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Letter from the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

With spring (or is it summer?) finally here we find ourselves busy with “final” programs of all kinds: spring concerts, school and church picnics, last choir rehearsal of the season, etc. It will soon be time to relax a bit more and not push ourselves so hard.

But FIRST, let me remind you of our Member’s Recital on June 13. We do need you to sign up to play. If you are working on a large piece, wonderful. But if something short and sweet is more to your liking or ability, that is fine too. Whatever you enjoy playing and play well, that is what we would all like to hear. So even if you have never played on one of our recitals before, please consider it. You will need to do two things. First, let Eric Hepp (erhepp@us.ibm.com or 845-790-3381) know what you will be playing. He will be putting together the program. Since we are having the Recital at St. John’s Lutheran on Wilbur Blvd. in Poughkeepsie, you will then need to arrange practice time with Susan Guse. Her email is

sguse@frontiernet.net and her phone is 845-227-7696. Please try to arrange practice time during normal business hours when the secretary will be able to let you in.

Even if you can't play this year, please come and support your fellow organists with your presence. We all appreciate an audience. And if you would like to help Eric with the reception please check with him as to what might need to be done.

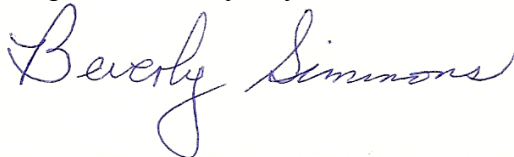
I am happy to report that Connie Lacey is doing very well following her dislocated elbow and then hip replacement surgery. She is back home and still doing therapy but will be able to start driving very soon and hopes to get back to playing before too long.

Other good news is that Laura Russell is finally starting to feel better and has less pain after her double knee replacement surgery three months ago. It has been a long painful road for her but she was back playing after Easter.

As many of you know Susan LaGrande's husband Frank, was due to have bladder cancer surgery a few weeks ago. At the last moment it was postponed due to his having a fever. It will be rescheduled soon, so please continue to keep them both in your prayers.

Another of our long time members, Martha Miller, has just lost her husband of 63 years, The Rev. Hugh Franklin Miller. He served for many years at the Congregational Church in Poughkeepsie. We pray that God's peace and comfort will be with her at this difficult time. For those who know Martha, if you wish to send a card her address is 461 Grafton Road, Apt. 107, Townshend, VT 05353.

I hope to see many of you on June 13 at 3:00 PM. for our Member's Recital.



Beverly Simmons, SPC
Dean, Central Hudson Valley AGO

Membership News

- Polly James has a new e-mail address, effective immediately:
pbjames1941@hotmail.com

In Memoriam – The Rev. Hugh Franklin Miller

BRATTLEBORO, VT - The Reverend Hugh Franklin Miller, 89, husband of longtime CHVAGO member Martha Miller, died in Brattleboro, Vermont on April 11, 2010. Rev. Miller came to Poughkeepsie with his family in 1968 and spent the next 38 years in service to the people of Dutchess County. He was first called to be the Executive Minister of the Dutchess County Council of Churches, and also served as Protestant chaplain at the Dutchess County Jail during this time. He was one of the founders of the newly organized Dutchess Interfaith Council which officially began in May of 1972. Now known as the Dutchess County Interfaith Council, it is one of the oldest, continuous interfaith organizations in the

United States. In 1972 Rev. Miller was called to be the pastor at the First Congregational Church in Poughkeepsie, a position he held for 10 years. He was then appointed by the Dutchess County Executive to be the Director of the Dutchess County Office for the Aging, a position he held for six years. He continued to serve his community after his retirement in 1988, preaching in various churches in Dutchess County and in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Martha Smith Miller, and his three children. A memorial service will be held at the First Congregational Church, 269 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie, New York, Saturday, June 12 at 2:00 pm. A reception will be held in Margaret Chapel immediately afterward. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Congregational Church.

Excerpted from the Poughkeepsie Journal

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.

