

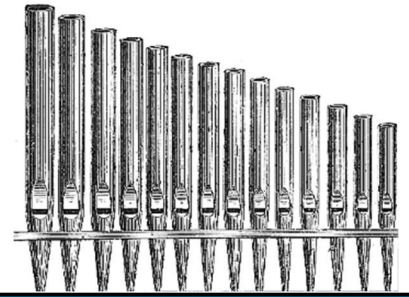


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Letter from our Dean

There is much happening with the Delaware Chapter in the next month! **We have our annual banquet**, always a fun and exciting event, this year on **June 4 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 701 S College Ave in Newark.**

The event begins at 5:00 with snacks (including crab dip!) and wine, then at 5:30, Brian Hehn, the Director of The Center for Congregational Song, which is the resource and outreach arm of The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada, will present "Let Everything That Has Breath Praise the Lord."

Our dinner buffet begins at 6:30. The menu is listed on the next page. Cost is \$30/person, payable that evening at the banquet. You must, however, **make a reservation for this banquet by May 22.** Email Mike Bareham splcmusmin@gmail.com to let him know you will be with us!

Our April event exploring Old Swedes Church and grounds was postponed due to bad weather, but we have found a new date. **We will meet on Sunday, June 25, gather at 3:00 at Old Swedes**, with the same schedule as last time. We will tour the church and grounds, and conclude with an optional dinner together. We hope you can make this summer "extra" with us this June!

In a week or so you will receive an email about **AGO Delaware elections**, with nominations for board positions that include Dean, Sub dean, and at-large positions. You'll see short bios of each candidate and a link to vote. I hope each of you will exercise your right to take part in this important election. Thanks to Dalaie Choi, Joe Loudon, and Bill Robinson for preparing the slate of officers this year.

I'd like to remind you once again that **your financial support of our AGO chapter is important.** I hope you will join others in our chapter to support our AGO activities in any amount possible. You may send a check to our treasurer, Mike Bareham, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 701 S. College Ave, Newark DE 19713.

This is my final letter to you as Dean in this newsletter, as my term ends on July 1. It has been an honor and a privilege to lead, alongside your wonderful hard-working board, this chapter into our future. Thanks for the opportunity to serve you and our profession through the work of the AGO. But fear not, I won't disappear! The AGO is too important in my life to do so. I'll put next year's programs in my calendar as soon as I know their dates, and I hope you will as well! —David Schelat

Sunday 4 June @ 5:00—7:00 pm Annual Banquet, with guest speaker Brian Hehn

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Newark

"Let Everything That Has Breath Praise The Lord"

When a congregation sings together it shapes faith, heals brokenness, transforms lives, and renews peace. At the core of our singing together is breathing together, so it is no coincidence that the instruments that "breathe" work so well to encourage and support our song. In this presentation we'll explore the idea of breath, song, and the organ...and of course we'll sing together. Songs will include an ancient chant, a Swedish tune with a Spanish text, a 19th century favorite hymn, and a 21st century hymn by text writer Thomas Troeger and composer Sally Ann Morris.



Presenter Brian Hehn is the Director of The Center for Congregational Song which is the resource and outreach arm of The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada. He has lead worship for Baptists, Roman Catholics, United Methodists, Presbyterians, and many more across the U.S. and Canada. He received his Bachelor of Music Education from Wingate University, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, and is certified in children's church music by Choristers Guild. He has articles published on sacred music and congregational song in multiple journals and co-authored two books under the title "All Hands In" published by Choristers Guild. He also serves as adjunct professor of church music at Wingate University in Wingate, North Carolina. Brian lives in Baltimore, Maryland, with his wife, Eve, and son, Jakob.

