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Letter from the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

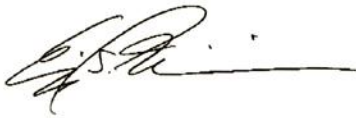
As we enter the season of Christmas and Hanukkah, we are reminded of the old adage, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” That is true because certainly without giving there would be no receiving.

However, please note the comparison. Whereas we are told it is *more* blessed to give, the adage does suggest that there is blessing in receiving as well. When we read the account where Jesus washes the feet of his disciples, Peter first refuses to receive the washing from the Lord but then is told he cannot have any part in the Lord’s service unless he is willing to receive. I know as a father that some of the most rewarding times I have with my children is

when I am willing to open my mind to receiving what they have to offer apart from everything I have given them. Receiving takes humility, and I definitely experience a blessing when I allow others the opportunity to give.

We are now in the giving season, and we musicians who serve in our temples and churches will be giving much of our time and talent this month. I ask you also to open yourselves to receiving what this season has to offer. Find the quiet times and the small still voice, be open to receiving the music which your choir and musicians have to offer under your directorship, take in some of your colleagues' musical offerings, and especially give yourself permission to be tired and try to relax once in a while. The chief of sinners preaches to himself here.

Have a wonderful time of giving and receiving as we share the priceless gifts of worship and music this season!



Craig Williams
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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. 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.

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 January 2013, is December 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.

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
Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763	Greg Citarella	845-297-7693
Joanne Reed	845-361-3474	Eric Hepp (no weekday funerals)	845-489-2625
		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

Position Openings

Editor's Note - Hiring institutions are encouraged to check references from applicants' previous employers. It should not be assumed that applicants who learn of position openings via these listings are endorsed by the Central Hudson Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. 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 or email SUSANEL2@OPTONLINE.NET.

Editor's Note – Due to space considerations, 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, or contact the editor, Susan LaGrande, at 845-226-6496.

SOPRANO SECTION LEADER - (Part-Time)

ST. MARY'S-IN-TUXEDO EPISCOPAL CHURCH - TUXEDO PARK, NY

[St. Mary's-in-Tuxedo Episcopal Church](#) is in need of a Soprano Section Leader as of January 1, 2013. The historic church is located in the gated community of Tuxedo Park, New York. The Soprano Section Leader sings with The Adult Choir which rehearses on Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM followed by the Service at 10:00 AM. The Soprano Section Leader will

also sing for non-Sunday Services during the Year which include: Lenten Ecumenical Service, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. During the Summer Months of July and August, the Soprano Section Leader will be expected to sing three Sundays. The fee will be \$95.00 per Service which includes the choir rehearsal which precedes the Church Service. The Adult Choir sings a variety of choral music from traditional Anglican Anthems to Contemporary compositions. St. Mary's has a fine choral music library and choir room, with two Steinway pianos and a 1973, 34-rank Austin Organ. Contact: Jimrae K. Lenser, Director of Music and Organist, St. Mary's-in-Tuxedo Episcopal Church, jimrael@yahoo.com or 845-802-4284 (text messages are accepted). 9/29/2012

ORGANIST - (Part-Time)

ST.AEDAN'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH - PEARL RIVER, NY

St. Aedan's Church, Pearl River, NY (7 minutes from the Palisades Mall) is seeking a Principal Organist for two Sunday Masses (10 AM and Noon) and a Wednesday (possibly moving to Sunday) rehearsal from 7:30-9:00 PM. Extra for Holy Days, Catechetical services, etc. All Weddings, some funerals possible. Pay rate is \$225/week (no rehearsals in January, June, July or August. Average per hour is well over \$40/hour). Organ is three manual Allen with instrument cards and programmer, transposer, etc. Also an upright grand piano. No administrative duties. Contact: Music Director Ellie Diaz-Walters at 845-558-1225, or e-mail scottthetenor@yahoo.com. Position available upon negotiation, contract year January 1-December 31. 9/27/2012

ORGANIST - (Part-Time)

ST. NICHOLAS-ON-THE-HUDSON - NEW HAMBURG, NY *Filled 10/29/2012*

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR – (Part-Time)

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – MIDDLETOWN, NY

We are a vibrant growing mid size congregation with a 100+ year history. We recently completed a building project to include a large sanctuary. We have a active youth program and we are excited to find a organist/choir director that will grow our music program. The position requires 10 to 12 hrs per week: two Sunday worship services at 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM from Sept to June (Summer worship Sunday 9:30 AM and Saturday evening service 5:30 PM); weekly Adult Choir rehearsals (Sept – June). Other season services of the church such as Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Easter and Ascension Day. Extra compensation for weddings and funerals. Allen Quantum 3-Manual Electronic Organ (2009); piano also available. Salary: negotiable. Position available immediately. St. John's Lutheran Church, 391 Mount Hope Road, Middletown, NY 10940. Email us for an application. Submit resume by e-mail to: sjlcpastor@gmail.com or rhowter@frontiernet.net. 8/24/2012

