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Mission Statement

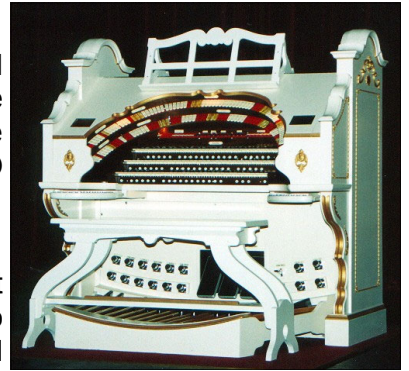
- To promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles
- To encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music
- To provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of members

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December Meeting

Mark your calendars now and come to the Capitol Theatre at 2 PM on Saturday, December 13. We are doing a Holiday Sing-along before the movie White Christmas with members of both the AGO and SVTOS chapters and the "Mighty Wurlitzer".

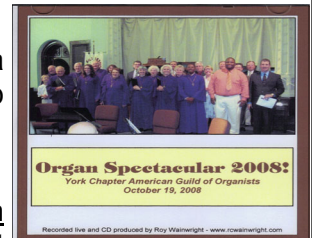


We need you to help support this effort, hand out song sheets, and sing along! The objective is to promote the International Year of the Organ, and get the general public interested in the organ (of all types).

We are making arrangements to get our members in (and out) at no charge before the movie starts. In the lobby, look for an SVTOS member (SVTOS badge) or AGO member (IYO pin) to sign in. If you would like to stay for this classic movie, you will have to purchase a ticket (\$7.00). Hope to see you there!

New... York AGO CDs!

We are now offering CD recordings as gifts for a contribution of \$10.00 or more to the Organ Scholarship (Keys for Kids) Fund.



The first CD is the full recording of the October 19 Organ Spectacular, both at the Tannenberg and the First Presbyterian Church.

The second CD is a recording of "Victorian Secrets" made at the meeting November 11, 2008

We will have these available at our regular meetings, or you can mail a check for \$10 or more for each CD desired (please specify which) to Roy Wainwright, 2897 Olde Field Dr. York, PA 17408.

Lancaster AGO organist taken ill

Dr. Tim Sidebothom - tim@fpclanc.org, 42 yrs old, Director of Music and Organist at the First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster has suffered a stroke and is partially paralyzed. First Presbyterian Church is searching for substitute organists to play services for the following dates:

November 30 Advent Lessons and Carols and December 21

If you are able to assist, please contact the following person:

Ellen Stephenson, First Presbyterian Church 717-394-6854

ellen17603@verizon.net

DEAN'S LETTER

Dear Colleagues,

'Tis the season to make music, and lots of it! As organists and choir directors the Advent/Christmas season is one of our busiest times. It is also a time that is filled with opportunity! At this season of the year more than at any other, the attention of the general public turns to organ and choral music, so we have a special opportunity to touch their hearts and minds through our music making.



Looking ahead to the New Year, it is not too soon to mark your calendars for our January Jumpstart sponsored by the Philadelphia AGO Chapter. Why not invite a colleague or friend from near or far, or bring someone with you who has never attended an AGO event before.

Since it also the season for giving thanks, let me express my heartfelt thanks to Roy Wainwright who has agreed to assume being editor of our chapter newsletter, *Orgelzeit*. Byron

Daudelin has agreed to assist Roy. Todd Davis and Ruth Ann Burke have stepped down from their positions on the Executive Board. Kudos also to Kay Wade who has agreed to act as Chapter Secretary and to Byron Daudelin and Rodney Barnett for agreeing to fill in for their terms.

Since it is the season of giving, there are several ways that you can assist the Guild in its ongoing work at both the local and national levels. As chapter members, you should be aware that the York Chapter makes a contribution to the AGO Annual Fund. However, contributions from individual members are also vitally important. Information can be found on the national website: www.agohq.org. You can also directly support the work of York Chapter in many ways during the year, but let me just suggest one: A contribution in any amount over and above your annual dues helps to fund chapter programming, and enables us to plan future events with confidence.

Lastly, after all the holiday music making is done, may you have some quiet time to share the joys of this season with those who mean the most to you!

With very best wishes,
Victor Fields, Dean

Membership- From the Old to New

Our recent Organ Spectacular featured a program entitled "From Old to New" in which we heard music from the "Old" Tannenberg and the "New" Allen digital organ.

