

Delaware AGO Chapter Officers

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Letter from our Dean

I hope a relaxing Thanksgiving helps prepare you for the frenetic month of December. Knowing how busy that month is, we don't schedule an AGO chapter meeting during December. But looking back over the first half of this season, I believe we have had three successful events. Our regional councillor, Wayne Wold, was our guest speaker in September. Twyla Evitts and Joanne Hench performed at this event followed by potluck supper. In October, a fun group met at Chelsea Tavern for an informal brunch and social time. Our November meeting featured Mike Bareham, Cecilia Man, David Schelat, Jack Burnam, Melissa Heieie, Steve Patchel, and David Herman (who also organized the program). There was donated music at each event, and particularly at the November meeting we had a large donation of high-quality scores. And of course, as always, good food and fellowship.

**Chapter Event Dates
Details inside...**

- September 14, Sat. 6:00 pm**
Potluck and Recital
Hanover Presbyterian Church, Wilmington

- October 19, Sat. 10:30 am**
Informal Brunch
Chelsea Tavern, Wilmington

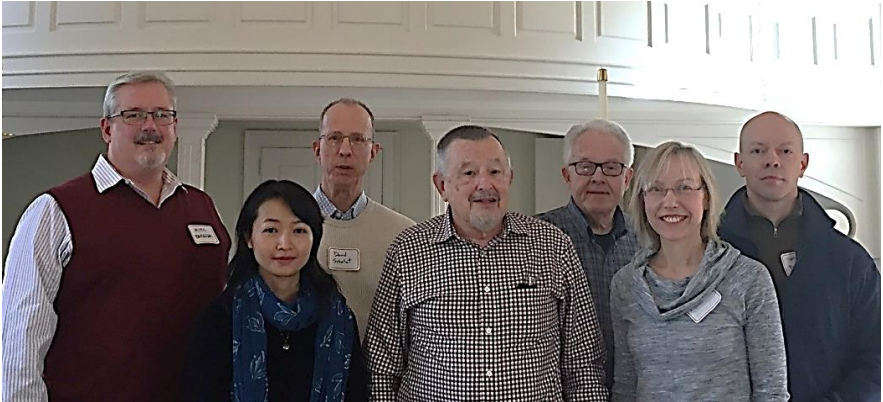
- November 9, Sat. 10:00 am**
New Organ Music
Immanuel Church, New Castle

- January 11, Sat. 8:30 to 3:00**
January Jumpstart
Abington Presbyterian Church

- March 21, Sat. 10:00 a.m.**
Working with aging voices
St. Paul's Lutheran, Newark

- April 18, Sat. 10:30 am**
Informal Brunch
Chelsea Tavern, Wilmington

- May 31, Sunday 6:00 p.m.**
Annual Banquet
Saints Andrew & Matthew



Players/presenters at November 9 event at Immanuel on the Green, New Castle

Our informal brunch get-togethers are lots of fun, and I hope you will consider attending the one in the spring on April 18.

Next up is the annual January Jumpstart, this year to be held at Abington Presbyterian Church on Saturday, January 11. There is still time to request a spot in a carpool by sending a message to info@delawareago.org.

I hope there is time for each of you to enjoy the holiday season we are entering.

—Bill Robinson

Letter from our Sub-dean

As I write this note to you, Advent and Christmas are approaching and I'm preoccupied with planning and practicing for those major times in the church year. But I'm also thinking about what comes after Christmas. For AGOers in this region, that's January JumpStart!

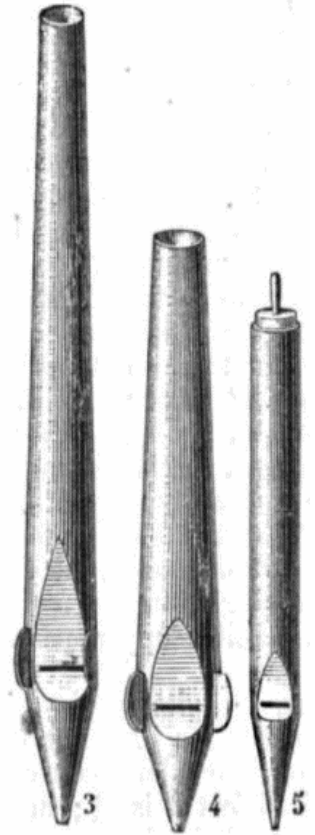
January JumpStart is an annual multi-AGO chapter educational/inspirational/just-plain-fun time and this year it takes place on January 11. I've attended this for many years and have always found it to be worthwhile and fun. For many years this has been held at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, but that facility is being renovated, so this year January JumpStart will take place at Abington Presbyterian Church, north of Philadelphia.

Organist and harpsichordist Paolo Bordignon will be the featured presenter with other breakout sessions by local colleagues – including me talking about my choral music. Paolo Bordignon is interim Organist and Choirmaster of St. Bartholomew's Church in New York where he directs St. Bartholomew's Choir, St. Bart's Singers, serves as principal organist, and helps oversee one of the nation's pre-eminent church music programs.

