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of the
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Letter from the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

We have two very interesting programs coming up this fall. Craig wrote briefly about both of them in the last Dean's letter (when I was on vacation.). I have some details I can now add.

First, coming up on October 2nd we have an invitation to visit the home of Dale Ziegenfelder in Glenford, NY. As Craig already explained, Dale has an organ in his house and he has invited us to come and hear and PLAY it. So bring music and shoes if you wish. The invitation is for 3:00 PM on Sunday, October 2. Those who wish may also go with a group that will be taking Dale and his wife out to dinner afterwards. Directions to Dale's home may be obtained by calling Susan LaGrande at 845-226-6496 or Craig Williams at 845-355-6451:

If you plan to attend, please contact Craig Williams at 845-355-6451 or by e-mail at Craig.Williams@usma.edu

Our other program is one which Laura Russell and Craig Williams are coordinating at Christ Church for November 13th at 4:00 PM. To celebrate Veteran's Day we are having a concert of Patriotic Music based around the theme of "Favorite Hymns of the Presidents". It will be a benefit for "Wounded Warriors", a non-profit group that assists hospitalized veterans. Music will include organ solos, presidential favorite hymns, and choral anthems.

You may participate as an organist, a singer, or as a member of the congregation. We are looking for organists who may be willing to contribute an organ solo, either based on one of the hymns below or in keeping with the patriotic theme. Depending on the response, we may need to limit the number of organists participating. You could also participate by accompanying one of the hymns (see list below).

Also needed are people to sing in a combined choir. You are encouraged to bring your choir, either to sing as part of the congregation or to join in the combined choir. Of the choir anthems listed below you may choose to do all with your participating singers or you could choose just to do the middle three which are the easiest. The anthems listed below are available from Laura Russell.

Here is a draft overview of the program:

HYMNS

The following hymns, which are presidential favorites, will be for congregational singing. Most of the numbers refer to the 1982 Episcopal Hymnal, which will be in the pew racks for the concert. LEVAS refers to the "Lift Every Voice and Sing" hymnal.

President	Title	Tune	Number
Barack Obama	"Life Every Voice and Sing"	LIFT EVERY VOICE	599
Gerald R. Ford	"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"	ST. ANNE	680
Jimmy Carter	"Amazing Grace"	NEW BRITAIN	671
Woodrow Wilson	"It Is Well with My Soul"	VILLE DU HAVRE	LEVAS 188
Chester A. Arthur	"Abide with Me"	EVENTIDE	662
George H. W. Bush	"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"	MELITA	608
John F. Kennedy	"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"	GROSSER GOTT	366
Andrew Jackson	"Come, Thou Almighty King"	ITALIAN HYMN	365
George Washington	"How Happy Is He Born and Taught"	TALLIS' CANON	insert

CHORAL ANTHEMS

Randall Thompson: movement from *Testament of Freedom* "The Lord who gave us liberty"
Wilhousky: *Battle Hymn of the Republic*

Buryl Red (Arr): *America the Beautiful*
Irving Berlin: *Give me your tired, your poor*
Aaron Copland: *The Promise of Living*

Choir sheet music: Laura Russell has ordered the music, but depending on the number of people wanting to sing, we may need more copies. Please be in touch with her if you already have access to any of these pieces of music, and if we could borrow your copies for the concert.

Combined choir rehearsal schedule: (all at Christ Church, Poughkeepsie)
Sunday, October 30 at 7:00 PM
Sunday, November 6 at 7:00 PM
Thursday, November 10 at 7:00 PM

If you would like to be involved, please contact: Laura R. Russell, Music Director, Christ Church, Poughkeepsie – e-mail: LRussell@hvc.rr.com or Craig S. Williams, Music Director, Cadet Chapel, West Point – e-mail: Craig.Williams@usma.edu

I do hope you will be able to participate in one or both of these events. At the very least come on November 13th and encourage your congregation to come as well.



Beverly Simmons, SPC
Dean, Central Hudson Valley AGO

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 November, is October 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	845-226-1564	<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	Alice Cann	845-223-5344
Christopher Fasulo	646-342-4836	Greg Citarella	845-297-7693
Larry Hazard	845-452-0119	Eric Hepp (no weekday funerals)	
Susan LaGrande	845-226-6496		845-489-2625
Susan MacNish	845-635-3814	Charles Surber (no weddings)	
Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763		845-544-2782
Joanne Reed	845-361-3474		

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://www.stjohnslutheran.org), 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.

