

THE WINDCHEST

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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to our New Year and to its first Newsletter, full of good stuff. You will find greetings from our new Dean and Subdean, details of our exciting program year, as well as information about other outstanding events. Please put them on your calendar and join us, beginning with the first meeting on 12 September. Be like a Wise Man and come with a covered dish. (To repeat the old joke: Biblical scholars know that at least one of the Wise Men was a Lutheran, because he brought a covered dish.)

“A Great Cloud of Witnesses.” These faithful men and women who came before us to “pave the way” are referred to in Hebrews 12:1. I always mentioned to my students the names of my teachers, along with other famous teachers from previous generations. I do that, first, so that they have a sense of who their “pedagogical grandparents” were. In addition, I wanted them to know the names of legendary persons from the past whom they will never meet and, very likely, whose names they have never heard. Such as that first American generation from whom many of us are descended: Arthur Poister (Syracuse University), Harold Gleason (Eastman) and Palmer Christian (University of Michigan). A suggestion: Thank your teachers and tell your students about them.



Arthur Poister (1898-1980)



Harold Gleason (1892-1980) and
his wife, the late Catherine Crozier



Palmer Christian (1841-1953)

In closing, I want to mention that, along with organists around the world, we in Delaware surely lament the sudden and early death of John Scott, organist and choirmaster of St. Thomas Church Fifth Avenue in New York and previously, director of music at St. Paul's Cathedral, London. John Scott died in New York on 12 August at age 59, having returned just days before from a highly acclaimed recital tour in Europe. Tributes to his work are all over the web, including the *in memoriam* broadcast on *Pipedreams*: <http://pipedreams.publicradio.org/listings/2015/1533/>

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P.S. Some of you have already sent me information about upcoming programs at your church, for which I am very grateful. All members are encouraged to send me information about activities at any time during the year.

2015-16 Chapter Programs

Saturday, 12 September, 6:00 pm.

Covered dish supper at Zion Lutheran Church, 2101 Lancaster Avenue, Wilmington. A music exchange will be provided, so please bring organ scores or anthems that you do not want to keep. This meeting is a great opportunity to renew old friendships, meet new members, and share experiences and information of interest to all chapter members.

Saturday, 3 October, 10:00 am. First Unitarian Church of Wilmington, 730 Halstead Road. Repertoire workshop by Stephen Hamilton, Minister of Music Emeritus, Church of the Holy Trinity, New York City. Bagels and coffee will be available at 9:30 a.m. See the companion event in the "Coming Events" list.

Saturday, 7 November, 10:00 am. (or 10:30; details to follow). A visit to Granogue, the du Pont family home and currently the home of Irénée du Pont, Jr. Granogue has an organ installed by Mr. du Pont's father, which has a treasure of organ rolls that have been converted to MIDI files by Mr. du Pont.

Saturday 16 January 2016, 8:30 am. *January JumpStart* at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 625 Montgomery Avenue in Bryn Mawr, PA. Our annual multi-chapter, mini convention! More details will follow as they are revealed to us.

Saturday, 12 March, 10:00 am. *Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza* – a "meet the organ" experience for young people. Newark United Methodist Church. Details to follow.

Sunday, 5 June 5, 6:00 pm. Our end-of-year banquet, with a members recital. The Rev'd Thomas R. Malia will be our guest speaker. Thomas Malia is Assistant to the President for Mission of Mercy Medical Center in Baltimore. He was previously a priest in the Archdiocese of Baltimore for 30 years. He is particularly interested in the liturgy of the church and is active in the Baltimore Chapter of the AGO.

From The Dean



Greetings AGO DE members! I am writing this letter in complete disbelief that the summer is almost over. However, I'm thrilled to start the program year as your new Dean! Your board has been hard at work planning some fantastic events, which are listed in the calendar, above.

As we move forward into the program year I'd like to remind you to please renew your membership if you haven't already done so.

Also, we now have an AGO DE Facebook page. Please visit/like this page and share it with anyone who may be interested. www.facebook.com/DelawareAGO My hope is the Facebook page will become a major communication and outreach tool for the chapter.

