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**Letter from the Dean**

Dear Friends,

The leaves are turning and summer is truly over. Perhaps in your area the first frost has hit. Children are starting to fantasize about their Halloween personas. You may have begun to look at your Christmas music already. As nature comes to its culminating point in our beautiful valley, it seems to be time to look forward and to do some serious work. Serious, not solemn. It should be fun too. I know if I'm not enjoying the gift of music, I need to stop and take time to say thank you for that gift, just as I need at this lovely time of year to say thank you for all of God's creation. And then turn my attention to doing my part of fulfilling those dreams of the slow season before they turn into regrets.

We have already had one very successful chapter event in our workshop with Richard Torrence. Thanks to Greg Citarella and his committee for doing such a great job with this one. Unfortunately a family commitment kept me from attending, but I understand it was totally worthwhile and I hope you got something useful from it. Upcoming this month:

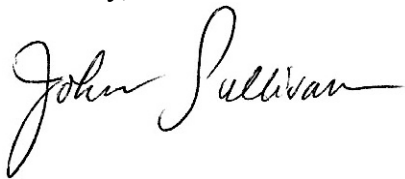
Agnes Armstrong on Saturday the 21st. Agnes has worked with us before and she has great ideas about rehearsal techniques and choir building. She was also one of the judges at our RCYO competition last year. Don't forget the Dutchess County Interfaith Music Festival, Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> at Vassar Chapel – an annual event dear to the hearts of many; please support it if you can.

The 27<sup>th</sup> of October, Friday evening at 8:00 PM, will bring us a recital in the Donald M. Pearson Memorial series at the Vassar Chapel, to be given by French organist Pierre Pincemaille. It occurred to me while preparing this letter, that we make presumptions sometimes. I think of Don Pearson as somebody we all knew, but in fact he retired from Vassar in 1982, having been college organist for many years. Don and his wife Kay were founding members of our chapter back in 1952, and we do expect Kay to make the trip from Florida to be here for this event. Do mark your calendar now.

Two more chapter events will be coming up the first weekend in November: on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> we will conduct our annual Pipes, Pedals and Pizza to introduce young piano students to the king of instruments; and on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> our Annual Members' Recital will take place at the Reformed Church in Poughkeepsie. Please check the calendar for details about these events and give serious thought to participating in some way.

While we try to support each other, let me encourage you to continue to enjoy your own music, God's great and special gift.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Sullivan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

John Sullivan, FAGO

### **Membership News**

- We have just received word that Hans Weber, husband of chapter member Carol Weber, died rather unexpectedly on September 9. Please keep him and Carol in your prayers.
- We are pleased to welcome several new members to our chapter:
  1. Nancy DeMilio Scott  
5 Cobb Lane #K  
Middletown, NY 10940  
843-341-0951  
ndvoice@aol.com  
Organist, Beacon Reformed Church  
Several of us had the opportunity to meet Nancy and her husband at the chapter picnic in July.

2. Daniel Lemieux  
538 West Seneca Tpke  
Syracuse, NY 13207-2645  
866-759-7807  
dan@pipeorganspecialist.com  
Dan is President of Lemieux & Associates Pipe Organ Specialists and is an accomplished organist in his own right.
3. Claire Longden  
27 Stonehouse Rd  
Rhinebeck, NY 12572-3210  
845-876-7190  
Claire is a fan of organ music, although she does not play herself. We welcome good audiences!
4. Gregory S. Quaglieri  
269 West Main Street  
Stony Point, NY 10980  
845-786-0011  
[tractornut32489@aol.com](mailto:tractornut32489@aol.com)  
Gregory is an organ student in search of church experience.

Welcome all new members!

### **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. You may submit newsletter material by mail, e-mail, or phone. Just contact the editor, Susan LaGrande, using the information given below. Remember, the deadline for the next newsletter, to be available the first week in November, is October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **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.

Joyce B. Auchincloss	203-754-2840	Patricia R. Maimone	845-446-2395
Gregory Citarella	845-297-7693	Darren Motise	845-223-3949
Raymond C. Corey	845-229-5438	Janet Nelson Nickerson	845-561-0763
Donald Filkins	845-518-2991	Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249
Peter Hall	845-343-4995	Charles Surber	845-223-4824
Boyd Herforth	845-255-5298		

## 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.

Joe Bertolozzi	845-831-0695	Darren Motise	845-223-3949
Judie Brown - also Jewish svcs (Fri. night or Sat. Bar/bat mizvah)		Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249
	845-888-5318	<u>For Weddings and Funerals Only:</u>	
Raymond C. Corey	845-229-5438	Alice Cann	845-223-5344
Richard C. Ehlenberg	845-658-9746	Greg Citarella	845-297-7693
Lois Hoger	845-229-7404	Larry Hazard	845-452-0119
Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763	Boyd Herforth	845-255-5298 / 973-783-8798
<u>No Sunday Morning Services:</u>		Erna Loerch	845-226-8094
Jimrae K. Lenser		Charles Surber (no weddings)	845-255-8293
	845-427-5884/914-388-6641	<u>Students</u>	
Pat Maimone	845-446-2395	David Parries (Sunday only)	845-297-6870
		Jeffrey Parries	845-297-6870/845-702-4746

