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## Come Celebrate (recover from?) the Holidays with Colleagues!

Annual Philadelphia Chapter of the  
American Guild of Organists  
**Christmas Party**



Join us at **Stoneleigh** on **December 30th, 4-8pm**, for our Annual Holiday Party. A sign-up form will be emailed in a few weeks so we can keep track what goodies you all plan to bring: cold appetizer, warm appetizer, or a dessert.

## January JumpStart, January 12

An exciting day is planned for this year's annual JumpStart!

**Carson Cooman** is our featured presenter and artist. He will lead choral and organ reading sessions, a conversation about composing, publishing, and commissioning.

Other sessions by some of our members and local presenters include:

- **Beginner Bell Presentation**
- **The Feldenkrais Method**
- **Theory for Choirs**
- **Gregorian Chant**
- **Tournemire Presentation**

Our day will end in the Sanctuary of BMPC with a **worship service**. This element hasn't been a part of JumpStart for the past two years, and we're pleased to include it again after reading and taking action from your detailed feedback.

Registration will be live on our website soon – register before **January 1st** for a reduced rate.

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## DEAN'S MESSAGE

### Happy Holidays!



**A**fter a lifetime of working in the Christian church, the 'holidays' for me begin on November 1 – All Saints' Day. It's an important day to consider those who have had influences on the direction of our lives. From parents to mentors, teachers, coaches and colleagues, it is wonderful to spend some time remembering and celebrating those who have meant so much to us, before the inevitable fast slide into the busy days of Christ the King, Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, Hanukkah and Kwanza. By the time you read this column, our national election will be behind us, and we'll have a clearer sense of the direction of our nation as we look forward to 2019. I look forward to discovering the direction of our Chapter as we move into 2019.

Plan to spend a little time with Chapter friends at our holiday party on **Sunday, December 30**, at Stoneleigh mansion in Villanova! We'll be at Stoneleigh between **4:00-8:00 pm**, and we'll unwind, swap funny stories, enjoy the great space and company at Stoneleigh, and enjoy some great food. You can read in the December issue about what to bring.

Fast on the heels of Christmas and New Years' comes our Chapter's annual education event, **January JumpStart**. Register early for this fun and enriching day. We will be honoring two important members who have contributed so much to the life of our Philly AGO. Our guest artist for the day will be Carson Cooman. You'll want to be part of this day with Chapter friends and colleagues.

I send to every one of you good wishes for a rich and fulfilling holiday season, filled with the music and the people you value.

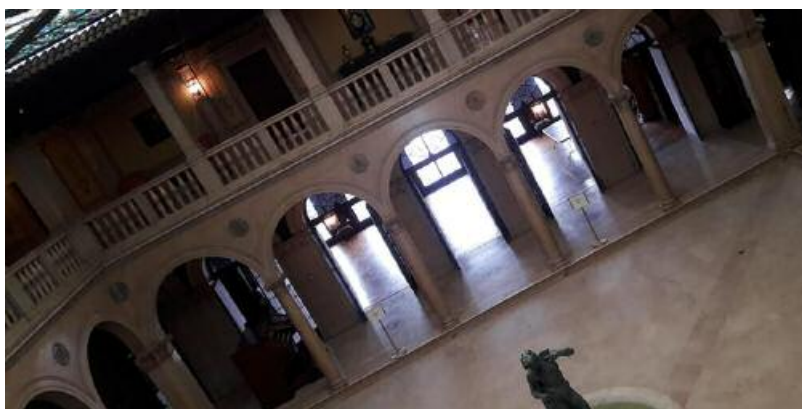
*Marcia Sommers, Dean  
Philadelphia Chapter AGO*

## News from Southeastern

## Save the Date!!

Sunday, December 2, 2018  
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM EST

The Patio at Archmere Academy  
3600 Philadelphia Pike, Claymont, DE 19703



The **Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter** of the American Guild of Organists and the new **Archmere Organ Society** join forces to present a fresh project overview, the reconstruction of both Kimball and Aeolian Skinner pipe organs at the historic and beautiful Raskob home, The Patio, Archmere Academy.

Tour the building, organ chambers, and workshops hands-on, with a virtual tour of the steps along the way. Also unveiling the new Archmere Academy wines for a tasting!

Free for AGO members, but registration is required. Non-members/\$5 donation per person payable at the door. We hope you can make it! Cheers,

*Southeastern PA Chapter, American Guild of Organists*

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*John Kampmeyer, Registrar*

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## Philadelphia Chapter of the AGO Chapter Events 2018-2019

**September 22nd, 2018, 9:00 to 11:00am**

St. David's Episcopal Church, Wayne

**Rebecca Groom te Velde** will lead a presentation on the "Oxford Hymn Settings for Organists" series of which she is one of the two major editors and also a contributing composer. Members are invited to perform pieces; we'll focus on the "Autumn Festivals," "Advent and Christmas," and "Epiphany" volumes.

**October 5th, 2018, 7:00pm**

Christ Church, Philadelphia

**Celebrating Leo Sowerby!** Join us for an evening of Sowerby's finest organ works on the recently installed Fisk at Christ Church; performers to include Brian Harlow, Parker Kitterman, Eric Plutz, and Kathleen Scheide.

