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Letter from the Dean

Dear Friends,

By now most of us have completed the heaviest demands of the liturgical year and are looking forward to the not so hectic days of spring. Actually, when you consider confirmations, first communions, weddings, graduations, spring concerts, planning for summer replacements, etc., this may not seem exactly like a time of rest. Nonetheless, for me, the liturgical seasons seem to mirror the rhythms of the natural world, of life itself, and working consistently in this vein has proven to be a privilege over the years. Even in denominations where the seasons are not heavily emphasized, there is still the awareness that at different times God is doing different things – asking us to be reflective, active, celebratory, contrite, trusting, thankful. Always thankful, I believe. A truly grateful heart is never unhappy.

And on to the business of this season. First a huge thanks to Susan Guse, St. John's Lutheran Church, and all who helped to make the Paul Jacobs workshop the success that it was. Although

your recalcitrant dean was on the other side of the world, he heard rumors of the wonderful experience it was for those who participated. (They're still talking about it in Auckland!)

IT'S NOT TOO LATE to sign up for our next event – the annual Members' Recital at Grace Episcopal Church, Middletown; on Sunday, April 3 at 4:00 PM. Please call Mary Caskey at 845-534-2938 or Boyd Herforth at 845-255-5298 to play in the Members' Recital, and PLEASE publicize it in your Sunday bulletins. Especially those of you whose congregations are geographically close to Middletown. I know one item on the program will be the variations on "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" by Michael Burkhardt, an organ duet performed by the immediate past and current deans. (The four-foot pedaliter promises to be especially entertaining).

And it wouldn't be a newsletter if I didn't bring you up to date on the convention. We are coming down to the final days and things are happening rapidly. So please listen up and RSVP:

REGISTER! Over 125 people have done so already. If you want your choice of workshops, get that form in soon. And more than half the hotel rooms available at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel have already been taken. Don't miss out.

SUPPORT our chapter table with contributions of used (or unused) organ music, piano music, sets of choral works that you no longer can use, etc. Please, no old reference copies – we all have too many of those already. Bring music to the Members' Recital or call Lois Hoger at 845-229-7404 or anyone on the steering committee.

VOLUNTEER to be a bus captain, a hospitality person, a registration assistant, usher, ticket taker, gofer, or volunteer at large. Jennifer Geibel is the person to call for this area; you can reach her at 845-658-3218 or 973-769-1462.

I truly look forward to seeing all of you at the convention!



Local Organist Marks 100th Birthday

The Central Hudson Valley Chapter was honored to remember a distinguished fellow musician, Edward B. Greene, on the March 8th occasion of his one hundredth birthday. Chapter Dean John Sullivan, AAGO, arranged for flowers to be delivered to Mr. Greene's home in Poughkeepsie, to convey best wishes on the happy day.

When Mr. Greene's friend, Jack Davis, phoned to give greetings, Mrs. Greene said that Ted had just finished playing the Bach Passacaglia on the piano, with his step-daughter helping out by playing the pedal part!

Edward B. Greene graduated from Harvard in 1926. He sang in the Harvard Glee Club, under the direction of Archibald Davison. Mr. Greene also studied in Paris, with Nadia Boulanger. He taught at Wellesley for about nine years, and then became organist – choirmaster at Princeton University, leaving there to go into war-work. (His successor at Princeton was Carl Weinrich.)

Following WW II, Mr. Greene was an Associate Professor at Brown. In later years he was director of music at First Presbyterian in Poughkeepsie, where his wife Betty served as youth choir director. For many years he was also accompanist and assistant director of the Camerata Chorale, one of the Hudson Valley's leading choral groups. A number of his choral compositions were written for and performed by Camerata singers.

Mr. Greene maintains an active interest in a variety of activities, and he and his wife are faithful audience members at Poughkeepsie musical events, with Betty Greene continuing to sing in the Camerata Chorale.

*Submitted by John A. Davis, Jr.
Organist-director, The Reformed Church, Poughkeepsie, NY
Organist-choirmaster, U.S. Military Academy, West Point – 1955-1985*

Membership News

- Siri Milkove has new contact information:
118 MacFarlane Road
Wappingers Falls, NY 12590
845-702-1915
Assistant Organist -Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Fishkill; Substitute - Christ Methodist; Fishkill

Directions to Grace Episcopal Church, Middletown

From I-84: Take Exit 3, Middletown. Follow 17M into Middletown, which becomes Dolson Avenue (will pass Campbell Plaza – Shop Rite -on your right). After going by the School on the left and the Park on the right, the next light is E. Main Street (Central Fire House). Turn left and then right onto Orchard Street. This becomes Depot St. at the next light, where you will see Grace Church across the street and to your left. You may park in the Middletown Thrall Library parking lot, or in the municipal lot just past the church on Depot Street (on your left).

