

THE WINDCHEST

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American Guild of Organists*



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Dear Colleagues,

WOW! Have a look in the listings below at the wealth of riches on offer this spring. The centerpiece is the new instrument by Quimby (the Katherine Esterly Organ) at The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew along with the variety of musical events celebrating its coming. Congratulations to David Christopher. The many additional events are ... I don't want to use that word because I'm so tired of its overuse ... OK, here's the word: **awesome!** When you consider that many of our colleagues work very hard at choir rehearsals and Sunday services each week and then in addition present such interesting programs and services in the afternoons and evenings ... well, it is awe-inspiring. And it's certainly the fruit of a lot of work. I hope you will put some on your calendars.

Best wishes from you Editor,
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2016-17 Chapter Programs

Saturday, 10 September, 6:00 p.m.

Potluck dinner at Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

Ned Perwo will give a presentation about the recent AGO national convention in Houston.

Saturday, 19 November, 10:00 a.m.

Pedals, Pipes and Pizza at Newark United Methodist Church and Bayard Sharp Hall at the University of Delaware.

Saturday, 14 January 2017, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. JanuaryJumpstart at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. Details to follow.

Saturday, 18 March, 10:00 a.m.

Program at First and Central Presbyterian Church on the *Oxford Hymn Series* (six volumes of recent settings for organ). The presenter will be Rebecca Groom te Velde, coeditor of the series. There will be performances by David Schelat and Rebecca of some of their compositions included in the series.

Sunday, 4 June, 6:00 p.m. Introduction to the new Quimby organ at Saints Andrew and Matthew Episcopal Church, led by David Christopher. A members recital will be followed by the annual banquet.

From the Dean

Hello everyone! I hope you're all well rested after the Christmas season and ready to tackle Easter! This edition of the Windchest is overflowing with information. I am always amazed with the quantity and quality of the musical offerings in Delaware and the surrounding region. Your board has been hard at work organizing wonderful events that will delight and inspire. Please spread the word! As we move forward into the new year you will notice that the chapter is going through a technological upgrade. There have been improvements with the email service, Facebook page, and our new website will be fully functional within the month. I hope that these upgrades will help us keep connected as we move into the new year and beyond. ~ Ned ~

From the Sub-Dean

I want to urge you to put our next chapter event on your calendar, as it will have great practical benefit for church organists. We are fortunate to have the coeditor of the recently completed *Oxford Hymn Settings for Organists*, Rebecca Groom te Velde, as our guest presenter. Becky worked with David Blackwell in the U.K. to oversee the completion of six volumes whose contents span the entire church year. You will find wonderful settings of many familiar hymns, some of less familiar ones, and even a few quality compositions based on contemporary "praise" music. (Quotation marks because music of praise has existed in every era. Now off the soapbox.) After a brief overview of the project, Becky will perform some of her compositions included in the series, and David Schelat will perform some of his. So that we hear samples from each volume, a number of other chapter members will each play one selection. **Date: March 18, 2017. Time: 10:00 a.m. Location: First and Central Presbyterian Church of Wilmington.**

In a previous email message, I informed you that Joyce Jones has offered to perform a benefit recital in Wilmington. She has chosen to play the new Quimby organ at the Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew on Saturday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m. We will ask for a donation of \$20, although we will not turn anyone away. Funds collected will go to the Friendship House, which uses SsAM for many functions supporting the needy in the community, and to the Friends of the Katherine Esterly Organ to support ongoing programs. A reception will follow the recital. We are very fortunate to have this famous organist offer her services in this way. Thanks to David Christopher for his help in making this event possible.

Finally, before you put your pen down, please reserve Sunday, June 4 at 6:00 p.m. for our end-of-season banquet, also to be held at SsAM. I hope that by then you will have heard some of the recitals introducing the new Quimby, but our meeting will offer some open console time as well as a short members recital.

Some exciting events to conclude this season. ~ Bill ~

More Coming Events

(Admission is free unless indicated otherwise. **Chapter events are shown in purple.**)

February

Sunday/5th Evensong at Christ Church Christiana Hundred. Organ recital by Steve Patchel at **4:30 pm.** followed by Evensong at **5:00**, Bruce J. Barber II directing. Music by Helvey, Radcliffe and more.