**December 30th, 2018, 4:00 to 8:00pm**

Stoneleigh: 330 N. Spring Mill Road, Villanova, PA 19085

**Annual Chapter Holiday Party** - an evening of food, drinks, and social time with colleagues and friends. Unwind after the busy Christmas season and gear-up for the New Year!

**January 12, 2019, 8:30am to 3:00pm**

**January JumpStart** at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church **Carson Cooman** will be our featured artist; other presentations by local musicians and chapter members. Join us for a day of learning, music-making, and a worship service in BMPC's Sanctuary. \$25 for AGO Phila members; lunch additional fee.

**March 31, 2019, 3:00pm**

Christ Church Christiana Hundred:

505 Buck Road, Wilmington, DE 19807

**Renée Anne Louprette** in recital. Hailed by *The New York Times* as "splendid," and "one of New York's finest organists," Dr. Louprette has established an international career as organ recitalist, accompanist, conductor, and teacher.

**May 5th, 2019, 4:00pm**

St. John's United Church of Christ, Lansdale

Full of vitality and an endless passion for the arts and learning, legendary octogenarian organist, **Dorothy Young Riess**, will lead a lecture and recital about her life in music and beyond.

**June 15th, 2019, 11:00am to 4:00pm**

**Kimmel Center Organ Day**

Pop into Verizon Hall throughout the day to hear free and varied programming on the Fred J. Cooper Memorial Organ.

**June 16th, 2019, 5:30pm to 8:30pm**

**Spirit of Philadelphia** Dinner Cruise and Annual Meeting We will end our season with a celebratory cruise on the Delaware River; dinner and DJ included, cash bar. \$50 per person.

## We thank our Patrons

This list is updated monthly. We receive information updates regularly since members can join throughout the year. If you have made a donation and are not listed, please contact our chapter treasurer, Bruce Marshall, [Treasurer@agophila.org](mailto:Treasurer@agophila.org).

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# The Philadelphia AGO Chapter's Archive

Submitted by Jeff Fowler

The Philadelphia Chapter's Archive Committee has been meeting monthly at the Organ Historical Society at Stoneleigh in Villanova for over a year. It is a working committee with the primary task of organizing chapter historical materials under the direction of OHS Archivist, Bynum Petty. The committee assists OHS with their work as well and has been kindly granted work and storage space on the third floor. The goal is for the Philadelphia Archive to be an archive within OHS.

You can help! Are you a "seasoned" member of our chapter or have you "inherited" organ stuff from such a person. Maybe it's in a box in your basement or attic. You might have out of print organ music by a Philadelphia composer that came into your possession somehow. Don't throw it out. Donate it to the Archive!

Here's a general list of what the archive is looking for:

1. Published and unpublished music of any kind by Philadelphia organist composers such as Harry Banks 1889-1967; Hugh A Clarke 1839-1927; Robert Elmore 1913-1985; William Wallace Gilchrist 1846-1916; Philip Henry Goepf 1864-1936; Ralph Kinder 1876-1952; Rollo Maitland 1884-1953; H Alexander Matthews 1879-1973; Frederick Maxson 1862-1934; Frances McCollin 1892-1960; Russell King Miller 1871-1939; Vincent Persichetti 1915-1987; Albert Henry Rosewig 1846-1929; Samuel T Strang 1855-1921; David D Wood 1838-1910;

2. Crescendos (especially before 1977, 1981-1993, and 1997-present) The Philadelphia Free Library has collected most Crescendos from vol. 4 - 1941/42. Our archive seeks its own physical copies.

3. Extant artifacts and papers of deceased Philadelphia area organists.

4. Philadelphia Chapter member directories.

5. Philadelphia Chapter Executive Committee Minutes. (We have many, but there are gaps.)

6. Chapter workshop programs and brochures (i.e. Krisheim / January Jumpstarts)

7. The 1930 Philadelphia National AGO Convention program.

8. Anything relating to the American Organ Players Club, a national organization based in Philadelphia begun in 1890 (predating the AGO by six years) and continuing into the late 20th century or the National Association of Organists founded in Ocean Grove, NJ in 1908 with Philadelphia Conventions in 1921 and 1926 which merged with the AGO in 1935.

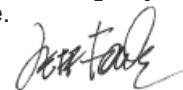
9. Philadelphia area organ related programs, brochures, and publications of any era.

10. Pertinent photographs or recordings.

11. Church bulletins with relevant information.

12. Other stuff?

Please contact Jeff Fowler, chair of the committee, at [jeff19301@comcast.net](mailto:jeff19301@comcast.net) if you can help us out. We plan on having a presence at the January JumpStart on January 12 where you can bring any treasures you are willing to contribute.




