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Letter from the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

Many of you are already signed up to play or sing at our jointly sponsored (with Christ Church) Veteran's Day Concert. Thank you for your participation. We also need an audience. So please spread the word – post the flyer which Laura sent me and I forwarded by email to the membership. If you aren't one of those playing or singing then please plan on coming. Talk it up with friends and members of your congregation. Remember that the donation at the door will go to help wounded Veterans.

I just finished writing a newsletter article on the above for our monthly church newsletter. It made me wonder how many of us take advantage of the church newsletter to write articles

about music. If you don't, you are missing a great opportunity to share some vital information with the congregation. Even if you think they aren't interested you are at the very least keeping the music program in people's minds if they see articles from you each month. I have often been surprised by comments from unexpected people who read something I wrote about the hymns we are singing or the reason for our chanting of the Psalms.

If you are getting ready to introduce something new – perhaps a new setting the Sanctus or a new Gloria Patri – it is the perfect time to give a little background. Where did the text of the Sanctus come from, has it always been part of our liturgy, or why do we sing the Gloria Patri or some other text? If you don't know the answer to your own questions it is a perfect time for a bit of research. It will mean more to you and the congregation if you know where it came from and why you are singing it.

If I'm playing a special Prelude or Postlude I might make mention of it in the Newsletter so people can decide to come early or stay late to hear it. Does it fit in with the service in a special way? If it's based on the hymn tune for the opening or closing hymn you can point that out. Will everyone be interested? Of course not. But there are some who will be and they can often interest others.

When I first went to Trinity Episcopal in Fishkill 4 ½ years ago, everyone talked loudly through the Postlude. (Does that sound familiar?) I began sharing with the choir and sometimes in the Newsletter what I was playing and why. Within the first year the choir began to stay and listen. Now it is not uncommon for a significant group of the congregation to listen and not move until I finish the Postlude. Is it quiet while I play? No. But those who choose to listen still find it rewarding and I certainly appreciate knowing that my work, while directed to God, is also giving them pleasure.

Thanksgiving is coming up at the end of the month and it seems a good time to take a deep breath (before Advent and Christmas begin) and focus on all of our blessings. We can begin with the fact that we have another day in which to serve our Lord. Most of us can make a long list of things for which we are thankful – from family and friends to our health and our jobs. As you count YOUR blessings don't forget to be thankful for the opportunities we have to serve while making music.

Happy Thanksgiving!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beverly Simmons". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Beverly Simmons, SPC
Dean, Central Hudson Valley AGO

Membership News

Denise Bassen has a new phone number: 845-345-1500. Please discontinue using her old number as of the end of November.

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 December, is November 23rd.

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 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	845-345-1500	<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	<u>For Weddings and Funerals Only:</u>	
Christopher Fasulo	646-342-4836	Alice Cann	845-223-5344
Larry Hazard	845-452-0119	Greg Citarella	845-297-7693
Susan LaGrande	845-226-6496	Eric Hepp (no weekday funerals)	845-489-2625
Susan MacNish	845-635-3814		
Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763	Charles Surber (no weddings)	
Joanne Reed	845-361-3474		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
Larry Hazard	845-452-0119		

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.

Editor's Note – Due to space considerations, older 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.

ORGANIST (Part-Time)

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

Three Sunday services at 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, and 12:30 PM. Adult Choir rehearsal Wednesday from 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Allen electronic three manual with transposer and instrument cards. There is a piano for use as well. Compensation: \$225 per week. St. Aedan's Roman Catholic Church, 23 Reld Drive, Pearl River NY. Contact: Ellie Walters, Director of Music Ministries; phone: 845-558-1225 or e-mail elliescottsydney@yahoo.com
9/28/11

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MIDDLETOWN, NY

Two Sunday worship services at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM (September through June; summer worship Sunday 9:30 AM and Saturday evening service at 5:30 PM). Weekly Adult Choir rehearsals (September through June). Additional Church Holy days; extra compensation for weddings and funerals. Allen Quantum 3-manual electronic organ (2009). [St. John's Lutheran Church](http://St.John'sLutheranChurch), 391 Mount Hope Road, Middletown, NY. Submit resume to pastorsjlc@yahoo.com 7-8-2011

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HAMPTONBURGH - CAMPBELL HALL, NY

This small congregation seeks an organist and choir director for one Sunday service at 10:00 AM. Competent 7-member choir (inactive during summer months) rehearses midweek and warms up on Sunday morning. The old pipe organ (2 manual & pedal, 11 ranks, timed keyboard) has been well-maintained and was rebuilt by Gary Ferguson in 1987. There is also a piano in the sanctuary. Currently paying \$75/week. Contact: The Rev. Gary Fox, First Presbyterian Church of Hamptonburgh, 2815 Rte 207, Campbell Hall, NY 10916 - 845-427-2864. 6-18-2011

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.