Lastly, I'd like to hear from you. The members of DE AGO are the life of the AGO. How can this organization reach out and foster a love of the organ in generations to come? Feel free to contact me at nperwo@newark-umc.org

~Ned Perwo~

From the Sub-Dean

As the new subdean, I look forward to working with the executive board to ensure a successful season. I also look forward to getting to know more of you personally.

One of the primary responsibilities of the subdean is to serve as program chair. During the course of this season, we will plan the events of the following season. I very much encourage you to send program suggestions to me (WRobin44@aol.com).

Longwood Gardens has just announced its concert series for the new season. You can find the complete list at longwoodgardens.org, but I would like to call your attention to the fact that two of our own will be performing there: Jackson Borges on Sunday, March 6, and Neil Harmon on Sunday, March 20. Both programs are at 1:00 p.m.

Speaking of Longwood Gardens, we recently took some guests there and stopped in for the organ demonstration. There was no live performance, but they now have a visualizer that represents each manual and the pedalboard, lighting each note as it is played from a recording and also using lights to show registration changes, all helpfully color coded by manual. A docent introduced each selection, cheerfully informing us that the first piece would be Wagner's *Prelude to Lowenbrau*. Cheers!

~Bill Robinson~

More Coming Events

(Admission is free unless indicated otherwise.)

Sunday, 13 September, 4:00 pm. Joseph Kaminski, trumpet and Michael Lundy, organ at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 7200 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin. General admission \$20; children and students free with ID. More information: 302.239.7100 x16.

Sunday, 20 September, 4:00 pm. *Music for Organ and Strings* at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 901 N. DuPont Street in Wilmington. Louis Lawrence Perazza, organ. Music by Handel (Organ Concerto No. 4), Elgar, Denis Bédard and Rheinberger. Tickets: \$10.00 at the door.

Thursday, 1 October, 12:30 pm. The opening concert in the series *Market Street Music* at Wilmington's First & Central Presbyterian Church features the Copeland String Quartet.

Sunday, 4 October, 4:00 pm. Choral Evensong for the Feast of Saint Francis at Immanuel Highlands Episcopal Church, Steven Patchel, director.

Sunday, 4 October, 4:00 pm. Organ recital by Stephen Hamilton at First Unitarian Church, 730 Halstead Road in Wilmington.

Thursday, 8 October, 12:30 pm. *Market Street Music*: David Schelat, organist, plays music by J.S. Bach on the Kney organ at First & Central Presbyterian Church.

Saturday, 10 October, 4:00 pm. The Welsh Chapel in Delta, PA, has recently restored their 1961 Moller Double Artiste and is holding an organ concert to help support its upkeep. Guest artists, raffles, dessert reception, artists meet-and-greet, organ demonstration Capel Cymraeg Rehoboth - Rehoboth Welsh Chapel 1029 Atom Road, Delta, Pennsylvania Suggested donation: \$20 for adults, children and students free.

Saturday, 17 October, 2:00 pm. Jeffrey Brillhart, organist, and Canadian Brass at the Kimmel Center. Tickets required: <http://www.kimmelcenter.org/events/index.php?id=5246>

Saturday, 17 October, 7:30 pm. *Market Street Music: The King of Instruments—Plus.* Colorful music performed by David Schelat, organ; Kim Reighley, flutes; Lloyd Shorter, English Horn; Steven Heitzer, trumpet. First & Central Presbyterian Church. General admission is \$20 at www.MarketStreetMusicDE.org or \$25 at the door.

Saturday, 17 October, ?? Organ recital by Nathan Laube at Christ Church Christiana Hundred.

Wednesday, 21 October, 12:30 pm. The first program in this year's *Music for A While* series features David Herman playing French organ music on the Dobson organ in UD's Bayard Sharp Hall.

Saturday, 24 October, 7:30 pm. The Highlands Chamber Players perform music of Brahms, Dvořák and Telemann. Immanuel Highlands Episcopal Church.

Friday, 30 October, 8:00 pm. *Chanticleer*, the renowned male a cappella group, will perform in concert at Grace United Methodist Church on Friday, October 30 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$40.00 and can be purchased at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1410068 Please let the singers and music enthusiasts in your congregation know about this fantastic opportunity to hear *Chanticleer* in a live performance.