From Route 17 – going West: Take Exit 122, Make a right at the stop sign. This road becomes East Main Street in Middletown. After crossing the railroad tracks, the next light is a 5-way intersection (Central Fire House). Stay on the right lane and continue on green light. Bear right onto Orchard Street This becomes Depot St. at the next light, where you will see Grace Church across the street and to your left. You may park in the Middletown Thrall Library parking lot, or in the municipal lot just past the church on Depot Street (on your left).

Countdown to Chicago!

The magnificent 2006 Chicago National Convention is just over a year away! We hope you can join us in the "Windy City" for our second AGO National Convention. We are thrilled to welcome you, as most of you were not at the first one; it was in 1925! Continue to watch your chapter's newsletter for upcoming interesting information about the 2006 ChicAGO convention!

Dennis Northway, ChM
Promotions Committee

Tracker Organ Available

The Church of the Resurrection (Episcopal) in Hopewell Junction has just replaced its little tracker organ with a Johannus instrument. The Jardine parlor organ is now for sale. For more information, please call the church at 845-226-5727.

List of Organ Substitutes

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| Elena Belyayeva | 845-452-2069 | <u>For Weddings and Funerals Only:</u> |
| Richard C. Ehlenberg | 845-658-9746 | Joe Bertolozzi 845-831-0695 |
| Eric R. Hepp | 845-489-2625 / 845-790-3381 | Judie Brown 845-888-5318 |
| Lois Hoger | 845-229-7404 | Alice Cann 845-223-5344 |
| Janet Nickerson | 845-561-0763 | Greg Citarella 845-297-7693 |
| Jeff Parries | 845-297-6870 | Jennifer Geibel 845-658-3218/973-769-1462 |
| <u>No Sunday Morning Services:</u> | | Larry Hazard 845-452-0119 |
| Maris Kristapsons (no weddings) | 845-635-8837 | Boyd Herforth 845-255-5298/973-783-8798 |
| Jimrae K. Lenser | 845-427-5884/914-388-6641 | Erna Loerch 845-226-8094 |
| Pat Maimone | 845-446-2395 | |
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Editor's Corner

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Contributions to this newsletter are always welcome. We have been very pleased to offer a member profile in previous issues. If you would like to be profiled, you may write your own biography (up to 500 words) or contact the editor to arrange an interview.

Position Openings

Editor's Note – Position openings are listed without charge for three months unless an extension is requested. If you would like to place a listing, please contact the editor, Susan LaGrande, at 845-226-6496.

MUSIC DIRECTOR /ORGANIST (Part-Time) FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - MONROE, NY

Currently recruiting to identify potential successor or successors for current Director of Music and Organist who will be relocating late summer. This position could be filled by one or two persons. The Music Director will be responsible for all of the music programs including adult, youth and children choirs as well as the adult and teen Handbell Ringers, planning and coordinating music programs with the Senior Pastor, participating as appropriate with Logos, consulting with the Worship Committee of the Session and maintaining a music Library. The

Organist will be responsible for playing the organ during worship services and special programs including weekly rehearsals. Two Sunday services: 8:30 Chapel service and 10:00 AM Worship service; senior choir rehearsal Wednesday evening, children's choir and handbell choirs Thursday evening. Recent Ahlborn-Galanti electronic [organ](#). Other instruments: piano, four octaves of Schulmerich handbells, Orff instruments and a Yamaha digital keyboard. A qualified candidate will have a proven background as an accomplished organist and/or choir director (such as a Westminster Choir College degree or equivalent), or a combinations of these skills. Total salaries budgeted for all music positions are \$19,600. Send a resume to: Search Committee, [First Presbyterian Church of Monroe](#), 142 Stage Rd., Monroe, NY 10950 Fax: 845-783-9082 E-mail bobat1stpresbyterian@frontiernet.net. For more info contact [Larry K. Brest](#), Chair, Search Committee, at 845-469-2451 3/15/2005

ORGANIST (Part-Time)

