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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

*York Chapter
American Guild of Organists*

Distinguished Service Award



Presented to:

Esther Hamme, Phyllis Lightner, John Pfeiffer
Gene Paul Strayer

*For many years of distinguished service to the
chapter; to the organ and its music; and to
churches, choirs and students."*

October 1, 2011



Esther Hamme



Phyllis Lightner

Welcome new member: Carol Moscony
Organist St. Paul's Lutheran Church

DEAN' S LETTER

Dear York Chapter Members,



The Chapter mourns the loss of one of its most influential and respected members – Dr. Gene Paul Strayer. Gene was called to his heavenly home in October. As most of you who knew Gene, he was a brilliant scholar, church musician and educator. At the same time, he was a very humble, caring, “gentle” man with a tremendously warm personality. His incredible mind worked for him in his love and passion for church music, history, organ, choral music, etc., yet left him in the dark many times with being somewhat “absentminded” as he would misplace, keys, eyeglasses, etc! For those who attended Gene’s funeral service, it was a very emotional time for all. Thank you to Rodney Barnett and the York Ecumenical Choral Society for their singing. Gene Paul was a very important part of the York Chapter’s work and mission and he was as a former Dean of the Chapter. He was responsible for bringing the wonderful Andover mechanical action organ at Trinity UCC and I was happy to have succeeded him there. Gene Paul will be truly missed by those who were his friends.

Our November program event, Olivier Latry recital has been **postponed**. Jonathan Noel, Director of Music at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, York reports that the completion of the new pipe organ will not be ready in time for Mr. Latry’s performance. The church hopes to bring him to York at some point in the future. The Chapter will hold its student/member recital at the church next May.

Should you still wish to hear organ recitals in November, Here are several choices.

On Wednesday, November 2nd, 5:00pm Mark Carlson, trombone and euphonium and Victor Fields organ will give a recital in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception on the campus of Mount St. Mary’s University, Emmitsburg, MD. The program includes works for this combination of instruments by romantic and 20th Century composers including Aho, Bruchner, Hidas, Holst, Liszt, Strauss, and Telemann. The program is one of the first to take advantage of the newly renovated Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. The increased reverberation is certain to add to the luster of the bold music on this afternoon program. The organ is a 4 manual 100 stop Buch digital organ.

On Sunday, November 13th, Olivier Latry, he will perform an organ recital 4:00pm at the Peabody Conservatory of Music, Baltimore. Tickets available at the door.

On Friday, November 18th, 7:30pm Caroline Robinson organ student at the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia will perform an organ recital at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, 129 Charles St. in Hanover.

Victor Fields

USED MUSIC LIBRARY

The AGO used music display is now organized and permanently available anytime in the music library at St. Matthew Lutheran Church by appointment. The music is available for a donation of \$1 per copy and benefits the Hunt Scholarship fund. The selection has just been updated and there is currently a great selection.

Jonathan Noel mlnjan@comcast.net

York Chapter, AGO Programs 2011-2012

September - No Meeting

Saturday, October 1, 9:00AM - Noon

“That Works for Me”

**Organ and Choral Favorites for the Church Year
Recognition of retired York Chapter members**

**First Presbyterian Church
225 East Market St., York**

Tuesday, November 15, 7:30 PM

Recital Postponed

December - No Meeting

Saturday, January 14, 8:30AM – 5:00 PM

January Jumpstart sponsored by Philadelphia AGO

**Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Bryn Mawr
Carpooling from York**

Sunday, February 19, 6:00 PM

Italian Dinner & Social, Reservations Required

Guest Speaker: Dr. John Walker, Vice-President, AGO

**Mama’s Pizza and Italian Ristorante
111 North Main St., Loganville
Exit 10 – I-83**

Saturday, March 17, 7:30 PM

1925 Silent Motion Picture Classic– “Ben Hur”

featuring organist James Harp

**St. Mark’s Lutheran Church
129 Charles St., Hanover**

Saturday, April 21, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Pedals, Pipes and Pizza

Pipe Organ Introduction to Students

Downtown York Churches & Capitol Theatre

Tuesday, May 15, 7:00 PM

Student/Member Recital

Hunt Scholarship Competition

**St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church
839 West Mark St., York**

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	410-804-8407	burg, and Hanover areas)

This list is published as a courtesy to chapter membership. Substitutes should be compensated according to the current rate available on the AGO national website. www.agohq.org/profession/indexsalary

One way to get a permanent position:

The pastor was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play.

"Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the pastor paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner."