Why not apply this theme to our membership drive for 2008-09? Let's move our membership number from the old 53 to a new level of 75.

How do we do this? The answer is simple – talk to friends and associates, stressing the many benefits of membership. Emphasize the variety of programs that occur each year. Use the "Victorian Secrets" and the Organ Spectacular as examples.. Highlight the opportunities to chat and enjoy fellowship with others who have an interest in the king of instruments. Let 2009 be a year in which we move from the old to the new! - Carolyn Smith, Sub-Dean

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.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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, 3:00 pm Benefit Concert for The WELL

Trinity United Church of Christ, 32 West Market Street, York The Music Outreach Committee at Trinity United Church of Christ, 32 West Market Street in downtown York PA, will present a program of holiday music on Sunday, December 7, at 3:00PM. The concert is free and open to the public.

Featured musicians will be high school vocal and instrumental performing groups from Dover, Kennard-Dale, York High and York Suburban school districts.. A free-will offering will be taken and sent to The WELL, a non-profit organization that assists people who are in need of shelter, clothing, food and other personal items.

For additional information concerning this concert, please contact the office at Trinity United Church of Christ at 717-848-1775, or Michael Anderson, 717-600-1687 mondanderson@comcast.net

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. Admission \$10.00 Music scores will be provided.

Sun., Dec. 14, 4:00 p.m. Handel's Messiah. 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.

December 14 at 4:00 PM St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hanover is pleased to present the international German organ virtuoso **Felix Hell** in a program of music for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Free will offering. 129 Charles St. Hanover, PA. See flyer next page

December 14 at 4:00 PM Holly Tea & Organ Concert featuring Bell Choir of Salem Lutheran Church, Jacobus. First St. John's Lutheran Church 140 W. King St., York.

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

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

Sunday, January 4 - Twelfth Night Celebration with tradition Victorian Costumes. Grace United Methodist Church, 37 N. Broad St., York. Performances are at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tickets are free, but still necessary especially for the 3 o'clock performance. Please call the church office at 854-8573 for tickets or more information. Rodney Barnett, Twelfth Night Music Director; Ruth Ann Burke, Organist.

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.

Sat. Jan 17, 2009 8:30am- 4pm -January JumpStart 2009 Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. We can travel together..SEE DETAILS PAGE 5

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

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. Churchphone: 717-432-3202. Contact Pastor Lois Van Orden at the church or by email, Ivanorden@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.

Asbury United Methodist Church, York is seeking a part-time Organist. Responsibilities include but are not limited to 2 weekly traditional worship services, weekly choir rehearsals as well as special worship events. Preference will be given to candidates with related music degrees and prior worship team experience. Interested applicants can e-mail resumes to info@asburyork.org or fax to 717.846.2731 or mail to Asbury UMC 340 E. Market St. York, PA 17403. If you would like more information please feel free to call 717.843.0733.

Emmanuel UCC Church, Abbottstown Organist/Choir Director. Emmanuel UCC Church ,

Center Square , P.O. Box 356 , Abbottstown. Experience preferred. Must play organ and piano.

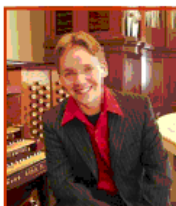
Responsible for directing Adult choir and selecting music for same, coordinate Sunday Worship music in cooperation with minister. 10:15 Sunday worship service (9:30 during summer months) plus additional special services for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Lent. Wednesday choir rehearsal. Additional stipend for Weddings and Funerals. Allen organ. Four week vacation. Salary \$9,000 per year.

Mail resume to above address or e-mail to eucca-town@juno.com. Inquiries may be directed to the church office at (717) 259-9614.

ORGAN CONCERT



St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church is pleased to present the international German organ virtuoso Felix Hell in a program of music for the Advent and Christmas seasons on Sunday, December 14 at 4:00 PM. This will be your final opportunity to hear Felix Hell play live, this year, in the United States and will mark the fifth appearance in Hanover since his South Central Pennsylvania debut in 1999. Felix's program will include compositions and carols of the season that will demonstrate why he is one of the most in demand organists in the concert scene today whose performances typically draw large crowds from all over the country. It will also showcase the capabilities of the church's four manual, 45 rank J.W. Steere/Möller pipe organ housing over 3,000 pipes. To help you get into the holiday spirit, the audience will have the opportunity to sing a few of their favorite Christmas carols.



