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***Come Celebrate (recover from?)  
the Holidays with Colleagues at the***

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

## **Christmas Party**

**Sunday, Dec. 27th  
4:00 pm- 8:00 pm**

**At the home of Michael Stairs**



**P**lease join us for this annual holiday gathering of our Chapter. It is always a great time! Come and share this wonderful season with colleagues and friends and enjoy the beauty of Michael's beautiful home and wonderful hospitality.

**Sign up online today at <http://bit.ly/1QnKsAS>**

Please bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert, and please list your choice on the registration form. The Chapter will provide main dishes plus beer and wine. Address, Directions and Parking instructions will be emailed to those who register.

Chapter members are invited to attend with a spouse, partner, or significant other. Because we meet in a private home, however, large groups of four or more are discouraged.

## **JANUARY JUMPSTART - Saturday, January 16**

### **Keynote Speakers**

Plenum Session and the Chapel Service with  
**Kent Krite** and **Canon Victoria Sirota**  
*Music Director-Organist and Canon from the  
Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York*

**Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church - See details on p. 8**

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## December

**W**ell here we are ... DECEMBER!! A month of extra rehearsals, concerts, caroling, special services, AND Christmas!! It is certainly a season in which we musicians give so much to so many. Untold numbers of people count on us for the beauty that they associate with the glorious season of our Savior's birth. In this month's column I have a few suggestions for some gifts you can give yourself...



1. Come to the **December Holiday Party** of the AGO. Share with your colleagues the triumphs and trauma of your Christmas music-making. Come and enjoy, Sunday, December 27 at the beautiful home of Michael Stairs. Registration required: <http://bit.ly/1QnKsAS>

2. Plan now to come to the **January JumpStart**, Saturday, January 16th. See the details in this Crescendo on page 8. I think you will agree the only tough part will be deciding which workshops to attend. They are all amazing!! Give yourself this gift of learning. Registration is now open at <http://bit.ly/1PwAhJG>

3. Get the early-bird rate for the **National AGO Convention** in Houston, June 19-June 23, 2016 in Houston. <http://agohouston2016.com>

4. Many of you already know that the new headquarters of the **Organ Historical Society** is moving to Philadelphia. To celebrate this they are having their **National Convention** in Philadelphia, June 26-July 1, 2016.

Your Executive Committee has approved a new partnership with OHS as they move to Philadelphia. There will be many more details about this new addition to the music scene here. This is a MAJOR plus for the organ world, but especially for those of us who love there organ right here in Philly. I encourage you get to involved with this outstanding organization. Here are a few ideas ... three gifts you can give to yourself from the OHS.



1. OHS MEMBERSHIP:  
<http://www.organsociety.org>

2. The OHS 2016 Calendar with a PHILADELPHIA organ on each month  
<http://www.organsociety.org/2016/calendar.html>

3. And finally ... make plans to attend their Summer Convention here in Philadelphia. They will have a special "commuter" rate for AGO Philadelphia members as well as individual tickets available to many of the special concerts and master classes. More details are forthcoming. Check their website for details.  
<http://www.organsociety.org/2016/>

**To all ... A Blessed and Happy Holiday Season.  
Make beautiful music ... and give yourself a little gift too.**

*John Romeri, AAGO, ChM*

## REGISTRAR'S CORNER

ERIK MEYER, REGISTRAR

Our chapter is **350** members strong!

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any membership questions you might have.



- Erik Meyer

Want to join the Philadelphia chapter of the American Guild of Organists?  
Need to report AGO Directory changes on your current membership?  
Need to purchase a set of chapter mailing labels for your next music event?

Contact **Erik Meyer** at: 1418 Fitzwatertown Rd., Willow Grove, PA 19090  
215-247-7466 x104

## A Letter from the OHS CEO

Dear Members of the Philadelphia AGO:

I am so thrilled that we will move the OHS offices to the Stoneleigh estate in Villanova. Although that move is some months away, we now have an office in Philadelphia, and both my Program Assistant (Hazel Eaton - [h.eaton@organsociety.org](mailto:h.eaton@organsociety.org)) and I ([jweaver@organsociety.org](mailto:jweaver@organsociety.org)) are looking forward to becoming closely involved with the members of the Philadelphia AGO. Hazel has already joined the Philadelphia Chapter, and I will also do that before the month is out. We will attend meetings and both of us plan to participate in the activities of the local group.

