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Thoughts From Your Board about Election Day

It has been hard to decide whether or not, and if so, how, to acknowledge the events of November 5 in our chapter newsletter. Your board has exchanged many messages back and forth about how to accomplish this in the most non-partisan way possible, since we know that our chapter consists of individuals who have strong opinions on both sides.

We have decided to quote from some of our emails, and from other sources, in the hope that our openness will help strengthen our chapter's unity. We would greatly appreciate any feedback that you might care to give. You can always reach us at CHVAGOboard@gmail.com.

Laura Russell wrote: I ... feel that everyone, no matter who they voted for, is super aware of how divided our nation is right now. ... I think we need to speak to the moment we are in currently in some kind of hopeful, uniting way.

Kari Maschhoff wrote: I am a military chaplain and though I speak openly with my vote, I must guard my public words to ensure I remain politically neutral and approachable to all. ... My thoughts and prayers this morning have certainly been focused on finding unity and hope through music. I shared with our Soldiers during a Spiritual Resiliency event last week how, as a musician, I see that my purpose in life includes bringing peace and healing to our broken world through music, giving glory to God who gave us this precious gift that nurtures, comforts, and unites our souls.

Susan Guse shared a prayer from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Lubbock, TX, which reads in part as follows:

When others hate, may you love.
When others curse, may you bless.
When others hurt, may you heal.
When others divide, may you unite.
When others rage, may you calm.
When others deny, may you affirm.
You are a servant of the light.
You need not be afraid of darkness.
God strengthen you to carry on with your work and
faithfully live who you are in Christ:
Love for stranger, love for enemy, love for neighbor
— Amen

(Based on a prayer by Steven Charleston, Native American Theologian and former Episcopal Bishop of Alaska)

John Corrie wrote: I will continue to provide music that is as uplifting as I can make it for anyone who will listen.

Each of us feels the way we feel about it, and we should not presume to tell anyone else how they should feel. We each have to move on in our own way.

May all of us continue to offer beautiful music to our congregations and to each other, and may we never let political differences come between us.

Veterans Event Tonight!

Don't forget! Tonight at 7:30 PM: Veterans' Event - Silent Movie with Live Organ Accompaniment. CHVAGO and the New York Theatre Organ Society will present [The Big Parade](#), a silent movie classic from 1925, with [Brett Miller](#) providing live organ accompaniment on the [mighty Wurlitzer pipe organ](#). [Click here](#) for a printable flyer. Sponsored by the Dutchess Count Division of Veterans Services (Veterans Microgrant Program). [Bardavon 1869 Opera House](#), 35 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Admission is free. Info: 845-473-2072

A Visit with Gregory Citarella.

- by Susan LaGrande

On October 31, John Vanderlee, Susan Guse and I paid a visit to Gregory Citarella at the Fishill Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing, where he currently resides after having been injured in a fall nearly a year ago. Welcoming us into his bright, airy room from his

wheelchair, he looked well and spoke with his usual positive energy.

The occasion for our visit was to present Gregory with the certificate inducting him into the League of Distinguished Service. This award was announced at the Bach to Broadway concert, but since he could not attend the concert, we wanted to present the physical certificate to him in person. Gregory received the honor with grateful humility, recalling that it was during his term as Dean that the first certificates of appreciation were awarded.

There followed about 45 minutes of reminiscences on all sides about our chapter and its members, past and present. We left with confidence that Gregory's current treatment is having good effect and that he will soon be able to return to the instrument that we all love.

As of today, Gregory is still in rehab. You can reach him by US mail at: Fishkill Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing, 22 Robert R Kasin Way, Beacon, NY 12508, or you can call or text him at 845-559-4013.

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 2024, is November 23.

Editor's Corner

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List of Organ Substitutes

The following chapter members have indicated on their membership application that they will serve as substitute organists. Please note that only CHVAGO members in good standing are eligible to be included in this list, unless otherwise approved by the Board. However, it should not be assumed that these individuals are endorsed by the CHVAGO, and background checks are encouraged. 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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Eric Hepp	845-489-2625	Nancy Vanderlee	845-266-3858
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 will accept new organ students. Please note that only CHVAGO members in good standing are eligible to be included in this list, unless otherwise approved by the Board. However, it should not be assumed that these individuals are endorsed by the CHVAGO, and background checks are encouraged. More information about each teacher is provided on our web site at www.chvago.org.