Delaware AGO 2023 Spring Event

Sunday, June 4

5:00-7:00 pm

Annual Banquet

\$30/person

with guest speaker Brian Hehn

St. Paul's Lutheran, Newark

701 S. College Ave



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Banquet Menu

Appetizers: cheeses, vegetables, pepperoni, crackers, crab dip

Entrees: Citrus Chicken, Teriyaki Salmon

Sides: Mandarin orange salad, green beans, pasta primavera

Desserts: assorted cookies, mini eclairs, cream puffs, cannolis

Beverages: iced tea, wine, soda

Provided by Sherm Catering

NOTABLE EVENTS



Key Locations

- Christ Church, Christiana Hundred 505 Buck Rd, Wilmington
- First & Central Presbyterian Church, 1101 N Market St, Wilmington
- Immanuel Church on the Green, 50 Market Street, New Castle
- Immanuel Church, Highlands, 2400 W. 17th Street, Wilmington
- Newark UMC 69 East Main Street, Newark
- Saints Andrews and Matthew Episcopal Church 719 N. Shipley St.
- St. Barnabas Episcopal 2800 Duncan Road, Wilmington
- St. Paul's Lutheran Church 701 S. College Ave, Newark
- Silverside Church, 2800 Silverside Road, Wilmington
- Westminster Presbyterian 1502 W 13th St. Wilmington

MAY

Thursday 11 May 12:30 pm

Center City Chorale:

An Endless Alleluia

First & Central Presbyterian

Saturday 13 May 6:00 pm

Wilmington Handbell Ensemble

Hockessin United Methodist Ch
7250 Lancaster Pike

Sunday 14 May 4:00 pm

Mother's Day Evensong

3:30 prelude: Paul Fleckenstein

Christ Church Christiana Hundred

Saturday 19 May 8:00 pm

Sunday 21 May 2:00 pm

Wilmington Concert Opera

Annual Bel Canto Gala

Bellini, Donizetti, Rossini, Spontini
Presb. Church of the Covenant

Saturday 20 May 3:00 pm

Pyxis Piano Trio

Grant Youngblood, baritone
Luigi Mazzocchi, violin
Jie Jin, cello; Hiroko Yamazaki, piano
Brahms Piano Trio;
Ravel Sonata
Chris DeBlasio premiere
First & Central Presbyterian

Saturday 20 May 4:00 pm

Wilmington Handbell Ensemble

Hands-on-Handbells 3:20 PM
Trinity Episcopal Parish

Sunday 21 May 3:00 pm

Best of Beethoven

including Choral Fantasy, Op. 80
Gayle Martin, piano
Dr. F. Anthony Thurman, organ
Westminster Presbyterian

Sunday 21 May 3:00 pm

Wilmington Handbell Ensemble

Concert with First State Ringers
Newark United Methodist Church

Sunday 21 May 4:00 pm

Piffaro Renaissance Band

Christ Church Christiana Hundred

JUNE

Sunday 4 June 3:00 pm

Wilmington Handbell Ensemble

Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Ch
101 Old Kennett Rd.
Wilmington

Sunday 4 June 4:00 pm

Choral Evensong

3:30 prelude: Michael DiOrio

Christ Church Christiana Hundred

Sunday 18 June 4:00 pm

Joanne Reitz Hench, organ

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
1301 N. Broom St.
'Blessings, Honor, Glory"
organ concert and hymn sing

June 20–24

Longwood Gardens

International Organ Competition

10 international young organists
Tickets on sale at
longwoodgardens.org

Friday, June 23 at 7:00 pm

Saturday, June 24 at 4:00 pm

Concerts For A Summer Holiday

"Christmas in July (Almost)!"