We are excited that the OHS Annual Convention will be held in Philadelphia in 2016, June 26 - July 2, including some activities that have not previously been available to the public. We will have the full schedule announced during the month of December, and will depart from our usual registration practice (that includes full bus transportation) to establish cheaper fees to encourage local attendees to use their own transportation to participate.

OHS Archivist, Bynum Petty, is planning to meet with John Romeri and the Archivists of the Philadelphia AGO Chapter; we believe that we can support the Chapter by offering archival storage space for historic AGO materials. Before the year is out we expect to have a plan in place that will allow us to move forward to accomplish this goal.

I am also looking forward to participation in the AGO January Jump-Start on Saturday, January 16. Your Dean has graciously invited OHS to present our future plans, for the Annual Convention and for the move to the Stoneleigh Estate. 2016 marks the 60th Anniversary - the Diamond Anniversary - of the Organ Historical Society. In our presentation at the JumpStart (2:45-4:00pm) we will share all the details of the Convention. We will share the architectural plans at Stoneleigh, as well as our programming ideas for the space.

We look forward to meeting you there - and are grateful for this opportunity!

Sincerely,

Jim Weaver, CEO  
Organ Historical Society

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Annual Kick-Off with Dr. Kimberly Marshall  
Workshop at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church  
Recital at Bomberger Hall, Ursinus College

**October is Support a Colleague's Performance Month**

**Wednesday, October 28, 2015, 7:00pm**  
Organ Recital by Stephen Tharp  
First Presbyterian Church, 21st & Walnut Sts., Philadelphia

**Saturday, November 7, 2015, 9:30am-Noon**  
James Litton, "English Choral Music"  
St. Martin in the Fields, Chestnut Hill

**Sunday, December 27, 2015, 4:00-8:00pm**  
AGO Christmas Party at the home of Michael Stairs

**Saturday, January 16, 2016**  
January Jumpstart  
Speakers Kent Tritle and Canon Victoria Sirota  
Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

**Saturday, February 20, 2016, 9:30am-Noon**  
James O'Donnell, "The Musical History of  
Westminster Abbey" with optional lunch  
St. Clement's Church

**Sunday, April 10, 2016**  
Organ Concerto Concert  
Philadelphia Chamber Orchestra performing  
with three great student artists from **Eastman,**  
**Yale,** and **Westminster Choir College**  
Co-sponsored with St. Paul's Organ Endowment Fund  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Chestnut Hill

**May 2016**  
Annual Banquet and Installation of Officers

**Saturday, June 11, 2016**  
Fred J. Cooper Memorial Organ Day  
Kimmel Center

**June 14-15 and 18, 2016**  
Longwood Competition

**June 16-17, 2016**  
Longwood Organ Crawls

**June 19-24, 2016**  
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**June 26 - July 1, 2016**  
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### Thursday, December 3, 12:30 PM

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

### Friday, December 4, 8:00 PM

The Tallis Scholars. \$35/\$50. Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul, 18th St & Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Phila PA <http://cathedralphilaconcerts.org> 215.587.3696 [concerts@adphila.org](mailto:concerts@adphila.org)

### Saturday, December 5, 4:00 PM

Messiah Sing with James Judd and the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia. Bring your own score or borrow ours. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 22 E Chestnut Hill Ave, Philadelphia PA 215.242.2055 [www.stpaulschestnuthill.org](http://www.stpaulschestnuthill.org)

### Saturday, December 5, 4:00 PM

The Norristown Chorale. Sacred and secular songs of the season, humorous to poignant, from many lands and eras. Free will offering. Victory Church, 2650 Audubon Road, Audubon, PA 19403 (610) 272-0410 [www.facebook.com/TheNorristownChorale](http://www.facebook.com/TheNorristownChorale)

### Sunday, December 6, 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM

The Many Moods of Christmas with choirs, handbells and orchestra. No admission charge but tickets are required. Write to Chuck Evans c/o of the church address OR contact him at [ManyMoods15@verizon.net](mailto:ManyMoods15@verizon.net). Calvary Lutheran Church, Rosedale Ave & New St, West Chester PA 610.696.2475

### Sunday, December 6, 3:00 PM

Column Classics presents A Candlelight Christmas Concert. Choirs of First Presbyterian in Victorian costume. Carols and anthems with organ and orchestra. Free; offering received; reception to follow. First Presbyterian Church, 130 W Miner St, West Chester PA 610.696.0554 [www.firstpreswc.com](http://www.firstpreswc.com)

