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Dear Colleagues,

Since our beloved Dean Laura Russell is enjoying a well-deserved vacation, I am filling in for her in this space this month.

The big news in the world right now is, of course, the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. This is happening far away from us physically, but it touches us none the less. The news is full of stories of people and organizations around the world expressing their solidarity with Ukraine in various ways. Donations of all kinds are being offered (although money is always the most efficient way to help in any emergency).

What does this have to do with us as organists? Judging by the many posts on Facebook, lots of us are interested in playing the Ukrainian national anthem as a postlude. The piece was composed by Mykhailo Verbytsky (1815-1870) and adopted as the national anthem in 1863.

Of course the question arises whether it is appropriate to play the national anthem of any country, including our own, in the context of a church service. That question I will leave unanswered.

Here is a list of some arrangements of the anthem being offered on the Facebook Organists Association page:

- “Ukraine Is Not Yet Lost” arranged by James Michael Stevens - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=em5skk61ujU>
- Sheet Music: Ukrainian National Anthem, arranged by Vidas Pinkevicius and offered as a free download at <https://www.organduo.lt/blog/ukrainian-national-anthem-arrangement-for-organ-solo>. A video is available at <https://youtu.be/7A4CFWZT1Ro>.
- Video: “National Hymn of Ukraine” played by Fabian Hartung - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YFPOZpbeLwU>
- Sheet Music: [https://www.free-scores.com/PDF\\_EN/mykhaylo-verbytsky-1815-1870-ukraine-national-anthem-trascrizione-da-concerto-per-grande-organo-62070.pdf](https://www.free-scores.com/PDF_EN/mykhaylo-verbytsky-1815-1870-ukraine-national-anthem-trascrizione-da-concerto-per-grande-organo-62070.pdf) arranged for organ by Maurizio Machella
- Video: Ukrainian National Anthem, played by Dr. Kris Rizzotto: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ooqrrKWg2kE>.

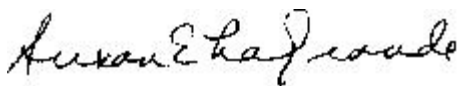
For a Ukraine-related but less nationalistic piece, here are more links

- “Prayer for Ukraine” played by Ausra Motuzaite: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gmu\\_-j7DrQw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gmu_-j7DrQw). A choral version of this (not the Ukrainian National Anthem) was performed by a Ukrainian choir to open Saturday Night Live on February 27. Here is a link to that performance; [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ljE4\\_h0t7qI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ljE4_h0t7qI).
- “Ukrainian Alleluia” by Craig Courtney, sung by the Wellington College Chorale - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ulXYfqXMusE>. The sheet music is available from Breckenhorst Press at <https://beckenhorstpress.com/ukrainian-alleluia-satb/>.

Finally, we have just heard from Gail Archer that a piece for organ by Ukrainian composer Svitlana Ostrova (b. 1961) is available as a free download at [https://musforum.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Svitlana\\_Ostrova\\_Ukraine\\_Sheet\\_Music.pdf](https://musforum.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Svitlana_Ostrova_Ukraine_Sheet_Music.pdf). A recording by Gail Archer is available on Spotify at <https://open.spotify.com/track/1OkGMsQllW1TWFlg1Awe6G?si=1100e8da1abd4d54>.

And of course if you want to express solidarity with Ukraine without resorting to any specific reference to the country, you can follow Diane Bish’s example and play something beautiful like this *Nocturne* by Mendelssohn: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SJJWWeQaCCw>.

Wishing you all peace,



Susan LaGrande  
Communications Director

## Membership News

- Janet Nelson Nickerson has a new phone number, effective immediately: 845-294-8138.
- Connie Lacey has a new address, effective immediately:  
2428 Salt Point Turnpike  
Clinton Corners, NY 12514  
New phone number: 845-750-3114  
Email: [crlfamily@gmail.com](mailto:crlfamily@gmail.com)
- Welcome to new member Brian Reynolds! He joins us as a Young Organist and has a dual membership with the Eastern NY chapter. His contact info is:  
Brian Reynolds  
70 Vosenkill Rd Extension Apt B  
Catskill, NY 102414  
[breyolds152@gmail.com](mailto:breyolds152@gmail.com)  
We look forward to welcoming him in person soon!

## List of Organ Substitutes

The following chapter members have indicated on their membership application 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, unless otherwise approved by the Board. More information about each substitute is provided on our web site at [www.chvago.org](http://www.chvago.org). If you would like your name listed, or if you need to update your information, please contact the editor using the information above.