And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

Net Worth Report corrected As of 6/30/11

Accounts	6/30/11 Balance
Assets	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Checking	1,078.42
General Savings	5,164.06
Herzel-Hunt Scholarship Fund	1,489.60
Hunt CD	2,582.97
Hunt Money Market	1,657.78
Hunt--Citizens Investment	2,568.24
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	14,541.07
Total Assets	14,541.07
Liabilities	
Other Liabilities	
Upcoming transactions	300.00
Total Other Liabilities	300.00
Total Liabilities	300.00
Net Inflows/Outflows	14,241.07

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Madison Ave. Church of the Brethren in York is looking for an organist.

Contact Carol Kauffman @ 292-7947 (evenings).

Hereford United Methodist Church, a vibrant and growing church located in northern Baltimore County, MD is seeking a creative and innovative musician to serve as Music Director and lead all aspects of our music ministries. This position is a part-time position with a salary commensurate with experience. Interested candidates, please send resume to Pastor Steve Corcoran (revstc@comcast.net).

St. Matthew Lutheran Church Organ Renovation

It is true that St. Matthew Lutheran in Hanover is about to begin a 2-3 year renovation of the organ.

The Austin Organ Co. will do the work. The 1.3 million project will provide all new wiring, a new console, several additions, cleaning, revoicing, and re-leathering. The organ has been showing its age the past few years and dead notes were becoming a problem. It is time for an update/restoration.

I must say I can't wait for a new console and all that technology will offer. We hope the organ will be completely done by the fall of 2015. Watch for some exciting concerts in the future.

-Scott Fredericks

Want a fine place to search for music online?

Try <http://www.imslp.org/>

And don't forget about

<http://www.organlive.com/>

AUDITIONS

Belle Voix Vocal Ensemble is holding auditions for all voice parts (SATB) and membership in the ensemble. **Belle Voix** is dedicated to the performance and promotion of choral music, both accompanied and a cappella, in many styles and from all periods of Classical Music.

The ensemble rehearses on Wednesday evenings at Grace United Church of Christ on Fourth Street in Hanover. The Concert Series consists of 3 concerts in November and 3 concerts in the Spring at various churches in PA, MD and VA. They will be part of the Conservatory Series this fall at the Eichelberger Performing Arts Center. The ensemble is part of the ecumenical outreach of Grace UCC.. To schedule an audition or obtain more information, please contact Beth Pugliese, Artistic Director, 717-487-1207 , or send an email to belle_voix@comcast.net. (that's **belle_voix**)

York County Historical Society **Festival of Trees Entertainment Schedule – 2011**

Friday, November 11 – 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM

12:00 – 6:00 **Seasonal Music (CDs)**

6:00 – 7:00 **Jim Rodkey, Organ**

7:00 – 8:00 **Roy Wainwright, Organ** – Organist, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Abbottstown

Saturday, November 12 – 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM

10:00 – 11:00 – **Seasonal Music (CDs)**

11:00 – 12:00 – **Richard Frey, Organ** – Director of Music, Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of York

12:00 – 1:00 – **Julie Swope, Harp**

1:00 – 2:00 – **Boar's Head Festival** – Grace United Methodist, York

2:00 – 3:00 – **Hand bell Ensemble** – St. Matthew Lutheran, York,
Jonathan Noel, Music Director

3:00 – 4:00 – **Cramer and Jones Christmas** – Keyboard and Vocal,
Aldersgate United Methodist, York

4:00 – 5:00 – **Victor Fields, Piano/Organ** – Dean, York Chapter AGO, Organist,
First United Methodist, Hanover

5:00 – 6:00 – **York County Gospel Choir** – David McCoy, Director

6:00 – 7:00 – **Seasonal Music (CDs)**

7:00 – 8:00 – **Seasonal Music (CDs)**

Sunday, November 13 – 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

1:00 – 2:00 – **Julie Swope, Harp**

2:00 – 3:00 – **Seasons, Harp and Hammered Dulcimer**, The Lee Siblings Trio, Harrisburg