### Sunday, December 6, 4:00 PM

Messiah Sing with James Judd and the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia. Bring your own score or borrow ours. Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square, 1904 Walnut St., Phila, PA 215.567.1267 [www.htrit.org](http://www.htrit.org)

### Sunday, December 6, 5:30 PM

Advent Procession (Lessons & Carols). Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Willow Grove Ave & St Martin's Ln, Chestnut Hill PA 215.247.7466 [www.StMartinEC.org](http://www.StMartinEC.org)

### Tuesday, December 8, 7:30 PM

The Norristown Chorale. Sacred and secular songs of the season, humorous to poignant, from many lands and eras. Free will offering. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 132 E. Valley Forge Rd., King of Prussia, PA 610.265.3535 [www.facebook.com/TheNorristownChorale](http://www.facebook.com/TheNorristownChorale)

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### Thursday, December 10, 12:30 PM

Eric Plutz, organist plays Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker Suite. Free. Princeton University-Chapel, Nassau and Washington Rds., Princeton NJ [aplutz@princeton.edu](mailto:aplutz@princeton.edu) 609.258.3016 [www.princeton.edu/~choir](http://www.princeton.edu/~choir)

### Friday, December 11, 7:30 PM

Chamber Music at Bournelyf presents Holiday Dessert Concert with Theresa Klinefelter and Anne Sciolla, vocalists. Classical, jazz and music theater. Suggested donation \$25. Church of the Loving Shepherd, 1066 S. New Street, West Chester, PA 19382 610.692.5662 (response line)

### Saturday, December 12, 7:00 PM

Dickinson Theatre Organ Society Christmas Concert. Lance Luce and special guest soloists and chorus. Due to building renovation this is the last event until Fall 2016. \$15 at the door or buy in advance online. All seats reserved. Dickinson High School, 1801 Milltown Rd., Wilmington, DE [www.dtoskimball.org](http://www.dtoskimball.org) 302.995.5630

### Sunday, December 13, 3:00 PM

Christmas at the Cathedral Basilica. Musicians of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. \$20/\$25/\$40. Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul, 18th St & Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Phila PA <http://cathedralphilaconcerts.org> 215.587.3696 [concerts@adphila.org](mailto:concerts@adphila.org)

### Sunday, December 13, 4:00 PM

Candlelight Procession and Advent Lessons and Carols. The Choir of Saint Mary's Church, Lee F. Milhous, Organist and Choirmaster. Saint Mary's peal of English Whitechapel tower bells rung at 3:45. Reception to follow. Free will offering. St. Mary's Parish, 145 W. Broad St., Burlington, NJ 08612 609.386.0902 [www.StMarysBurlington.org](http://www.StMarysBurlington.org)

### Sunday, December 13, 4:00 PM

Abendmusik in Advent - Bach, Cantata 140 Wachet Auf!; Vivaldi, Magnificat & Beatus Vir. Choir, soloists, orchestra. Gordon Turk, Director. Free-will offering. St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 104 Louella Ave, Wayne, PA 19087 610.688.1313 [www.stmaryswaynepa.org](http://www.stmaryswaynepa.org)

### Sunday, December 13, 4:30 PM and 7:00 PM

Music at Abington presents Christmas by Candlelight. Choirs, bells, orchestra, organ. Freewill offering. Abington Presbyterian Church, 1082 Old York Rd, Abington PA 215.887.4530 [www.apcusa.org/MusicatAbington](http://www.apcusa.org/MusicatAbington)

### Sunday, December 13, 7:00 PM

Ring and Sing - the ringing choirs of First Presbyterian Church, 130 W Miner St in West Chester, present Ring and Sing, music of the season along with an informal carol-sing with organ. Over 100 bells and chimes! Free. First Presbyterian Church, 130 W Miner St, West Chester PA 610.696.0554 [www.firstpreswc.com](http://www.firstpreswc.com)

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**Tuesday, December 15, 7:30 PM**

A Soulful Christmas with organist Marvin Mills, The J. Donald Dumpson Singers, brass and timpani. Verizon Hall, The Kimmel Center 215.893.1999 [www.kimmelcenter.org](http://www.kimmelcenter.org)