Meredith Baker	845-565-3321	Maris Kristapsons	845-635-8837
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Greg Citarella	845-297-7693	Michael Oosterhout	301-910-5307
Richard C. Ehlenberg	845-687-6013	Edward Palange	914-213-3460
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Eric Hepp	845-489-2625	Benjamin Vise	330-327-0895
Boyd Herforth	845-687-6233	John Ward	917-657-4614
Wesley Joseph	845-849-0104	Christopher Wynkoop	845-926-7389

## List of Organ Teachers

The following chapter members have indicated on their membership application that they are accepting new organ students. Please note that only CHVAGO members in good standing are eligible to be included in this list. More information about each teacher is provided on our web site at [www.chvago.org](http://www.chvago.org). If you would like your name listed, please contact the editor using the information above.

Meredith Baker	914-261-0028	Janet Nelson Nickerson	845-294-8138
John Baratta	973-222-0618	Michael Oosterhout	301-910-5307
Gregory Citarella	845-297-7693	Anthony Rispo	914-979-5181
Justan Foster	518-965-2389	Benjamin Vise	330-327-0895
Larry Hazard	845-452-0119	Patrick Walker	845-464-9035
Boyd Herforth	845-687-6233		

## 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 April 2022, is March 23.

## Editor's Corner

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## 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 [chvagoboard@gmail.com](mailto:chvagoboard@gmail.com).*

ORGANIST - (Part-Time)

### ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH – WARWICK, NY

One Sunday service at 11:00 AM. No Choir. One Service on each of the following holidays: Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Good Friday. Weddings and Funerals paid directly to you.

Our organ is a Rodgers which was acquired from another church many years ago (not sure of exact date). It is serviced by Gottshall. We also have a Yamaha upright piano available.

Salary: \$11,000 – 15,000 (depending on experience), 4 weeks vacation

We are a small Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation. We use the Lutheran Service Book, Copyright 2006 from Concordia Publishing House.

[St. Peter Lutheran Church](#), 70 Little York Road, Warwick, NY 10990.

Email: [st.petercontact@gmail.com](mailto:st.petercontact@gmail.com); church office phone: 845-258-4541. You can also find us on Facebook: [st.peterchurch](#) and Instagram. Please call Christina Gust, Church President, at 845-324-0997, or email at [christinagust@aol.com](mailto:christinagust@aol.com). 12/21/2021

ORGANIST - (Part-Time)

**ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - PLEASANT VALLEY, NY**

One Sunday Service at 10:00 AM; two services on Christmas Eve and during Holy Week. No choir. Weddings/funerals paid directly to you. Approximately \$200. Allen digital computer organ 220 series. The organ came to us gently used in 2021. There are 2 manuals, Swell and Great and a “princess pedalboard.” The organ is in excellent condition, recently serviced by Harry Gottshall. Salary: \$8,500, 4 weeks vacation.

Older congregation, a few strong singers. We use the 1982 Hymnbook and occasionally supplement from Wonder, Love, and Praise. [St. Paul's Episcopal Church](#), PO Box 1449, 808 Traver Road, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. 845-635-2854 Contact: Rita Carver, Warden 917-647-1140 [stpaulspv@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulspv@gmail.com) 11/11/2021

ORGANIST/MUSIC DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)

**ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - COLD SPRING, NY**

One Sunday service at 10:00 AM; Eucharist on the first, second, and third Sundays, with Morning Prayer on the fourth and fifth. Additional holy day services as required, including, but not limited to: Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Thanksgiving. We are also considering regular Sung Evensong services, held Sunday's at 4:00 PM, every other month. Your in-person presence and participation (with safety precautions during the COVID-19 pandemic) for Sunday worship is required, whether inside the sanctuary or outdoors on the lawn. Currently, there is no choir. The successful candidate will bring a willingness and positive energy to encourage, recruit and train members (whether parishioners or outside community) in order to build a volunteer choir. Salary will increase in tandem with the additional duties and responsibilities of the position, and rehearsal time with volunteers.

The instrument (organ) we use indoors is a Copeman Hart & Company organ, manufactured in Irthlingborough, England. A Steinway Model B grand piano is also available. When outdoors, on the Great Lawn, we use a Yamaha 88 key electronic keyboard, with an outdoor amplification system. Salary is commensurate with experience, for four services per month. As parish organist, you will have the right of first refusal for the special, public services which include weddings and funerals. This means you are compensated even if the family engages another musician. The honorarium for parishioners is currently \$200 and \$250 for non-parishioners, and is paid directly to you. The candidate must have either a degree in music or current enrollment in studies toward such a degree, with a concentration in organ studies, and must be vaccinated for COVID-19. For a complete job description, [Click Here](#). [The Episcopal Church of St. Mary-in-the-Highlands](#), 1 Chestnut Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Send resume to Father Steve Schunk at [stmaryinthehighlands@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryinthehighlands@gmail.com). 8/11/2021

