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American Guild of Organists – Harrisburg Chapter



The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to enrich lives through organ and choral music. To achieve this, we:

- Encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music;
- Inspire, educate, and offer certification for organists and choral conductors;
- Provide networking, fellowship, and mutual support;
- Nurture future generations of organists;
- Promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles;
- Engage wider audiences with organ and choral music.

From the Dean

Greetings, colleagues!

After all of these months of the pandemic, it's almost hard to believe that we are already halfway through summer! Even still, as we look forward to the beginning of a new, and hopefully more normal year in our chapter, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your continued work and dedication to our mission.

In a special way, I'd like to thank our board members who have worked tirelessly to not only keep us active during the pandemic, but who have been busy planning ahead for these "post-pandemic" days that seem to be coming upon us! I am very excited for the wonderful offerings coming this next year, and hope that you will be able to join us for many of them!

One thing I would ask from each of you, is to consider who you might know (students or teachers) that might be able to help us increase our Shenk scholarship numbers. This scholarship, as most of you know, provides free lessons over the summer for students interested in learning the organ. I believe that this is one of the most important things that we do, and is vital to the future of our chapter, organization, and profession. Even if you don't know of someone, consider making a donation to the scholarship fund to help pay for these important lessons for our students! Donations can be made by contacting our treasurer, Shawn Gingrich.

I look forward to continuing the great work of our chapter during this next year. If there is ever anything that I can do for you, please don't hesitate to ask! May you all have a restful and blessed summer!

Yours in service,
Justin

Programs

Mark your calendars for the Annual Scholarship Recital! The recital will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Camp Hill on Sunday, August 29 at 4 PM. Dinner and a music swap will follow the recital. More information regarding the music swap and dinner will be available soon.

Membership News

Welcome Jerrold Tidwell who was recently appointed Music Director / Organist at Camp Hill Presbyterian Church.

Congratulations to David Binkley who has been named Organist / Choirmaster Emeritus at Camp Hill Presbyterian Church.

Lunch Bunch Resumes

Lunches will resume in August! We will get together for lunch on Wednesday, August 11 at 11:30am at the Perkins in Camp Hill. We will catch up after a long hiatus. If you are interested in attending please use this link to register <https://tinyurl.com/wd9bz95k> or for more information contact the chapter email address: harrisburgago@gmail.com or call Shawn Gingrich at 717-877-8554.

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Archivist Report

A look back to 2006-2007 ...

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Violet Cassel Competition: Shawn Gingrich

PROGRAMS

2006

September 16: Professional Concerns Workshop at Market Square Presbyterian Church, Jim Owens, National Councilor for Professional Concerns

October 14: Workshops by Chapter Members: Organ Repertoire, Organ with Instruments, Handbells, Reports from Convention, AGO Certification at Middletown Presbyterian Church

November 19: Student Recital at Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church

2007

January 7: Rhonda Sider Edgington Recital at Trinity Lutheran Church, York Springs

February 24: Workshops by Chapter Members: Choral Repertoire, Children's Choirs, Psalm Singing at Second Presbyterian Church, Carlisle



February Clinicians (L-R): Tony Ciucci, Richard and Susan Frey, and Andy Hoke

March 17: "Pipes from the Proscenium" at Hershey Theatre



March Participants (L-R): Shawn Gingrich, Glenn Hough (front), Don Kinnier, Zack Sten, Ray Brunner (rear), and Greg Doerfler.

April 22: Member-Student Recital at St. Paul Lutheran Church, New Cumberland



April Recitalists (L-R): Ryan Brunkhurst, Scott Siciliano (rear), Joseph Gribb, Jonathan Kadar-Kallen (rear), David Neagley, and Chelsea Barton

May 22: Election and Installation of Officers at the Home of Josephine Freund, Carlisle

FROM THE BOMBARDES

- Ellen Hunt, Chair of the Education Committee, reported at a meeting of the Executive Board that ten student applications were received for organ lessons and three applications for POE scholarships.
- Approval was given for the transfer of monies from the General Account of our Chapter to the Shenk Account to pay for the student lessons and memberships and monies from the Yocum Account would be used for the student POE fees.
- Mary Jane Nelson wrote an article for the Bombarde on the Chicago National Convention of the AGO.