**Friday, December 18, 8:00 PM**

Christmas in Germany. Choral Arts, Piffaro, Tempesta di Mare. \$20/\$25/\$40. Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul, 18th St & Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Phila PA <http://cathedralphilaconcerts.org> 215.587.3696 [concerts@adphila.org](mailto:concerts@adphila.org)

**Sunday, December 20, 4:00 PM**

Advent Lessons and Carols, Charles Grove, Organist & Choirmaster, Paul Jacobs, Guest Organist. Washington Memorial Chapel, Rt. 23, Valley Forge, PA 610.783.5170 [www.washingtonmemorialchapel.org](http://www.washingtonmemorialchapel.org)

## TUESDAY NOON RECITALS

Andrew Heller, Coordinator  
610-789-0146

December recitals will be held at **White Horse Village**, 535 Gradyville Road, Newtown Square, PA 19073



December 1 - Andrew Heller  
December 8 - Elaine Sonnenberg  
December 15 - William Gatens  
December 22 - Aaron Patterson  
December 29 - no recital until the New Year

Happy Holidays!

Andrew Heller

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**Organist**

**First Presbyterian Church**  
4 South Ridge Avenue, Ambler, PA 19002  
Posted 11/08/15

The First Presbyterian Church of Ambler is seeking an organist to replace the current organist who is retiring after a 50-year career, almost 30 of which have been with the church. This is a part-time position (< 10 hours per week). The scope of the position involves playing for one service each Sunday and one evening rehearsal. There is extra remuneration for occasional special services such as funerals and weddings.

The organ is a 2015 Rodgers digitally-sampled organ, Infinity 361, with three manuals/59 stops, mechanical draw knobs and adjustable bench.

Interested parties should contact Bob Nance, Convener of Personnel Committee, 610.584.7258, and may send resumes to the church at the above address or electronically to Mr. Nance at [rdnance@verizon.net](mailto:rdnance@verizon.net).

**Director of Music Ministry**  
**Ivyland Presbyterian Church**

51 Gough Avenue, Ivyland, PA 18974  
215.672.2266 [www.ivylandchurch.org](http://www.ivylandchurch.org)  
Posted 9/30/15

Ivyland Presbyterian Church seeks a permanent Director of Music Ministry with solid conducting and service playing skills to develop and direct adult, youth and bell choirs and play for services. Well-maintained Allen Digital Computer organ. Responsibilities include:

- \* Coordinating with pastor and worship committee to plan the music program,
- \* Planning, preparing and playing service music, accompanying congregational singing and special music which includes seasonal choral cantatas,
- \* Directing choir rehearsals, and
- \* Providing music for special services (Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday)

Ivyland Presbyterian embraces traditional reformed worship but is open to new and diverse musical styles. Salary range: \$15,000-\$16,500. Interested candidates should submit their resume and contact details to [preachsarrah@gmail.com](mailto:preachsarrah@gmail.com) or send via mail to Ivyland Presbyterian Church, ATTN: DOMM, 51 Gough Avenue, Ivyland, PA 18974.

**Director of Music**

**University Lutheran Church**  
3637 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104  
215.387.2885 [www.uniluphila.org](http://www.uniluphila.org)  
Posted 9/30/15

University Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, PA is seeking an individual to serve as Director of Music. The Director of Music must have a demonstrated knowledge of Lutheran

*We are happy to advertise positions available for churches in the Greater Philadelphia Area as a free service. We need to request that all ads stay within a 250 word limit – applicants should be directed to the church for further information. We would also be very grateful if churches encourage their organists to join our chapter – and many include dues payment as a contract perk!*

theology, liturgical practice, and use of music in worship. Skilled organist and pianist. Working knowledge of other instruments helpful. Responsible for directing the adult choir with rehearsal on Sunday morning, playing one service each Sunday, one Sunday evening service on the third Sunday of each month and special services as required. 12-15 hours per week. Salary is negotiable. University Lutheran's mission is to be "An inclusive community sharing Christ on campus and in the city..." It is both the Lutheran Campus Ministry of Philadelphia and a parish congregation of families and single adults. It is located at 3637 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia. Interested candidates may contact or submit their resumes and cover letters to Rev. Fritz Fowler by email at [pastor@uniluphila.org](mailto:pastor@uniluphila.org) or call 215-387-2885 with any questions.

