenberg**

Many thanks to all our performers as well who all did a splendid job. Special thanks to members of the York Ecumenical Choral Society, Rodney Barnett, Director and to the Zion United Methodist Church and Matt Wensel, Organist.

Our special guest was York Revolution mascot, Downtown Yorkie, who led us in a kazoo parade from the Museum across Market St while playing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame"



**Matt Wensel and Mt. Zion Methodist brass players**



**Organ Spectacular cake**



**Organ Spectacular participants. First Presbyterian Church of York**

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Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm  
Victorian Secrets (English Victorian organ music)  
Gerald Mummert, host  
Zion Lutheran Church, 2215 Brandywine Lane

Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm  
Christmas Carol Sing- along  
"White Christmas" feature film  
Glenn Hough and AGO organists  
Capitol Theatre  
2009

Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> all day  
January Jumpstart sponsored by Philadelphia AGO  
Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Bryn Mawr, Pa

Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> , Noon  
Valentine's Day brunch and music sale  
Members bring a covered dish  
Trinity United Church of Christ, 32 W. Market St.

Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> , 7:00 pm  
Handbell Workshop with Richard Frey  
Trinity United Church of Christ, 116 York St, Hanover, PA

Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008, 9:00 am – Noon  
Pedals, Pipes & Pizza  
York County Heritage Trust, First Presbyterian Church,  
Capitol Theatre, Menchey Music Store

Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 3:00 pm  
Student/Member Recital  
Hunt scholarship competition  
First Presbyterian Church, 225 E. Market St.



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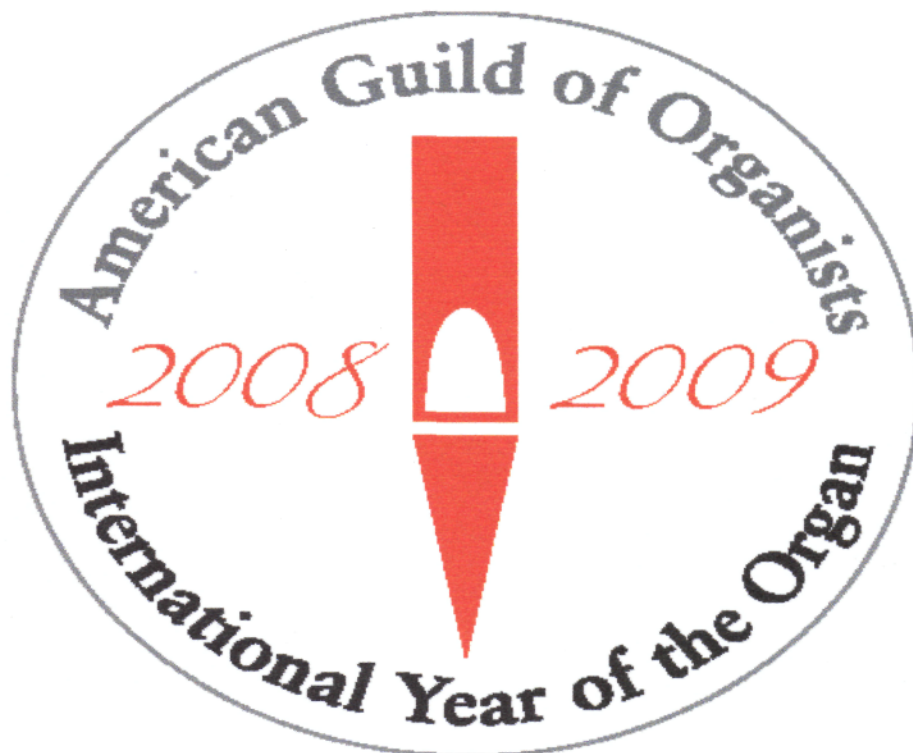
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