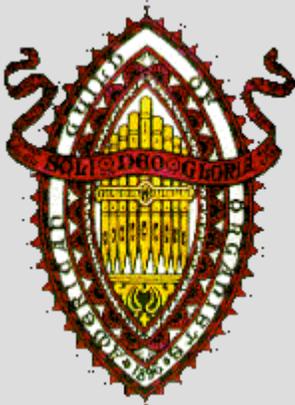


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Deans' Mixtures

Happy Summer!

It is an honor to have the next year to serve the LV AGO Chapter as Dean. For those that do not know me, I grew up in Lehighon playing at St. Matthew's Lutheran (North Weissport), and studied with Jackie Kuba and Stephen Williams. I attended Lebanon Valley College, and after graduating in 2007, became Director of Music at Trinity Lutheran Church in Perkasio (just below Quakertown). This is my second term on the board of our chapter, and I'm happy to have worked with so many of the names I grew up hearing and reading about via the Lehigh Valley AGO.



I am particularly excited by the immense turn over in our board members. This year happened to just be one of those years that we had more movement than usual, and personally I am meeting people whose names I've

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September Meeting

Members' Recital

Featuring LV AGO members and friends

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

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always heard but did not know well. The new board has had one meeting together, and I'm thrilled to say it's a group that I think generates great conversation and ideas. I realized almost immediately that I was in a room of people that care deeply about what they do as musicians, the places they serve in varied capacities, and how we can better equip one another to do so.

In the coming year, I hope that we can grow our relationships within the chapter. As I sit to [finally] organize the information for this newsletter, I left my office at church to work from home and concentrate, because our patient editor just shouldn't have to wait longer! So much of life ends up that way, doesn't it? We all get to the "too many directions at once" point. But we all have been to the place of feeling worn thin and reluctantly drag ourselves to a program or recital, and leave feeling well fed and somehow nourished. My wish is that this chapter can nourish our members and community when needed, because we all need help finding motivation and energy sometimes!

In growing our relationships, the board wants to expand our hospitality, so that not only our relationships within the chapter are stronger, but our relationships between the chapter and the communities we serve. Like I introduced myself above, I'd like to share introductions of our other board members through the coming months. The experience and know-how on our board is remarkable!

Finally, I hope we can boost our communication. Our website and newsletter editor, Mark, is always making improvements and tweaking what is already in place. We should be doing the same with our communication — personally and as a chapter. Find us on Facebook, check out the resources on our website, and most of all, if you're coming to a program, copy the link to our website and send it to a friend or two. And honestly, I'm still a person that believes since we are using all these tools of technology, a little note card or letter in the mail makes an even bigger impact. We'll be discussing how and when to best implement each of these methods. If you have ideas or experience in how avenues of communication are best used, we're happy to hear from you!

Finally, special thanks to my friends and colleagues that are outgoing board members: Mike Krentz, Eleanor Focht, Gail Hanzl, Judy Love, and Tom Busted. Special mention must go to Eleanor Focht, whom many of you know served this board probably longer than most if not all members in our history. We will miss her filling that official role, but look forward to welcoming her at meetings and events whenever she can join us!

Best wishes to us all for some R & R this summer. I look forward to seeing and working with all of you in the coming program year!

Best regards,
Andrew Long, Dean



2016 – 2016 Program Outline

September 10, 2016, 10:00 am
Members' 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 TBD

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

We are happy to return to St. Ann'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 Pennsylvania, 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 a rising young artist, followed by our annual banquet meeting. Trinity houses a Reuter organ rounded out by Walker voices installed in 2004.

July Concerts

July 10 (Sunday) 3:00 pm; Variety Concert; Pauline Fox, organ; Joe Dorsch saxophone; Nicole Rideout, soprano; Vale Rideout, tenor; East Stroudsburg UMC, East Stroudsburg; Freewill offering

Shaumik Phadke, Young Organist Scholarship Winner

What is your story? Most likely, we all have a story or a unique personal motivation related to beginning to take organ lessons. When and why did you decide to study the playing of the organ? Was there a special person who encouraged you to take organ lessons?

About a year ago, Grace Mealey, a long time member of the Lehigh Valley Chapter asked me about the LVAGO student scholarship. She was very enthusiastic about her very talented piano student and thought he would enjoy and benefit from organ lessons.

Shaumik Phadke will be a senior at Parkland High School in the fall and is an award winning piano student of both Grace Mealey and Darlene Ziegler. He has earned Superior and Superior Plus ratings through the LV PMTA, won the Dr. Albert Hofammann Scholarship for Young Pianists and was recently recognized with an award by the Bethlehem Friends of Music. He has won honorable mention in the MTNA

State Piano Competition at Elizabethtown College and was the first place piano accompanist for PMEA District Chorus for several seasons.

Shaumik has been the accompanist for the Parkland High School Concert Choir and the school musicals, "The Wizard of Oz" and "Into the Woods." He has also been the accompanist for numerous vocal and instrumental soloists, a Messiah Sing-Along, and accompanies for the students in the voice studio of Gail Grossman.

The enthusiastic request of Grace Mealey was the motivation needed to redesign the student scholarship program of the Lehigh Valley Chapter. Now, there is an application form on the LVAGO web site. The form and a letter of interest from the student along with a letter of recommendation from the sponsoring teacher are then reviewed by several chapter members. For Shaumik, the unanimous response of the review panel was to award the scholarship of 10 organ lessons with a qualified LVAGO organ teacher and a one year student membership in the Lehigh Valley Chapter. He has been making excellent progress as a student of Stephen Williams and has been generously encouraged by several other area musicians including Ken Schneider who is providing practice time at Asbury United Methodist Church.

