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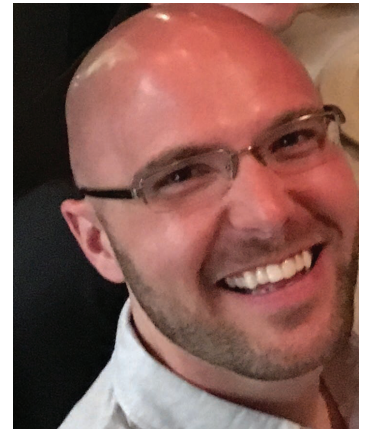
Deans' Mixtures

You're Invited!

It's that time of year. We're all sending/receiving "you're invited" messages for new programs, new semesters, new events, and yes, recitals! This one, though, is unique—as Chapter members we each can receive and send it.

Our September program is actually quite simple and meant to share the simple joys of making music together. Our **Plus** recital is meant to highlight the organ of course, but more importantly our friends and colleagues with whom we share in making music. I hope you'll be able to join us September 10th at 10:00 am. Mike Krentz is hosting us at Christ Lutheran, Allentown. My partner, Christopher, will have a late breakfast/brunch ready for us following the concert. It's a great way to spend just a small part of the day reconnecting and being in one place. Bring a friend! Better yet—sign up to participate in the program with a friend! There's still time!

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September Meeting

Members' Plus Recital

Featuring LV AGO members and friends

Saturday, September 10, 2016, 10:00 am
Christ Lutheran Church, Allentown

Dean's Mixtures

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I'll briefly mention October's program, too! Lebanon Valley College Organ Professor, Shelly Moorman-Stahlman has been busy on a project in addition to her roles at LVC. She has been on a journey discovering, enlivening, and reinstating organ music in Brazil. She has travelled, hosted, and performed with friends and colleagues both in the United States and Brazil, and has stories to share! Join us October 15th at 10:00 am (Allentown location TBA) to catch up with Shelly and hear about these adventures. So often, our American society loses perspective of the world outside our country. The world of music spans those borders more often than many interactions, and this is a chance to hear about some of those influences, the music, and the organs!

Let me say how very much I appreciate the work of my fellow board members. There was some turn-over in schedule demands within our group, and they all were incredibly agreeable as we worked through the scheduling nightmare of trying to all land in one spot at one time. Their respect for one another and for this organization is something I'm incredibly grateful for.

Best wishes as the reality of fall sets in. This summer moved at an incredibly fast pace, and from conversations I've had, I'm not the only one that feels that way. The upcoming program year gives us opportunities within the craziness to regroup, find some motivation or new ideas, but most importantly have a few moments to spend with those that appreciate some of the same artistic values and opportunities with which we have been gifted. This fall, in whatever part of your career or service you are in, I hope you find yourself graced with care—given and received.

Proud to be your colleague,
Drew Long, Dean LV AGO

September Program

Our September program will be another members' recital featuring music for multiple performers in a variety of combinations. Thus far we have organ combined with baritone saxophone, bassoon, piano and voice. Performers thus far are:

Pauline Fox and Joseph Dorsch, organ & saxophone

Gary Raish and Bob Riday, organ & piano
John McEnerney and Steve Giblin, organ & voice
Michael Krentz and Karl DeBoeser, organ & keyboard
Andrew Long and Nicole Whalen, organ & voice

Last September's delightful program introduced some new and unusual arrangements of familiar and not so well known music. This year's presentation should be every bit as much fun as last year's.

2016 – 2016 Program Outline



Christ Lutheran Church, Allentown

September 10, 2016, 10:00 am Members' Plus Recital

Host Mike Krentz welcomes listeners to Christ Lutheran Church, Allentown for an Organ Plus concert to start the year. This informal program is meant to bring members and friends back together after the summer months, and maybe even give some ideas for vocal or instrumental arrangements accompanied by organ. We hope you can join us for brunch, following the recital!

October 15, 2016, 10:00 am Brazilian Organ Music presentation

Dr. Shelly Moorman-Stahlman, Organ Professor at Lebanon Valley College, is immersed in a collaboration project on Brazilian Organ Music. Throughout the past year, she, her students, and students in Brazil have been travelling back and forth immersing one another in culture and practices. She will present on her experiences and hopes for the relationships formed. Location to be determined.

**November 20, 2016, 4:00 pm
Mark Laubach, Organ Recital**

We are happy to return to St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church, Bethlehem for a recital presented by Lehigh Valley native, Mark Laubach. Mark is Canon Precentor and Organist/Choirmaster at St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral in Wilkes-Barre, a post he has served since 1986.

Christmas Party

Save the evening of December 30th for the Chapter Christmas Party. Details to RSVP and about the event will follow.

**January 14, 2017
January Jumpstart**

The annual Multi-Chapter event for our region hosted at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Bryn Mawr, PA. Car pools leave the Lehigh Valley early morning, and the day officially concludes at 4:00 pm.