Thursday, 5 November, 12:30. Center City Chorale, David Schelat, conductor with Neil Harmon, organist presents a concert of English contemporary composers Philip Stopford and Peter Mathews. First & Central Presbyterian Church.

Positions Available

Mariner's Bethel Un. Methodist Church, Ocean View, DE seeks a part-time organist/pianist to accompany the congregation and choir for Sunday services and weekly rehearsals. A job description is available upon request. Send resume and letter of intent to janpar@juno.com

Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. Tenor section leader/soloist as part of our professional quintet. Thursday evening 7:30 PM rehearsal and Sunday morning 11 AM High Choral Mass. Salary \$100.00 per week. \$50.00 for every additional call. Weddings, \$200.00, funerals \$150.00, Cantor at assigned mass additional \$50.00 per mass. Excellent sight-reading a must. Interested singers should contact Louis L. Perazza at 302-421-3700 extension 19 or luigiorganum@aol.com

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Shillington, PA (one hour west of Philly), seeks a Director of Music/Organist to lead a broad, vibrant and innovative music/arts ministry that includes two Sunday morning services with four vocal choirs and two handbell ensembles. Competence in traditional Lutheran liturgy as well as contemporary/blended worship is desired. The sanctuary has a piano and fifteen year old Allen Organ console that accesses 32 ranks of Möller pipes, plus has 23 digital stops and antiphonal balcony speakers. There are 100 digital voices playable in the front and rear divisions. Starting salary for a minimum BA or its equivalent is \$35,000–40,000 per year for a 35-hour workweek. Medical insurance, pension and other benefits offered according to ELCA standards for full time employees. Contact music@graceshill.org to apply and/or seek further information.

Immanuel Highlands Episcopal Church is seeking a tenor and a bass choral scholar/section leader to begin in mid-September. \$100/week for Thursday rehearsal and Sunday service. Occasional evening services throughout the year. Contact Steven Patchel at spatchel@immanuel-highlands.org for more information and audition date.

Christ Church in Woodbury, NJ seeks an organist and choir director. Founded in 1856, Christ Church is firmly grounded in Book of Common Prayer (1979) Rite I Liturgy, using the Hymnal 1982.

Traditional liturgical music is central to the main choral Eucharist at 10:00 on Sunday morning. The director will lead a choir comprising a quartet of paid choral scholars (underwritten) and several committed volunteers. The adult choir currently rehearses only on Sundays; a midweek rehearsal is a possibility.

A children's choir, currently singing four services per year, is ripe for further development.

Organ: two-manual M.P. Möller Double Artiste with tonal additions. Salary range: \$18,500 to \$23,000

The successful candidate will have solid conducting and service-playing skills. This position averages 20 hours per week. A full position description is [here](#). Interested candidates should forward a resume, two or three audio/video samples of playing and conducting totaling no more than ten minutes, and three references to office@christchurch.woodburynj.org, with "Organist/Choir Director Search" in the subject line. Application deadline: September 10, 2015.

St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Limestone Road in Wilmington is searching for an Organist.

Two-manual pipe organ. Basic duties include: accompanying the choir rehearsal Wednesday evenings and at the traditional Sunday morning 11:00 service; providing preludes, offertories and postludes for all services (except the 8:30 praise service); playing for special services; directing the choir in the absence of the choir director; and playing for various church events such as funerals, special programs, etc. A more comprehensive job description will be posted shortly on the church's website. Call the church at (302) 994-0400 for more information or to apply.

The West Nottingham Presbyterian church in Colora, MD is looking for a music director. Details can be found in their add on Facebook or on the wnpc website. Contact pastordonna1@gmail.com for more information or to apply.

The Presbyterian Church of Kennett Square is seeking a part-time organist.

Organs for Sale

The family of James Boeringer, prominent church musician and educator, who died last year, is offering a pipe organ for sale: <https://sites.google.com/site/tellerspipeorgan/> The asking price (negotiable) is \$8,000.

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