Denise Bassen	845-226-1564	<u>No Sunday Morning Services:</u>	
Barbara Bayers	203-260-4295	Maris Kristapsons	
Joe Bertolozzi	845-831-0695	(no weddings)	845-635-8837
Robert D. Brown	845-485-1597	Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249
Nickie Collins	845-462-2240	<u>For Weddings and Funerals Only:</u>	
Richard C. Ehlenberg	845-658-9746	Judie Brown (also Jewish svcs)	845-888-5318
Christopher Fasulo	646-342-4836	Alice Cann	845-223-5344
Susan LaGrande	845-226-6496	Greg Citarella	845-297-7693
Susan MacNish	845-635-3814	Larry Hazard	845-452-0119
Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763	Eric Hepp	
Joanne Reed	845-361-3474	(no weekday funerals)	845-489-2625
Anne Ressler	845-446-8035	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
Donald Filkins	845-518-2991	Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249
Peter Hall	845-343-4995	Charles Surber	845-544-2782

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 below. Remember, the deadline for the next printed newsletter, to be available the first week in July, is June 23rd.

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.

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - BREWSTER, NY

We seek a musician as organist and pianist to lead the congregation in its music ministry. Directing the dedicated choir of 10 may be the responsibility of the organist or shared with another individual depending on the desires and skill set of the applicants. Candidates for organist or organist/choir director will be considered. Choir rehearsal is typically one hour prior to 10:00 AM service. Other responsibilities: Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday Christmas Eve services. Weddings and Funerals – first right of refusal. Work with the Sunday School Children on special days. If possible, direct a Handbell Choir for special occasions. requirements: Proficiency in playing choral accompaniments is required. Some experience directing singers is required. Proficiency in both organ and piano preferred. Organ: Shantz Pipe organ, good condition, regularly maintained, two manuals, 8 ranks. Hand Bells: Schulmerich handbells, three-octave set. Salary: negotiable, depending on the scope of responsibilities assumed. Interview and resume required. First United Methodist Church, 83 Main St, Brewster, NY 10509. Contact: Nick Simonelli, SPRC chair, 845-279-5099, or email nicks@prad.com 5/25/2010

MUSICIAN/ORGANIST - (Part-Time)

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION - HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY

We are a vibrant, growing, family church where music is provided during the 10 AM Sunday service. We have one High Mass a month where we include service music. Organ: Johannus Sweelinck 3-manual electronic organ (2004). The small adult choir leads hymns, service music and anthems. The candidate must be able to work well with the direction of the Rector, direct the choir, teach the congregation new hymns and work with youth. The candidate should be energetic, enthusiastic and open to different styles of worship including traditional Anglican liturgical worship and also more contemporary styles of worship. We are looking for someone who can also play the keyboard and guitar and use them in our worship service. We do not limit ourselves to using the 1982 Hymnal. There are up to 6 other special feast days during the year where we include music in the worship service, i.e. Christmas Eve, Easter Vigil. Salary is open for negotiation. Extra paid services include funerals and weddings. Church of the Resurrection, 182 Rt. 376, Hopewell Junction, NY. For more

information please contact Patti Anderson or Fr. Mic Shriver at 845-226-5727 or email: nyresurrection@gmail.com. 4-29-2010

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)

ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - STAATSBURG, NY

Available immediately. Sunday service begins at 10:00 AM. Small adult choir; rehearsals normally take place 45 minutes prior to the Sunday service, but additional practices may take place during Advent and Lent. The organ (featured at the AGO 2005 Regions II & III Convention) is a beautiful Chapman tracker from the 1890's to 1900, rebuilt about 20 years ago; maintained and refurbished by Bozeman. Excellent sound. Compensation: \$150/week. [St. Margaret's Church](#), Albany Post Road & East Elm Avenue, Staatsburg, NY 12580. Contact: The Rev. C. Allan Ford at 845-889-4181 or Jeff Ewen at 845-889-8220. 3-15-2010

MINISTER OF MUSIC (Part-Time)

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - BEACON, NY

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, a diverse and inclusive faith community, is looking for someone who understands and appreciates the role of music in preaching the gospel and celebrating the faith within the context of the church's liturgy. Our ideal candidate will have a working knowledge of the Book of Common Prayer and how music best serves its liturgical expressions.

We do not simply want an organist, but rather a talented and creative individual who has an interest in and a passion for building a music program, developing both adult and children's choirs, and stimulating congregational participation in prayerful song.

While we are committed to making use of the 1982 Hymnal, we want our music program to much broader. Our new Minister of Music will be comfortable with and value both a classical and a contemporary repertoire as well as our rich heritage of African American sacred song. Duties: One Service each Sunday at 10 AM: Services on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Ash Wednesday and the Great Vigil of Easter: Weekly Adult Choir practice; Funerals and Weddings; Music Program Planning; Seasonal meetings with the Vicar to review and discuss music plans.