3:00 – 4:00 – **Frank Bodani, Cello**

4:00 – 5:00 – **Seasonal Music (CDs)**



Gene Paul Strayer

YORK, PA Dr. Gene Paul Strayer, 69, died Monday, October 10, 2011, at Rest Haven-York. Dr. Strayer was born August 17, 1942, in York, son of the late Paul M.H. Strayer and Hope Romaine (Asper) Strayer. He was a graduate of William Penn Senior High School in York, and received a B.A. from American University, an M.A. from the University of Chicago, a Bestatigung from the Goethe Institute in Passau, Germany, an M.S.M. from the Union Theological School of Sacred Music, and a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. His doctoral dissertation was sponsored by both the Department of Religious Studies and the Department of Music of the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Strayer taught History of Religions at Miles College, the University of Colorado at Boulder, and the University of Pennsylvania, where he also specialized in a course in "Science and the Sacred". As a musician, he taught piano, organ, conducting, and composition. He served as Organist and Choirmaster at churches in Bethesda, Md., Washington D.C., Chicago, Ill., New York City, Boulder, Colo., and York. For 10 years he was Organist and Choirmaster for Trinity United Church of Christ in York. Since 1996 he served as Minister of Music at St. Rose of Lima Church, where he developed an extensive choral program for children, affiliated with the RSCM (Royal School of Church Music) in England. He performed widely, especially at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City and The Washington National Cathedral. He was the Founder and First Director of the Boulder Bach Festival in Colorado. Later, after moving to York, he became the Founder and First Director of the York Ecumenical Choral Society. Dr. Strayer was the recipient of the Ringenwald Award and Appleby Scholarship at American University. He also received the prestigious Woodrow Wilson Fellowship and Woodrow Wilson Internship, and the Dean's Award for Outstanding Teaching at the University of Pennsylvania. He was a founding member of St. John Chrysostom Antiochian Orthodox Church, York. He was a member of the American Academy of Religion, the American Musicological Society, the Organ Historical Society, the Matinee Musical Club of York, and the American Guild of Organists. He was a Past Dean of the York Chapter of the Guild. He enjoyed traveling and visited 17 countries. He played organs in England, Germany, and Switzerland. His biography was included in "Who's Who in the West" "Who's Who in Religion", and the "International Who's Who in Music and Musicians" directory, published at Cambridge, England. He is survived by relatives and friends. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John Chrysostom Orthodox Church, 2397 N. Sherman, St., York, PA; or to York Ecumenical Choral Society, 140 N. Beaver St., York, PA 17401.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, Nov. 6 4:30 PM	Solemn Choral Evensong	St. John the Baptist Episcopal. 140 N. Beaver St., York.
Sunday, Nov. 20	Carlo Curley in concert	Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill

Solemn Choral Evensong

A Solemn Evensong service will be presented by the choir of St. John the Baptist Episcopal, followed by a short organ concert. The service will be preceded by a short service of Light. The organ concert will be given by Rodney Barnett. Works by Bach, Mulet, Phillips, Stanford and Howells will be performed. Following the Evensong and Concert, there will be a wine and cheese reception in the parish hall. A freewill offering will be received to benefit the St. John Food Pantry.

Sunday, November 6 (All Saints' Sunday); 4:30 p.m.; St. John the Baptist Episcopal. 140 N. Beaver St., York.

For something really special—

This was sent to me by a friend from Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society (York Chapter).

See this amazing link! It peeks at ANOTHER super-nova moment in the evolution of music! ... I think THIS is what it was like when people first heard Theatre Organ! - a whole new world of music opening like a blooming flower!

<http://www.wimp.com/choirvoices>

PEACE!, Don Schoeps

From: Craig Cramer [Craig.J.Cramer.1@nd.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2011 7:47 PM
Subject: Recruiting at Notre Dame

Greetings,

At the moment I am recruiting students for our Master of Sacred Music program at the University of Notre Dame. We are extremely excited about what is going on here. The degree combines music (two organ recitals, organ literature, music history) and liturgy courses. There are details of the program on the website:

<http://www.nd.edu/~msm/>

There are eight organ students in the MSM program—four in each class. The program is extremely competitive (we had sixteen applications last year for four slots), and the level of playing is extremely high. The assistantships pay full tuition for two years plus a stipend of \$12,500 per year for two years. Typically a student on an assistantship works in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on campus.

All students in our MSM program are supported with tuition grants. If you know of any prospective undergraduate students or others who are not currently enrolled in a graduate program, I would appreciate hearing from you. If you have any names to suggest, I am happy to contact them.

Our new Fritts organ and organ hall are stunning. We have an eclectic-style tracker organ in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart that is also used for teaching, practice, and performance. You can see the Fritts at

<http://music.nd.edu/about/facilities/o-malley-organ-reyes-organ-and-choral-hall/>

If you know of anyone who might be interested in applying, I am happy to hear from you. Or, give the prospective student my email address and/or phone number.

Many thanks for your help, and all the best,

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