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### Letter from our Dean

## Welcome!

Welcome to a new year of AGO programming! The program committee has designed an engaging and exciting year for us, with events for new organists, young piano players/organist wannabes, social events, singing events, and events offering inspiration. It will be a great year for the Delaware AGO.

We began the year with a picnic at the home of member Tony Thurman where we enjoyed tasty and ample food and drink as well as conversation together, and installed our officers with the help of our Regional Councilor and friend Wayne Wold. Thanks to all who attended. We had a terrific time!

### Please help!

As your elected board was putting together our annual budget, we encountered a shortfall of cash from our annual membership income as compared with program cost. While we have some padding in our savings account that can take up some of the slack, we can't rely on this each year. We receive only \$33-\$41 per member from AGO membership fees for chapter use. With about 50 members in our chapter, this doesn't go far when planning a robust year of programs. To solve this problem, many chapters solicit donations from members to help pay for annual programs.

Our amazing Delaware Chapter annually offers much to our membership, from fellowship to education, and this year will not be an exception. While fellowship is largely free, educational programs are costly, especially when speakers come from outside our immediate community.

Won't you help? I believe in what the AGO offers its members, and I'm happy to make a gift of \$100 to support our chapter. I invite you to join me! Donations to the Delaware Chapter of any amount will assist our programming.

You may send checks for AGO Delaware to: Michael Bareham; St. Paul's Lutheran Church; 701 S. College Avenue; Newark, DE 19713.

Thanks for all you do to promote the organ, church music, and the American Guild of Organists. Onward to another fun season!

— David Schelat

## From our Sub-dean

The Delaware chapter is offering some very exciting programming this season!

**Saturday, November 6**

### Organ as a Second Language

Social time at 10 am program at 10:30

For any newer organists or church musicians whose background is primarily in piano, this will be a fantastic opportunity to improve your comfort level at the organ. Held on the digital organ at St.

Elizabeth Seton Church in Bear, there will be classes on three topics:

Hymn Playing (led by Joanne Hench)

Registration (led by Michael Davidson)

Easy Literature (led by David Schelat)

**Saturday, January 9 2-5 pm**

### Twelfth Night Party

What better way to celebrate the final day of Christmas than an afternoon of revelry with your fellow organists?

Join us for some seasonal festivities at the home of Joanne Hench.

**Saturday, January 15**

### January Jumpstart

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church A workshop for the church musician seeking new ideas for a new year.

**Saturday, February 19 Brunch**

Because why not? Location TBD

**Saturday, March 19 10 am - 12 pm**

### Pedals Pipes and Pizza

The perfect young person's introduction to the king of instruments, this is sure to be fun and informative for kids and piano students of all levels. Plus, free pizza!

### "Singing for Life" with Suzanne Duplantis

This event has been rescheduled to April 30, 2022. Details TBD

Many of our choir members have become older before our eyes, yet we love them and want them to keep singing. Suzanne will help.

Bring your choir members with you as we all form a workshop choir.

**Sunday, June 5, 5-7 pm**

### Annual banquet featuring guest speaker Victoria Sirota

Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew

As both a fabulous organist and pastor, Victoria Sirota is uniquely well suited to speak about the vocation of the church musician.

Dinner is provided, and don't forget to invite your pastors!

—Gabe Benton

## DELAWARE AGO 2021-22 Fall Event

**Saturday**

**November 6 @ 10:00 am**

Organ as a Second Language

Three brief classes for the

newer organist and pianist-organist

- *Hymn playing*
- *Registration*
- *Easy Literature*

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Bear DE



## January Jumpstart

**Saturday | January 15, 2022**

at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church  
625 Montgomery Ave, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010



Featuring David Cherwien, Susan Palo Cherwien,  
Renée Anne Louprette, and Eileen Hunt

Registration will be available  
on the website in the fall: [agophila.org](http://agophila.org)  
AGO members \$30, non-members  
\$50, students free. Lunch included.

