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Letter from the Dean

Dear Friends,

Greetings to all of you at this holiest—and busiest time of the church year. It will probably seem like a repetition of some of my favorite themes, but I'm increasingly struck by how important it is to take time for meditation and reflection in these days. To be sure, there are endless details to attend to, and attending to them often makes the difference between good music and bad, or perhaps between good and great. For me, however, it remains a challenge to simply do my best, practice as much as I can and then: leave it in God's hands. And enjoy. Put joy into. Draw joy from. Even non-believers would subscribe to the notion that the purpose of art is pleasure—a high form of pleasure, but pleasure nonetheless. So I try to remember always to remind my people and myself that it's not about being great, much less perfect, but bringing our best and our most loving to the event that matters.

And now a not-so-joyful note. As of June 30, I will be retiring from Poughkeepsie Day School after many years (and 40 in the education business) and moving to Saco, Maine, where I hope to retire. That was plan A, but it may be delayed a couple of years. I may actually go on working up there for a while yet. There will be two more of these letters, and many things to say, but I wanted you to know the bottom line now. I also want you to know what a joy it has been to serve as your dean these past three years. More to follow.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

A blessed Easter to you and yours!



John Sullivan, FAGO

Membership News

- Don Filkins has accepted the position of Organist/Choir Director at First Presbyterian Church in Wappingers Falls.
- Susan LaGrande has accepted a temporary position as assistant organist at St. Mary's Church in Poughkeepsie, where Grace Haack remains principal organist. Susan will be playing for the 11:30 AM Mass while Grace determines whether her current schedule conflict with her other position at Hyde Park Methodist Church will become permanent.

Editor's Corner

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Deadline for Next Newsletter

We are always glad to receive input for the chapter newsletter in the form of calendar items, reviews of recent concerts and events, biographies, letters, photographs, etc. In order to make sure these submissions can be processed in a timely fashion, please make sure they are received by the 23rd of each month. You may submit newsletter material by mail, e-mail, or phone. Just contact the editor, Susan LaGrande, using the information given below. Remember, the deadline for the next newsletter, to be available the first week in May, is April 23rd.

List of Organ Substitutes

The following chapter members have indicated that they will serve as substitute organists. Please contact them directly if you would like more information.

Joe Bertolozzi (Sat, late Sunday)	845-831-0695	<u>For Weddings and Funerals Only:</u>	
Raymond C. Corey	845-229-5438	Judie Brown (also Jewish svcs)	845-888-5318
Richard C. Ehlenberg	845-658-9746	Alice Cann	845-223-5344
Lois Hoger	845-229-7404	Greg Citarella	845-297-7693
Susan LaGrande	845-226-6496	Robert J. Clooney	845-344-2277
Jill Marshall (Friday, Saturday)	845-227-6990	Larry Hazard	845-452-0119
Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763	Eric Hepp (no weekday funerals)	845-489-2625
Joanne Reed	845-361-3474	Boyd Herforth	845-255-5298 / 973-783-8798
<u>No Sunday Morning Services:</u>		Erna Loerch	845-226-8094
Maris Kristapsons (no weddings)	845-635-8837	Charles Surber (no weddings)	845-255-8293
Jimrae K. Lenser	845-427-5884/914-388-6641	<u>Students</u>	
Pat Maimone	845-446-2395	David Parries (Sunday only)	845-297-6870
Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249	Jeffrey Parries	845-297-6870/845-702-4746
		Gregory S. Quaglieni	845-786-0011

List of Organ Teachers

The following chapter members have indicated that they are accepting new organ students. We are in the process of soliciting brief biographies from each of them, which will be posted on our web site as they are received. Please contact the teachers directly if you would like more information.

Joyce B. Auchincloss	203-754-2840	Boyd Herforth	845-255-5298
Gregory Citarella	845-297-7693	Patricia R. Maimone	845-446-2395
Raymond C. Corey	845-229-5438	Janet Nelson Nickerson	845-561-0763
Donald Filkins	845-518-2991	Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249
Peter Hall	845-343-4995	Charles Surber	845-223-4824

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.

ORGANIST (Part-Time)

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - WEST CAMP, NY

One Sunday service at 10:30 AM. ELCA Synod. No choir, except for a small group on Christmas and Easter. \$75.00 per service. Two paid Sundays vacation. Extra compensation for weddings and funerals. Familiarity with Lutheran service settings 2 and 5 a plus. Beautiful well-maintained two-manual Rowland pipe organ (not electronic) - 8 ranks with standard AGO pedal board. Resetttable pistons which control tab stops installed in an acoustically live environment. Historic St. Paul's Lutheran Church of West Camp, NY (between Saugerties & Catskill on Rte. 9W). Please reply to: Elizabeth Biggart, PO Box 152, West Camp, NY 12490 - Lizdp2@aol.com - phone: 845-246-9281
2/28/2007