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## Position Openings

*Editor's Note – 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)

### **THIELLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - THIELLS, NY**

One Sunday service at 10:30 AM, additional services seasonally. Choir (adult volunteer, 8-9 members) practices on Wednesday evening. Extra compensation for weddings and funerals. Rodgers 2-manual electronic organ; upright piano. Salary negotiable according to experience. Contact: Ann Dacre, 65 Filors Lane, Stony Point, NY 10980 Phone 845-942-1481 - Cell 845-323-5475 - Fax 845-942-4292 – e-mail: [adacre@aol.com](mailto:adacre@aol.com). Thiells United Methodist Church, 102 Rosman Road, Thiells, NY 10984 10/9/2006

ORGANIST (Part-Time)

### **PLEASANTVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - PLEASANTVILLE, NY**

Part-time organist and pianist needed for vibrant congregation of 250 members. One Sunday morning Service (10:00 AM) with adult choir rehearsal preceding. One additional rehearsal per month. Two-manual, 22-rank, Stephen Russell & Co. pipe organ with recently rebuilt

console. Exceptional Steinway piano Model A, 6'2", rebuilt in 1992. Excellent organ skills and piano proficiency required. Individual will work closely with Music Director, who conducts choir and oversees music program. Salary \$13,000 - \$15,000; 4 weeks paid vacation. Additional compensation for weddings and funerals. Send cover letter and resume with education, experience, and references to Music Search Committee, Pleasantville Presbyterian Church, 400 Bedford Road, Pleasantville, New York 10570 Church office: (914) 769-0458 Fax: (914) 773-0561  
9/8/06

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC (Part-Time)**

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION - MT. KISCO, NY**

One Sunday service at 10:00 AM. Additional Wednesday evening services (6-7 total) during Lent. Choir & bell rehearsal times to be determined by Director of Music and choir members. The Praiseband rehearses on Thursdays at 7:30pm. Our prior Director of Music rehearsed bell choir Wednesdays at 6:30pm; children's & adult choirs Thursdays (6:30pm & 7:15pm respectively). Choir sizes: Kids: 10-15, Adults: 10-15, Bells: 6, Praiseband: 6. (Please note that Director of Music will work with two leaders of praiseband to create cohesive worship; however, Director of Music is not expected to lead praiseband.) Weddings and funerals: Extra compensation, in accordance with scale suggested by AGO. Organ is a Rodgers, 3-manual, from mid-1980s and in excellent shape. Has midi-recorder/playback attachment. New piano (2005) and new handbells. Salary range is \$18-23K (To be worked out based on experience, possible benefits package offered, and/or use of space for private lessons.) Fusion of contemporary Christian music and traditional hymns and liturgy; all age ranges (families, singles, seniors); progressive, dynamic pastor; positive (and fun!) environment; we are all family here! Excellent opportunity for someone with ideas, energy and Spirit — we are moving forward! Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 15 South Bedford Road, Mount Kisco, NY 10549. 914-666-5123 (ph), 914-244-1080 (fax) Contact: Pastor Jack Horner at jack.horner@LCRonline.org 8/31/2006

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC (Part-Time)**

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - MONROE, NY**

Two Sunday services, plus 15-20 traditional seasonal services per year. Adult choir sings weekly, children's choir sings monthly. Rehearsals: 2 weekly. Other instrumentalists available for festive occasions. Other music staff: volunteer director of handbell choir (youth and adult), volunteer piano accompanist, Saturday worship service musician (contemporary service). Allen Digital Organ, acoustic and electronic pianos. Salary: \$16,000+, commensurate with experience. Paid vacation. Extra compensation for weddings and funerals. Requirements: BA in Music or equivalent; 3 years church experience (Lutheran preferred) in playing piano and organ, accompanying congregational singing, as well as in directing voice choirs. Contact Dan Madrid, c/o St. Paul Lutheran Church, 21 Still Road, Monroe, NY 10950, 845-782-5600, fax 845-782-3703 or e-mail church@stpaulmonroe.org 8/19/2006

**ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)**

**LYALL MEMORIAL FEDERATED CHURCH - MILLBROOK, NY**

One Sunday service, three choirs (adult, youth, children). Additional seasonal services. The organ is a 1927 Moeller with three manuals, updated in 1990. Salary \$22k and up, dependent upon experience. For inquiries call Muriel Verdibello, Chair, Personnel Committee, at 845-

