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To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

A time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;

A time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to get, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

A time to rend, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

A time to love, and a time to hate;

a time of war, and a time of peace.

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

Dear Colleagues,

Never has this scripture (or the Pete Seeger song that is running through my head) seemed more prescient and important to me! These two themes from our current life jump out at me, although there are many more that come to mind:

- The war in Ukraine (*a time of war, and a time of peace.*)
- Our ongoing pandemic (*a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;*)

All of us can connect to the idea that there are many seasons in a person's life: birth, death, transitions of all kinds. In both my personal and professional life, I am now on the threshold of a new season.

This past Sunday at Christ Episcopal Church, our parish community celebrated my retirement from the position of Minister of Music, which I have held since 2001. As I write that, I feel all the emotions embodied in:

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

Although I knew there would be a celebratory service, I was told that all of the music planning would be done by our organist James and by members of the choir, and all I had to do was to show up that morning. I LOVE planning the music for services and concerts – that has been my passion for decades. It was challenging for me to trust others to do this:

A time to act, a time to let go.

I feel so very grateful for the more than two decades that I have been Minister of Music. However, the time has come for me to step down so that new leadership can bring new lift to our parish as we continue to emerge from the pandemic shutdown. Another important factor is having weekends free so that I can travel and can visit my out-of-town family. I will continue to run the Con Brio concert series and will continue to collaborate with others on special music events at the church and elsewhere in the community.

I look forward to creating a space in my life into which new things will come!

A time to keep, and a time to cast away

Yours in hope and expectation!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura".

Laura Ramsey Russell, DMA
Dean, CHVAGO

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Editor's Note

I have received several calls from churches looking for subs, who are wasting time and energy calling people whose availability does not match what is listed on our web site. If your name is on our Sub List or Teachers List, please be sure to check your information to make sure it is current. You are welcome to update your ONCARD record yourself, but if you do, please let me know so that I can transfer the correct information into our web site. If you prefer, you can contact me directly with your current information and I can update your ONCARD record for you.

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 June 2022, is May 23.

Editor's Corner

This newsletter is published by the Central Hudson Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The editor is:

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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. 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		

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. If you would like your name listed, or if you need to update your information, please contact the editor using the information above.

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Boyd Herforth	845-687-6233	John Ward	917-657-4614
Wesley Joseph	845-849-0104	Christopher Wynkoop	845-926-7389

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.

Editor's Note – Because there are so many new position openings this month, we are choosing not to list all of them in their entirety. If you have questions about a position, please contact the prospective employer directly using the information provided in the complete listing online at http://www.chvago.org/CHVAGO_Positions.php. If you need help accessing the online information, please call Susan LaGrande at 845-226-6496.

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)
GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH - HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NY
4/30/2022

MUSIC DIRECTOR - Part-Time
THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SALISBURY - SALISBURY, CT
3/29/2022

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST - Part-Time
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MIDDLETOWN, NY
3/28/2022

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST - Part-Time
**THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-ST.JOSEPH AND OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL -
POUGHKEEPSIE, NY**
3/12/2022

ORGANIST - (Part-Time)
ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH – WARWICK, NY
12/21/2021

ORGANIST - (Part-Time)
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - PLEASANT VALLEY, NY
11/11/2021

ORGANIST/MUSIC DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)
ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - COLD SPRING, NY
8/11/2021

ORGANIST/MUSIC DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - ELLENVILLE, NY
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.

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. Click here for a printable flyer. 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 works of Buxtehude, Bach, Brahms, and Mendelssohn. 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.

Sunday, June 5, 2022
3:00 PM

Spuds & Sundaes Social

After a two-year hiatus, our Spuds & Sundaes Social will be returning! This popular event traditionally was held as a way to unwind after the Christmas craziness, but this year it is taking place in early summer, and will replace the usual chapter picnic. The Spuds in the title refer to baked potatoes, individually wrapped and piping hot, with appropriate toppings. The Sundaes are - you guessed it - ice cream! also with appropriate toppings. These items will be supplied by the chapter, along with beverages and ice. **Eric Hepp** has offered to host this social in his back yard, which is located at 42 Lor-Mar Court in Wappingers Falls ([Click here](#) for directions.) Please bring your favorite lawn chair. As at past socials, we will have several boxes of donated sheet music available for browsing, mostly organ music but some choral and piano pieces as well. If you find something you like, make a donation; all proceeds will benefit our scholarship fund, which was established in memory of Margaret Pecoraro. This is a great occasion to bring a friend who may be interested in our chapter. Networking is always valuable, and we always have memorable conversations at our socials! As we get closer to the event we will provide a way for you to RSVP so we can be sure to provide enough Spuds & Sundaes for everyone. It should be a great afternoon! Watch this space for more information.

Friday, July 15, 2022
7:00 PM

West Point Cadet Chapel Organ Recital by Craig Williams
Craig Williams is Organist and Choirmaster at the Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point. [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

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Sunday, August 21, 2022
4:00 PM

Organ Concert by Craig Williams
Craig Williams will present a program on the 1847 Ferris tracker organ at the [Round Lake Auditorium](#), 2 Wesley Avenue, Round Lake, NY. Craig Williams is Organist and Choir Master at USMA, West Point. Featuring music by Buxtehude, Bach, Mendelssohn, Brahms, Guilmant, Lemmens, and Dubois. Info: 518-899-2800.

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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