Friday,
November 11,
2011
7:30 PM

Wind of the Spirit: Messiaen Organ Recital by Olivier Latty
Internationally renowned Messiaen specialist Olivier Latty, an organist for Paris's Notre Dame Cathedral, presents an all-Messiaen program on Alice Tully Hall's recently restored Kuhn organ. Starr Theater, Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center, 1941 Broadway, New York, NY. For tickets and info call 212-721-6500.

Saturday,
November 12,
2011
7:30 PM

Cello and Piano Duo
Concerts Con Brio presents Garfield Moore, Cello & James Fitzwilliam, Piano. Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie. There is a suggested donation of \$10 at the door. Info: 845-452-8220

Sunday,
November 13,
2011
4:00 PM

Concert of Patriotic Organ and Choral Music – to honor our Veterans
Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. The concert will include patriotic music played by chapter organists on the newly refurbished Gress-Miles pipe organ; Favorite Hymns of American Presidents; and Patriotic Choral Music sung by a regional massed choir directed by Laura Ramsey Russell. To sign up to participate in the choir, please email Laura at LRussell@hvc.rr.com. Freewill donations accepted at the door.

Saturday,
November 19,
2011
3:00 PM

Organ Concert by Kent Tritle
Kent Tritle, renowned organist of the New York Philharmonic, will play the historic tracker pipe organ at Smithfield Presbyterian Church (Smithfield Valley Road/Rt. 83, off Rt. 44, Amenia, NY). The organ is a 2-manual, seven-stop mechanical action or "tracker") organ which was manufactured by Johnson & Son of Westfield, MA, and installed in the Kent church in 1893. Mr. Tritle will perform works by Brahms, Bach, and English composers of the 17th and 18th Centuries, to benefit The Oratorio Society of New York. \$20 Suggested Donation. Info: 718-638-0484 or email: s.webb@mindspring.com

Sunday,
November 20,
2011
3:00 PM

Organ Recital by Felix Hell
Felix Hell, now 26 years old, has for years been acclaimed as a recitalist worldwide. Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu

- Sunday,
November 20,
2011
7:30 PM
- Choral Concert
Cappella Festiva Chamber Choir presents *Things Sacred or Things Profane*, including works by Bruckner, Britten, and Vaughan Williams. Part of the Concerts Con Brio Series. Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie. Info: 845-452-8220. Tickets at the door.
- Saturday,
December 3,
2011
7:30 PM
- Advent-Christmas Concert
The TreasureHouse Chorale and Chamber Orchestra and Soloists will perform their twenty-second annual Advent-Christmas Concert "Messiah", featuring selections of the renowned oratorio by George Frideric Handel, and also works by Vittoria, Rutter and others. Program concludes with a Festival of Carols. St. Mary Church, 11 Clinton Street, Wappingers Falls, NY. Tickets/Info: 914-318-3268. All tickets available at the doors at the time of the concert.
- Sunday,
December 4,
2011
3:00 PM
- 53rd Annual Handel's Messiah Performance
Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu
- Sunday,
December 4,
2011
4:00 PM
- Kairos: A Consort of Singers - 2011 Bach Cantata Series
Kairos: A Consort of Singers, under the direction of Edward Lundergan, presents the fifth in its 2011 Bach Cantata series with Cantata No. 36, *Schwingt freudig euch empor* with chamber orchestra. The service will also include an instrumental work by the Baroque master. The concert is open to the public and all are welcome. There is a suggested donation of \$10 to help support the Series. The cantata and other works will be performed as part of a choral evensong service. Location: Holy Cross Monastery, Route 9W, West Park, NY. Info: 845-256-9114.
- Sunday,
December 4,
2011
7:30 PM
- Advent-Christmas Concert
The TreasureHouse Chorale and Chamber Orchestra and Soloists will perform their twenty-second annual Advent-Christmas Concert "Messiah", featuring selections of the renowned oratorio by George Frideric Handel, and also works by Vittoria, Rutter and others. Program concludes with a Festival of Carols. Church of the Annunciation, 470 Westchester Avenue, Crestwood, NY 10707. Tickets/Info: 914-318-3268. All tickets available at the doors at the time of the concert.
- Sunday,
December 11,
2011
3:30 PM
- Tower Music Series presents Dr. John Weaver
Dr. John Weaver has been renowned throughout the organ world as a recitalist for many years. Reformed Church, 70 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY. (Handicapped accessible.) \$10 suggested donation. Info: 845-452-8110.
- Sunday,
December 11,
2011
7:30 PM
- Advent-Christmas Concert
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concludes with a Festival of Carols. Saint James Church, 16 Gleneida Avenue (Route 52), Carmel, NY 10512. Tickets/Info: 914-318-3268. All tickets available at the doors at the time of the concert.