Sunday, October 2, 2011 3:00 PM	Organ Crawl at the Ziegenfelder Residence Participants have the option of going to dinner at a local restaurant afterward. Details about the 1950 Kilgen pipe organ, including specifications, photos, and a history of how it was acquired and installed, are posted on our Organs web page under <u>Ziegenfelder Residence, Glenford, NY</u> . If you plan to attend, or for driving directions, please contact Susan LaGrande (phone 845-226-6496) or Craig Williams (phone 845-938-7352).
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Sunday, October 2, 2011
3:00 PM

FUMC Concert Series - Harmonic Brass Munich
Presented by the First United Methodist Church, 603 State Street, Schenectady, NY. The Harmonic Brass Munich ensemble, a favorite with Schenectady audiences, is returning to this concert series for the seventh time. Free admission. Info: 518-374-4403.

Friday, October 7, 2011 at 7:30 PM
and Saturday, October 8, 2011 at 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Concert and Workshop by Dan Schutte
Sponsored by Sacred Heart Church, 25 South Robinson Avenue, Newburgh, NY. Dan Schutte, composer of the familiar hymn "Here I Am, Lord," is one of the best-known, most prolific and influential composers of music for the liturgy today. Registration: General Admission Seating, \$25. Concert seating in the first four pews and workshop admission: \$40. Workshop on the new liturgy translations: \$15. Info and tickets: 845-561-2264 or jrenna17@hotmail.com.

Saturday,
October 8, 2011
7:30 PM

Piano Recital
Concerts Con Brio presents Oscar Rodriguez performing works of Mozart, Bach, and Chopin. Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie. There is a suggested donation of \$10 at the door. Info: 845-452-8220

Sunday, October 23, 2011
7:30 PM

Choral Concert
Concerts Con Brio presents *The "Coffee Cantata"* and other favorites for singers and chamber orchestra. Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie. There is a suggested donation of \$10 at the door. Info: 845-452-8220

Saturday,
November 5,
2011
8:00 PM

Concert by Kairos: A Consort of Singers
Kairos: A Consort of Singers, under the direction of Edward Lundergan, presents a concert version of English Baroque composer Henry Purcell's 1691 semi-opera *King Arthur*. This whimsical tale centers around Arthur's endeavors to rescue his fiancée, the blind Cornish princess Emmeline, who has been abducted by his arch-enemy, the Saxon king Oswald of Kent. It is a delightful and humorous work, and contains some of Purcell's most lyrical music, much of it inspired by French dance rhythms and adventurous (for the day) harmonies.

As was common in English semi-opera, there were spoken as well as sung parts, and our performance will also feature a delightful narration of the story by professional actor and singer David Rodriguez.

Tickets are \$20 general admission; \$15 senior; and \$7 Student/Youth, with \$25 general admission at the door. Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. Info and tickets: 845-256-9114 or visit www.kairosconsort.org.

Sunday,
November 6,
2011
4:00 PM

Concert by Kairos: A Consort of Singers

Kairos: A Consort of Singers, under the direction of Edward Lundergan, presents the fourth in its 2011 Bach Cantata series (now in its fifth season) with Cantata No. 17, *Wer Dank opfert, der preiset mich* with chamber orchestra. The service will also include the “Kyrie” and “Gloria” from William Byrd’s Mass for 4 Voices and Handel’s Sonata for Oboe, Op. 1, No. 7 performed by oboist Joël Evans. 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.

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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

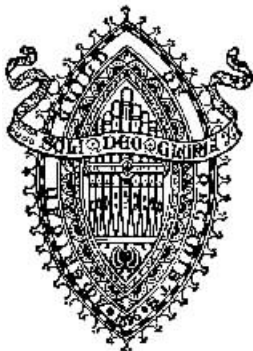
Presidents; and Patriotic Choral Music sung by a regional massed choir directed by Laura Ramsey Russell. To sign up to participate in the choir, please email Laura at LRussell@hvc.rr.com. Freewill donations accepted at the door.

- 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.
- 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 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 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.
- 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 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, 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
7:30 PM
- Mostly Mozart Concert
Flute & Harp Concerto; Haydn or Mozart Symphony
Ave verum corpus; Solemn Vespers - Performed by Choir and Orchestra.
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