**Organist**

**Memorial Church of the Holy Nativity (Episcopal)**  
205 Huntingdon Pike, Rockledge, PA 19046  
215.663.9903 [www.holynativityrockledge.org](http://www.holynativityrockledge.org)  
Posted 9/30/15

Duties include leading music for one Sunday morning service, preparing for liturgy in concert with the rector, rehearsing the choir(s) and attending worship committee meetings. Also responsible for providing music for All Saints' Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas, Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday. Two-manual, 21-rank Mudler-Hunter organ rebuilt by Brant Duddy; baby grand piano. One adult choir with prospective children/youth choir. Salary range is \$18,000 to \$22,000.

Resumes should be mailed to Heather, church secretary, Memorial Church of the Holy Nativity, 205 Huntingdon Pike, Rockledge, PA 19046 or emailed to [Mail@holynativityrockledge.org](mailto:Mail@holynativityrockledge.org).

**Interim Organist and Choir Director**  
**Christ Episcopal Church**

62 Delaware Street, Woodbury, NJ 08096  
<http://christchurch.woodburynj.org>  
Posted 9/30/15

Christ Church seeks an interim organist and choir director to oversee the parish music ministry beginning All Souls' Day (11/2/15) for six to ten weeks and ending the First Sunday after the Epiphany (01/10/16). The adult choir of volunteers is anchored by four professional choral scholars. No midweek rehearsal. Sunday service (10:00 a.m.) and additional masses on All Souls' evening, Thanksgiving, December 7, Christmas Eve and Epiphany. The church is firmly grounded in the Book of Common Prayer (1979) Rite I liturgy and uses the Hymnal 1982. Traditional liturgical music is central to the main choral Eucharist. Interested candidates should contact [office@christchurch.woodburynj.org](mailto:office@christchurch.woodburynj.org) with "Interim Organist/Choir Director" in the subject line.

## January *JumpStart* 2016 Saturday, January 16 Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Registration is **OPEN**: <http://bit.ly/1PwAhJG>

**\$20.00** for Philadelphia Chapter Members and AGO Members from supporting Chapters (**\$30.00** at the door)

**\$40.00** for Guests (**\$50.00** at the door)

**\$15.00** for catered Lunch



8:00 Registration and light breakfast food (included)

8:30 Breakout Session One

10:00 Keynote: Tritle - Sirota

11:00 Worship Service

12:00 Lunch (\$15.00 or brown bag)

1:15 Breakout Session Two

2:45 Breakout Session Three

### Workshops

**Kent Krittle** - Choral Conducting Masterclass

**Canon Victoria Sirota** - Clergy/Musician relationships and the inherent difficulties, joys and tensions; The Call of Sacred Music and Reflection in Worship

**Dr. Tracy Burk** - Dealing with Difficult People

**Sheila Page** - Body Mapping I & II for Organists and Choir Directors

**Joyce Lindorff** - Harpsichord for Organists

**Sandor Kadar, FAGO** - Preparing for the Guild Exams; Liturgical Improvisation

**Michael Krentz** - Off the Beaten Path: Lesser Known and New Organ Repertoire for liturgical/worship use or other opportunities

**John Sall** - Choral Reading Session (sponsored by Augsburg Fortress)

**Marcia Sommers** - Handbells Plus!

**Steve Emery** - Pipe Organs 911

**Zach Hemenway and Andrew Senn** - Adapting piano scores and orchestra reductions to the organ

**Darryl Roland** - Training Boy and Girl Choristers: Learning from One Another

**James Weaver and the OHS Team** - Organ Historical Society at Stoneleigh

## Organ Historic Society Philadelphia Convention June 26 – July 1, 2016

<b>Stephen Tharp</b>	<b>Sunday, June 26, 7:30 PM</b>	<b>Irvine Auditorium</b>
<b>Christopher Marks</b> , actor, three dancers and percussion	<b>Monday, June 27, 7:30 PM</b>	<b>Verizon Hall</b>
<b>Isabelle Demers</b>	<b>Tuesday, June 28, 5:20 PM</b>	<b>Bryn Athyn Cathedral</b>
<b>Nathan Laube</b>	<b>Tuesday, June 28, 8:00 PM</b>	<b>Girard College</b>
<b>Jeff Brillhart</b>	<b>Wednesday, June 29</b> 2:00 PM Recital, 3:15 PM Masterclass	<b>Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church</b>
<b>Peter Conte</b>	<b>Wednesday, June 29, 9:00 PM</b>	<b>Macy's</b>
<b>Rollin Smith</b>	<b>Thursday, June 30, 9:30 AM</b>	<b>Tindley Temple Hymn Sing</b>
<b>Nathan Laube</b>	<b>Thursday, June 30, 9:00–Noon</b>	<b>Girard College</b>
<b>Steven Ball</b>	<b>Friday, July 1, 3:00 PM</b>	<b>Adrian Phillips Ballroom, Boardwalk Hall</b>