**February 11, 2017, 9:30 am
YogaVoice Workshop**

Mark Moliterno, a voice instructor at Westminster Choir College, has designed a method of Yoga called YogaVoice along with choir director James Jordan. He will present not only these methods and how they apply to vocal musicians, but those of us at the keyboard. Location TBD; Snow-date February 25th.

**March 12, 2017, 3:00-6:00 pm
Marathon Recital**

This year's marathon recital will not only feature Bach and those composers related to his works, but will celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. What composers do you know that were "reformers?" Who else, like Martin Luther, J.S. Bach, have claims to fame based on proclaiming what they thought should be the "new norm?" Find out - better yet, find out and sign up to play! We are returning to Egner Chapel at Muhlenberg College to highlight the organ rebuilt by Berghaus in 2014.

**May 6, 2016
Organ Crawl to NE PA**

Chapter Sub-Dean Tom Dressler is working to design an organ crawl that will highlight must sees of NE Penn-

sylvania, culminating with stops in the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton area. Stay tuned as details fall in to place!

**May 21, 2017, 4:00 pm
Recital / Annual Meeting & Banquet**

Drew Long will host us at Trinity Lutheran, Perkasio for a recital by rising young artist, Adam Bergstresser, followed by our annual banquet meeting. Adam is a former student of our Sub Dean, Thomas Dressler. Trinity houses a Reuter organ rounded out by Walker voices installed in 2004.

September/October Concerts

September 9, (Friday) 8:00 pm; All Bach program #1 in a series of complete works performed by organist Stephen Williams; D Major prelude and fugue, Trio No. 1 in E-flat, Orgelbüchlein and Rudorff chorales, Partita "Christ, der du bist der helle Tag," D minor Toccata and Fugue; Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem; Free admission, swilliams@nativitycathedral.org

September 17 (Saturday) 7:30 pm; Mainstreet Brass; 30th Anniversary Concert with Rebecca Kleintop Owens, organ; Foy Concert Hall, Moravian College, Bethlehem; Tickets, \$15 general admission; \$10, seniors, students, children, 30 minutes prior to concert or from the [Lehigh Valley Arts Council](http://LehighValleyArtsCouncil.org)

September 23, (Friday) 8:00 pm; All Bach program #2 in a series of complete works performed by organist Stephen Williams; Concerto in C (Vivaldi), G Major prelude and fugue, chorales from the Neumeister collection and Orgelbüchlein, Canzona in D Major; Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem; Free admission, swilliams@nativitycathedral.org

September 25 (Sunday) 3:00 pm; Christopher Johnson, organ; Joe Dorsch saxophone, Pauline Fox piano, Wendy Wilson violin; East Stroudsburg UMC, E. Stroudsburg; Free admission, reception

September 25 (Sunday) 4:00 pm; David Arcus, organ; A Fall Festival of the Arts concert; Trinity Lutheran Church, Reading; Freewill offering, 610-374-4861, www.fallfestivalofthearts.org

Sunday 25 (Sunday) 4:00 pm; **Jonathan Moyer, organ;** Music director and organist of Church of the Covenant, Cleveland OH and Professor at Oberlin College; Trinity Lutheran Church, Perkasio; Free admission

October 14 (Friday) 8:00 pm; **All Bach program #3** in a series of complete works performed by organist Stephen Williams; G minor and B minor preludes and fugues, chorales from the Kirnberger collection and Orgelbüchlein, Trio No. 2 in C minor; Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem; Free admission, swilliams@nativitycathedral.org

October 28 (Friday) 8:00 pm; **All Bach program #4** in a series of complete works performed by organist Stephen Williams; C minor, C Major, A Major preludes and fugues, chorales from the Kirnberger collection, Leipzig Chorales, and Orgelbüchlein; Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem; Free admission, swilliams@nativitycathedral.org

Used Music Exchange

Christ Lutheran is now the new home of our Used Music Exchange! Come browse, exchange, and share before or after the September program. The library will be available to our chapter members and friends during office hours at any time!

Website Enhancements

I would like to announce some significant updates to www.lvago.org. For some time now desktop computers have not been only way to run applications, access email and surf the internet. We now have cell phones, tablets and the like.

All these technologies have vastly different screen sizes, so it has become necessary to develop websites that will reformat and resize themselves based on the viewing device's screen resolution. In order to keep pace with the current technology, I have completed the first phase of converting www.lvago.org to be a **responsive** website.

One of the most noticeable enhancements is the website layout. For example, if you view the home page on your cell phone in portrait mode, the elements on the page will stack themselves into a

single column. Also, the navigation bar will display only the **hamburger** (the stack of 3 lines) that gives access to a drop down menu when selected. Turning your phone sideways to landscape mode will cause the site to display in it's more familiar layout. The navigation bar will display the text of the links to the sites pages.

Also, at the request of the board, previous issues of the newsletter are now available on the Newsletter page. A new button on the page displays a dropdown menu showing issues back to Jun/Jul 2014.

Lastly, I have begun the conversion of the individual pipe organ pages. Check out the page for the C. F. Durner at Fritz Memorial UMC. It features the new responsive design as well as a slide show of photos taken by Greg Kuklinski.