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

SAUGERTIES REFORMED CHURCH - SAUGERTIES, NY

One Sunday service at 10:30 AM plus choir rehearsal at a time convenient to the director and the choir members. Two extra church services (e.g. Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve) plus two extra community services (Council of Churches) are required each year. Includes two weeks paid vacation plus up to two paid Sundays off due to sickness. Roosevelt Organ Opus 530 (1892) with 3-manual console (2 installed, 1 prepared in console but not installed). Technical information and picture may be found at www.saugertiesreformed.com. Salary commensurate with experience and qualifications (in consultation with AGO salary guidelines. Contact Rev. Richard Rockwood 845-246-2867 or email saugertiesreformed@gmail.com. 2/12/07

ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER (Part-Time)

ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH - HAINES FALLS, NY

All Angels Episcopal Church is located within the community of Twilight Park in Haines Falls, NY (very near Hunter Mountain). Although Episcopal in charter, we are a multi-denominational congregation who alternates between Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist services in the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM, between the dates June 24 - September 2. Our services incorporate hymns from the Episcopal 1980 Hymnal, which are chosen by our visiting priests in advance and are usually old standards, plus one or two anthems, which can be selected either by soloists in our all-volunteer choir or the organist and are prepared at rehearsals prior to the service. Allen C3 chamber series digital organ, 3 years old and in very good shape. We are prepared to offer a weekly stipend of \$200 as well as a modest travel allowance in return for a commitment to play and lead the music during our 11 Sunday season. Contact: (The Rev.) John C. Fisher, Home evenings: 914-238-1229, Cell: 914-552-3302, e-mail: fishrink@aol.com
1/18/2007

ORGANIST OR ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Permanent Part-time Staff)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - POUGHKEEPSIE, NY

Our Sunday service is at 10:00 AM (9-11:15 AM). The organ is a three-manual Moller (circa 1955) with about 30 ranks. It is regularly maintained. The Choir sings a wide range of music and has an extensive music library. Familiarity with worship in the Reformed tradition is a plus. Salary is negotiable. There is extra compensation for weddings and funerals. Please respond with a phone inquiry to Stan Roberts at 845/471-5712 or email to: sjrob@verizon.net
Updated 2/7/2007

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part Time)

MEADOW HILL REFORMED CHURCH - TOWN OF NEWBURGH, NY

One Sunday service at 10:30 AM. Adult Choir practices on Wednesday evenings Sept-June but maybe negotiable. Additional seasonal services. Church has two-manual Allen electronic organ and a Korg electronic piano. Salary negotiable. Extra compensation for weddings and funerals. Mixture of contemporary Christian music and traditional hymns. Send cover letter and resume with education, experience, and references to Meadow Hill Reformed Church, 211 Fletcher Drive North, Newburgh, NY, 12550 Phone 845-564-2279 – Fax 845-564-2258
Renewed 2/19/2007

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY *Filled*

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)
THIELLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - THIELLS, NY

One Sunday service at 10:30 AM, additional services seasonally. Choir (adult volunteer, 8-9 members) practices on Wednesday evening. Extra compensation for weddings and funerals. Rodgers 2-manual electronic organ; upright piano. Salary negotiable according to experience. Contact: Ann Dacre, 65 Filors Lane, Stony Point, NY 10980 Phone 845-942-1481 - Cell 845-323-5475 - Fax 845-942-4292 - Click here to send e-mail.

Thiells United Methodist Church, 102 Rosman Road, Thiells, NY 10984
Renewed 3/30/2007

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC (Part-Time)
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - MONROE, NY

Two Sunday services, plus 15-20 traditional seasonal services per year. Adult choir sings weekly, children's choir sings monthly. Rehearsals: 2 weekly. Other instrumentalists available for festive occasions. Other music staff: volunteer director of handbell choir (youth and adult), volunteer piano accompanist, Saturday worship service musician (contemporary service). Allen Digital Organ, acoustic and electronic pianos. Salary: \$16,000+, commensurate with experience. Paid vacation. Extra compensation for weddings and funerals. Requirements: BA in Music or equivalent; 3 years church experience (Lutheran preferred) in playing piano and organ, accompanying congregational singing, as well as in directing voice choirs. Contact Dan Madrid, c/o St. Paul Lutheran Church, 21 Still Road, Monroe, NY 10950, 845-782-5600, fax 845-782-3703 or e-mail church@stpaulmonroe.org
Renewed 3/30/2007

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.

Events listed in the calendar are not necessarily endorsed by CHVAGO.

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 1, 2007
11:45 AM

Bach and Beyond concert: "Hades and Olympus"
Saint James Church -- corner of Main (Rt. 7) and Taconic Streets, Great Barrington, MA. Program focuses on two organ works expressing extreme anguish and extreme joy, respectively: Farley Kennan Hutchins' 1953 suite "Crucifixion", and J.S. Bach's Toccata in F. Admission: free (freewill donations to relief funds). Info: 413-258-1460

Sunday, April 1, 2007
3:00 PM
Silent Movie - "King of Kings"
Cecil B. DeMille's great epic, with live theatre organ accompaniment by Ralph Ringstad, Jr. on the 3/12 NYTOS mighty Wurlitzer. Paramount Theatre, 17 South Street, Middletown, Admission: \$8 Adults, \$6 NYTOS members & Seniors, \$5 Students. Info: www.nytos.org