## Notable Events



### Key Locations

- First & Central Presbyterian Church, 1101 N Market St. Wilmington
- Immanuel Church on the Green, 50 Market Street, New Castle
- Immanuel Church, Highlands, 2400 W. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Wilmington
- Old Town Hall of Delaware Historical Society 504 N Market Street, Wilmington
- Presbyterian Church of the Covenant 503 Duncan Road Wilmington

### OCTOBER

**Thursday 7 October 12:30 pm**

**David Schelat, organist**

Dupré, Bach, and some jazz  
First & Central Presbyterian  
Free admission

**Saturday 9 October 3:00 pm**

**Pyxis Piano Trio**

First & Central Presbyterian  
Beethoven, Brahms  
[www.marketstreetmusicde.org](http://www.marketstreetmusicde.org)

**Sunday 10 October 4:00 pm**

**Choral Evensong**

**Jack Warren Burnam, director**  
Immanuel Church, New Castle  
Radcliffe, Sumsion, Eberlin,  
Mendelssohn

**Saturday 16 October 12:00-5:00**

**World Singing Day Delaware**

Rodney Square, Wilmington  
Featuring 15 local and regional  
choral and vocal ensembles

**Sunday 17 October 5:00 pm**

**Choral Evensong**

**Steven Patchel, director**  
Immanuel Church, Highlands  
Music by Stanford, Powell, Knight

**Thursday 14 October 12:30 pm**

**Meyer Flute and Organ Duo**

First & Central Presbyterian  
Free admission

**Thursday 21 October 12:30 pm**

**Brad Rau, classical guitar**

First & Central Presbyterian  
Free admission

**Sunday 24 October 4:00 pm**

**Jazz Vespers** featuring

The Micah Graves Project  
Church of the Covenant  
Freewill offering

**Thursday 28 October 12:30 pm**

**Janet Jackson Witman, harp**

First & Central Presbyterian  
Free admission

### NOVEMBER

**Sunday 12 December 7:00 pm**

**Candlelight Advent Vespers**

“Vespers” premiere by Alexis Ward  
Church of the Covenant

**Thursday 4 November 12:30 pm**

**Copeland String Quartet**

Old Town Hall of Delaware  
Historical Society  
Free admission

**Saturday 6 November 3:00 pm**

**David Schelat, organist**

First & Central Presbyterian  
Bach, Brahms,  
Buxtehude, Schelat  
[www.marketstreetmusicde.org](http://www.marketstreetmusicde.org)

**Thursday 11 November 12:30**

**John Walthausen, harpsichord**

Old Town Hall of Delaware  
Free admission.

**Sunday 14 November 4:00 pm**

**Choral Evensong**

**Jack Warren Burnam, director**  
Immanuel Church, New Castle  
Ayleward, Gibbons, Dyson

**Sunday 14 November 4:00 pm**

**“A Quiet Harvest” Concert**

**Thomas Keesecker, pianist**

Church of the Covenant  
Suggested donation \$15

**Thursday 18 November 12:30**

**Jazz with Sharon Sable and**

**Shawn Qaissaunee**

Old Town Hall of Delaware  
Free admission

### DECEMBER

**Thursday 2 December 12:30 pm**

**Riverview Early Music**

voice, lute, and percussion  
First & Central Presbyterian  
Free admission

**Sunday 5 December 5:00pm**

**Advent Lessons and Carols**

Helvey, Gibbons, Bach, Manz  
Immanuel Church, Highlands

**Thursday 9 December 12:30 pm**

**Cartoon Christmas Trio**

First & Central Presbyterian  
Free admission

**Sunday 12 December 4:00 pm**

**Lessons and Carols for Advent**

**Jack Warren Burnam, director**

Immanuel Church, New Castle  
‘O’ Antiphons, Ord, Guerrero,  
Britten, Shephard, Poston,  
MacMillan, Burnam, Bach

**Thursday 16 December 12:30 pm**

**Center City Chorale**

Christmas Concert  
First & Central Presbyterian  
Free admission

MEMBER

SPOTLIGHT by Steven Patchel



## Dalaie Choi

Concordia Lutheran Church

### Dalaie, where are you from originally?

South Korea

### What are your earliest musical memories?

I was four years old when I first had my interest in playing the piano. I think my parents thought I was a kind of gifted girl in music because I played "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" after listening to a TV commercial, without learning it. So my parents and I visited a local music academy, but the teacher asked my parents to come back a year later because I had small, tiny fingers at that time. Since then, I participated in many competitions, and immediately learned that wearing a beautiful dress was a great motivation for a young girl.