Archive Committee

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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### Sunday, December 2, 3:00 PM

Handel's Messiah performed by the Main Line Ecumenical Choir and Orchestra. Robyn Muse, soprano; Tatyana Rashkovsky-Smolens, mezzo; Paul Adkins, tenor; Richard Johnson, bass; Ralph Purri, conductor. Freewill offering. St. Mary Magdalen Church, 2400 N. Providence Rd., Media, PA 19063

### Thursday, December 6, 12:30 PM

Lee Milhous, organist. Free admission. Princeton University-Chapel, Nassau and Washington Rds., Princeton NJ [eplutz@princeton.edu](mailto:eplutz@princeton.edu) 609.258.3016 [www.princeton.edu/~choir](http://www.princeton.edu/~choir)

### Friday, December 7, 8:00 PM

MESSIAH (Dublin version of 1742). Tempesta di Mare baroque orchestra, Choir of Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill, Daniel Spratlan, director. Repeat performance Saturday, December 15 at 8:00 PM at Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral, 19 S. 38th St. First Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill, 8855 Germantown Ave, Philadelphia, PA 1911. Information at 215.755.8776 or [www.tempestadimare.org](http://www.tempestadimare.org)

### Sunday, December 9, 4:00 PM

Advent Lessons and Carols. St. Peter's Choir of Boys, Girls and Adults. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 313 Pine St, Philadelphia PA 215.925.5968 [www.stpetersphila.org](http://www.stpetersphila.org) [roland@stpetersphila.org](mailto:roland@stpetersphila.org)

*All Upcoming Events for Crescendo publication should be sent to Kathleen Schiede in advance of our publication submission deadline, which is the first of the month preceding publication (February 1 for the March issue).*

### Friday, December 14, 7:30 PM

Chamber Music at Bournelyf presents Holiday Dessert Concert featuring Horseplay Jazz Combo. Reception. Suggested donation \$20/10. Church of the Loving Shepherd, 1066 S. New Street, West Chester, PA 19382 610.692.5662 (response line)

### Sunday, December 16, 3:00 PM

MESSIAH (Dublin version of 1742). Tempesta di Mare baroque orchestra, Choir of Christ Church, Christiana, Bruce Barber, director. Christ Church Christiana Hundred, 505 Buck Rd, Wilmington, DE 19807. [www.christchurchde.org](http://www.christchurchde.org) 215.755.8776 or [www.tempestadimare.org](http://www.tempestadimare.org)

### Sunday, December 16, 4:00 PM

Advent Lessons and Carols. Join the choir of Washington Memorial Chapel for an evening of singing and fellowship. Washington Memorial Chapel, Rt. 23, Valley Forge, PA 610.783.5170 [www.washingtonmemorialchapel.org](http://www.washingtonmemorialchapel.org)

### Sunday, December 16, 5:00 PM

Advent Lessons and Carols. Music of Boles, Carter, Hassler, Iloys, Sirett and Stanford. St. Thomas choir and choristers. St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh, Bethlehem Pk & Camp Hill Rd, Fort Washington PA 215.233.3970 [www.stthomaswhitemarsh.org](http://www.stthomaswhitemarsh.org) [msmith@stthomaswhitemarsh.org](mailto:msmith@stthomaswhitemarsh.org)

## WHERE AM I?

Our puzzle for November was one and the same as the Tuesday Noon site for October, the console at Girard College where our POE students were housed this past summer. Thank you to Laurie Mueller for this submission with permission from the photographer!

Where might this fairly recently refurbished (and re-arranged) instrument be?



## TUESDAY NOON RECITALS

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**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
120 N. Easton Road  
Glenside, PA 19038  
Rae Ann Anderson, host.

## Tuesday Noon Venues 2018 - 2019

**October: Girard College Chapel**, 2101 S. College Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19121. Paul Eaton, host. E. M. Skinner organ, 4/106.

**November: St. Paul's Lutheran Church**, 415 E. Athens Avenue, Ardmore PA 19003. Andrew Heller, host. 1959 Schantz 3/37, P. Murphy gallery, 2/12.

**December: St. Paul's Lutheran Church**, 120 N. Easton Road, Glenside, PA 19038. Rae Ann Anderson, host. Moller, 1982, rebuilt, 3m.

**January 2019: St. Luke's United Church of Christ**, 125 N. Main St., North Wales, PA 19454. Jon Leight, host. Moller 2m.

**February: Abington Presbyterian Church**, 1082 Old York Road, Abington PA 19001. John Sall, host. Moller, 1969, 3m, rebuilt.

**March: St. David's Episcopal Church**, 763 Valley Forge Road, Wayne PA 19087. Clair Rozier, Elaine Sonnenberg, hosts. Dobson 2008, 3/46.

**April: Christ Episcopal Church**, 20 N. American St., Philadelphia PA 19106. Parker Kitterman, host. Fisk 3m, 2018.

**May: St. John's United Church of Christ**, 500 W. Main St., Lansdale, PA 19446. David Furniss, host. Reuter rebuild {Aeolian Skinner} 3/40.

**December 4: Michael Smith**

**December 11: Erik Meyer**, organ and **Anna Meyer**, flute

**December 18: Karen Whitney**

**December 25: Merry Christmas!** (no recital)

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### Preserving the Past | Curating the Future



In May of this year, C.B. Fisk Op. 150 was inaugurated at Christ Church, Philadelphia. Also at that time, the company offered its archives of organs built during the lifetime of Charles Fisk—comprising Op. 1–81—to the OHS for digitizing and preservation. The first collection to be digitized was Op. 75, built for the University of North Carolina School of the Arts in 1977. Grant money was obtained, and the digitization process was completed in the facilities of the Northeast Document Conservation Center, Andover, Massachusetts. In time, the digitized files of Op. 75 will be uploaded to the OHS Library and Archives Special Collections webpage, and made available to the public without charge.