677-5279. Resumes with references and salary requirements should be mailed to the Personnel Committee, Lyall Memorial Federated Church, Maple Avenue, Millbrook, NY 12545, or emailed to mfverdibello@hotmail.com. 8/18/2006

ACCOMPANIST (Part-Time)

**WEST POINT CADET GLEE CLUB - USMA, WEST POINT, NY** Filled 9/15/2006

ORGANIST/MUSIC DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH - WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY** Filled 9/16/2006

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MUSIC (Part-Time)

**SAINT JOHN AND SAINT MARY CHURCH - CHAPPAQUA, NY**

Vibrant 1,000 family Roman Catholic parish seeks part-time Assistant Director of Music. BA in music/music education preferred, Orff/Kodaly training a plus. Principal accompanist, excellent organ/piano skills necessary; work flexibly with groups, open to eclectic repertoire, as needed leading adult and children's choirs, cantor and direct the program in the absence of the Director. Ahlborn-Galanti organ, small grand piano. Weekend only except Holy Week, Christmas and Confirmation. Salary based on AGO guidelines. Send résumé, and names, e-mail addresses, & telephone numbers of three references to Saint John and Saint Mary Church, 30 Poillon Road, Chappaqua, NY 10514. Email: oborda@sjmchap.com. 7-25-2006

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

**ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - CLIFTON PARK, NY**

Two weekend services: 8:00 AM (music 1st Sunday of each month) and 9:30 AM. Additional seasonal services; no music required for some Sundays in summer. Committed, volunteer adult choir of 25-30 members, children's choir for special occasions, and occasional handbell choir. Wedding/funerals: extra compensation; organist has first right of refusal. Organ: Allen Model R-350 (1999). Also Steinway grand piano restored in 2004, two sets of handbells. Other instrumentalists arranged for on a seasonal basis by the organist/choir director. Salary: negotiable, but in \$17,000-18,000 range. Contact: The Rev. William R. Hinrichs, St. George's Episcopal Church, 912 Route 146, Clifton Park, NY 12065 518/371-6351, e-mail: frbill@nycap.rr.com.

*Renewed 9/7/2006*

ACCOMPANIST (Part-Time)

**BLESSED KATERI RC CHURCH - LAGRANGEVILLE, NY**

Skilled pianist needed to accompany one or more Sunday Mass(es) at new (established 2002) Catholic Parish in LaGrangeville, NY. Weekend services: 5:30 PM Saturday and 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, and 12:15 PM on Sunday, plus additional seasonal services. Weddings and funerals extra. Strong Adult Choir and Youth Choir rehearse weeknights, alternate at 9:00 AM Mass. (Contemporary ensemble provides music for 10:30 AM Mass.) Instruments available: No organ at present, electronic piano. Strong keyboard skills required. Position available June 2006. Salary depends on number of hours and level of proficiency. Blessed Kateri Parish, 1810 Route 82, LaGrangeville, NY 12540. For more info, please contact Nina Ricci, Music Director, at 845-227-3643. 3/16/2006

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - EAST GREENBUSH, NY**

Weekend services: Saturday 4 PM; Sunday 8:30, 10 & 11:30 PM. Choir rehearsal: Thursday

at 6:30 PM. Additional services (holy days, etc.): one Mass at holy day, according to the Catholic liturgical calendar, also Triduum, First Eucharist and a Mass of Remembrance in November. Wedding and funerals extra: funerals -\$75, marriages -\$100. Adult choir, 10-14 voices, helps to lead assembly in song one Mass a weekend from Sept thru early June; also teens/middle school students with instruments, on occasion (growing). Organ: details forthcoming. Flute and strings from time to time. Coordinate with pastor and Prayer & Worship Committee. Applicant should have flexible, collaborative, attitude which speaks of invitation and participation. Salary in the low/mid \$20K range. Contact information: 518-477-7925/phone, 518-477-7926/fax, holyspirit@nycap.rr.com. Send cover letter & resume to: Search Committee, Church of the Holy Spirit, 667 Columbia Turnpike, East Greenbush, NY 12061 *Renewed 9/8/2006*

## 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](http://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.*

<p>Saturday, October 21, 2006 10:30 AM</p>	<p>Choral Workshop by Agnes Armstrong Agnes Armstrong is a renowned organist and lecturer whose workshops at conventions are always very popular. Topic: Choir rehearsal techniques. Location: First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Poughkeepsie, NY. Info: 845-790-3381</p>
<p>Sunday, October 22, 2006 3:00 PM</p>	<p>32nd Annual Dutchess Interfaith Music Festival Guest Conductor, Christian Anthem: <b>Maris Kristapsons</b> (conducting one of his own compositions) Guest Conductor, Gospel Anthem: Barbara Davis Guest Conductor, Hebrew Selection: Rena Shapiro Sacred Bridge Choir: Conducted by Laura Russell and Rena Shapiro Festival Organist: <b>Jimrae K. Lenser</b> Brass and other instruments as well Location: Vassar College Chapel, Poughkeepsie, NY Info: 845-471-7333</p>
<p>Friday, October 27, 2006 8:00 PM</p>	<p>Recital of the Gress-Miles organ in Vassar College Chapel Pierre Pincemaille (of Paris, France), organ. Program: French symphonic. College Chapel, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie. <a href="#">Click here</a> for information about organs at Vassar College. No admission fee. Info: 845-437-7294</p>

