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# Central Hudson Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

## Newsletter – August 2012

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### Letter from the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

Summer is seen by many as a time to ease up on responsibilities, relax and enjoy the beauties of the warmer season. What I observe however is that people are as busy as ever. Perhaps we are not involved in many of the routine tasks we face between September and June, but it does seem we stay very busy.

At West Point, July ends up being one of my busiest months because we are in the middle of preparing worship services for the New Cadets undergoing Basic Training in addition to keeping our regular services going – not to mention weddings and funerals. Recitals and

festivals continue at a good pace, and we enjoyed here this past month the annual Hudson Valley Bachfest in Poughkeepsie and Cornwall-on-Hudson. Wonderful opportunities all.

Before long the academic year will be starting again and the leaves will be falling from the trees. Then the beauties of this season will be gone for another year. Of course each season has its own peculiar beauties – especially in this region.

As we think about the music we share, I hope we will remember that it is important to find those moments to rest, listen to that small still voice, and enjoy simple beauties for their own sake. I mainly preach to myself, the chief of sinners, here. And then when we return to our music and our other work, we and those with whom we share will be all the richer for having taken the extra moments in enjoying that with which we have been blessed.

Please make checking our Calendar part of your fall planning. There will be much sharing in the months ahead.



Craig Williams  
Dean, Central Hudson Valley AGO

## 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.

Please note that only CHVAGO members in good standing are eligible to be included in this list. If you would like your name listed, please contact the editor using the information above.

Denise Bassen	845-226-1564	<u>No Sunday Morning Services:</u>
Joe Bertolozzi	845-831-0695	Maris Kristapsons
Robert D. Brown	845-485-1597	(no weddings) 845-635-8837
Nickie Collins	845-462-2240	Beverly Simmons 845-463-1249
Richard C. Ehlenberg	845-658-9746	Susan LaGrande 845-226-6496
Christopher Fasulo	646-342-4836	<u>For Weddings and Funerals Only:</u>
Larry Hazard	845-452-0119	Alice Cann 845-223-5344
Susan MacNish	845-635-3814	Greg Citarella 845-297-7693
Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763	Eric Hepp (no weekday funerals) 845-489-2625
Joanne Reed	845-361-3474	Charles Surber (no weddings) 845-544-2782

## 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.

Gregory Citarella	845-297-7693	Janet Nelson Nickerson	845-561-0763
Peter Hall	845-343-4995	Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249
Larry Hazard	845-452-0119	Charles Surber	845-544-2782

## **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 23<sup>rd</sup> of each month. However, material such as calendar items may be submitted at any time; even if the material may not make it into the printed newsletter, it can be quickly posted on our web site at [www.chvago.org](http://www.chvago.org).

You may submit newsletter or web site material by mail, e-mail, fax or phone. Just contact the editor, Susan LaGrande, using the information given above. Remember, the deadline for the next printed newsletter, to be available the first week in September, is August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Editor's Corner**

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## **Position Openings**

*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.*

***Editor's Note – Due to space considerations, older position openings may include only the type of position and hiring institution. Complete information about positions is available on our web site at [www.chvago.org](http://www.chvago.org), or contact the editor, Susan LaGrande, at 845-226-6496.***

ORGANIST/PIANIST - (Part-Time)

**GOOD SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - HURLEY, NY**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is small but beautiful congregation nestled in scenic Hurley, New York. Services are once a week at 10:00 AM, with an extra weekly service during the Advent and Lenten season. Services usually last about an hour. This traditional congregation is a very musical community. There are approximately 30-50 congregants on any given Sunday. They usually sing in four parts during the service. No singing is required for the position, but any vocal abilities will be very much welcomed. There is a small choir that meets occasionally. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is located at: 470 Hurley Avenue,

Hurley, NY 12443, near Exit 19, I-87 Thruway Circle. For additional information about this position please call 845-338-5262 or email: [gselc@usinternet.com](mailto:gselc@usinternet.com). *7/1/2012*