Over the coming months I plan on making additional changes and enhancements. As this is a work in progress I welcome your input and comments.

Mark Dennis, Webmaster

Organist Substitute List

If you would like to be included in the Organist Substitute List please forward your Name, Contact Information (phone/email) and Availability (Sundays, weekdays, etc) to Stephen Bueker, 2520 Clark Place, Easton, PA 18040; sfbueker@rcn.com.

Robin Bidwell	Saturday	302 593-0401
Ruthann Brandt	Mon-Sat	610 262-3304
Thomas Busteed	Mon-Sat	570-856-2078
Janice Butz	Mon -Fri	610 882-9388
Stephen Cable	Mon-Sat	484-866-6019
Kathleen Comito	Sun-Sat	610 866-4883
V. Mark Dennis	Mon-Sat	610 867-0385
Valerie Derstine	Mon-Fri	215 536-3020
Carol Dzurenda	Sun and Sat	215 538-7273
Ellen Erb	Saturday	610 837-7426
Muriel Folk	Sun-Sat	610 438-8556
Sr. Doris Gonzalez	Thurs-Sat	610-317-0695
Gail Hanzl	Mon-Sat	610 264-5859
Michael Huffman	Mon-Sat	610 433-6563
Joe Kaczmarek	Sun-Fri	484 433-4336
Jacqueline Kuba	Mon-Sat	570 386-4480
Michael Kuhnert	Mon-Sat	215-536-4345
Andrew Long	Mon-Fri	610 704-7805

Bud Martin	Sun-Sat	610 258-1196
James Matz	Sun-Sat	610 367-8094
Linda Maule	Mon-Sat	610 258-5006
John McEnerney	Sun-Fri	215 794-7338
Richard McIntyre	Mon-Sat	908-282-4691
Randall Perry	Mon-Fri	570 325-9688
Erin Petrella	Mon-Sat	484 863-9052
Shirley Platt	Mon-Sat	610 838-5202
Michael Pletcher	Sun-Sat	610 820-7554
Maria Prochnau	Sun-Sat	610 694-0525
Bruce Rohrbach	T,W,F and Sat	610 683-9496
Karen Scott	May-Sept.	610 737-1701
Michael Seroka	Mon-Fri	570 386-2378
Brian Snyder	Mon-Thurs	484 838-0977
Donald Vaughn	Mon-Sat	610 966-0682
Elizabeth Vaughn	Mon-Sat	610 966-0682
Matthew Wary	Mon-Fri	610 473-8777
Stephen Williams	Mon-Fri	610 737-5196
Freda Zimmerman	Sun-Sat	610 381 3089

Contact: The Rev. T. Scott Allen, Rector, (610) 691-8303, gambaguy@gmail.com
Weekly services: 1, plus feast days, weddings, funerals
Ensembles: Adult Choir—5
Instruments: 2 manual Allen organ, Yamaha keyboard, Weber piano
Music budget: \$1,000
Weekly attendance: 73
Position fill date: ASAP
Deadline: None listed
Total hours per week: 10
Salary: \$13,000
Weeks vacation: 2
Benefits: Book/music allowance, continuing ed, AGO membership
Notes: The ideal candidate will have a background in both traditional and contemporary organ music, experience in choir direction and an understanding of the importance of music ministry as an integral part of worship and outreach to the congregation and community.

Positions Available

Director of Music Ministry (1)

Church: Alexandria First Presbyterian Church, 141 Little York-Mt. Pleasant Road, Milford, NJ 08848

Website: www.alexpres.org

Contact: Chris Stagg, ckstagg@gmail.com, (908) 361-2892; Send resumes to:

alexandriapresmusic@gmail.com, Attn: Rick Carroll

Weekly services: 1

Ensembles: Chancel Choir—20, Teen—5, Junior—7

Instruments: 2 manual pipe organ

Music budget: Small budget exists for music purchase/updates and other expenses

Weekly attendance: 70–90

Position fill date: ASAP

Deadline: Open

Total hours per week: 13–15

Salary: \$20,000

Weeks vacation: 0

Benefits: Secretarial assistance, music library assistance

Notes: See church website

Music Director (1)

Church: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Allentown, PA 18109, (610) 865-3603

Website: : <http://standrewsbethlehem.org/>

Director of Music Ministry (2)

Church: St. Paul Lutheran Congregation, 50 Luther Dr, Mertztown, PA 19539, 610-682-6229

Website: None listed

Contact: Rev. Jeremiah Sassaman, 610-657-0269 revsassaman@ptd.net

Weekly services: 1

Ensembles: Adult Choir—10, Handbells—8

Instruments: Electronic organ

Music budget: None listed

Weekly attendance: 95

Position fill date: ASAP

Deadline: None listed

Total hours per week: 10

Salary: \$10,000 – \$12,000

Weeks vacation: 2

Benefits: sick leave

Notes: None listed

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Placement Service: See the Placement page on www.lvago.org, for information and the, Placement Service Information Sheet.

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