## ORGANIST/MUSIC DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)

### ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - ELLENVILLE, NY

Seeking an organist/music director, one Sunday service weekly, 10:00 AM, and Christmas Eve. Adult Choristers rehearsal on occasional Sundays (9:00 AM) and occasionally mid-week, as scheduled. Weddings and funerals depending on availability with right of first refusal. St. John's has two organs: (1) a newly installed Allen Digital Organ with substantial speakers in the front and back of the sanctuary, and (2) an historic pipe organ, originally built by Lebagh and Kemp in 1874 (mechanical action, two manuals, 18 ranks), which has been recently restored, is in excellent condition, and is maintained by Rosenberry and Myers, Organbuilders. An electronic piano is also available. Service hymn selection in collaboration with clergy. St. John's is the home of the Music Institute of Sullivan and Ulster Counties (MISU), under the direction of Anastasia Solberg, a community-oriented school specializing in traditional and contemporary chamber music; MISU concerts at St. John's 3-4 times yearly. Our church is committed to community involvement, environmental stewardship, and hospitality. Salary range: \$9,000-\$11,000. Flexible vacation time. Visit St. John's online at <http://www.stjohnsellenville.org>. Please submit a letter of interest, resume, and references to The Rev. Canon Jeff Gollhofer, St. John's Episcopal Church. P.O. Box 262, Ellenville, NY 12428, or by email at [jmgollhofer1@earthlink.net](mailto:jmgollhofer1@earthlink.net). 7/23/2021

## Calendar of Events

*If you are interested in having an event posted on this calendar, please contact the web site administrator, [Susan LaGrande](#). Events are selected for inclusion based on their relevance and interest to the members of the Central Hudson Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The chapter reserves the right to decline or withdraw listings at any time.*

- Friday, March 11, 2022 7:00 PM Organ Recital by Craig Williams  
Craig Williams is Organist and Choirmaster at the Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point. Cadet Chapel, US Military Academy, West Point, NY. Music of Diemer, Dupré, Hampton, Manz, Mendelssohn, Pachelbel, Purvis, Thayer, Widor, and Williams. [Immanuel Lutheran Church](#), 18 Clapboard Ridge Road, Danbury CT. Info: 203-748-3320
- Sunday, March 20, 2022 2:30 PM West Point Cadet Chapel Organ Recital by Craig Williams  
Craig Williams is Organist and Choirmaster at the Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point. All Bach recital. Settings of "O Lamm Gottes unschuldig" and Toccatas and Fugues. [Cadet Chapel](#). All Cadet Chapel organ recitals and concerts are free to the general public. Please allow extra travel time for the 100% vehicle and photo I.D. inspection at Stony Lonesome and Thayer gates. Note that everyone who does not have Department of Defense ID or does not currently hold a valid Local Area Credential (LAC) - otherwise known as a Visitor's Pass - must obtain one from the Visitor Control Center (2107 New South Post Rd., West Point, NY 10996) prior to entering West Point. When you apply for the pass, let the security officers know you are intending to use the pass for attending multiple weekly organ recitals - that way, you can qualify for the yearlong pass! Once you have that pass, you can then enter West Point through \*all\*

gates presenting that pass with your driver's license. Please note that all passengers in the vehicle need the pass. When applying for the pass, you need Real ID or enhanced ID. If you do not have Real ID, then you can bring your driver's license \*and\* either a social security card or a passport! At West Point, all persons are required to wear masks inside the buildings. Wearing a mask is required for attending the recital. Info: contact Craig Williams at 845-938-7352 or [craig.s.williams58.civ@mail.mil](mailto:craig.s.williams58.civ@mail.mil).

Friday, March 25, 2022  
7:30 PM

Organ Recital by Dr. John Wolfe  
Postponed from an earlier date: [Dr. John Wolfe](#) is the Organist and Director of Music at the historic St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Brooklyn, NY. The program includes masterpieces by J.S. Bach, J. Titelouze, D. Buxtehude, and N. de Grigny. [Zion Episcopal Church](#), 12 Satterlee Place, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590.  
Suggested Donation: \$10.00 per person  
Seniors: \$5.00 / Children under 13 Free!  
Masks will be required for all in attendance regardless of vaccination status. [Click here](#) for a printable flyer. Info: 845-559-4013

Sunday, March 27,  
2022  
5:00 PM

"We Shall Walk through the Valley" - A Choral Evensong  
[Cappella Festiva Chamber Choir](#) presents a Choral Evensong Honoring the life and work of A.J. Williams-Myers. Music by: William L. Dawson, Marques L. Garrett, Bobby McFerrin, Undine Smith Moore, Rosephanye Powell, and Trevor Weston. [Christ Episcopal Church](#), 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Suggested donation of \$15. Info: 845-452-8220.