**MINISTER OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST (Full-Time)**

**THE REFORMED CHURCH OF BRONXVILLE - BRONXVILLE, NY**

The Reformed Church of Bronxville, located approximately 30 minutes north of Manhattan, at the corner of Pondfield and Midland avenues in Bronxville, NY, seeks a full-time Minister of Music to lead an established, comprehensive, multi-graded music program. The position requires providing artistic vision and leadership for The Reformed Church's worship and music ministry, which includes six singing choirs (ages Pre-K-adult), six handbell groups, and contemporary worship service musicians, overseeing the music ministry staff of full- and part-time professionals, a semi-professional choir, and guest instrumentalists, working collaboratively with Church staff, Worship Council, and congregants to plan 2 Sunday services (9 and 10:30) and special worship services throughout the year, leading worship services through hymn playing, prelude and postlude music on the sanctuary 72 rank, 4,327 pipe Schantz organ installed 1957 with additions in 1965, 1984 and 2011 in with new Harris 4 manual drawknob console installed in 2011, directing the semi-pro adult Chancel Choir (1 rehearsal per week), youth choir(s) as required (1 rehearsal per week), and guest instrumentalists, overseeing 6 handbell choirs, developing, leading, and promoting a yearly series of concerts, recitals, and administering the business affairs and budget of the Music Department. Manage the caretaking of all Church instruments. Weddings and funerals are extra and at the option of the Music Minister. Qualified candidates will have a master's degree in music, with concentration in organ performance and choral conducting, a minimum 7 years' experience leading a comprehensive, multi-graded, mixed-voice choir program, knowledge of Reformed worship traditions, hymns, and practices, advanced skills in service playing and improvisation on organ and piano and a commitment to Christian ministry through music. Annual salary range for this full time position is \$64,500-76,500, commensurate with experience with a very competitive benefits package including health and dental insurance. Position available as of August 1, 2012. Application Deadline: August 1, 2012. Please email résumé and cover letter to: Philip Wade, Search Committee Chair, at [musicresumes@reformedchurch.org](mailto:musicresumes@reformedchurch.org). Please do not call the Church. For full position, organ specifications, and program descriptions, visit [www.reformedchurch.org](http://www.reformedchurch.org). The Reformed Church of Bronxville is an Equal Opportunity Employer. *6/10/2012*

**ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)**

**PLEASANT PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - STAATSBURG, NY**

Pleasant Plains Presbyterian Church is looking for a part-time Organist and Choir Director. Our historic church is 175 years old. It is located in rural Staatsburg one half mile east of Route 9G at the corner of Fiddlers Bridge and Hollow Roads. Worship services are at 9:30 AM on Sundays. The choir currently consists of 7 people (balanced parts) who read music, and rehearses (during the school year) prior to the service beginning at 8:30 AM. There are special services such as Maundy Thursday, Christmas Eve and Easter. The organ was built in 1965 by the Gress-Miles Organ Co. of Princeton, NJ. It is a 2 manual, 10 rank unified instrument built in the north German tradition. It remains unmodified since it was built; it has been well maintained by a technician who was formerly employed at the Gress-Miles company. A small set of chimes is positioned on the right side of the console. The church has recently received a 3-octave set of hand bells and chimes. The Organist/Choir Director is a member of the Worship Committee with the Pastor and a member of Session. The salary is

negotiable and is paid monthly. Funerals and weddings are separate. The church pays workers' compensation and the employer's share of FICA and Medicare taxes. The organist has free access to the church during the week. A job description is available; yearly reviews are done by the Session. Applicants should provide references if possible. Candidates will be asked to meet with the Worship committee and to play the piano/organ. While the search is underway, the church is additionally in need of someone to serve in an interim capacity. Pleasant Plains Presbyterian Church, 2 Fiddlers Bridge Road, Staatsburg, NY 12580. Contact: [pleasantpchurch@optimum.net](mailto:pleasantpchurch@optimum.net) or 845-889-4019. 5/23/2012

**ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)**

**ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - NEWBURGH, NY**

St. George's has a strong commitment to music, both in worship and in the community. One of the church's missions is "Voices of Hope," a children's choir open to K-6 graders in the community. St. George's is also home to the Newburgh Chamber Music program and the Newburgh Symphony Chorale, and has hosted other performing musical groups such as the Opera Company of the Hudson Highlands.

One weekly Sunday service at 9:45 AM (9:00 AM during July and August), plus additional services at Christmas and Holy Week. Eight-person volunteer choir which rehearses on Sunday morning immediately prior to the 9:45 AM service. Organist will be the first offered to play for weddings and funerals. The Gress-Miles Pipe Organ is baroque in style and contains 19 voices, 17 ranks, and 1552 pipes, and is in good condition. A Baldwin grand piano is also used in services.

The position is on a per-service basis and offers \$125 per service and \$300-350 for weddings and funerals. St. George's Episcopal Church, 105 Grand Street, Newburgh NY 12550. Send resume to The Reverend Dustin Trowbridge, Priest-in-Charge, [dustintrowbridge@hotmail.com](mailto:dustintrowbridge@hotmail.com). For additional information call the parish office at 845-561-5355. Fax: 845-561-2443 5/23/2012

**ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)**

**RHINEBECK REFORMED CHURCH - RHINEBECK, NY**

Part time organist/choir director for our 200+ member congregation. Our organ is a well maintained 1892, Frank Roosevelt, two manual, tubular/pneumatic organ, that was built for our historic sanctuary. We have an established choir of 7 to 8 adults singing from a large and varied choral library. Our blended service includes traditional Protestant hymns. Praise songs are led by the Music Ministry Team. Organist/choir director responsibilities include playing one service at 9:45 AM each Sunday throughout the year, and rehearsing the choir one evening each week from September through June. Several extra services are traditionally planned during the Christmas and Easter seasons.