In 1966, a young man from Dayton, Ohio, began his organ building apprenticeship under the watchful eye of Charles B. Fisk, and two years later that young man—John Brombaugh—established his own company that flourished until his retirement in 2005. In October 2018, Brombaugh reached agreement with OHS Archivist, Bynum Petty, to transfer his business archives to the OHS for preservation and digitization.

Acquisition of the Fisk and Brombaugh archives are seminal events in OHS history, and confirm the organization's commitment to preserving the legacy of American organ building regardless of style or historic period.

To this end, I am reminded of the story of George Gershwin's 1928 trip to Europe where he met Alban Berg. To greet Gershwin, Berg arranged for a string quartet to perform his Lyric Suite. But in turn, Gershwin was hesitant to play some of his own songs, as he was intimidated by the quality of the Lyric Suite, to which Berg responded, "Mr. Gershwin, music is music." And so the same sentiment might be said of the pipe organ.

Thus it is that in October 2019, the OHS will host a symposium focusing on a style of organ building once regarded in the late 20th century as rubbish: the instruments of E.M. Skinner. Skinner's Op. 878, now installed at Stoneleigh, will be the subject of recitals, lectures, and roundtable discussions. More information about this important event will appear in subsequent issues of the Crescendo.



### Reed organ for sale

Asking \$800.00, but price could be negotiable.

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### Starring Pipes from Epiphany Episcopal, Royersford



Photo by MEC



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Minutes were approved
- Discussion of operating procedures; need each committee to update their part and contribute to whole
- Finance report was accepted; we are doing well financially
- Membership is somewhat down; lapsed members list will be distributed so people can remind them
- Archive committee continues to meet at Stoneleigh and cooperates with Bynum Petty to develop our archives
- Discussion of how we can help OHS; intent is to create and maintain a bridge between the two organizations
- Discussion of the need to balance the volunteer power we have with the outcomes we want
- Volunteers are needed to bring items for Christmas party

## Executive Board Meeting November 5, 2018

- In 2020 and beyond, Bryn Mawr Presbyterian will not be able to host January Jumpstart
- Let chapter members know about music recycling service
- Nominating concerns include filling Andy Heller's unexpired term, and who will be next Endowment Chair (was scheduled to be Michael Stairs)
- Marcia got a thank you note from Organ Media Foundation for sponsoring a POE last summer
- Marcia spoke with Wayne Wold, who will come to Jumpstart for free on behalf of National Council. WW invited Marcia to a Leadership Expo, and had good ideas for our chapter moving forward
- Proposed honorees for Jumpstart were announced and approved
- December 3 meeting will be suspended in favor of looking at bylaws and operating procedures, unless a compelling issue arises in the meantime

### William J. Gatens, D. Phil., F.A.G.O., Ch.M.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Bridgeport, PA  
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American Record Guide

### Roy Harker

Church of Saint Asaph  
Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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The Education Committee of our chapter is holding auditions in December for 2019 **AGO NEXT scholarships**. Organ students ages 14 to 24 who currently study with an AGO Chapter member are eligible to receive the said scholarship.

Applicants choosing to audition on piano will be required to play a fast movement from a Classical sonata by Mozart, Haydn or Beethoven, and a work by J.S. Bach. Those auditioning on the organ should play what they are currently studying.

The audition will be held on **Saturday, December 8**, beginning at 1 pm, at First Presbyterian Church in West Chester, PA. Check our web site for more information at [www.agophila.org/Pages/agoNEXT.htm](http://www.agophila.org/Pages/agoNEXT.htm).

This season's two remaining **Improvisation and Service Playing** classes are being postponed until after the holidays. A power problem has put the organ at First Presbyterian Church in center city out of service for several weeks. Andrew Senn will reschedule classes after repairs are completed.

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[www.stpeterslafayettehill.org](http://www.stpeterslafayettehill.org) 610-828-3098  
Posted 11/16/18

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church seeks a Director of Music Ministries to provide service music for all regular Sunday and special worship services. The organ is a 1968 Möller comprised of thirty-two ranks across three manuals and pedal, completely refurbished in 2016. The sanctuary also boasts a baby grand piano for use during worship services.

The Director of Music Ministries will instruct and direct all established choirs of the church including Adult Choir, Children's choir, and Handbell choir. In years that the church celebrates the Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival, the Director of Music Ministries will be charged with overall responsibility for musical preparation and performance of an orchestra and choir.

Candidates should be able to display strong organ and keyboard skills in a variety of musical styles, lead and build a variety of church music programs, demonstrate the ability to collaborate with others while maintaining professional interpersonal skills.

If you would like to join in sharing the life, love, and joy of Jesus Christ with others, please submit a cover letter, resume and three current references to Stephanie Freidly at [stephanie.freidly@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.freidly@gmail.com) or by mail to St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church at the above address.

