

ORGEL ZEIT

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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



ORGANIST/CLERGY DINNER

The York Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will be kicking off its 2007-2008 season with the annual Organist/Clergy Dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 18, 2007 once again at Mt. Zion United Church of Christ, 1054 Ridgewood Road, York, PA 17402. In addition to the dinner, we will be installing our current slate of officers and board members, including our new chaplain, the Rev. Stanley Reep and new archivist, Janet Wenzel. We will also use this time to say farewell to our chaplain of many years, the Rev. James Walters, as he prepares to retire after 38 years of active Christian ministry, 31 of which have been spent at Mt. Zion U.C.C. Following the dinner and installation service, the York College Chamber Choir will present a wonderful program of choral music.

The schedule of events for the evening are as follows:

Social Hour – 6:00 p.m.

Dinner – 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Installation of Officers/Recognition of Pastor Walters – 7:30 p.m.

York College Chamber Choir program – 7:45 p.m.

Punch and munchies will be served during the social hour; the menu for our dinner includes mixed salad, roast turkey with gravy and cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, broccoli/cauliflower/carrot mix, dinner rolls and butter, coffee and tea, and pie for dessert. Please note that a vegetarian entrée is also available. Please invite your clergy person(s), your spouse, prospective members and/or others who might be interested in the A.G.O. and a fine evening of good food, good music and good company.

The price of this year's dinner remains at \$ 13.50 per person. The reservation form is on page 7. Please make out your check to A.G.O. – York Chapter and have your reservations in the hands of our treasurer, Carol Brady by September 10, 2007. Her address is 249 W. Philadelphia Street, York, PA 17401.

Directions to Mt. Zion U.C.C.: coming from the east, take Rt. 30 to the first traffic light and turn right onto North Hills Road. Go as far as you can on North Hills Road to the T-intersection at Ridgewood Road. Turn left. The church is about one-half mile on the left. Turn left into the east entrance of the driveway and park in the lot at the rear of the building. Enter by the double doors at the rear near the little playground area.

From the south, take the Market Street exit of 1-83 (Exit 19). At the traffic light, proceed straight onto North Hills Road. After you've crossed Rt. 30, continue on North Hills Road and follow the directions as above.

From the north or west, take Rt. 30 to Sherman Street and turn left onto North Sherman Street. Proceed about a mile to the top of the hill. You will see Kelly's Inn on the left. Ridgewood Road is the first right after Kelly's Inn. Turn there. The church is about one-third mile on the right. Turn into the east entrance of the driveway; park in the lot at the rear of the building and enter the building by the double doors near the little playground area.

DEAN'S LETTER



Victor Fields, Dean



As I begin my first term as your Dean, I would like to thank Mary Loyer for her dedication and hard work she has given to our chapter as outgoing Dean. Thanks also to our Executive Board for their support and hard work. Matt Baldwin and Christine Kates have completed their terms of service to our chapter. We also bid farewell to Rev. James Walters our Chaplain who is retiring and to Jerry Eppley, our archivist. We thank them for their support over the past years.

I would like to welcome our newest Board members for the 2007-2008 year! We welcome members-at-large 2007-2010, Todd Davis & Matthew Wensel. We also welcome Rev. Stanley Reep who will be our Chaplain and Janet Wenzel who will take over as archivist. Rev. Reep serves as Pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Springettsbury Avenue in York and is also an organist. The Board has begun work this summer on the upcoming programs and we look forward to our September Organist/Clergy dinner and concert by the York College Chamber Choir at Mount Zion United Church of Christ. Many details are still being ironed out; however, we will keep you posted of our plans in the upcoming *Orgelzeit* issues. Additionally, we will continue to distribute information via email as an additional way of communicat-

ing chapter news and events.

Speaking of communication, the organ world is engaged with seeking new ways to communicate the art of organ playing. This summer, Trinity Church, Wall Street in New York City hosted an organ program entitled Conservatory Stars Organ Festival featuring former students of well-known organ teacher and performer John Weaver. The church has its own broadcasting station and is able to telecast the recitals over the internet, the day after the performance. If you want to see one of America's most dynamic and outstanding young virtuoso's playing the organ, visit Trinity Church's telecasts at http://www.trinitywallstreet.org/calendar/index.php?event_id=40478.