Convention Public Concerts. Individual tickets will be available to AGO Philadelphia.  
More details about the convention can be found at: <http://www.organsociety.org/2016>



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**WHERE AM I?**

Last month featured the delightful little tracker action organ at Gloria Dei 'Old Swedes' church where Paul Fejko serves as organist.

**THIS** month's photo is probably a complete give away - **Merry Christmas** - but I thought folks would thoroughly enjoy it!



## OTHER SUBSTITUTES

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OC	Linda J. Clark	West Chester, PA	610-793-1606	OC	Beth Z. Jenkins	Oreland, PA	215-885-7275
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## Chaplain's Corner

***And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."***

Luke 1:46-47 (RSV)

**M**ary experienced joy as the angel spoke to her and she exclaimed her song of praise. She was filled with joy. Mary was caught up in that moment with the angel and she couldn't keep her joy inside.

Is this not what the Christmas season is about? Joy comes when we let go of those things that are troubling us. In order to experience joy we need to be caught up in the moment.

It is important for us to experience joy, before we can lead others to do it. Whether it be playing, directing, singing or ringing, as we let go we have the opportunity to experience this joy that Mary felt. People will hear it in our music and see it in our bodies.

When we are directing, we are asking the people we are working to let go and experience joy in order for it to be heard and seen in the music we are sharing. This is the challenge, to get our people and ourselves past those things weighing us down, past the notes to the music.

***And the angel said to them (shepherds), "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people";***

Luke 2:10 (RSV)

We have a message of joy to tell just as the angels brought to the shepherds. It is so easy in the world we live and work in not to experience joy. As people of

## "Joy"



From St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ardmore

God we are called to share this message of joy with our lives.

There is so much negativity in our world, that it can take a great deal of work to experience joy. It is our responsibility to let go of it and assist others to let go also. Think of what Mary felt as a teenager who was pregnant with no husband. Her family could have abandoned her. In that moment with the angel she did not allow herself to think of the challenges of this message. Her only thought was that she was carrying the Savior of the world.

The angel who spoke to the shepherds knew they were going to be afraid, thus the angel was asking the shepherds to stop in the moment. Listen to the message. Get past your fears. You have a job to do.

We are called to share this message of joy, of God's love for all. First as people of God, then as musicians we are called to experience and then assist others in experience the joy of the holidays. I challenge each of us to let go this season and experience the joy that Mary and the shepherds experienced!

Chaplain Bruce



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## IN PARADISUM

**Dr. Dennis P. Schmidt, DMA** October 13, 1949 – October



19, 2015. Dennis had many friends in the Philadelphia Chapter and spent much of his remarkable career in our area. He was born in LeMars, IA, and graduated from Dana College – in 1999 he received their Distinguished Alumnus Award. He earned Master and Doctorate in Musical Arts from the University of Michigan where he studied organ with Marilyn Mason, and a Master

of Divinity from Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, IA. He was a long time member of the AGO and of the Association of Anglican Musicians and performed recitals around the world. He served from 1993-2000 as Executive Director of the Bach Festival of Philadelphia and his two-volume work "An Organist's Guide to Resources for the Hymnal 1982" was published by Church Publishing in 1987 and 1991. He has also presented lectures on various topics at the University of Michigan and at AGO conferences. He recorded the complete organ works of J.S. Bach while serving as organist-choirmaster at St. John's Cathedral in Albuquerque, New Mexico during the tercentenary celebration for Bach in 1984-1985.

Dennis Schmidt served as a musician at churches and schools in Nebraska, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, New Hampshire, Delaware and Pennsylvania, including serving for a time as minister of music at Grace Lutheran Church in Wyndmoor, PA. He also worked for a time at J.W. Pepper and Son in Paoli, PA.

His Requiem Eucharist was held Friday, Oct. 23, 2015, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Wickford, RI. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, gifts may be made in Dr. Schmidt's name to the organ program of the School of Music at the University of Michigan, 1100 Baits Dr, Ann Arbor, MI 48190.