LYALL MEMORIAL FEDERATED CHURCH - MILLBROOK, NY

Availble April 1. One Sunday service at 10:30 AM, with additional seasonal services. Choir rehearsals Monday evening. Work with choir director, accompany adult choir (10-15 members), youth choir, and junior choir. Pipe organ, in good condition. Upright piano. Handbells and chimes also available. Salary: \$10,000/year with vacation time provided. Weddings and funerals extra compensation. [Lyll Memorial Federated Church](#), 30 Maple Avenue, Millbrook, NY 12545 Contact: Muriel Verdebello, 64 Stanford Road, Millbrook, NY 12545 Tel: 845-677-5279 Fax: 845-563-3603 e-mail: mverdi@rcls.org 2/9/2005

ORGANIST (Part-Time)

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - POUGHKEEPSIE, NY

Available April 1. One Sunday service at 10:00 AM, preceded by choir rehearsal at 9:15 AM. Occasional mid-week seasonal services. Small adult choir. Electronic organ, two manuals and pedal, good condition. Occasional flute and viola soloists. Salary: \$6000/year. Weddings and funerals: extra compensation. Contact: Nan Smith, 51 Lincoln Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 Phone 845-297-4984, Fax 845-452-6832 e-mail: tomputtnchip@cs.com 2/8/2005

MUSIC DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

BRIARCLIFF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH - BRIARCLIF MANOR, NY

One Sunday service at 10:00 AM, preceded by short choir rehearsal, plus additional seasonal services. Volunteer adult choir of 20+ members, plus youth choir. Thursday evening choir rehearsal, plus occasional additional rehearsals following Sunday service. Three-manual [Austin Pipe Organ](#) (opus 1245) constructed in 1924, in excellent condition and well maintained. Steinway grand piano. Salary: \$20,000 per year. Weddings and funerals: extra compensation; music director has right of first refusal. Four weeks paid vacation during the months of July and August. [Click here](#) for detailed job description. Contact: Calvin Reynolds; Chair, Music Committee; [Briarcliff Congregational Church](#); P.O. Box 290; 30 South State Road; Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510 Home phone 914-941-1324 E-mail: calreynolds@verizon.net Church fax: 914-941-1513 2/4/2005

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

SAUGERTIES REFORMED CHURCH - SAUGERTIES, NY

Filled 2/26/05

ORGANIST/DIRECTOR OF MUSIC (Part Time)

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH – POUGHKEEPSIE, NY

Filled

ORGANIST (Part-Time)

ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - STAATSBURG, NY

Filled

ORGANIST (Part-Time)

THE REFORMED CHURCH OF BEACON - BEACON, NY

One Sunday service at 11:00 AM. Traditional service with 3 hymns, prelude, offertory, postlude, Gloria Patri and Doxology. No choir. Ryder 2-manual tracker organ in good condition, with work recently completed on pedal division. Compensation negotiable. Contact: Ed Hawkins, V.P. of Consistory, at 418 Rock Cut Rd, Walden, NY 12586 Tel: 845-566-1488

Renewed 2/14/2005

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

CHRIST CHURCH UNITED METHODIST - BEACON

One Sunday service at 10:00 AM. Traditional service with 3 hymns, prelude, postlude, and offertory. Small (5 adults) volunteer choir. Anthem most Sundays. Choir rehearsal Thursdays at 7:30 PM. May consider having one anthem per month to get more participation. Instruments: Thompson electronic organ (2/39) and a piano. We occasionally welcome different instruments to add variety to service.

Salary: \$6,200 per year; 3 weeks off with pay; no benefits; paid semi-monthly. Contact: Pastor Tony Beck, Christ Church United Methodist, Beacon, NY, 845-831-2068, or email:

tonybck@aol.com. *Renewed 2/1/2005*

Calendar of Events

Please note: Due to space considerations, this Calendar of Events may exclude the following:

- Events taking place outside the area served by the Central Hudson Valley Chapter
- Events which conflict directly with chapter sponsored events

Such events may be listed on the Local Events page of our chapter web site at www.chvago.org.

Please contact the editor if you have an event to be publicized.

Boxed items are Central Hudson Valley AGO Chapter events.

Names listed in bold face are chapter members.