**Part Time Music Director**  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
**501 Chester Pike, Norwood, PA 19074**  
[www.immanuelnorwood.org](http://www.immanuelnorwood.org)  
Posted 11/10/18

Music Director, part time. Responsibilities include: playing piano/pipe organ for one worship service on Sunday (10:00 am) as well as other holidays/celebrations through the year; preparing prelude/postlude/offertory as appropriate; working with the Worship and Music Committee to select hymns; directing and accompanying the choir, including selection of music. Requirements include: demonstrated skill and musicianship on the instruments; excellent interpersonal and communication skills; appropriate education/training/experience. (Open to splitting the position.) Salary will vary depending on experience. Respond by sending resume to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 501 Chester Pike, Norwood, PA 19074 or [secretary.immanuel@verizon.net](mailto:secretary.immanuel@verizon.net). A detailed job description will be send in return mail or upon request.

**Organist (Search Re-opened)**  
**Carversville United Church of Christ**  
**3736 Carversville Rd., Carversville, PA 18913**  
[www.carversvilleuicc.org](http://www.carversvilleuicc.org) 215.297.5166  
Posted 10/30/18

Carversville United Church of Christ (in Bucks County, PA, near New Hope) seeks an organist for Sunday morning worship and occasional other services. Competitive compensa-

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tion (possibly including mileage). Instrument: 2-manual Renaissance Heritage by Allen (2012) — an enjoyable instrument to play that accommodates all styles and periods. For additional information, go to [www.facebook.com/carversvilleuicc](http://www.facebook.com/carversvilleuicc), or contact the pastor at [bobfagal31@gmail.com](mailto:bobfagal31@gmail.com).

**Principal Organist**  
**Morrisville Presbyterian Church**  
**771 N Pennsylvania Ave, Morrisville, PA 19067**  
[www.mpcusa.org](http://www.mpcusa.org) 215.295.4191  
Posted 10/15/18

Morrisville Presbyterian Church seeks a Principal Organist and accompanist for an active, vibrant music ministry. This position is part-time at 10 - 12 hours a week. The principal organist plays weekly for one Sunday morning service and accompanies all vocal choirs, instrumentalists and soloists.

The sanctuary organ is a 4-Manual, 79 Stop Allen Quantum Digital Organ. The sanctuary piano is a rebuilt 1898 Weber Parlor Grand. The chapel organ is a year old enhanced Johannus Studio 170 organ.

The ideal candidate will have experience playing for worship services, playing solo repertoire, as well as knowledge of choral repertoire and hymnody. Pennsylvania's state criminal history and child abuse clearances are mandatory.

Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest and a resume to [musicorganistsearch@mpcusa.net](mailto:musicorganistsearch@mpcusa.net).

**Director of Music**  
**First United Methodist Church of Germantown (FUMCOG)**  
**6001 Germantown Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19144**  
215-438-3677 [www.fumcog.org](http://www.fumcog.org)  
Posted 10/5/18

The First United Methodist Church of Germantown (FUMCOG) seeks a part-time music director who will continue our tradition of musical excellence by providing a variety of musical experiences for the congregation and surrounding community. Strong performance skills on the pipe organ and piano, as well as in choral direction, are required.

FUMCOG is an urban, progressive and welcoming church whose congregation treasures the strong role of music in worship. The volunteer choir (plus paid quartet) rehearses Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings in preparation for the 11 am Sunday service. Seasonal worship and special concerts offer opportunities for creativity.

We are seeking someone eager to interact with the congregation and community to broaden our musical offerings. Further information is available from Janet Tebbel, head of the search committee. [jtebbelorgan@gmail.com](mailto:jtebbelorgan@gmail.com)

**Interim Organist**  
**Grace Episcopal Church**  
**19 Kings Highway E, Haddonfield, NJ 08033**  
856.429.0007 [www.gracehaddonfield.org](http://www.gracehaddonfield.org)  
Posted 10/5/18

## Positions Available

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Grace Church in Haddonfield (Episcopal) seeks an interim organist, January 3, 2019 through April 21 (Easter), 2019. The organist plays one weekly service (9:30am) plus one additional service monthly at 8:00am.

Responsibilities include accompanying hymns and choral anthems (Sunday only choir rehearsal), and selecting appropriate organ music (prelude and postlude). The organ is a hybrid 1977 Austin / 2000 Walker Technical; 85 stops on three manuals. Contact Tom Westerfield, Senior Warden: [t@westerfield.net](mailto:t@westerfield.net) 909-838-9955.

**Organist / Music Director**  
**St. Mark's Episcopal Church**  
**1040 Chestnut Tree Road, Honey Brook, PA 19344**  
 Church phone: 610.942.2365  
 Posted 9/8/18

St. Mark's is a beautiful historic Episcopal church on a scenic rural road. Their wonderful, loving congregation is seeking an enthusiastic organist / music director. The parish is small but very active, and the position would include directing and choosing music for the choir, working with the children to involve them in periodic family worship Sundays, and playing the historic Haskell organ, with the option for piano as needed. There are also congregation members who are accomplished instrumentalists that welcome being included periodically and appreciate a director who can find ways to incorporate them.