**Sarah 'Sally' Freeman** of the Quakertown area was a remarkable woman with many talents. She died in June 2015. According to one of her two sons, she attended West Chester when it was the State Teachers' College and earned her degree in Health and Physical Education. She taught for many years in the North Penn school district, mostly elementary, but also started a district wide Water Safety Program. She was such a remarkable teacher that for 17 years running her elementary classes were awarded the state wide teacher's award! She also was the first woman to be given an award by the Jaycees in her community. She played piano, organ, violin and flute, and upon retirement she attended the Conservatory at Westminster Choir College and earned their *Church Music Certification*. She served in many churches, including St. Peter's Covenant church in Hilltown from 1997– 2011. She was in her 80's – her son said that she kept even them guessing by always saying she was 39!

*It is with sadness that I share the following three notices of the passing of AGO members, and I thank our members for advising me.*  
MEC

**Dr. Harry "Bucky" Clark**, described as a fixture in the Hatboro community for much of his life, passed away at the age of 77 on September 29, 2015 in Warminster. A 1955 Hatboro Horsham graduate, he earned a BS in Music from Susquehanna University, a master's degree in Educational Administration, and his doctorate degree in Education, both from Temple University. He also did advanced graduate work at Penn State University, Harvard University, and Lehigh University. His early career included teaching in the Upper Moreland School District, then teaching and/or administration for Abington School District, Upper Perkiomen School District; and for Hatboro-Horsham School District. In 1971, he began his 43-year career with Centennial School District as principal of Log College Middle School in Warminster. He was the recipient of Centennial School District's Outstanding Educator of the Year Award, among many other awards. He also was an adjunct professor at Drexel University School of Educational Administration.

Dr. Clark also spent time working in the broadcast industry for KYW Radio (1970); for WBCB Radio, Levittown (1965), where he worked with Merrill Reese; as co-producer and moderator of Educational Programs for WBUX Radio, Doylestown (1969); for WTTM Trenton, N.J. (1952); as reporter for the Department of Educational Congress; and as host of his own radio program on WKOK Radio in Sunbury, PA, while at college.

Dr. Clark was involved in many musical activities throughout the community. He was an organist at Lehman Memorial Methodist Church, where had been a member since the age of three. He also was the organist at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Warrington. and directed the Youth and Handbell Choirs at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Doylestown. He also served Gloria Dei Church, Huntingdon Valley, and Hatboro Baptist Church. He played piano at Conti's Cross Keys Restaurant in Doylestown and Café La Fontana's in Hatboro, and was a member of bands that played throughout the Delaware Valley. He had been a child performer on several wonderful classic local programs.

Bucky was a man of the community. He was on the Hatboro Borough Council from 1978 to 2005. and was Council president from 2002 to 2005. Bucky also enjoyed volunteering, including at the Union League as tour guide, every Christmas evening playing the baby grand piano in the Lenfest Building at Abington Memorial Hospital, and volunteering at the hospital's yearly June Fete. He was a member of the Broadcaster Pioneers of Philadelphia; the Montgomery County Industrial Development Authority; the Rotary of Warminster; and the Union League of Philadelphia. He was a Trustee of Abington Memorial Hospital; past Chairman of the Board of Warminster Hospital; a member of Old York Road Country Club. He was a Free Mason as member of W.K. Bray Lodge 410 of Hatboro, and a member of the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

We also offer our sincere condolences to **Arthur Zbinden** on the death of his wife Angelika on May 27. They were able to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in August of 2014.

## TALE PIPES

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*T'was the night before Christmas,  
 They were packed in to church,  
 Some not seen since Easter,  
 Others finding no perch.*

*Now the choir's Processing,  
 They're all passing me,  
 And so I've been guessing  
 Which soprano's off key....*

*A cell phone is chirping  
 as the scripture is read,  
 And a baby needs burping,  
 (she's discreetly been fed.)*

*Aunt Matilda is snoring,  
 Now the organ breaks through,  
 Candlewax hits the flooring,  
 An usher's nose blew,*

*Some new voices singing,  
 Old favorites inspire,  
 The Hand Bells are ringing,  
 Big ringers perspire,*

*May your Christmas be lovely,  
 All the carols heartwarming,  
 Then relax, be quite comfy,  
 Lest there be Winter storming!*

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*In Memoriam*

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