I hope you plan to attend. While it is a bit of a drive to Abington, we will gladly arrange carpooling to make the trek more fun than driving alone. Contact Bill Robinson or me to ask for a ride!

Best wishes for a meaningful Advent and joy-filled Christmas, and hope to see you in Abington!

—David Schelat



2019-20 DELAWARE CHAPTER PROGRAMS

Saturday 11 January 2020

8:30 AM to 3:00 AM

January Jumpstart

Abington Presbyterian

A joint venture with the Philadelphia and surrounding area chapters.

Saturday 21 March 10:00 AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

701 College Ave. Newark

Working with aging voices, led by Suzanne DuPlantis

Saturday 18 April 10:30 AM

Chelsea Tavern, Wilmington

Spring Brunch

Informal time to share with colleagues and friends. Eat, talk, share stories.

Sunday 31 May 6:00 PM

Saints Andrew & Matthew

Annual Members' Banquet

Catered supper followed by a presentation from Rev. Victoria Sirota



NOTABLE CONCERTS & EVENTS

DECEMBER

Sunday 1 December 3:00 PM
Lessons & Carols for Advent
All Saints' & St George's Parish Choir
Jackson Borges, Director
Beaver Dam Rd., Harbeson

Sunday 1 December 5:00 PM
Advent Lessons & Carols:
"From Darkness into Light"
Christ Church Christiana Hundred

Saturday 7 December 7:30 PM
Mastersingers of Wilmington:
Carols of the Southwest
First & Central Presbyterian
Holiday music of Conrad Susa
based on Latin American carols
Tickets \$25; \$10 students
www.marketstreetmusicde.org;

Sunday 8 December 2:00 PM
Festival of Lessons and Carols
Cathedral of St. Peter
6th and West Streets, Wilmington
www.cathedralofstpeter.com
freewill donations

Sunday 8 December 4:00 PM
Lessons and Carols for Advent
Immanuel Church, New Castle
music based on the "O" Antiphons
Music of Palestrina, J.S. Bach,
Howells, Britten, & others
Immanuel Combined Choirs,
Jack Burnam, Choirmaster

Sunday 8 December 7:00 PM
Candlelight Advent Vespers
Presbyterian Church of Covenant
Covenant Schola Cantorum, Soloists,
and Chamber Orchestra
\$15 suggested donation

Wilmington Handbell Ensemble
Sunday 8 December 7:00 PM
Ebenezer United Methodist, Newark

Saturday 14 December 7:00 PM
St. Paul's Methodist, Wilmington

Sunday 22 December 7:00 PM
Calvary Baptist Church, Newark

Sunday 15 December 3:00 PM
Piffaro Christmas Concert:
Caroling in Early England
Christ Church Christiana Hundred

Sunday 15 December 4:00 PM
Advent Lessons and Carols
Immanuel Church, Highlands

Sunday 15 December 4:00 PM
Choir School of Delaware:
Sounds of the Season
excerpts from Handel's Messiah
and Bach's Cantata 142
First & Central Presbyterian

Sunday 15 December 7:00 PM
Feast of Carols Christmas Concert
Grace Church UMC, Wilmington
Christmas Oratorio of Saint Saëns
Accompanied by orchestra and
Gabe Benton, organist

Saturday 21 December 3:00 PM
The New Ark Chorale:
Gloria in Excelsis Deo!
Str. Paul's Lutheran, Newark
choir, brass quintet, timpani and
\$15 tickets www.newarkchorale.org

Saturday 21 Dec 7:00 PM
Christmas Spectacular
St. Helena's Catholic Church
chamber orchestra, 70 piece choir

Sunday 29 December 3PM/7PM
Christ Church Choir Christmas
John Rutter, guest conductor
with brass and organ

JANUARY 2020

Sunday 5 January 4:00 PM
Chopin Serenade
Mark Blaschke, Pianist
Saints Andrew and Matthew
\$10 Suggested Donation

Sunday 5 January 4:00 PM
Holiday Concert
St. Paul's Lutheran, Newark
Carol singing and
Robert Hobby's "Holy Light"
stpaulsnewarkde.org.