The Minister of Music will have four paid Sundays off each year, preferable during the summer and obviously not at Christmas or Easter tide. The Minister of Music will hire and pay for the services of a replacement organist.

Annual Salary: Negotiable; Commensurate with experience. Weddings and Funerals: additional designated stipends.

[St. Andrew's Episcopal Church](#), 17 South Avenue, Beacon, New York 12508. Contact: Father Frank J. Alagna at 845-332-8610 or frfja@hotmail.com 2-18-2010

ORGANIST/ACCOMPANIST (Part-Time)

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH - WALDEN, NY

First Reformed is a friendly, growing, spirit filled family church in a village setting. One Sunday service at 10:00 AM with choir rehearsal before service as well as Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. There are additional services on Christmas Eve, Lent and an ecumenical Thanksgiving celebration. Services typically last about an hour. Weddings and

funerals bring extra compensation. Choir (10-16 voices) leads hymns, responses and anthems. Guitar/praise group plays once a month and special music is used seasonally. Organ is a 2-manual Skinner with 16 ranks and standard pedal board. Console was installed in 1957: new blower, swell and additional ranks circa 1992. The organ is maintained and regularly serviced. A 6-foot grand piano is also used in services. Salary information is available on request. [First Reformed Church](#), 70 Scofield St. Walden, NY 845-778-5405 (office) OR email: frchurch@frontiernet.net OR contact John Nash at 845-778-7363. *Renewed 11-23-2009*

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, June 6, 2010
4:00 PM Kairos: 2010 Bach Cantata Series
Kairos: A Consort of Singers, under the direction of Edward Lundergan, will present the third in its 2010 Bach Cantata series with a performance of Cantata 186, Ärgre dich, O Seele, nicht, with chamber orchestra. The concert will also feature an instrumental work by the Baroque master. The concert is free to the public (free-will offering gratefully accepted). The cantata and instrumental work will be performed as part of a choral evensong service. Location: Holy Cross Monastery, Route 9W, West Park, NY. Info: 845-256-9114.

Sunday, June 6, 2010
6:00 PM "Peace Through Music" - Dutchess County Interfaith Council Music Festival. Concert location: Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 2611 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, NY. For more information contact the DCIC office at 845-471-7333.

Sunday, June 13,
2010
3:00 PM

Annual Members' Recital
Start practicing now! Prospective performers must contact **Eric Hepp** at 845-790-3381 with information on what they intend to play. For practice times please contact **Susan Guse** at 845-227-7696, who will provide information about the organ. The concert is open to the public and will take place at St. John's Lutheran Church, 55 Wilbur Blvd., Poughkeepsie, NY. Free will offerings will be accepted.

Monday, June 21
through Saturday, June
26, 2010

Organ Historical Society Convention
Pittsburgh, PA. Info: www.organsociety.org

Saturday, June 26, 2010
 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Wanamaker Organ Day
 Featuring Ken Cowan, Peter Richard Conte and special guests. Concert at 11:30 AM will be streamcast live at WRTI.org. Tickets for a screening of "Wings" on the Friends Wurlitzer (\$10) are available at the door. Capping the day on the Wanamaker Organ at 5pm is our Grand Closing Concert with PETER RICHARD CONTE, the Philadelphia Brass and added Brass Chorus and Tympani in a Sonic Spectacular! Macy's Philadelphia, 13th and Market Streets, Philadelphia, PA. Info: execdirec@wanamakerorgan.com or call 484-684-7250.

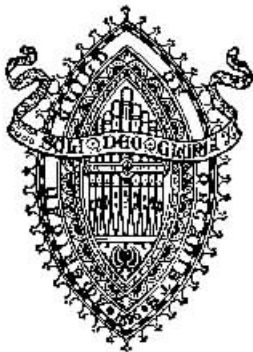
Sunday, July 4 through Thursday, July 8, 2010

AGO National Convention 2010
 Washington, DC. For details see this month's issue of *The American Organist* or visit the web site at www.ago2010.org.

Sunday, July 18, 2010 4:00 PM	Annual Chapter Picnic To be held at the home of Eric Hepp , 24 LorMar Court, Wappingers Falls, NY. Further details to follow.
Sunday, October 24, 2010 Time TBD	Choral Evensong Further details to be announced in upcoming newsletters.



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