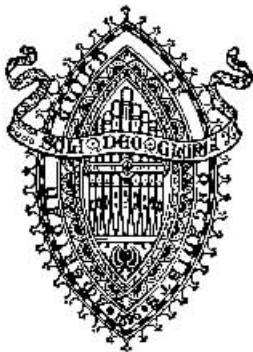
<p>Saturday, November 4, 2006 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM</p>	<p>Pipes, Pedals &amp; Pizza This exciting event provides an opportunity for young piano students to bring a piece of music they would normally play on the piano and try it on the manuals of an organ. There will also be a brief demonstration of the various sounds that can be achieved on the King of Instruments. This is a great way to broaden your horizons and tickle your imagination. This year's workshops will take place in two locations: • Union Presbyterian Church, 44 Balmville Road, Newburgh. For information, call <b>Margaret Small</b> (845-534-9485) or <b>Janet Nelson-Nickerson</b> (845-561-0763). • Zion Episcopal Church, 12 Satterlee Place, Wappingers Falls. For information, call <b>Eric Hepp</b> (845-790-3381) or <b>John Sullivan, FAGO</b> (845-454-7150). Pizza will be provided at both locations. There is no charge for this exciting event. Parents and teachers are also welcome to attend.</p>
<p>Sunday, November 5, 2006 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Annual Members' Recital The Reformed Church, 70 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY. All members are invited to play. For practice times, please call <b>Jack Davis</b> at 845-831-1761.</p>
<p>Sunday, November 19, 2006 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Concert at the Cadet Chapel <b>Craig S. Williams</b>, USMA, Organist/Choirmaster playing Christmas Works for Organ by American Composers Cadet Chapel, US Military Academy, West Point, NY. Open to the public and free of charge. Info: Contact <b>Craig Williams</b>, 845-938-7352.</p>
<p>Saturday, December 2, 2006 7:00 PM</p>	<p>TreasureHouse Chorale 17th Annual Advent-Christmas Concert Church of the Annunciation, 470 Westchester Avenue, Crestwood, NY 10707. Chamber Orchestra, Soloists and Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Joseph J. Nigro, will present a program entitled "A Classical Christmas", with works by Bach, Handel, Mozart, Vittoria, Haydn, Rutter and others. We will also honor Mozart's 250th anniversary of his birth, presenting his glorious "Alleluia" and two Church Sonatas. Program concludes with a Festival of Carols. Tickets \$20 in advance by calling 914-779-7345. For directions or more information, or visit our web site at <a href="http://www.treasurehousemusic.org">www.treasurehousemusic.org</a>.</p>
<p>Sunday, December 3, 2006 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Concert at the Cadet Chapel Handel's <i>Messiah</i> Cadet Chapel, US Military Academy, West Point, NY. Open to the public and free of charge. Info: Contact <b>Craig Williams</b>, 845-938-7352.</p>



- Sunday,  
February 25,  
2007  
3:00 PM
- Recital of the Fritts Organ  
Gail Archer (professor at Manhattan School of Music and Barnard College),  
organ. Program: Sweelinck and his pupils. Martel Recital Hall, Vassar  
College, Skinner Hall of Music. No admission fee. Info: 845-437-7294
- Sunday, March  
4, 2007  
3:00 PM
- Concert at the Cadet Chapel  
Meredith Baker, USMA Director of Music  
Most Holy Trinity (Catholic) Chapel  
Cadet Chapel, US Military Academy, West Point, NY.  
Open to the public and free of charge. Info: Contact **Craig Williams**, 845-  
938-7352.
- Sunday, April  
15, 2007  
3:00 PM
- Recital by Olivier Latry  
Titular organist of the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, France. Co-  
sponsored by the Eastern New York Chapter, AGO. First United Methodist  
Church, 604 State Street, Schenectady, NY Free admission. Info: 518-374-  
4403
- Sunday, May 6,  
2007  
3:00 PM
- Concert at the Cadet Chapel  
Frederick Hohman, Concert Organist  
(Class of 1936 Distinguished Organists Recital Series)  
Cadet Chapel, US Military Academy, West Point, NY.  
Open to the public and free of charge. Info: Contact **Craig Williams**, 845-  
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