Mr. Hell has performed over five hundred recitals in major churches, auditoriums, and concert halls throughout the world. Felix has the distinction of being the youngest graduate in the history of the organ department of the prestigious Curtis Institute of Music located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he studied with Dr. John Weaver. He received a Bachelor of Music degree in 2003 when he was eighteen years old. Felix completed graduate studies under the guidance of Professor Donald Sutherland, at the Peabody Institute in Baltimore, where he received his Artist Diploma degree in May 2007 and a Master of Music degree in 2008.

He is Organ Artist Associate of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Manhattan, New York City, Distinguished Organist in Residence to the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, PA. Recently, Mr. Hell has been appointed as Organ Instructor at the Sunderman Conservatory, Gettysburg, PA.

We invite you, your family, and friends to join us at St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church on December 14th at 4:00PM and help Felix unwrap his special Christmas gift to us of music for the holidays. For further information or directions please contact the church office at (717) 637-8904. St. Mark's is handicapped accessible on the Willow Street entrance. A free will offering will be received. The church is located at 129 Charles Street, Hanover, Pennsylvania.

SAINT MARK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ♦ 129 CHARLES STREET, HANOVER

The Philadelphia, Southeastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, York, Lancaster, Reading, Lehigh Valley, and Southwest Jersey Chapters of the American Guild of Organists present:

January JumpStart 2009

A workshop for church musicians. New ideas for a new year.

Saturday, January 17, 2009 8:30 to 4:00 Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Alan Morrison: Two organ master classes on the Rieger organ. Play any music you wish. Contact Alan if you would like to play: alanmorrison@comcast.net

Jeff Brillhart: Two classes on improvisation, including tips for beginners and skills for more experienced players.

Martha Johnson: Two classes: "Re-thinking Our Role as Conductors"

Part I will examine conducting tools for a church musician, including practical help with score preparation, how to empower volunteer musicians, and techniques of communicating clearly to singers and players.

Part II will use these tools to stretch the comfort zone, such as work with chant, psalmody, chant-based works and early polyphonic scores, and contemporary choral music of recent decades with rhythmic, harmonic and textural challenges. Resource lists will be provided.

David Herman of the University of Delaware: Basics of Organ Registration and Tips for Efficient Practice: How to make the best of the time you've got. How to make the best of the organ you've got.

Organ Repertoire Review: presented by Glenn Rodgers of the Southwest Jersey Chapter

Handbells: Two sessions: Beginning Bells for Directors and Using Handbells in a Liturgical Setting. Presented by Martha Alford, an experienced leader of handbell clinics.

Children's Choirs: Everything you need to know in one 75-minute class. Presented by Bruce Tonkin from Gilbertsville, PA, who was a public school music teacher and who has a million kids in his church choirs.

Anthem Reading Sessions: for adult choirs large and small, and for children's choirs, directed by **Jonathan Noel of York**, Ralph Purri of Havertown, and Donna Burkholder of Lancaster. (note: Unfortunately, we are no longer able to offer the reading packets free of charge. Publishers long ago stopped offering them to us for free, and the chapters must pass the cost along. Bring cash. They will be less than \$10 each.)

Contracts and Your Love of Church Music:

Copyright Law and Your Job: Two topics presented by David Rhody an attorney who is a member of the Southwest Jersey Chapter and our Region III Councillor for Professional Development

The Details: Registration is **free for AGO members**. Non-members: \$30

Lunch is \$15 for everyone; brown-bagging is welcome

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YORK AGO PROGRAMS

2008

Saturday, December 13th, 2:00 pm (movie at 3pm)

Christmas Carol Sing- along
"White Christmas" feature film
Terry Nace and AGO organists
Capitol Theatre

2009

Saturday, January 17th all day

January Jumpstart sponsored by Philadelphia AGO
Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Bryn Mawr, Pa

Saturday, February 14th , Noon

Valentine's Day brunch and music sale
Members bring a covered dish
Trinity United Church of Christ, 32 W. Market St.

Tuesday, March 24th , 7:00 pm

Handbell Workshop with Richard Frey
Trinity United Church of Christ, 116 York St, Hanover, PA

Saturday, April 18th, 2008, 9:00 am – Noon

Pedals, Pipes & Pizza
**York County Heritage Trust, First Presbyterian Church,
Capitol Theatre, Menchey Music Store**

Sunday, May 31st 3:00 pm

Student/Member Recital
Hunt scholarship competition
First Presbyterian Church, 225 E. Market St.



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