Sunday, April 9, 2005
9:00 PM

Performance: The Contemplation of Bravery
Commissioned for the Bicentennial of West Point, composed by **Joseph Bertolozzi**, featuring David Lesser, horn soloist, and J. Gregory Miller, conductor. Kilbourn Hall, The Eastman School of Music, 26 Gibbs Street, Rochester, NY. Free. Info: 585-274-1000

Sunday, April 10, 2005
3:00 PM

Recital Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Dr. Davis' Appointment as USMA Organist/Choirmaster featuring **John A. Davis, Jr.** and his pupil **Thomas Sheehan**
Dr. Davis will play *Concerto in F Major, Op. 4, No. 4* by G.G. Handel; *Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun* by Claude Debussy (arr. JAD); *Air for Organ* by Gerre Hancock; and *Symphonie 5* (1st movement) by CM Widor
Mr. Sheehan will play *Te Deum* by Jean Langlais; *Prelude and Fugue in D Major* by J.S. Bach; *Choral in E Major* by César Franck; and *Final* from *Symphonie 1* by Louis Vierne
Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY Free. Info: 845-938-7352

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- Sunday, April 10, 2005
3:00 PM
Middletown Community Handbell Choir Spring Concert
Under the direction of **Donald Filkins**. Sponsored by and presented at [Webb Horton Memorial Presbyterian Church](#), 50 East Main Street, Middletown. The church parking lot is on East Avenue and there is street parking on either East Main Street or East Avenue. Free. Info: 845-831-6315 or 845-343-2131
- Wednesday, April 13, 2005
8:00 PM
Love is Joy, Love is Sorrow: Robert Gupta, Violin; Akshar Gupta, Piano
Music by Fritz Kreisler, Schubert, Mendelssohn, Chopin, Beethoven, Grieg, Ysaye, and Sarasate
Performing Arts Room, 3rd Floor, Student Center, Marist College, Poughkeepsie
Free. Info: 845-575-3174
- Sunday, April 17, 2005
3:00 PM
Organ Recital by **Jimrae K. Lenser**
North Congregational United Church of Christ, 157 Linden Avenue, Middletown, NY 10940
(Parking access in the back of church on North Beacon Street.)
Freewill offering. Info: 845-343-6688
- Sunday, April 17, 2005
3:30 PM
Discussion, demonstration and Q&A Session
Joseph Bertolozzi, winner of the Dutchess County Arts Council's Individual Artist Award for Excellence in Music Composition, discusses and demonstrates his compositions. The Chelsea Morrison Theater, Holbrook Arts Center, The Millbrook School, School Road, Millbrook, NY. Free. 845-454-3222
- Sunday, April 24, 2005
3:00 PM
Organ Recital by Vincent Dubois
[First United Methodist Church](#), 603 State Street, Schenectady, NY. Born in 1980, Vincent Dubois began organ studies at age 11 in the organ school of the Cathedral of St. Brieuc, France, then studied at the national Conservatory of Angers. He won the Recital Gold Medal at the 2002 Royal Bank Calgary International Organ Festival and Competition, and most recently the 1st Grand Prix in the 2002 International Competition of Toulouse. At the age of 16, Vincent was named titular organist of the Cavallé-Coll organ at the Cathedral of St. Brieuc. He is the organist at the Cathedral of Soissons, France.
Free. Info: 518-374-4403
- Sunday, April 24, 2005
3:00 PM
Music for Friends - A Recital by Mike Hancock, Clarinet
Accompanied by **Grace Haack**, Piano
[Cunneen-Hackett Theater](#), 12 Vassar Street, Poughkeepsie
Selections by Mozart, Stamitz, Weber, and R. Vaughan Williams.
Free. Reception to follow. RSVP by 4/18/05 to 845-471-0183
- Sunday, April 24th, 2005
4:00 PM
The TreasureHouse Chorale Presents
An Afternoon of Sacred Music
Works of Bach, Handel, Peters, Tchesnokov, Mendelssohn, Viadana
Nell MacDonald. Soprano: Lana Kollath. Accompanist: Joseph J.

April, 2005

Nigro, Conductor
Queen of the Apostles Chapel, Maryknoll Seminary, Ossining,
NY. \$15 suggested donation. Info: 914-318-3268 or visit
www.treasurehousemusic.org

Sunday, April 24, 2005
7:00 PM

Handbell Concert by *Al Reese*
with members of the Sounding Brass Ringers, Hallelujah Ringers
and the Ringing Wet Handbell Quartet. Arrangements by Al
Reese, Nancy Hascall, Christine Anderson and others. Come see
Al play all the bells!
First Presbyterian Church, Monroe, NY
Free. [Directions](#): 845-783-1632 Info: 845-446-7267

