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Letter from the Dean

Advent is over, the season of Christmas is passing, and Epiphany is upon us. The times and seasons always change, and it is hard sometimes to stop and enjoy the quiet times because we are continually preparing for the next busy season. I had not yet gotten through Christmas week services when I was already thinking about preparing for performances in February and looking toward Easter.

Whereas I advocate that we slow down when we can, I will add that an opportunity will present itself one week after Epiphany to make plans for Lent and Easter. On Sunday, January 13 from 5 PM to 6:15 PM, there will be a choral reading workshop at the Reform Church in Poughkeepsie focusing on music for Lent and Easter. This will be our chapter's first meeting since the moving Veterans' Day Concert at Christ Church this past November.

These choral workshops are terrific places to get ideas for seasonal music to share with your choir – especially if you work with a small choir or have limited rehearsal time. I do hope you will plan on attending.

In the meantime, enjoy the peace – and arrival – of Christmas. We have all worked so hard to get there – we should stop and stay awhile. There will be plenty of time for the journeys ahead.



Craig Williams
Dean, Central Hudson Valley AGO

Membership News

- Laura Russell has a new email address: laurarus629@gmail.com. Please add this email to your address book and delete the old one.

Pipedreams

Don't forget that you can hear outstanding organ music every Sunday night at 8:00 PM on Pipedreams, hosted by Michael Barone, available on your radio dial at WMHT FM (88.7 & 89.1 MHz), or online at <http://pipedreams.publicradio.org/>.

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 February 2013, is January 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 Filled
12/30/2012

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. *Renewed 12/30/2012*

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR – (Part-Time)

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – MIDDLETOWN, NY *Filled 12/31/2012*

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 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 *Filled 12/31/2012*

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. 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. Please do not call the Church. For full position, organ specifications, and program descriptions, visit www.reformedchurch.org.

The Reformed Church of Bronxville is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 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, January 13, 2013

5:00 - 6:15 PM

Choral Anthem Reading Session

Our big holiday demands are behind us for the most part and it's time to start thinking about Lent and Easter music, if you haven't already done so. Do you have anthems appropriate for these seasons that you'd like to share? If so, please contact **Barbara Bayers** by Friday, January 4, 2013; her contact info is: babayers@gmail.com; phone 845-391-8479 (H) or 203-260-4295 (C). Event location: The Parlor at The Reformed Church, 70 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY; Janice Grace, host.

Directions: From Hooker Avenue, turn onto Forbus Street, then take a quick right onto Hanscom Street (one-way south-and west-bound). Park on the street or in the lot for the adjacent city park.

Dining out together afterward is an option.

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, February 24, 2013

5:00 - 7:30 PM

Annual Spuds & Sundaes Social and Music Sale

Come join us for our annual Spuds & Sundaes Social, where along with good fellowship we enjoy baked potatoes and ice cream, with abundant appropriate toppings for both! This is also when we hold our music sale; everyone brings their unwanted organ, piano, or choral sheet music to be offered for sale, and all proceeds benefit the chapter's scholarship fund. This is a great opportunity to invite prospective members.

Location: Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 2607 South Avenue (Route 9D), Wappingers Falls, NY. Info: Contact our Host, **Celestine Campbell** at 845-297-6197.

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. You may have seen the
choir on PBS at Christmastime, featured in the annual
Christmas Vespers broadcast. The choir has received numerous
invitations to sign at choral conferences and prestigious
churches around the country. 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 one of 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).

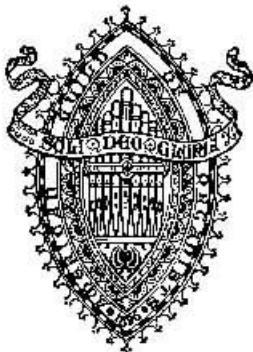
Friday, May 31, 2013
7:30 PM

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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