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- The Violet Cassel Competition was held at Market Square Presbyterian Church on February 17, 2007. Shawn Gingrich was the contact for this.
- The Rhonda Sider Edgington recital was canceled due to the Edgington's expecting their first child in early February.
- The Harrisburg Chapter joined with the Lancaster and York Chapters at the January Jumpstart program sponsored by the Philadelphia Chapter as an alternate for the canceled recital.

Ken Walker
Archivist

Positions Available

Director of Music/Organist, Zion Lutheran Church, Sunbury, PA. Salary: \$18,000. Approximately 15 hours per week. Bachelor's Degree in Music preferred, experience with church music ministry leadership preferred. Application Deadline: June 16, 2021. Letters of intent and resumés may be submitted to: Zion Lutheran Church, PO Box 605, Sunbury, PA 17801, Attn: Rev. Richard Fangmann or zionsunbury@ptd.net.

Messiah Lutheran Church (ELCA), Harrisburg, seeks an organist to join our worship team in a warm, caring and appreciative liturgical setting. Resources include Messiah's M.P. Moeller pipe organ (orig. 1918, rebuilt 1948) consisting of 3 manuals and 41 ranks. Console rebuilt in 2016 incorporating new console and digital chamber control system including memory, record, playback and MIDI capabilities. Baldwin grand piano also available. Would team with collaborative Director of Music who directs a well-balanced 18 voice choir, soloists, instrumentalists and supportive Pastors as well as Worship and Music committee. Long-standing tradition of musical excellence and congregational support for music program; beautiful worship setting. Successful candidate will be someone who views music as a ministry. Ability to sight read, perform diverse styles of music and lead congregational worship through hymns and singing in a liturgical setting. Part-time, includes one Sunday service, weekly choir practice, additional services during Advent, Lent, Holy Week. Position available June 1, 2021. To apply, please send resume to Dan Asmus, Director of Music, Messiah Lutheran Church, 901 N. 6th St. Harrisburg, PA 17102-1700.

First Presbyterian Church in York is seeking a part-time (est. 30 hours/week) Interim Director of Music Ministries to provide leadership in corporate praise to God through sacred music, working with staff in planning, developing and coordinating the music program in a manner that serves God and encourages spiritual growth of our members, while helping to transition and prepare the congregation for a new permanent Music Director. Candidates for this position may contact Chris Clark, Personnel Chair, at 717-309-4248 or via email at cclark6184@gmail.com.

Finance Report

Shawn Gingrich, treasurer

Balance in Checking as of 4/1/2021	\$2,905.39
Expenses ¹	\$2,374.47
Deposits & Credits:	\$1,547.09
Balance in Checking as of 6/30/2021	\$2078.01
Invested Funds as of 4/1/2021	
Harrisburg AGO Savings ³	\$52,239.21
Frances Bishop Fund	\$156,297.41
Total	\$208,536.62
Invested Funds as of 6/30/2021	
Harrisburg AGO Savings ³	\$52,802.62
Frances Bishop Fund	\$162,124.90
Total	\$214,903.08

NOTES:

¹Expenses reflect Programs and Memorial donations for five members We expect reimbursement to the general fund of \$1,250 from our Bishop investment to cover our share of expenses for the McCormick recital as well as \$225 from the offering split with Pine Street church.

²Harrisburg AGO Savings Detail as of 4/1/2021:

Cassel Competition Fund	\$4,397.68
Clapper-Fryinger Bequests	\$4,501.79
Reserve Savings	\$23,986.17
Shenk Scholarship Fund	\$3,071.70
Stahle Savings	\$350.99
Throne Fund	\$8,263.39
Yocum Scholarship Fund	\$7,667.49

³Harrisburg AGO Savings Detail as of 6/30/2021:

Cassel Competition Fund	\$4,763.45
Clapper-Fryinger Bequests	\$4,626.02
Reserve Savings	\$24,060.84
Shenk Scholarship Fund	\$3,351.79
Throne Fund	\$8,289.12
Yocum Scholarship Fund	\$7,711.40

In a recent decision by the board, we have established investment accounts with Thrivent Financial in order to get a better return on our savings balance reflected in the various funds listed in the detail above.

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Submission to The Bombarde

The deadline for *The Bombarde* is the fifteenth of Dec, Mar, Jun, Sep for the following quarter's edition unless otherwise noted. Whenever possible, please submit your items in electronic format. For area events, please follow the format.



Deadline for inclusion in the fourth quarter 2021 newsletter is September 15, 2021.

Please send **all** submissions to:
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