There is one service on Sunday at 10:30 with choir rehearsal at 9:30, and additional rehearsals can be planned with choir members according to availability and need. Position also includes seasonal special services (Holy Week, Christmas, etc.) Salary negotiable. Contact Lois Schultz, 610-286-1790, [Lasrws23@gmail.com](mailto:Lasrws23@gmail.com)

**Organist and Director of Choirs**  
**Lutheran Church of God's Love**  
**791 Newtown-Yardley Road, Newtown, PA 18940**  
[www.godslovenewtown.org](http://www.godslovenewtown.org)  
[www.facebook.com/GodsLoveNewtown](http://www.facebook.com/GodsLoveNewtown)  
 Posted 9/2/18

Lutheran Church of God's Love in Newtown, PA is seeking a part time Organist and Director of Choirs to lead music in our traditional worship services. The Organist and Director of Choirs will work with the Pastor, Worship Committee, staff, and professional and volunteer musicians to ensure that a fully planned, well-coordinated musical experience is produced with faithfulness to the Lutheran liturgical tradition, with artistic excellence, and in the spirit of Christian love.

From September through June, the Organist and Director of Choirs will provide overall musical planning, direction, and accompaniment for our Sunday morning, more traditional service. This includes rehearsing and directing a selection by either the adult choir or, less frequently, the bell choir. During the summer months, he or she will work with the director of the contemporary worship band in musical planning, direction, and accompaniment for combined services.

The ideal candidate will be able to fill the roles of Organist and Director of vocal and bell choirs. However, exceptional candidates qualified to perform individual portions of this job will be considered. Salary will be commensurate with experience, skill levels, educational qualifications. Send resume and cover letter to [godslovenewtown@outlook.com](mailto:godslovenewtown@outlook.com).

**Minister of Music Leader**  
**Norwood United Methodist Church**  
**315 Chester Pike, Norwood, PA 19074-1401**  
[www.norwoodumc.org](http://www.norwoodumc.org) 610.532.0982  
 Posted 8/28/18

Norwood United Methodist Church is seeking a part-time Minister of Music Leader who is able to provide some musical leadership to enhance our worship experience through song and liturgy and introduction and instruction of new hymns and settings. The person should be skilled on organ/keyboards/piano and must be comfortable playing a variety of musical styles, including traditional hymns and anthems, gospel, and contemporary Christian praise and worship. Choir direction is required. A strong personal faith in Christ and spiritual maturity is also desired, as this person will provide input and support as part of Pastor's Worship Planning Team. We have served the Delaware County community for 125 years, and consists of 90-110 faithful attendees. We are in the midst of transition, and are seeking to enhance our worship experience through development of musical gifts. This is a great opportunity for candidates eager to build a strong music component in a church seeking to grow. Salary is negotiable. All interested candidates should email their resumé and letter of interest to the church at [norwoodumc@gmail.com](mailto:norwoodumc@gmail.com), or mail to the church at the address above.

**Organist/Pianist**  
**Armenian Martyrs' Congregational Church**  
**100 N. Edmonds Ave., Havertown, PA 19083**  
[www.amccpa.org](http://www.amccpa.org) 610.446.3330  
 Posted 8/28/18

Armenian Martyrs' Congregational Church is a small UCC-affiliated church in Havertown, PA, seeking an accomplished organist/pianist to play for our 11 a.m. Sunday service (currently for the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month – possibly more), as well as funerals and other special services. Responsibilities include accompanying the choir (Sunday-morning rehearsal only), playing for the congregational singing of hymns and other service music, and selecting appropriate organ/piano music for the service. Our ideal candidate is a skilled keyboard musician comfortable with a variety of styles and genres, an excellent sight-reader and accompanist, and a flexible professional with strong interpersonal and collaborative skills.

Compensation starts at \$175 per Sunday-morning, depending on level of skills and experience.

Our congregation is very welcoming and appreciative of our music ministry, which features an all-volunteer choir as well as vocal and instrumental performers. Interested candidates should send a resume and statement of interest to [mklouiselle@gmail.com](mailto:mklouiselle@gmail.com).

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## Positions Available

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**Organist and Choir Director**  
**Saint James' Episcopal Church**  
**409 E. Lancaster Ave, Downingtown, PA 19335**  
<https://stjameschurch.ws> 610.269.1774  
 Posted 8/6/18

We seek a part-time (approximately 12 hrs/week) organist and choir director thoroughly versed in Episcopal liturgy and the Anglican music repertoire. He/she will sustain and develop a strong musical offering within an active and large pastoral-sized parish, in an historic church (175th Anniversary Year) still in its original building, and which offers three Sunday services during the programmatic year. The traditional Rite II Eucharistic Service at 11:00 a.m. requires that the candidate oversee a 12 voice adult choir and rebuild a periodic choral program for youth. Additionally the successful candidate will also be able to offer periodic blended services with a 7-member light-rock/classic-rock worship band, Forever Endeavor, which performs at 9:00 a.m.

The organ is an Allen Two Manual Digital Computer Organ with AGO specifications; 35 rank, 52 stop organ plus 11 second voice ranks; full moving stop piston capture system w/ multiple memories; has full MIDI w/ 100 voice MIDI sound module and record and playback sequencer; installed in the mid-1990s.