Sunday/12th 3:00 pm. Organ recital by Bruce J. Barber II at Christ Church Christiana Hundred. Featuring music “from Clérambault to Weggelaar and Points in Between [Franck and Alain].” Tickets in advance at: www.christchurchde.org/music/music-events/concerts or at the door: \$20 Adult / \$15 Student.

Sunday/12th 4:00 pm. Choral Evensong for Epiphanytide, sung by the combined choirs of St. Peter's, Lewes (T. J. Thomas, director) and Immanuel on the Green (Jack Burnam, director). Music by Bairstow, Howells, and Radcliffe. Immanuel Church on the Green, 50 Market Street in New Castle.

Friday/17th 7:30 pm. Organ recital by Ted Davis at Emmanuel Church, Chestertown, MD. Admission charge

Sunday/19th 4:30 pm. The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew (SsAM): Service of dedication for the new Katherine Esterly Organ. Festival Choral Evensong The SsAM Adult Choir and friends, David Christopher, organist and conductor. A reception follows.

Wednesday/22nd 7:00 pm. *Baroque and Beyond*: a Music Masters concert presented by the Music School of Delaware at First & Central Presbyterian Church, Rodney Square. Isai Jess Muñoz, tenor; Jordan Barrett, baritone, Susan Ritter, oboe; Chris Braddock, guitar; Tracy Richardson, harpsichord and organ; David Schelat, organ and harpsichord. A sampling of Baroque music (Bach and Schaffrath), plus newer music by Chris Braddock and Mark Haggarty is presented by Music School faculty and guests. Admission at the door: \$10

Saturday/25th 7:00 pm. The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew. *Inaugural Organ Recital* of the Katherine Esterly Organ. Ken Cowan, organist. Reception to follow.

Sunday/26th 4:00 pm. Newark United Methodist Church. The 2017 season of the George Kirk Concert Series opens with a performance by the Princeton Girlchoir. Admission free; donations welcome.

March

Wednesday/1st 1 March, 6:00 pm. Ash Wednesday service at Emmanuel Church, Chestertown, MD.

Thursday/2nd 12:30 pm. First & Central Presbyterian Church. Center City Chorale, David Schelat, conductor and Neil Harmon, organist present “Music from the Great Oratorios.” Choruses by composers including Handel, Vivaldi, Haydn, Fauré, and Mendelssohn.

Sunday/5th Evensong at Christ Church Christiana Hundred. Organ Prelude by Jack Burnham at **4:30**, Evensong at **5:00** with music by Byrd, Weelkes and Morley. Bruce J. Barber II directing.

Thursday/9th 12:30 pm. First & Central Presbyterian Church. Ovidiu Marinescu, cellist and David Schelat, organist perform music of Bach (Gamba Sonata in D Major) and a new piece by Michael Kurek (*The Sea Knows*).

Saturday/11th 7:30 pm. First & Central Presbyterian Church. Joan Sparks, flute and David Schelat, organist perform new music for flute and organ, including music by Lowell Lieberman, Mark Hagerty, Jehan Alain, and Frank Martin. Admission charge.

Sunday/12th 3:00 p.m. *Dvořák @175* at Christ Church Christiana Hundred. The Christ Church Choir, directed by Bruce J. Barber II, offers tribute to perhaps the greatest Czech composer of the 20th century, in celebration of the 175th anniversary of his birth. With Kathy Harris, soprano and David Hearn, organist. Music will include Dvořák’s *Biblical Psalms* and his *Mass in D Major*. Tickets in advance at: www.christchurchde.org/music/music-events/concerts or at the door: \$20 Adult / \$15 Student.

Sunday/12th 4:00 pm. Choral Evensong for Lent, sung by the Ross Treble Choir, Jack Burnham directing. Music of Peter Aston, Eric Thiman, and Ruth Watson Henderson. Immanuel Church New Castle.