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

ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH - HYDE PARK, NY

[St. Timothy](#), a liturgical congregation, has an immediate opening for an experienced or talented beginner organist to play at 10:00 AM Sunday Divine Worship Services, and the following additional services: Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, and Christmas Eve. The organ is an Allen Digital Computer Organ Protégé Chamber Series. A piano is also available for use as an additional resource. The Organist/Choir Director will work toward developing a small choir. Salary and position responsibilities are negotiable. To learn more about St. Timothy, please visit our website at www.sttimothyhp.org. Please send résumé by mail: Worship

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Committee, St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 1348 NY Route 9G, Hyde Park, NY 12538 or by e-mail: WorshipCommittee@sttimothyhp.org. *Renewed 11/19/2012*

MUSIC LEADER - (Part-Time)

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - POUGHKEEPSIE, NY

St. John's Lutheran Church is seeking a Music Leader for the Contemporary Worship Team. The Music Leader provides piano accompaniment and leadership of the Contemporary Worship Team at the weekly Sunday 8:00 AM Worship Service. The person will work together with the pastor and music director to provide contemporary music that is appropriate for the church year and scripture lessons for each Sunday. He or she should possess strong keyboard skills and the ability to lead an ensemble of multiple instruments to support congregational worship. The position requires broad based musical skills including leading vocally, knowledge of digital piano and guitar performance, basic arranging and improvisational ability. Knowledge of liturgical Christian worship and experience with modern worship technology and sound equipment is highly desired. In addition to one Sunday church service, there is a weekly evening rehearsal and monthly worship and music meeting. Time involvement is 6 hours weekly; salary is commensurate with experience. Position is available in September 2012. St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 55 Wilbur Blvd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Contacts: The Rev. Daniel Ward at pastorward@me.com or Susan Guse, Director of Music Ministries, at sguse@stjohnselc.org. *8/18/2012*

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)

REFORMED CHURCH OF NEW PALTZ– New Paltz, NY

8/8/2012

ORGANIST/PIANIST - (Part-Time)

GOOD SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - HURLEY, NY

7/1/2012

MINISTER OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST (Full-Time)

THE REFORMED CHURCH OF BRONXVILLE - BRONXVILLE, NY

6/10/2012

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

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, December 9,
2012
3:30 PM

Tower Music Series: Tudor Brass with Janice Grace Michael Siless (Trumpet), David Keehn (French Horn), Joseph LaRusso (Tuba), Thomas Keehn (Trombone), and Jim Paradies (Trumpet) comprise Tudor Brass, a group that has been entertaining audiences for over 30 years. The group performs

works by master composers as well as light ballads, jazz, swing, and blues. Members of the Reformed Church of Poughkeepsie will recognize Jim Paradies as the guest performer who has accompanied the Chancel Choir during special Advent and Easter worship services over the past decade. The group's December concert will feature a mix of music from the group's repertoire, and they have invited organist **Janice Grace** to join them in performance during the recital. The Reformed Church, 70 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY. Admission: Free Will Offering (Suggested Donation \$10).

Sunday, December 9,
2012
4:00 PM

Organ Recital by Wesley Joseph
Featuring the newly re-voiced pipes of the organ at Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church (PUMC). Wesley Joseph is currently organist at Hopewell Reformed Church in Hopewell Junction, NY. The recital will honor Wesley's late grandfather, James Joseph, a member of PUMC. Work on the Moeller/Fritze pipe organ was begun during the sanctuary roof replacement this past summer and involved dismantling the exposed Great division. All three divisions were then cleaned and tuned. The result is a crisper, brighter sound from all the pipes. Work was done by Allen J. Hill of Pipe Organ Consulting. Info: 845-452-2933

Saturday, December 15,
2012
4:00 PM and 7:30 PM

Choral Concert: "Amahl and the Night Visitors"
The choirs of the First Reformed Church and Fishkill United Methodist Church, directed by Connie Lacey and Christopher Schaljo respectively, will present a concert of "Amahl and the Night Visitors" twice on Saturday, December 15. The 4:00 PM performance will be at the Methodist Church, 38 Broad Street, Fishkill, and the 7:30 PM concert will be at the Reformed Church, 1153 Main Street, Fishkill. Soloists will join the choirs in this presentation of this beautiful music written by Gian-Carlo Menotti. A choir from the New York Evangelical Church in NY City will also participate. At 3:45 PM and 7:15 PM, Candace Coates will play some Christmas Carols on the harp. For information call **Connie Lacey** at 845-897-5962.

Saturday, December 15,
2012
7:30 PM

Christmas in New City
7th Concert for Advent and Christmas - A Program of Classical & Contemporary Sacred Music, and Christmas Carols for all to enjoy. Works of Beethoven, Gounod, Wilcocks, and others. With The Saint Augustine Choir and Guest Soloists Accompanied by Chamber Orchestra, and our Peragallo Pipe Organ. Mr. Joseph J. Nigro, Conductor. Reception follows. Church of St. Augustine, 140 Maple Avenue, New City, NY. Tickets are \$15, available at the door or in advance by calling 914-318-3268.