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Justan Foster	518-965-2389	Dillon Streifeneder	845-532-2488

Position Openings

Editor's Notes

- The AGO, and by extension the Central Hudson Valley chapter, now requires all posted jobs in our Career Center include salary information. This change improves transparency for applicants and complies with applicable New York State laws, where the AGO is headquartered. We believe this change will encourage a more positive experience for our members seeking employment.
- *Hiring institutions are encouraged to check references from applicants' previous employers, and applicants should expect that prospective employers may require background checks. 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 845-235-7203 or email chvagoboard@gmail.com.*

ORGANIST, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC - (Part-Time)

ST. PETER'S CHURCH (EPISCOPAL) - LITHGOW, NY

One Morning Prayer Sunday service at 9:30 AM (Holy Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month at the 9:30 AM service), along with the other important services throughout the year, including Lessons & Carols which is a music-driven service the week before Christmas; Christmas Eve, which includes a 4:00 PM Children's Pageant and a 10:00 PM service with Holy Communion and choir; Christmas Day at 9:30 AM with Holy Communion but no choir; Holy Week, including two services on Palm Sunday, and Easter Sunday; Pentecost; Memorial Day which entails arranging for a brass quartet during the annual service held at St. Peter's Cemetery; All Saint's Day. St. Peter's currently has approximately a six-person amateur choir that sings on the Holy Days during the program

year (see above) with rehearsals currently taking place prior to and after the 9:30 AM service on Sunday. Funerals, weddings are other special services, such as installation of a Vicar or Ecumenical Lenten Service, are paid at a per service rate. This includes weddings, rehearsals with requested singers/instrumentalists, attendance at liturgical rehearsal and extraordinary practice time, research, and musical arranging necessitated by requests for difficult or unusual music. The organ is a two-manual Allen digital MDS 26. Compensation: The position is part-time (approximately 18 hours per week on average for the year) and the salary (\$20,000 to \$30,000) is commensurate with education and experience. Benefits include seven weeks for professional development and vacation. The Music Director will secure appropriate substitutes, to be compensated by St. Peter's, for those Sundays she or he is on leave. While our preference is to bring someone on who either has, or is looking to grow, ties to our community, Saturday evening housing in the Millbrook area may be available. The position is under the direct supervision of Rev. Richard McKeon. [Click here](#) for a complete job description. Contact: Rev. Richard McKeon, [St. Peter's Church](#), Lithgow (Mailing address: PO Box 1502, Millbrook, New York 12545) 10/24/2024

MUSIC DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF CHRIST - POUGHKEEPSIE, NY

One Sunday service (10:30 AM) with choir rehearsals Sunday morning (9:00 AM) and possibly a weekday evening (generally 7:00–8:30 PM) in preparation for Christmas or Easter. First right of refusal for funerals & weddings. Instruments: 3-manual 1902 Midmer pipe organ with Austin console (approximately 50 ranks), a refurbished Steinway baby grand piano, a Roland DP-990F digital piano (88 keys), a multi-octave set of Malmark handbells, as well as a set of handchimes. Additional instruments (guitars, hand drums, string and brass instruments, etc.) belong to congregation members who do special music. Salary: \$13,000-\$16,000 (commensurate with skill level). This position does not provide health care or retirement benefits, but does offer Flexible Spending Account. For a complete job description, please [click here](#). [First Congregational Church of Christ](#), 269 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. To apply, please submit a letter of interest, resume, and at least 3 references to Rev. Heather Moody, 269 Mill Street Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, or by email to fccoffice@gmail.com. 10/10/2024

ORGANIST - (Part-Time)

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH - NEWBURGH, NY

One Sunday service at 10:00 AM (4 Sundays off per year, to be negotiated). Eight additional special services: Thanksgiving Eve, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Holy Week Services: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil (Saturday), Easter – Two Services, German Easter Service. Expected Competencies: Primary Instrument – Organ (with pedals), Secondary Instrument – Piano. Allen Digital organ, Kawai GS30 Grand Piano. Lutheran Book of Worship – Hymns and Service Music, and With One Voice – Hymns and Service Music. Per Service Rate: \$150 (estimated \$8,700 per year) For Funeral and Wedding Service, Organist sets the fee. Choir accompanist – if agreed, compensation to be negotiated (rehearsal or performance). [Christ Lutheran Church](#), 186 Fullerton Avenue, Newburgh, NY 12550 The Rev. Ernst A Mossel, Pastor. Church Office: 845-562-0824 Member of the New York Metropolitan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Contact: [Daniel Madrid](#), 862-258-0106 2/1/2024

CHORAL DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH - POUGHKEEPSIE, NY

We are looking for a Choral Director who can work with our organist, choir, and rector. We are seeking a professional, skilled conductor who is creative, nurturing, and collaborative. She/he/they will also be organized, have a good sense of humor, and be able to communicate well. One Sunday Service at 10:30 AM plus additional services Holy Week, Christmas Eve, Christmas, and other times in liturgical year. Choir rehearsal on Wednesday nights at 7 PM and Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM. Christ Church has a choir of between 10-16 voices. We are a progressive Christian community with a strong commitment to music. Our salary range is between \$15,000-\$20,000 depending on experience. [Christ Episcopal Church](#), 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to rector@christchurchpok.org by October 26, 2022. *Renewed 4/20/2023*

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.