Sunday, April 1, 2007
7:00 PM
Concert at Christ Church
As a beginning to Holy Week, we invite you to attend a performance of John Rutter's eloquent and moving *Requiem*. The choir of Christ Church will be joined by orchestra, the choir from St. John's Lutheran Church, and other area singers and instrumentalists. The program will include additional works appropriate to Lent and Holy Week. Christ Episcopal Church, Academy and Barclay Streets, Poughkeepsie, NY. Free admission. There will be a freewill offering to benefit the Christ Church summer camp program. Info: 845-452-8220

Sunday, April 15, 2007
3:00 PM
Recital by Olivier Latry
Titular organist of the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, France. Co-sponsored by the Eastern New York Chapter, AGO. First United Methodist Church, 604 State Street, Schenectady, NY Free admission. Info: 518-374-4403

Sunday, April 15, 2007 3:00 - 5:00 PM	Preparation for Service Playing Exam - Session 6 Wrap-Up Session. To sign up for the course or to register for the Service Playing Exam, please contact John Sullivan, FAGO, at jtsul@earthlink.net or 845-454-7150.
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Sunday, April 15, 2007
3:30 PM
Recital by **Craig Williams**
Mr. Williams is Organist at the Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. This recital is part of the Tower Music Series at The Reformed Church, 70 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY. Donations accepted. Info: 845-452-8110

Saturday, April 21, 2007 (Alternate date April 28) Time to be arranged	AGO Service Playing Exam To sign up for the preparation course or to register for the Service Playing Exam, please contact John Sullivan, FAGO, at jtsul@earthlink.net or 845-454-7150.
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Saturday, April 21, 2007
2:00 PM
"Finding Your Voice" - Teaching Workshop with Danielle Woerner
A workshop-style class designed to acquaint students with their vocal capabilities and what we might call their "essential voice": the unique sound that belongs to each one of us when it is freed from tension, fear, and habits that interfere with it, and is supported by good basic technique. Novices and those who already sing are all welcome. Our work and play

together will include fundamentals of vocal production, relaxation and centering exercises (after all, when we sing, our entire body is our instrument!), and forays into song. Enrollment limited to 9. Tuition \$50. Dutchess Community College, 53 Pendell Road, Poughkeepsie, NY. Course #MUZ399 - Non-credit division. To register: 845-431-8000 - specify non-credit div.

Sunday, April
22, 2007
7:00 PM

Earth Day Concert

In addition to the human voice in song, the voices of whales, wolves and many other sounds of nature will be raised to the Glory of God in this presentation of Paul Winter's ground-breaking and epic work *Earth Mass*. We are blessed to bring this glorious celebration of creation to the Mid-Hudson region. There will be a freewill offering to benefit an environmental charity. Christ Episcopal Church, Barclay and Academy Streets, Poughkeepsie, NY. Free admission. There will be a freewill offering to benefit an environmental charity. Info: 845-452-8220

Sunday, May 6,
2007
3:00 PM

Concert at the Cadet Chapel

Frederick Hohman, Concert Organist
(Class of 1936 Distinguished Organists Recital Series)
Cadet Chapel, US Military Academy, West Point, NY.
Open to the public and free of charge. Info: Contact **Craig Williams**,
845-938-7352.

Sunday, May 6,
2007
4:00 PM

Chamber Music for Cello and Keyboards

Featuring Reenat Pinchas on cello and **Ruby Hyatt** and piano and harpsichord performing music by Geminiani, Bach, and Beethoven. First Baptist Church, corner of Mill and Market Streets, Poughkeepsie, NY. The concert is part of the church's Bi-Centennial Celebration Series. Free-will offering. Info: 845-454-1340.

Sunday, June
17, 2007
3:00 PM

Members' Recital

Grace Episcopal Church, Franklin Avenue, Millbrook, NY. Beckerath tracker organ. Practice times: In a general way, the church is happy to make the following hours free for concert participants to practice: *Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays: 10:30-1:00 PM; Saturdays: 3:00-4:30 PM*. However, no bookings may be made for Holy Week (4/2-4/8). To schedule a practice, please contact **Greg Citarella** at citarg@us.ibm.com or 845-297-7693. Then a day or two before the session please confirm the booking with Maria, the secretary at Grace Church (845-677-3064), during office hours, as the church sometimes arranges special activities at the last moment.

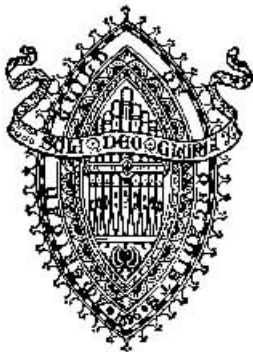
Tuesday, July 12
through Sunday,
July 17, 2007

Organ Historical Society National Convention

Indianapolis, Indiana. Organs by 6 (!) Indiana builders and 17 American builders. Featured recitalists: Ken Cowan, Robert Hobby, Marilyn Keiser, Thomas Murray, Carol Williams, Chris Young - and more than 20 others! Hotel: Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites.



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