- Sunday, February 3, 2013
3:00 PM
- 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
- Sunday, March 3, 2013
3:00 PM
- 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
- Saturday, March 16, 2012
8:00 PM
- Hudson Valley Philharmonic presents "Cliburn Gold"
Randall Craig Fleischer, Music Director/Conductor.
Beethoven: *Fidelio Overture, Op. 72c*, Mozart: *Piano Concerto, No. 23, K. 488, A major* with 13th Van Cliburn Competition Gold Medalist Haochen Zhang - Piano, Prokofiev: *Symphony No. 5, Op. 100*. Bardavon, 35 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. Box Office 845-473-2072. The audience is invited to a pre-concert talk with the conductor and musicians one hour prior to each performance.
- Sunday, March 17, 2013
3:00 PM
- Organ Concert by Aaron David Miller
Aaron David Miller is a renowned concert organist and composer who has won numerous international awards. He is also widely known for his improvisations. First United Methodist Church, 603 State Street, Schenectady, NY. Info: 518-374-4403.
- Sunday, March 17, 2013
3:30 PM
- Tower Music Series: Hope College Chapel Choir
The Hope College Chapel Choir, founded in 1938, has toured extensively throughout the United States, Canada, and abroad, including a recent tour of South Africa. The 45-voice ensemble, comprising student musicians from a wide variety of academic disciplines, is dedicated to the performance of the finest sacred and secular choral music. The Reformed Church, 70 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY. Admission: Free Will Offering (Suggested Donation \$10).
- Saturday, April 6, 2013
8:00 PM
- Hudson Valley Philharmonic presents "A Little Harp Music"
Randall Craig Fleischer, Music Director/Conductor. Selections by Marquez, Revueeltas, Pierne, Rodrigo, Bizet, and DeFalla, with guest artist Fran Duffy - Harp. Bardavon, 35 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. Box Office 845-473-2072. The audience is invited to a pre-concert talk with the conductor and musicians one hour prior to each performance.

- Sunday, April 7, 2013
3:00 PM
- 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
- Sunday, April 14, 2013
3:30 PM
- Tower Music Series: Alfred Fedak, Organist
Organist and composer Alfred Fedak is a graduate of Hope College, and has furthered his studies at Westminster Choir College, Eastman School of Music, and internationally in Vienna and Cambridge. A well-known composer of church music, Mr. Fedak has over 200 choral and organ works in print, and more than 100 of his hymn tunes appear in hymnals worldwide. He is a Fellow of the American Guild of Organists who has performed throughout the United States, Canada, Great Britain, and Russia. Mr. Fedak is currently Minister of Music and Arts at Westminster Presbyterian Church (Albany) and Chapel Organist at the Emma Willard School (Troy). The Reformed Church, 70 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY. Admission: Free Will Offering (Suggested Donation \$10)
- Saturday, May 4, 2013
8:00 PM
- Hudson Valley Philharmonic presents "American Premiere"
Randall Craig Fleischer, Music Director/Conductor.
Debussy: *Prelude a "L'Après-midi d'un faune"* (*Afternoon of a faun*), Dorman: *Cello Concerto* with Inbal Segev - Cello, Copland: *Symphony No. 3*. Bardavon, 35 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. Box Office 845-473-2072. The audience is invited to a pre-concert talk with the conductor and musicians one hour prior to each performance.
- Sunday, May 5, 2013
3:00 PM
- Choral Concert by the Young People's Chorus of New York City
Founded in 1988 by Artistic Director and 2011 MacArthur Fellowship recipient Francisco J. Nunez, the Young People's Chorus has become of the the most celebrated and influential youth choruses in the world. First United Methodist Church, 603 State Street, Schenectady, NY. Info: 518-374-4403.
- Sunday, May 5, 2013
3:30 PM
- Tower Music Series: Anthony Rispo, Organist
Musical virtuoso Anthony Rispo has served as organist in several New York City area churches, most recently as guest Assistant Organist at St. James' Episcopal Church on Madison Avenue. As "Rising Young Artist," he performed the opening concert for the International year of the Organ at the Church of The Heavenly Rest on Fifth Avenue. Mr. Rispo has also performed at West Point's Cadet Chapel as part of their on-going recital series. In addition to performing existing organ works, Mr. Rispo enjoys improvising and composing, as well as other musical styles. His

current musical mission is to capture these alternate styles and incorporate them with the use of classical organ technique. The Reformed Church, 70 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY. Admission: Free Will Offering (Suggested Donation \$10).

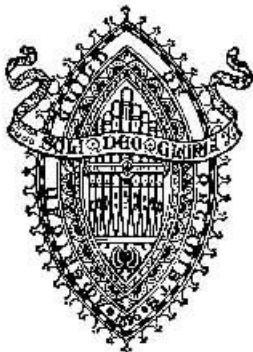
Friday, May 31, 2013
7:30 PM

An Evening of Sacred Music with the University of Notre Dame Folk Choir

Presented by the Notre Dame Club of the Mid-Hudson Valley in partnership with Astor Services for Children and Families, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, and Catholic Charities Community Services - Dutchess County. More than four dozen men and women's voices along with flute, organ, violins, guitar, string bass, Celtic harp, cello and Bodhran (Irish drum). Eclectic program of selections from around the world. Location: Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, Route 82, Lagrangeville, NY. Info: 845-227-1710



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