- Tuesdays at 12:15 PM Noontime Recitals at Goshen Presbyterian Church
Great Music in Great Space - First Presbyterian Church in Goshen has recently renovated its 1931 Austin organ and is resuming its free noontime recital series, which will continue weekly on an ongoing basis. Jonathan B. Hall, DM, FAGO, minister of music of the church, will present manualiter and piano music, and there will be other visiting musicians. Programs will be held from 12:15 to 12:45 PM every Tuesday. All are welcome, all noontime recitals are free, and there is ample free parking and accessibility. [First Presbyterian Church in Goshen](#), 33 Park Place, Goshen, NY 10924. Info: 845-294-7991.
- Friday, November 8, 2024
7:30 PM Veterans' Event - Silent Movie with Live Organ Accompaniment
CHVAGO and the New York Theatre Organ Society will present [The Big Parade](#), a silent movie classic from 1925, with [Brett Miller](#) providing live organ accompaniment on the [mighty Wurlitzer pipe organ](#). [Click here](#) for a printable flyer. [Bardavon 1869 Opera House](#), 35 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Admission is free. Info: 845-473-2072
- Saturday, November 9, 2024
7:00 PM Concerts Con Brio presents Breezy Hill Woodwind Quintet with guest pianist James Fitzwilliam. Music by Rimsky-Korsakov, Scott Joplin, JS Bach, Grieg, Lennon/McCartney & more! [Christ Episcopal Church](#), 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. Suggested donation of \$25 at the door. Info: 845-452-8220
- Sunday, November 10, 2024
2:00 PM West Point Cadet Chapel Organ Recital by Caroline Robinson
[Caroline Robinson](#) previously held the post of Organist and Associate Choirmaster at the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta, GA, and is now Assistant Professor of Music at the University of Michigan. [Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY](#). All recitals require a Department of Defense ID or Visitors' Pass from the Visitor Control Center to enter West Point. Entry to the Cadet Chapel and recital are free to the public. All Cadet

Chapel organ recitals and concerts are free to the general public.

Info: craig.s.williams58.civ@army.mil

Sunday, December
8, 2024
4:00 PM

Annual Handel's Messiah

[Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY](#). For this event, a Visitor's Pass will not be required. Visitors will only need a picture ID, and they will be allowed to enter West Point 2 hours prior to the concert. All Cadet Chapel organ recitals and concerts are free to the general public.

Info: craig.s.williams58.civ@army.mil

Sunday, January
26, 2025
5:00 PM
SNOW DATE:
February 2, 2025

Annual Spuds & Sundaes Social

Spuds & Sundaes! The menu is baked potatoes and ice cream, with appropriate toppings for each. If you would like to contribute a topping, please contact Susan LaGrande. We will also offer our used music sale. If you have organ- or choral-related sheet music that you no longer want, bring it here and let other members browse. Take what you want and leave a donation to benefit the Scholarship Fund. Watch this space for location and further details.

Sunday, February
23, 2025
2:00 PM

West Point Cadet Chapel Organ Recital by John A. Wolfe

[Dr. John A. Wolfe](#), an alumnus of Vassar College, is a New York City-based organist, choral conductor and music educator. [Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY](#). All recitals require a Department of Defense ID or Visitors' Pass from the Visitor Control Center to enter West Point. Entry to the Cadet Chapel and recital are free to the public. All Cadet Chapel organ recitals and concerts are free to the general public.

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Sunday, March 30,
2025
2:00 PM

West Point Cadet Chapel Organ Recital by Colin Mark Andrews

[Colin Andrews](#) is one of only four organists in the world to have recorded the complete organ works of Messiaen. Since the autumn of 2009, he has been Adjunct Professor of Music at Indiana University. [Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY](#). All recitals require a Department of Defense ID or Visitors' Pass from the Visitor Control Center to enter West Point. Entry to the Cadet Chapel and recital are free to the public. All Cadet Chapel organ recitals and concerts are free to the general public.

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Sunday, May 4,
2025
2:00 PM

West Point Cadet Chapel Organ Recital by Gail Archer

[Gail Archer](#) is a professor of music at Barnard College, and also serves as college organist at Vassar College. [Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY](#). All recitals require a Department of Defense ID or Visitors' Pass from the Visitor Control Center to enter West Point. Entry to the Cadet Chapel and recital are free to the public. All Cadet Chapel organ recitals and concerts are free to the general public.

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