Friday/17th 7:30 pm. Organ recital by Colin Lynch at Emmanuel Church, Chestertown, MD. Admission charge.

Saturday/18th 10:00 am. Chapter Event at First & Central Presbyterian Church. Rebecca Groom te Velde, coeditor of the recently released *Oxford Hymn Settings for Organists*, will give a presentation about the series, an extremely useful set of six volumes for the entire church year. She will play some of her compositions in the series, and our own David Schelat will play some of his from the collection. See the Sub-Dean’s column for more information.

Sunday/19th 4:30 pm. Recital at The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew, David Christopher, organist and Marian Stieber, soprano. A reception follows.

April

Saturday/1st 7:30 pm. First & Central Presbyterian Church. The Mastersingers of Wilmington, David Schelat, conductor, perform a program of secular music including some favorite composers. Program includes music from folk songs to music of Jerome Kern, featuring three New York composers: Gregg Smith, Nancy Wertsch, and James Bassi. Admission: \$20 purchased at marketstreetmusicde.org; \$25 at the door.

Sunday/2nd Evensong at Christ Church Christiana Hundred. Organ recital at **4:30 pm.** by T.J. Thomas (organist at St. Peter's Lewes) followed by Evensong at **5:00** with music by Major, Rose, Leighton and MacMillan. Musician-in-Residence Michael McCarthy directing.

Sunday/9th 4:00 pm. Cantata: *Our Father* at Saint Mary of the Assumption Church.

Sunday/9th 4:00 pm. Immanuel Church New Castle. *A Meditation on the Passion of Christ*: carols, anthems, hymns, readings, and selected plainsong propers of Holy Week. Music of Bach, Brahms, Lotti, R. R. Terry, Alice Parker, and others. Jack Burnam directs the Immanuel Choir.

Friday/14th 7:00 pm. Immanuel Church New Castle. Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday, with sung Saint John Passion (plainsong and J. Burnam), Reproaches, and Communion.

Saturday/22nd 7:00 pm. Guest organist Joyce Jones in benefit recital on the new Quimby organ at The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew. See the Sub-Dean's column for more information.

Thursday/27th 12:30 pm. First & Central Presbyterian Church. Organist Steven Patchel plays music by C.P.E. Bach, Joh. Seb. Bach, and Mozart.

Sunday/30th 4:00 pm. Choral concert: *Vox Humana* at Saint Mary of the Assumption Church. Followed at 5:00 by a Music Ministry open house.

Sunday/30th 7:00 pm. The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew. Brahms' *Requiem* and Vaughan Williams' *Five Mystical Songs*. Delaware Choral Arts with Alan Morrison, organist and Grant Youngblood, baritone. A reception follows.

May

Thursday/4th 12:30 pm. First & Central Presbyterian Church. The Wilmington Handbell Ensemble, conducted by Kerry Dietz, plays music for springtime.

Friday/5th 7:30 pm. Organ recital by Ken Cowan at Emmanuel Church, Chestertown, MD. Admission.

Saturday/6th 5:00 pm. and

Sunday/7th 3:00 pm. The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew. The Wilmington Children's Chorus spring concert.

Thursday/11th 12:30 pm. First & Central Presbyterian Church. Center City Chorale, David Schelat, conductor, presents *A Romantic Miscellany*.

Sunday/14th Evensong at Christ Church Christiana Hundred. Organ prelude at **4:30 pm.** by David Hearn followed by Evensong at **5:00** with music by Sowerby, Jackson, Sumsion and Jennings. Bruce J. Barber II directing.

Thursday/25th 6:00 pm. Emmanuel Church, Chestertown, MD. Evensong for the Feast of the Ascension.

June

Sunday/4th 6:00 pm. Our chapter's annual members recital and banquet, at The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew. Details will be forthcoming.

Saturday/10th 11:00 am. Kimmel Center Organ Day. <https://www.kimmelcenter.org/pdp-pages/201617/free/7th-annual-fred-j.-cooper-memorial-organ-day/>

Sunday/11th The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew. The Rod Welles Memorial Jazz Vespers.

Positions Available

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