Teachers and organists: If you have talented students who might be interested, or if you would be interested, in this part time position, we would be delighted to hear from you or your students. For more information or to arrange an interview and audition, please call Brenda at 914-475-3502 or the church office at 845-876-3727. Resumes may be emailed to [rhinebeckreformed@frontiernet.net](mailto:rhinebeckreformed@frontiernet.net). or mail to Rhinebeck Reformed Church at The Rhinebeck Reformed Church, 6368 Mill Street, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. For additional information about the application process, please call the church at 845-876-3727. *Renewed 7/28/2012*

## 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](http://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.

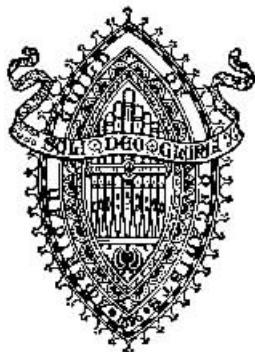
*Boxed items are Central Hudson Valley AGO Chapter events. Names listed in bold face are chapter members.*

Friday, August 10, 2012 7:00 PM	Organ Recital and Dedication of New Console Special Guest Organist Robert McCormick, Director of Music at St. Paul's Parish, K Street, Washington, DC. Location: Christ Episcopal Church, 7423 South Broadway (Route 9), Red Hook, NY.
Sunday, August 12, 2012 10:00 AM	Bard Music Festival Program Four: The Organ, King of Instruments Performance with commentary. Works for organ by Camille Saint-Saëns (1835–1921); Adolphe Adam (1803–56); Louis Lefébure-Wély (1817–69); Charles Gounod (1818–93); César Franck (1822–90); Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937); Leon Boëllmann (1862–97). Organ: unspecified electronic instrument to be brought in for the concert. Performers and speakers to be announced. All programs subject to change. Admission charged. Fisher Center, Sosnoff Theater, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY. Info: 845-758-7900.
Sunday, September 30, 2012 3:00 PM	Organ Concert by Darren Motise Former Chapter Member Darren Motise performs works of Bach, Messiaen and others. Open to the public and free of charge (free-will offering accepted). Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Info: contact <b>Craig Williams</b> at 845-938-7352 or <a href="mailto:craig.williams@usma.edu">craig.williams@usma.edu</a>
Sunday, October 6 through Thursday, October 11, 2012	39th Annual Convention of the American Institute of Organbuilders Lansing, Michigan. Further details TBA.
Sunday, October 14, 2012 4:00 PM	Organ Demonstration/Crawl Explore the all new dual theatre/classical organ at Franklin Delano Roosevelt High School in Hyde Park. Featuring John Baratta, organist and teacher, and Johannes Vanderlee, curator, and featuring organ students at the school. FDR High School is located at 156 South Cross Road, off Route 9G, in the Town of Hyde Park. More details will be provided closer to the event.
Sunday, November 4,	Organ Concert by Douglas Bruce International Concert Organist Douglas Bruce hails from Basel,

- 2012 Switzerland and has toured internationally including frequent visits to the United States. Works of Bach, Guilmant, Haydn, Liszt and others. Open to the public and free of charge (free-will offering accepted). Cadet Chapel, US Military Academy, West Point, NY. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or [craig.williams@usma.edu](mailto:craig.williams@usma.edu)
- 3:00 PM
- Sunday, December 2, 2012 54th Annual Handel's Messiah Performance Open to the public and free of charge (free-will offering accepted). Cadet Chapel, US Military Academy, West Point, NY. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or [craig.williams@usma.edu](mailto:craig.williams@usma.edu)
- 3:00 PM
- Sunday, February 3, 2013 Organ Concert by **Craig Williams**, USMA Organist/Choirmaster The French Connection: Organ Symphonies of Widor and Vierne. Open to the public and free of charge (free-will offering accepted). Cadet Chapel, US Military Academy, West Point, NY. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or [craig.williams@usma.edu](mailto:craig.williams@usma.edu)
- 3:00 PM
- Sunday, March 3, 2013 Organ Concert by Meredith Baker, Director of Music Most Holy Trinity (Catholic) Chapel, USMA Open to the public and free of charge (free-will offering accepted). Cadet Chapel, US Military Academy, West Point, NY. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or [craig.williams@usma.edu](mailto:craig.williams@usma.edu)
- 3:00 PM
- Sunday, April 7, 2013 Organ Concert by James F. Mellichamp Vice-President and Professor of Piedmont College (GA) and International Touring Artist. Open to the public and free of charge (free-will offering accepted). Cadet Chapel, US Military Academy, West Point, NY. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or [craig.williams@usma.edu](mailto:craig.williams@usma.edu)
- 3:00 PM



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