Sunday,
December 18,
2011
3:00 PM

Lessons and Carols presented by Kairos: A Consort of Singers
Kairos: A Consort of Singers, under the direction of Edward Lundergan, presents its annual Lessons & Carols service at the Monastery. The service will include readings from the Old and New Testaments, interspersed with choral motets, hymns and carols. Come join Kairos for this wonderful, festive event! A holiday reception will follow the service and all are welcome. The service is free and open to the public. Free-will donations will be gratefully accepted and all proceeds will benefit the Kingston Freeman Holiday Fund. Location: Holy Cross Monastery, Route 9W, West Park, NY. Info: 845-256-9114.

Tuesday, January
10, 2012

Assisi Performing Arts 2nd Annual Voice Competition
Hosted by Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ. Prizes include full and partial scholarships to perform at the two-week festival held each July in the medieval city of Assisi, Italy. Last year the judges awarded scholarships to more than a dozen singers through this competition. There are NO age restrictions for this competition! Performance opportunities include solo appearances in opera, musical theater, sacred and chamber concerts. Singers may also be invited to perform in festival concerts held in New Jersey during the year. Entry Deadline: January 4, 2012.

Sunday,
January 22,
2012
5:00 PM

Spuds & Sundaes Social
This is our annual post-holiday get-together. Location: Trinity Episcopal Church, 1200 Main Street, Fishkill. Watch this space for more information.

Sunday,
February 5, 2012
7:30 PM

Choral Concert
Concerts Con Brio presents Rutter *Requiem*, performed by Choir and Orchestra. Benefit Concert for Victims of Domestic Violence. Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie. Info: 845-452-8220

Sunday, March
4, 2012
3:00 PM

Organ Concert by Sergio Militello
Sergio Militello is the Choirmaster and Principal Organist of the magnificent and great Cathedral Santa Maria del Fiore in Florence, Italy. Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu

Sunday, March
11, 2012
3:00 PM
(Back-Up Date
Sunday, March
18, 2012)

Choral Reading
Advent/Christmas-themed choral reading at Union Presbyterian Church, 44 Balmville Road, Newburgh. Watch this space for further information.

Sunday, March 18, 2012
3:00 PM

FUMC Concert Series - Organ Recital by Christopher Herrick
Presented by the First United Methodist Church, 603 State Street, Schenectady, NY. English concert organist Christopher Herrick is an international recitalist and recording artist. Free admission. Info: 518-374-4403.

Sunday, April 22, 2012
4:00 PM

Field Trip to St. Thomas Episcopal Church, NYC
To hear recital by **Craig Williams**. Evensong at 4:00 PM; organ recital at 5:15 PM. Watch this space for further information.

Sunday, May 6, 2012
3:00 PM

FUMC Concert Series - Handbell Concert by New England Ringers
Presented by the First United Methodist Church, 603 State Street, Schenectady, NY. The New England Ringers is a 15-member community handbell ensemble playing the most advanced level of handbell literature. Free admission. Info: 518-374-4403.

Sunday, May 6, 2012
3:00 PM

Juilliard Trombone Choir
The Juilliard Trombone Choir returns for their fourth year in what has become a new favorite West Point spring event! Director Joseph Alessi is the Principal Trombonist of the NY Philharmonic. Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu

Sunday, May 6, 2012
7:30 PM

Mostly Mozart Concert
Flute & Harp Concerto; Haydn or Mozart Symphony
Ave verum corpus; Solemn Vespers - Performed by Choir and Orchestra. Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie. Info: 845-452-8220

Friday, May 11, 2012
OR
Friday, May 18, 2012

Members' Recital
Christ Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie. Watch this space for further information.

Veterans Day Weekend

Sunday November 13 at 4:00pm

**A Concert of Patriotic Organ and Choral Music
to honor our Veterans**

Audience “Sing-Along”

with Favorite Hymns of American Presidents

Patriotic Choral Music led by a Regional Choir

**Patriotic music played by area organists
on the newly refurbished Gress-Miles pipe organ**

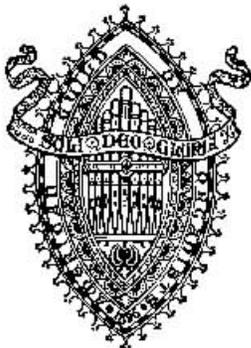
**A Freewill Offering will benefit “Wounded Warriors”
& support local hospitalized veterans**

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