### Where did you go to school? music major?

I learned more aggressively piano, composition, and voices, and finally became a student of Yonsei University, where I majored in Choral Conducting and minored in Organ Music. In the U.S., I started my study at Temple University, but due to my marriage, my academic journey began at the University of Iowa, where my husband was studying for his doctoral degree. I had studied Organ Music, and earned my second master's degree, and also got a Sacred Music Certificate. Now, I am currently working on my thesis for a doctoral degree, so hope to complete my academic journey at Iowa this December.

### What brought you to Wilmington?

Before moving to Delaware, I applied for music director positions at multiple churches and was offered very attractive conditions. However, it was

people who I thought were the most important element for my decision. I believe that any people in the church community should be the center of music, which serves God with passion and love beyond musical skills and experience. I met such people as brothers and sisters at Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church.

### Can you give an overview of your current position?

My position at Concordia is as a music director. I am principal organist and pianist as well as choir director and direct the handbell choir, children choir, and sometimes brass choir. Additionally, I offer special recitals and concerts annually, and appreciate opportunities to meet church people to prepare together as a family.

### How has the pandemic year been for you?

Due to the age of choir members and their limitation to use computers, I reviewed music and films I had recorded for services and created a new edition of music for weekly services. For example, I created video clips including bible stories and added songs the choir had sung previously. The pandemic ...might force us to change the ways to communicate with each other, but it couldn't take passion and love for music.

### Current repertoire or upcoming projects you're working on?

While preparing a total of 4 hours of memorized recitals for my doctoral degrees, particularly, I have learned and memorized four of William Bolcom's *Gospel Preludes*.

### Any hobbies/interests outside of musical activities?

I do love animals. Last Christmas, one of my students gave a bunny as a gift, and this little, cute living creature made my family think differently about the meaning of living in the U.S. Now, I believe all my family bonds are closer than ever, of course, including a bunny.

By the way, bunnies are adorable and cute, but I should warn you to research in advance thoroughly before adopting a bunny.

**DELAWARE AGO Chapter**  
**FINANCIAL SUMMARY ENDING JUNE 2021**

5. Holdup for March 14	8,115.11		
Allen B. Bayman	693	176.25	250.00
Mike Simons	694	139.65	120.80
W. Wade	695	200.00	44.00
			192.49

Financial accounting in the Delaware Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (Delaware AGO) is recorded and reported on a cash basis, in which revenues are recognized on the date of deposit and expenses are recognized on the date when payment is disbursed.

This report covers all such transactions occurring in the period beginning on July 1, 2020 and ending on June 30, 2021 (FY2021).

The Chapter's FY2021 Revenue totaled \$1,952.00, the total apportionment of membership dues from AGO national.

Expenses totaled \$1,093.91, of which \$400.00 were program expenses, \$500.00 was donated to AGO National, and \$193.91 can be attributed to administrative costs (website, internet, Zoom, and recognition of the outgoing dean).

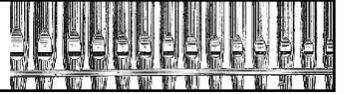
The Chapter finished the year with a net gain of \$858.09. Net assets totaled \$15,683.53 on June 30, 2021. The Chapter checking account contained \$4,139.72 and the Chapter savings account contained \$11,543.81.

As no budget was prepared for FY2021 in light of no in-person events during the pandemic, this report was prepared based on account ledgers and transaction registers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael A. Bareham, Treasurer  
September 8, 2021

## Substitute List

KEY: (S) Sunday, (C) choir, (HB) Handbells, (SS) Special Services, (W) Weddings, (F) Funerals



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Autumn!**