We ask God for guidance as we begin another new season. Thomas Troeger's poem speaks eloquently of our work.

*With pipes of tin and wood make known the truth
each star displays:
creation is a field that's sown with seeds
of thanks and praise.
With pipes of tin and wood restart the
fire the prophets knew
and fan the flame within the heart to do
what God would do.
Pull out the stops that train the ear -
the strings, the flute, the reed,
to listen and more subtly hear God's call
through human need.
With pipes of tin and wood disclose that
song the world has blurred,
the hymn of life and love that flows
from God's renewing word.*

Victor Fields

SUBSTITUTE LIST

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

Scott Crowell	792-3920 (May—Aug & Christmas)
Elise Fasnacht	252-4820
Elaine Hengst	755-5871

Paul Lauer	843-2855
Jackie Linsey	292-2576
Marie Melusky	292-5758
Suzy Reimold	846-4408
William Wright	291-4012
Ruth Loyer	424-6739
Kay Wade	764-1585
Cameron Wentz	630-8980

EVENTS CALENDAR

Organ and Choral events in our area.

Sun., Sept. 16, 3:00 p.m. *Jeffrey and Olivia Ly.* 10 and 12 year-old sibling piano prodigies sponsored by the York Music Teachers Associations and the York College Department of Music. Wolf Recital Hall, York College of PA. Free

Sept. 23, 4:00 p.m. *Unforgettable Broadway.* Concert pianist Paul Bisaccia makes his third appearance at Trinity joined by New York soprano Diane Penning in an afternoon of Broadway's greatest music. Free. Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill, PA 17011.

Oct. 21, 4:00 p.m. *The Gospel of John.* A dramatic one person performance of the fourth gospel by nationally ac-

claimed actor Brad Sherill. Free. Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill, PA 17011.

Sun., Oct. 21, 4:00 p.m. *Celebrating the 400th Anniversary of the Birth of Paul Gerhardt:* a Festival of His Chorales² sponsored by Lancaster Conference, Lower Susquehanna Synod, ELCA. David Schack, distinguished guest organist, Lincoln NE. The Rev. Prof. Dr. Stephen Folkemer, guest choir director, Gettysburg Lutheran Theological Seminary. The Rev. Marilyn Witte, Children's choir director, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Lancaster. Choirs of the conference churches. St. Peter Lutheran Church, Neffsville, Lancaster PA. No admission. Offering. For further information: Mr. Murray Foreman 397-2748

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

New Hope (Fissel's) United Church of Christ, Glen Rock. A small country church, seeks energetic, organized Director of Music. Applicants will have a spiritual commitment to the music ministry of Jesus Christ and have very good people skills (warm, kind, friendly and considerate). This person will play for all Sunday morning services (9:50 am - 11:00 am), Holy Days (Christmas, Lenten services, Easter, etc.) and accompanies / directs one choral rehearsal weekly (Thursdays 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm). This person will also share their music ministry talents with a small group of youth each Sunday (9:20 am - 9:30 am) with the goal for the youth to participate musically in one worship service per month. Church uses: clavichord, Two Manual Hammond organ, hand bells; can add others. Responsibilities: lead vocalists/musicians; prepare/arrange song selections; lead / play for weekly Sunday services, special services, rehearsals; appreciate and incorporate diverse praise and worship selections (e.g. gospel, contemporary, traditional hymns). Must read and play music proficiently. Compensation is commensurate with skill and experience. Candidates should mail to: New Hope (Fissels) United Church of Christ, P. O. Box 25, Glen Rock, PA 17327 (OR) email to: newhope@nfdc.net. Any questions, please call: 717-235-2033.

Starview UCC, Mt Wolf, seeks a Minister of Music. We are an average size congregation looking for a professional with energy, creativity, enthusiasm and experience. Responsible for 9:00 am Sunday Worship. Rehearsals for chancel choir, men's choir, handchime and children's choirs. Two manual pipe organ. Please email resume to starviewucc@verizon.net or call Rev. Bair at 717-266-4248 or Mrs. Wilson at 717-266-2745. Salary negotiable depending on experience.