Choir, orchestra, handbells
St. Paul's Lutheran, Newark

JULY

**July 3-6 AGO Regional Convention
Westchester NY**

<https://westchester2023.org/>

Workshops, Tours, Concerts

Peter Richard Conte,

Nathan Avakian, Anne Laver

Janet Yieh, Craig Williams

Renée Anne Louprette

Jennifer Pascual, Amanda Mole

Caroline Robinson

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Newark invites singers, ringers, and instrumentalists to participate in their tenth annual Concerts for a Summer Holiday, Friday, June 23 (7PM) and Saturday, June 24 (4PM). After a three-year pandemic hiatus, we return with "Christmas in July (Almost)!" presented by a massed choir, a community orchestra, and



five octaves of handbells and handchimes. Repertoire will include sacred and secular holiday favorites. Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting May 23 (6:00 PM handbells; 7:30 PM choir). The orchestra will come in the last week for two practices. If you are interested, contact Mike Bareham at splcmusmin@gmail.com so he can have music ready for you!

**MEMBER
SPOTLIGHT**

by Steven Patchel



**Ryan
Peteraf**

*St. Michael Lutheran,
Unionville PA*

*Dual AGO member,
Delaware and
Philadelphia chapters*

Hello Ryan, tell us where you're from originally? I was born and raised in Kratzerville, PA. I have a lot of extended family from Philadelphia, so I have always called Philly my second home (and current home!).

What is your musical background? I was in choirs and band from a young age, but I actually fell in love with conducting when I was twelve years old. I completed a BM in Vocal Performance with a minor in music ed. at the University of the Arts in Philly. There, I spent a great deal of time working with community and church choirs. I was able to be the conducting apprentice for the Philadelphia Voices of Pride, and shadow a handful of great church organists. Upon graduation, I completed my Masters of Sacred Music degree in Choral Conducting from the University of Notre Dame. There, I was able to work with the Notre Dame Children's Choir, and dive headfirst into the wonderful world of sacred music. I was also lucky enough to prepare a choir that sang with Patti LuPone and a choir that sang for Philip Glass. After graduation, I moved to Cape Cod to begin a full time Music Director position in Chatham MA, but eventually ended up back in the Philly area.

What are your earliest musical memories?

My very earliest musical memory is me sitting down at my grandmother's two manual electric organ when I was around three or four years old. It was one of those older 60/70s style electronic organs with all the vibrato. I remember loving pressing all the stop buttons and pressing all the keys I could.

Can you describe your current musical post?

My "official" title is Music Director/Organist at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Kennett Square/Unionville. St. Michael loves music, and I am happy to work for such a supportive congregation. We have an adult chancel choir that sings an anthem every Sunday September to May. We also do three cantata services throughout the year. We also have a 3-octave handbell choir, and a youth handbell ensemble. One of the great things our music ministry does is put on special concerts to raise funds and food donations for local charities. Back in October, we did Bach's *Ein Feste Burg*, BWV 80 with professional musicians. It was free to the public, but we asked for (and raised) food donations upon entry. This has been incredibly successful, and very meaningful to me to give back to our community. I also direct a community band in Lansdale at Gwynedd Square Presbyterian Church.

What do you enjoy aside from musical activities?

I love traveling and exploring cities. I am very lucky to be married to an amazing set designer. My husband is Costa Rican, so I am happily on the beautiful beaches of Costa Rica several times a year.

If you were an organ stop, which would you be?

Clarinet 8'



DE AGO Member featured in Baltimore Catholic Review

Delaware chapter member Cameron Kuzepski was featured in an online article by the Baltimore Catholic Review. Cameron is a student at Peabody Conservatory and principal organist at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in Baltimore.

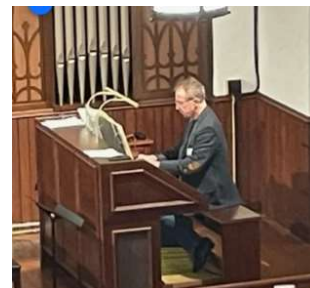
See the full article here: <https://catholicreview.org/?s=cameron+kuzepski>



Middletown Organ Tour

20 members from northern and southern Delaware chapters participated in a demonstration of the Viscount digital organ at St. Anne's in Middletown on March 11. Julie Allport, Margaret Love and David Christopher performed.

Photos by Jane Van Valkenburg



Substitute List

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



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Wishing you a wonderful Summer!