Wednesday, April 27, 2005
8:00 PM

Marist College Music Department Small Ensembles
Performing Arts Room, 3rd Floor, Student Center, Marist
College, Poughkeepsie
Free. Info: 845-575-3174

Friday, April 29, 2005
7:00 PM

Christopher Walker, Composer (Out of Darkness, etc.)
at St. Henry's in Averill Park (near Albany/Troy)

Saturday, April 30, 2005
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

<http://www.sainthentry.net/>
Friday: Evening of Prayer and Song
Saturday: Retreat For All Who Minister on Sunday
Registration \$10.00 per person
Brown Bag lunch on Saturday. Dessert and Coffee will be
provided.
Contact: Sr. Rosemary Ann Cuneo 518-674-3818
sisterro@sainthentry.net

Sunday, May 1, 2005
Masterclass: 1:00 - 3:30
PM
Recital: 4:00 PM

Gary Schocker Flute Masterclass and Concert
with the Marist College Flute Choir
Performing Arts Room, 3rd Floor, Student Center, Marist
College, Poughkeepsie
Masterclass: \$60 performer, \$25 to audit class. Concert only: \$10
general admission, \$5 students and staff. For registration and
information, call **Julie Martyn-Baker**, 845-227-2706

Wednesday, May 4, 2005
8:00 PM

Edwin A. Ulrich Scholarship Spring Student Recital
Performing Arts Room, 3rd Floor, Student Center, Marist
College, Poughkeepsie
Free. Info: 845-575-3174

Sunday, May 8, 2005
3:00 PM

Class of 1936 Distinguished Organists's Recital
featuring James Welch, Organist, Santa Clara University
Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY
Free. Info: 845-938-7352

Thursday, May 19, 2005
7:30 PM

An Evening Concert of Sacred Music
The [University of Notre Dame Folk Choir](#) is a unique ensemble
of 55 singers and instrumentalists. Their arrangements of sacred
music include four-part choral harmony, flute and strings, ethnic
percussion instruments, guitar, and organ. Sponsored by Catholic

Central High School.

Location: [Troy Savings Bank Music Hall](#), 7 State Street, Troy, NY.

Tickets: \$15 and \$20 until April 1 (see [Order Form](#)); thereafter available through the Music Hall Box Office.

Info: Catholic Central High School at 518-235-7100 or Troy Savings Bank Music Hall at 518-273-0083.

June 22 - 25, 2005

Only 91 days left!

AGO Region II & III AGO Convention

Hosted by our own Central Hudson Valley chapter

Talk to a Steering Committee member today about how you can volunteer!

Friday, July 8 to Sunday,
July 10, 2005

"Bach Vespers and the Future" Symposium

This symposium, which precedes the Convention of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians (ALCM), is designed especially for those who present Bach in liturgy or performance, and for those who desire to do so – and even just for folks who love Bach's music. Hosted by the Bach Foundation of [Holy Trinity Lutheran Church](#) in New York City, the symposium features speaker Michael Marissen, the Bach Choir and Players of Holy Trinity, and an outstanding group of workshop presenters. The Choir and Players will be featured in two public events – Bach Vespers on Saturday and Bach Eucharist on Sunday with Cantatas 147 and 187 respectively. Workshops focus on practical issues like funding, PR, singing Bach, period/modern instrument issues, planning, board organization, continuo playing, preaching Bach in today's world, and much more! Complete schedule and registration details are available on the web at: www.bachvespersnyc.org or by calling the Bach Office at 212-877-6815. Bach Vespers at Holy Trinity is now in its 37th season of presenting Bach cantatas and more. Holy Trinity is conveniently located in the heart of New York City, only a block from Lincoln Center, and also close to the ALCM convention hotel.

September 11-14, 2005

American Guild of Organists

National Pedagogy Conference

University of Notre Dame

Notre Dame, Indiana

Reyes Organ and Choral Hall

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

The Pedagogy conference will be part of the year-long events to celebrate the new Fritts Organ, 2-35, 2004

The conference will focus on works of Dieterich Buxtehude in anticipation of the Buxtehude year in 2007.

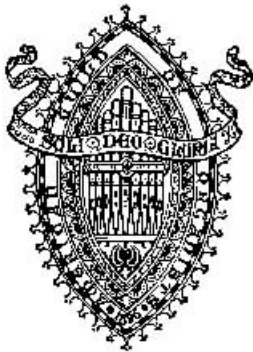
More info to follow.

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