St Paul Lutheran Church, Lititz. Part time Director of Traditional Church Music (25-30hrs). Responsible for planning all facets of the musical portion of the traditional worship services. Bachelor's degree preferred/or equivalent experience. Knowledge of Lutheran theology and liturgy desired. Will train if necessary. Two Manual, 38 rank Casavant pipe organ, Yamaha grand piano, and Schulmerich hand bells. Send resume to St Paul Lutheran Church, Attn: Pastors, 200 West Orange Street, Lititz, PA 17543 or email jgable@stpaulilititz.org or call 717-626-4709. Deadline is September 16, 2007.

Zion United Methodist Church, York, is seeking a director for a Children's Choir ranging from 1st through 6th grade. Music degree preferred and piano skills are a must. For more information, contact Matthew Wensel, Director of Music Ministries at wensel@zionumc-york.com or 717-843-5261.

Mt. Zion UCC, York, is currently looking for an interim choir director (s) to lead our Adult and Children's music programs. The

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ENGLISH CONCERT ORGANIST TO PERFORM



Peter Lea-Cox will give an organ recital on the Andover mechanical action pipe organ at Trinity United Church of Christ, 32 West Market St. in downtown York PA on **Friday evening, October 19, 2007 beginning at 7:30 pm.** Admission to the concert is FREE of charge with a free-will offering to be received. Parking is available in the West King Street garage located behind the church.

A native of Bournemouth, England, Peter Lea-Cox studied at the Royal Academy of Music in London and received a London University Certificate in Education in 1967. From 1967 to 1972 he was Assistant Music Master at Oundle School, Northamptonshire, England. From 1973 to 1986 he was on the staff of the Royal Academy of Music where he taught choral conducting, sight-singing, harmony and other subjects. From 1973 to 1986, he was Director of Music at St. Jude-on-the-Hill Church in Hampstead Garden Suburb in London. He also served as organist at St. Mary-at-Hill Church in the City of London during that period.

From 1987 to 2004 Peter served as Cantor (Director of Music) at the Lutheran Church of St. Anne & St. Agnes in the City of London. At this historic church, built by Christopher Wren in 1680, he completed performances of all 220

Bach cantatas mostly in the monthly St. Anne's Bach Vespers. With the Lecosaldi Ensemble, a group of professional singers and instrumentalists he founded and still directs, Peter presented many choral and orchestral works in concerts and services.

Peter is an accomplished recitalist who has given organ concerts in Britain, Germany, Denmark, Sweden and the United States. During August and September 2005, he made his 19th recital tour of Denmark. He has given organ recitals at St. Paul's Cathedral in London as well as Washington's National Cathedral. He has also performed as a soloist and with the Lecosaldi Ensemble at Westminster Abbey and Canterbury Cathedral. In October 2004, he gave the 27th annual recital in the distinguished Paul D. Wickre Memorial Concert Series at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Silver Spring, Maryland. He has broadcast on Britain's Radio Three as well as making recordings of organ and instrumental music.

Peter conducts the Camden Chamber Singers and other choral societies as well as serving as a tutor at the annual Oxford Baroque Week. He frequently leads workshops on major choral works for singers and instrumentalists. He also travels throughout Great Britain as an examiner for the Associated Boards of the Royal Schools of Music.

He has composed many vocal and instrumental works as well as compositions for organ. He uses the pseudonym "Lecosaldi" when composing in the baroque style of Handel and Telemann. He uses "Lea-Cox" when composing in a contemporary idiom.

Gillian Humphreys Lea-Cox, Peter's wife who usually accompanies her husband on musical tours, is a soprano and a piano teacher who studied at the Royal Academy of Music. She is also an accomplished potter and cake decorator. Peter and Gilly live in rural Devon, England, in a thatched-roofed cottage built in 1560.