Sunday 12 January 4:00 PM
Choral Evensong
Immanuel Church, New Castle
sung by the Immanuel Choir
Music of Gibbons, Smith, Lauridsen

Friday 18 January 7:30 PM
Get Happy: A Celebration of the
Great American Songbook
Choir School of Delaware
Opera Delaware Studios
4 S Poplar Street, Wilmington

Saturday 25 January 7:30 PM
Spirituals Concert
Saints Andrew and Matthew
Delaware ChoralArts with SsAM Choir
Michelle Johnson Major, Soprano
Guest Artist

FEBRUARY

Sunday 2 February 5:00 PM
Choral Evensong for Epiphany
Christ Church Christiana Hundred
Organ Prelude: Andrew Senn (4:30)
Christ Church Christiana Hundred

Saturday 8 February
Sunday 9 February
Visiting Scholar Weekend
Immanuel Church, New Castle
Esther Lightcap Meek, PhD:
"The Epiphany of Beauty:
Where Art and Faith Converge"
www.longingtoknow.com
Lectures, Rehearsals, Evensong
Music of Near, Paulus, McDowall

Sunday 9 February 3:00 PM
12th Annual Festival of Spirituals
St. Helena's Catholic Church
Multiple choirs combine
to celebrate American Spirituals

Sunday 16 February 4:00 PM
Organ Recital by Marc Cheban
Saints Andrew and Matthew

Sunday 23 February 3:00 PM
Piffaro: Music in the
court of Isabella d'Este
Christ Church Christiana Hundred

Sunday 23 February 4:00 PM
Lift Every Voice and Sing:
Choir School of Delaware
Ezion Mt. Carmel United Methodist
800 North Walnut Street
Music from the Republic of Congo
and American South

Saturday 29 February 7:00 PM
Let It Shine: An Evening of Spirituals
Presbyterian Church of the Covenant
Augustine Mercante, countertenor
Steven Weatherman, piano
\$15 suggested donation

MARCH

Sunday 1 March 5:00 PM
Choral Evensong for Lent
Christ Church Christiana Hundred
Gamba and Organ Prelude:
Bruce Barber (4:30)

Sunday 8 March 4:00 PM
Lessons and Carols for Lent
Immanuel Church, New Castle
sung by the Immanuel Choir
Jack Burnam, Choirmaster

Sunday 15 March 4:00 PM
Organ Recital by David Christopher
Saints Andrew and Matthew
Alain, Bach, Mendelssohn

Sunday 22 March 3:00 PM
Christ Church Choir Lenten Concert
Music for Voices & Viols

Saturday 28 March 7:00 PM
From the Manger to the Cross
Presbyterian Church of the Covenant
Silent film with live accompaniment
Jackson Borges, organist
\$15 suggested donation



POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Interim Organist/Music Director - Westminster Presbyterian Church • Wilmington, Delaware

We are seeking an Interim Organist/Music Director to sustain an excellent sacred music program while we seek a permanent Music Director. The contract is expected to cover the time period January 1–June 30, 2020. This is a full-time salaried position with benefits.

Westminster offers two worship services each Sunday: The first service is a traditional Presbyterian service that includes a full choir and organ. The second service features creative liturgy, new songs and old hymns accompanied by piano and other instruments.

Westminster needs a talented, energetic and creative musician to:

- Serve as organist and/or pianist for all worship services. (1966 Austin organ, 3 manual, 53 ranks)
- Direct and accompany the Westminster Adult Choir and conduct weekly rehearsals (40-member choir with four paid professionals)
- Participate in weekly worship planning meetings with pastors
- Serve as a resource to the Director of Music for Children and Youth

If you would like to apply for this position, please submit a letter of interest and your resume with references to Barbara Jobe, Convener of the Interim Organist/Music Director Search Committee, at bjobe@comcast.net. Short audio/video samples of playing and conducting are welcomed.

To learn more about Westminster Church, please see our website, www.wpc.org.

To apply: Send a letter of interest, resume with references, and short audio/video samples of playing and conducting to Barbara Jobe, Convener, Director of Music/Organist Search Committee at apply@wpc.org. We are now considering applications and are looking to fill the position as early as April 15.

Organist/Choir Director - St. Patrick's Church • 1414 N. King Street • Wilmington, DE 19801

Organist will play and Conduct for the Extraordinary Form (Latin) High Mass, 10:30 AM on the last Sunday of each month, September through May. Additional Masses may be required during Christmas through Epiphany Season. There are choir rehearsals twice a month, usually the first and last Saturday of the Month from 10 - 11:30 AM. Salary is negotiable. Austin 10 rank pipe organ.

Contact: Patrick Dougherty at pat.dougherty@gmail.com / 302-633-4354

Director of Music Ministries (DMM) - Derry Presbyterian Church • Hershey, PA • derrypres.org

The DMM plans, produces, and provides music ministry programs that create community, educate listeners, and glorify God. Music is a vital part of our ministry together, so we seek a Director who leads from a place of spirituality rather than performance and who promotes a music ministry that is inclusive of various people, talents, and styles of worship music. We are passionate about mission and desire a missional music ministry that not only leads in worship but also reaches out and ministers to our community.

Send a one-page cover letter that speaks to your experience and passion for music ministry, a résumé, and contact information for three professional references who can attest to your skills and abilities as a choir director and/or organist to Kathy McGrath at kathy.mcgrath09@gmail.com. Applicants are encouraged to submit links to streaming audio or video of their current choir and/or organ playing.

SUBSTITUTE LIST

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