Thursday, April 21,  
2022  
7:30 PM

"Duty, Honor, Country!" Choral Concert  
West Point Glee Club, West Point Band Brass and Percussion, Constance Chase, director, Craig Williams, organ. Copland "Fanfare for the Common Man," commissioned work by Steven Sametz, "Duty, Honor, Country!" based on GEN MacArthur's West Point speech given in 1962, Dan Locklair Festival Setting of the "Alma Mater," and more. [Cadet Chapel](#). All Cadet Chapel organ recitals and concerts are free to the general public. Please allow extra travel time for the 100% vehicle and photo I.D. inspection at Stony Lonesome and Thayer gates. Note that everyone who does not have Department of Defense ID or does not currently hold a valid Local Area Credential (LAC) - otherwise known as a Visitor's Pass - must obtain one from the Visitor Control Center (2107 New South Post Rd., West Point, NY 10996) prior to entering West Point. When you apply for the pass, let the security officers know you are intending to use the pass for attending multiple weekly organ recitals - that way, you can qualify for the yearlong pass! Once you have that pass, you can then enter West Point through \*all\* gates presenting that pass with your driver's license. Please note that all passengers in the vehicle need the pass. When applying for the pass, you need Real ID or enhanced ID. If you do not have Real ID, then you can bring your driver's license \*and\* either a social security card or a passport! At

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Sunday, May 1, 2022  
2:30 PM

Juilliard Trombone Choir Concert  
Joseph Alessi, director, with Craig Williams, organ. [Cadet Chapel](#). All Cadet Chapel organ recitals and concerts are free to the general public. Please allow extra travel time for the 100% vehicle and photo I.D. inspection at Stony Lonesome and Thayer gates. Note that everyone who does not have Department of Defense ID or does not currently hold a valid Local Area Credential (LAC) - otherwise known as a Visitor's Pass - must obtain one from the Visitor Control Center (2107 New South Post Rd., West Point, NY 10996) prior to entering West Point. When you apply for the pass, let the security officers know you are intending to use the pass for attending multiple weekly organ recitals - that way, you can qualify for the yearlong pass! Once you have that pass, you can then enter West Point through *\*all\** gates presenting that pass with your driver's license. Please note that all passengers in the vehicle need the pass. When applying for the pass, you need Real ID or enhanced ID. If you do not have Real ID, then you can bring your driver's license *\*and\** either a social security card or a passport! At West Point, all persons are required to wear masks inside the buildings. Wearing a mask is required for attending the recital. Info: contact Craig Williams at 845-938-7352 or [craig.s.williams58.civ@mail.mil](mailto:craig.s.williams58.civ@mail.mil).

Saturday, May 7, 2022  
7:30 PM

Bach to Broadway Concert  
Back by popular demand! Come and be dazzled by a Duo Organ Concert featuring Nathan Avakian on the NYTOS Traveling Theatre Organ, and James Fitzwilliam on the Gress-Miles Pipe Organ, along with other friends and collaborators including Claire Avakian - vocals; Jim Osborn - trumpet; and Lois Hicks-Wozniak - saxophone. [Christ Episcopal Church](#), 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie. Watch this space for more information as it becomes available. Tickets \$15 at the door. Info: 845-452-8220.

Sunday, May 15, 2022  
2:30 PM

West Point Cadet Chapel Organ Recital by Craig Williams  
Craig Williams is Organist and Choirmaster at the Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point. Program will include *Phantasie und Fuge über "Ad nos, ad salutarem undam," S. 259* by Franz Liszt. [Cadet Chapel](#). All Cadet Chapel organ recitals and concerts are free to the general public. Please allow extra travel time for the 100% vehicle and photo I.D. inspection at Stony Lonesome and Thayer gates. Note that everyone who does not have Department of Defense ID or does not currently hold a valid Local Area Credential (LAC) - otherwise known as a Visitor's Pass - must obtain one from the Visitor Control Center (2107 New South Post Rd., West Point, NY 10996) prior to entering West Point. When you apply for the pass, let the security officers know you are intending to use the pass for



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Wednesday, August 24, 2022  
7:30 PM

Organ Recital by Craig Williams  
Craig Williams is Organist and Choirmaster at the Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point. Music of Dupré, Faxon, Liszt, Price, Sowande, Thayer, and Williams. [Methuen Memorial Music Hall](#), 192 Broadway, Methuen, MA. Info: Voicemail: 978-685-0693.



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