AUDITIONS FOR CHORAL ENSEMBLE HELD

Belle Voix Vocal Ensemble is sponsoring open auditions for all voice parts 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 ensemble is part of the ecumenical outreach of Grace UCC. To

schedule an audition or obtain more information, please contact Beth Pugliese, Artistic Director, 717-632-1989, or send an email to belle_voix@comcast.net. New members will be accepted until September 8.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE (CONTINUED)

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adult choirs include the Senior Choir, Jubilation, the Belles and the Saints; in addition this person will provide music direction for our Grateful Praise Service. The youth choirs include Prayze Kids, SonBeams, and the Cherubs. The right person (people) will have: Music education background, Keyboard abilities, Ability to organize and plan music with Pastors, Ability to choose music ranging from traditional hymns to praise songs, An exceptional love of children (Youth Choir Director), Experience directing choirs, and A sense of humor. If you or someone you know would like to opportunity to serve God while having a rewarding position as a Choir Director (adult and/or children) please contact us today! Contact: Mt. Zion UCC, Personnel Committee, 1054 Ridgewood Rd., York, PA 17402 or mtzionuccyorkpa@comcast.net.

MELVIN BUTLER WORKSHOP IN REVIEW

On Saturday, May 19 and Sunday May 20, J. Melvin Butler from St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle, visited York to lead a hymn festival at Christ Lutheran Church. The weekend event, co-sponsored by the chapter, included a choral workshop and hymn festival.

The choral workshop on Saturday was intended for any interested musician wishing to take part, whether to learn new ideas, or just have fun singing! The singers attending the workshop were challenged by Dr. Butler with music spanning shape note hymns to spirituals.

On Sunday, May 20, Dr. Butler led a hymn festival at Christ Lutheran Church for the feast of the Ascension with congregation, choir, organ and brass. Choral works from the Saturday workshop were sung in the festival, including a spiritual, "Ride On, King Jesus" by Bruce Trinkley, professor emeritus at Penn State University.

Dr. Butler cleverly framed the festival around *L'Ascension* Suite of Messiaen, playing each movement at a different point in the program. Other organ works performed were selections from the *Orgelbuchlein* of Bach and Vierne's Carillon de Westminster.

Dr. Butler's high level of musicianship and energetic playing were clearly apparent. His detail to musicality and creative use of the organ were awesome. Dr. Butler's hymn improvisations, which served as introductions to singing, were artistic, imaginative, unrivaled and unique. Each hymn stanza was treated with the utmost attention and care to its text. Rhythmic playing,

alternate singing, varied harmonizations, descants, and brass accompaniment were many of the inventive ways Dr. Butler led the gathered in song.

It was a pleasure to work with the many chapter members and musicians who helped make this event a wonderfully successful and inspiring weekend. It is my hope we continue to bring in the highest level of musicians like J. Melvin Butler.

Soli Deo Gloria!
Todd Davis



Workshop participants gather for a group photo in the choir loft of Christ Lutheran Church. J. Melvin Butler is at the bottom right of the photo.

OFFICIAL YORK CHAPTER EVENTS 2007-2008

Tuesday, September 18, 2007, 6:00 pm

Mount Zion United Church of Christ, 1054 Ridgewood Dr. Organist/Clergy Dinner

Installation of Officers

York College Chamber Choir

Dr. Grace Muzzo, director

Friday, October 19, 2007, 7:30 pm

Trinity United Church of Christ, 32 West Market St.

Organ Recital

Peter Lea-Cox, London, England

Saturday, November 17, 2007, 4:00 pm

Gettysburg Theological Seminary Chapel

Organ & Trumpet Recital

Matthew Wensel, organ & Brent Flinchbaugh, trumpet

Saturday, January 12, 2008, all day

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Bryn Mawr, PA

January Jumpstart sponsored by Philadelphia AGO

Saturday, February 9, 2008, 9:15 am - 12:30 pm



St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 839 W. Market St.

Workshop by Wayne Leupold

Sunday, March 30, 2008, 5:00 pm

Christ Lutheran Church, 23 S. George St.

Organ Recital

Mary Preston, Dallas Texas

Saturday, April 19, 2008, 9:00 am - Noon

York County Heritage Trust, Christ Lutheran Church

Trinity United Church of Christ, Capitol Theatre

Pedals, Pipes & Pizza

Michael Britt, theatre organist

Sunday, May 18, 2008, 3:00 pm

St. John's Episcopal Church, N. Beaver St.

Student/Member Recital

Hunt scholarship competition

ORGANIST/CLERGY DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number Attending: _____ x \$13.50 = _____

Number of vegetarian entrees, if desired: _____

Please mail form and check to:

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YORK, PA 17401

Deadline for reservations is September 10, 2007

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