We seek applicants with demonstrated ability to conduct volunteer singers and who can oversee once-a-week evening rehearsals (presently Thursdays) and shortened Sunday-morning rehearsals at 10:30 a.m., as well as lead and incorporate periodic instrumentalists and congregants in the services. For application details and full position description, including information about compensation, contact the rector. Candidates are asked to reply by September 15, 2018. Anticipated start date: Fall 2018. Contact: Rev. John Symonds, Rector, 610.314.5482, [john@stjameschurch-downingtown.com](mailto:john@stjameschurch-downingtown.com)

**Organist/Music Director**  
**Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
**Hulmeville & Woodland Aves, Penndel, PA 19047**  
<http://redeemerlutheranpenndel.org> 215.757.2724  
 Posted 7/29/18

Redeemer Lutheran Church in Penndel, PA, is seeking a part-time Organist/Music Director beginning immediately. Responsibilities include providing music (liturgy, hymns, choir music) in harmony with ELCA during Sunday service and occasional special services; organization and direction of Adult choirs (one rehearsal per week); coordination with Handbell Choir, and working with children weekly after worship service for special music time and preparation for festival services. Should have strong organ skills, appreciation for a variety of musical styles, creativity and willingness to develop new and existing music programs. Length of experience is not a major factor. Starting salary is \$12,000. Rehearsal day and times are flexible. Please send your resume via email to [Redeemerlutheranchurchpenndel@verizon.net](mailto:Redeemerlutheranchurchpenndel@verizon.net), fax to 215.757.7199, or mail to the church at the address above.

**Organist/Accompanist**  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church (Somerton)**  
 14100 Worthington Road, Philadelphia, PA 19116  
 215.464.1540 [www.immanuelphilly.org](http://www.immanuelphilly.org)  
 Posted 7/29/18

Immanuel Lutheran Church, "connecting people with God and other people to make a difference", is looking for a part time Organist/Accompanist to provide music for two Sunday worship services, one in the German language as well as seasonal holidays and seasonal week day worship.

Knowledge of German language and hymns is preferred. Purchasing of all music and supplies within budget and the compilation of an annual report on expenditures and the condition of the equipment is expected. Sound equipment, audio/visual skills and power point is a plus.

The position is salaried and would require approximately 20 hours per month, but can vary on time of year. Paid time off is also provided. The position is collaborative with the Musical Director and Pastor. The church currently has a 16 rank pipe organ with digital choir and bass section, a 7 foot grand Steinway piano, a Yamaha digital grand piano, and hand bell and hand chime sets. Use of a "seasonal choir" (church seasons) is possible. We are located in the Somerton neighborhood of Philadelphia. It is desirable to have the position filled quickly, but we can be flexible. A degree in music or life experience is preferred. All resumes should be sent to [office@Immanuelphilly.org](mailto:office@Immanuelphilly.org).

**Organist / Accompanist**  
**St. Paul United Methodist Church**  
**201 Levitt Parkway, Willingboro, NJ 08046**  
[www.stpaulumcwillingboro.org](http://www.stpaulumcwillingboro.org) 609.877.7034  
 Posted 7/29/18

Saint Paul United Methodist Church of Willingboro, New Jersey is seeking an organist/accompanist to work with our choir director. There is one Sunday service with the adult choir and a weekly rehearsal. We have a 2 manual Allen organ, a baby grand piano and a Yamaha Clavinova Keyboard. Please contact Nina D. Bonner at [stpumc@verizon.net](mailto:stpumc@verizon.net), or 201 Levitt Parkway, Willingboro, NJ, 08046.

**Music Director**  
**St. Luke's Lutheran Church**  
 3206 Big Road, Zieglerville, PA 19492  
 610.754.7762 <http://stlukeslutheran.church>  
 Posted 6/14/18

Medium sized Lutheran church near Zieglerville (Montgomery County), PA seeking a part-time Director of Music. Applicants must be proficient on organ and piano, skilled at directing adult, children's, and bell choirs, willing to support and work with a praise band, and be comfortable in a variety of worship styles. Applicants must have good leadership and communication skills and be comfortable working with people of all ages. Applicants must be available for all Sunday worship services, plus other services as required. To submit a resume, or for more information, please contact Pr. Paul Chapman at [pastorpaul@stlukeslutheran.church](mailto:pastorpaul@stlukeslutheran.church), or 610.754.7762 (leave a message).