Grace's request reminded me of my own story. As a young teenage piano student, I listened in awe to a friend in our church youth group as he practiced the organ and I wanted to be able to do that as well. When my piano teacher offered to also teach organ lessons because, "some day someone will need you to be able to do that," I eagerly began a journey that still continues.

Do you have an advanced piano student who could become a beginning organ student? Are you the voice of encouragement for a beginning organist? There are funds for additional scholarships and it would be good to hear from you.

Gloria Snyder

Bud Martin Kudos

We would like to extend our congratulations to chapter member J. Ronald "Bud" Martin who earned a Bachelor of Arts in Music from Lafayette College this

May. According to the *Express Times*, Bud had previously earned a degree in chemical engineering from Lafayette in 1966. Later, he returned to teach chemical and biomolecular engineering for 36 years and retired four years ago.

May Meeting

On Sunday, May 29 the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists gathered at First Presbyterian Church, Allentown, PA for the annual Young Artist Recital, banquet and the membership meeting. Tom Dressler is the host musician for the church. The recital was presented by the brilliant young organist, James Roman who recently completed his Masters degree in organ performance and sacred music. He was a student of Alan Morrison at Westminster Choir College of Rider University in Princeton, NJ and is church music intern at the First Presbyterian Church in Morristown, NJ. He has extensive performance experience through the Westminster Symphonic Choir, Williamson Voices and numerous recitals in the NJ area. He performed in the 2013 AGO Region III Convention in Winchester, VA and was the co-winner of the Joan Lippincott Organ Competition for Excellence in Organ Performance. His ambitious program included works by J. S. Bach, Howells, Lorentzen, Thalben-Ball, Dupre, Durufle and Jongen. The organ at First Presbyterian Church, Allentown is III/59 built by Austin Organs.

Following the concert and the dinner, the annual chapter meeting included the presentation, election and installation of officers for the next season. Presiding at the meeting was Michael Krentz, retiring Dean. Others retiring from the board include Eleanor Focht, secretary and Thomas Busted, Gail Hanzl and Judith Love. Officers for the new season include Andrew Long, Dean, Tom Dressler, Sub-Dean, Erin Petrella, secretary and Steve Bueker, Treasurer. The Executive Committee includes Janice Butz, Matthew Wary, Aram Basmadjian, Gloria Snyder. Susan Hartney and Robert Richelderfer. Special appreciation was offered for the work of the Nominating Committee; Judith Love, Lou Carol Fix and Linda Maule.

Gloria Snyder

Organ Inventory Update

Fritz Memorial UMC has the good fortune to have an 1891, II/17 C. F. Durner pipe organ in great condition and in regular use. Organist, Fern Herbold, graciously took time out of her schedule on a recent Saturday afternoon to allow Greg Kuklinski and I to try out the lovely, warm sounds and to take some photos.



With Greg’s new photos, I have updated the page for the Durner on the website with some new features. These include a side show and responsive design. To bring up the slide show, just select one of the photos. The responsive design allows the page to resize and rearrange the elements depending on what device you are using to view the page. That could be a phone, a tablet or your PC. Use this link to go to the page: <http://www.lvago.org/SPECS/fritzumc.html>. If you would like to have the organ in your church documented on the website please contact Greg or myself. See the accompanying article to read more about Durner pipe organs.

Mark Dennis

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 Busted	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

Positions Available

Music Director (1)

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

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

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: July 2015

Deadline: June 30, 2015

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

Director of Music Ministry (1)

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

Organist (2)

Church: First Presbyterian Church Ambler, 4 South Ridge Ave, Ambler PA 19002, 215-646-3030

Website: www.fpcambler.org

Contact: Bob Nance, (610) 5847258,
rdnance@verizon.net

Weekly services: 2 (Organ used in 1 service)

Ensembles: Adult Choir — 21, Adult Handbells — 12, Praise Band — 6-8, Youth Bells — 10, Directs Adult Choir

Instruments: 2015 Rodgers Infinity 361 organ

Music budget: \$3,250

Weekly attendance: 200

Position fill date: ASAP

Deadline: None listed

Total hours per week: 8+

Salary: \$13,000 – \$18,000

Weeks vacation: 4

Benefits: secretarial assistance, pension 403b, sick leave, continuing ed

Notes: With 2 Sunday services, our church's current musical offerings include traditional and contemporary. It is our plan to expand the music offerings within the church as well as to the community. We are seeking a new Organist who has a high level of technical competence and creative versatility on both organ and piano; one who has the ability to master our 2015 Rodgers Infinity 361 organ and skillfully navigate a variety of musical styles. This is a part-time position reporting to the Music Director and Senior Pastor.

Organist/Choir Director (2)

Church: Church of the Good Shepherd UCC, 135 Quarry Road, Alburtis, PA 18011, 610-966-2991

Website: gsucc71@ptd.net

Contact: The Rev. Scott M. Sanders, 610-966-2991,
pss75@ptd.net

Weekly services: 1

Ensembles: Senior Choir

Instruments: 2 manual Fritzsche pipe organ

Music budget: \$0

Weekly attendance: 120

Position fill date: September 2016

Deadline: June 1, 2016

Total hours per week: 3

Salary: \$10,500 – \$12,500

Weeks vacation: 3

Benefits: None listed

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.

Newsletter Deadline

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