**SUNDAY SUBSTITUTES**

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Code	Substitute	Location	Phone Number	Code	Substitute	Location	Phone Number
SOC	Debra Bacak	Sellersville, PA	215-257-0553	SOC	Constance H. Mickel	Bryn Mawr, PA	610-527-9514
SOC	Doris J. Dabrowski SPC	Philadelphia, PA	215-790-1115	SOC	Scott Myers	Ewing, NJ	215-715-1003
SOC	Frank Dodd	Philadelphia, PA	717-406-6067	SOC	Steven H. Neau	Media, PA	610-447-0214
SOC	Joyce Drayton	Philadelphia PA	215-635-5778	SO	Irina Nenartovich CAGO	Cherry Hill, NJ	856-321-3465
SOC	Lee de Mets, FAGO	Chalfont, PA	215-997-0219	SO	Patricia Nyce	King of Prussia, PA	267-252-3020
SOC	Adam F. Dieffenbach	Telford, PA	267-738-2326	SOC	Kirsten K. Olson	Collegeville, PA	610-764-6264
SOC	Joyce Drayton	Philadelphia PA	215-635-5778	SOC	Patricia A. Pezick	Blue Bell, PA	610-405-3736
SOC	John Ervin	Philadelphia, PA	267-886-8212	SOC	Kyle Postlethwait	Villanova, PA	717-875-2790
SOC	Laurence Esposito	Philadelphia, PA	917-379-2361	SOC	Lynne Powley	King of Prussia, PA	610-992-0854
SO	Karen B. Fallows SPC	Souderton, PA	267-240-7800	SO	Margaret Realley	Doylestown PA	215-859-8964
SOC	Susanna Faust	West Chester, PA	610-766-1812	SOC	Katherine J. Reier SPC	Abington, PA	215-287-9939
SOC	Jeremy J. Flood CAGO	Philadelphia, PA	215-625-2747	SOC	Mark Shockey	Langhorne, PA	267-352-5139
SOC	Kevin E. Gane	Aston, PA	610-675-7875	SO	Alexander M. Smith	King of Prussia, PA	610-265-4390
SOC	Louise M. Gerdemann	Souderton, PA	215-723-6975	SOC	Rich Spotts	Doylestown, PA	267-371-2687
SOC	Lisa Guglielmo	Glenmoore, PA	610-906-7740	SOC	Dawn Stevens	Drexel Hill, PA	610-220-4797
SOC	Patricia Guth	Holland, PA	215-801-1445	SOC	Janet L. Tebbel	Philadelphia, PA	267-250-7727
SOC	Raymond Johnson	Cheltenham, PA	215-635-9944	SOC	Fran Treisbach	West Norriton Twp, PA	484-231-1426
SOC	Mary Eileen Johnston	Havertown, PA	610-633-2264	SOC	Matt Valent	Collegeville, PA	610-924-5088
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OC	Joseph J. Buches	Philadelphia, PA	610-220-9307	OC	Beth Z. Jenkins	Oreland, PA	215-478-3869
OC	D. Stephen Cable	Bethlehem, PA	484-866-6019	OC	D. Damien Jones	Wilmington, DE	215-432-2178
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OC	Thomas G Denny	Spring City, PA	610-864-6143	O	Glenn M. Matis	Doylestown, PA	215-489-2548
OC	Theodore W. Didden CAGO	Ambler, PA	215-646-0294	OC	Steven J. McBride	West Chester, PA	610-633-3442
OC	Michael Diorio	Bryn Mawr, PA	609-947-5112	OC	Warren Edward McCall	Hopewell, NJ	609-477-4927
OC	Sue Ellen Echard	Harleysville, PA	610-585-5059	OC	Lee F. Milhous	Doylestown, PA	215-348-8872
OC	Maria de J. Ellis	Ardmore, PA	610-896-6189	OC	Edgar M. Newton	New Hope, PA	267-261-8919
OC	Paul Emmons AAGO, ChM	Warminster, PA	215-675-6478	OC	Wesley D. Parrott	Philadelphia, PA	215-732-6732
O	Suzanne Erb	Philadelphia, PA	215-568-5795	OC	Aaron C. Patterson	Philadelphia, PA	215-725-0959
OC	Paul Fejko	Philadelphia, PA	609-462-9000	OC	Katherine Rick, CAGO	Wayne, PA	517-945-3448
OC	Kathleen Flaherty	Philadelphia, PA	215-242-2964	O	Ruth E. Rineer	Cheltenham, PA	267-536-5706
OC	Chris Gage	Philadelphia, PA	401-632-1863	OC	Valerie Rozek	Chesterbrook, PA	440-478-8163
O	Patricia Gallo-Terrenzio	Huntingdon Valley, PA	215-947-4759	OC	Jeffrey J. Shuman, FAGO, ChM	Lightstreet, PA	570-784-1574
OC	William J. Gatens, FAGO, ChM	Chester, PA	610-876-5617	OC	Judith F. B. Stebner	Warminster, PA	215-630-9632
OC	Charles Glandorf	Coopersburg, PA	610-416-1055	OC	Bruce J. Thorsen	Doylestown, PA	215-622-1023
OC	Eric Gombert	Souderton, PA	267-471-7003	OC	F. Anthony Thurman	Cherry Hill, NJ	856-616-2480
OC	Peter Gowen	Philadelphia, PA	215-776-7374	OC	John Woznisky	Paoli, PA	215-370-2019
O	Timothy Harrell	Doylestown, PA	908-399-4974				

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## TALE PIPES

Mary Elizabeth Campbell, CAGO, Editor

## An Organist's New Take on an Old Tune

Mary Elizabeth Campbell, 2018

Refrain

Treble  Hear the bells, cho - ir swells, or - gan saves the day!

3  Bass had too much Christ-mas cheer but he came an - y - way, HEY!

5  Ring more bells, in - cense smells, smile - as you play,

7  Sever - al folks have gar - bled words but voi - ces are O - kay!

9  1.All the seats are gone, No more to be found, Who are all these folk?  
2.Ex-tra lit - ur - gies, ar - cane mel - o - dies, Might live Creche have Fleas?

12  Notusu ally a - round, Chil-dren's cho-irs loud, Grand-moms all are proud, Let's  
Oh we hope not, please! May we see a-nother, Tru - ly as a brother, And

15  all sing one more ca - rol now and BOY the or - gan's loud! YES!  
may this time of "Peace on Earth" give o - pen minds new birth, And...

# CRESCENDO

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