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# The Bombarde

## American Guild of Organists – Harrisburg Chapter



*Our mission is to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members.*

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### From the Dean

I don't know about you, but once February is past, I feel that weather wise, we are "over the hump" of winter's grip. Now we can begin to think of spring and the "new growth" that pleasant days hold in store. But be patient, because as church folk we do have the joys and rigors of Lent and Easter upon us. So, hold forth and do give your creative best during these Holy Seasons of inspiration.

I do hope that you are looking forward to this chapter's March 22 program as much as I am. I am a big fan of Michael Burkhardt's creativity with hymns and use a lot of his published works on a regular basis. Don't wait until the last minute to invite friends, choristers, and clergy to that 4:00 event. Do it now so that we raise the roof at Trinity, Camp Hill with all of our voices and enthusiasm. As you know, a hymn festival is not just for choirs; To be a success a large congregation is equally as important. See you there.

Another date to include in your calendars is the end of year dinner. On May 19 we will close out the season at our annual dinner. We have just received notice that our National President, Eileen Guenther, will be with us that evening for the big shindig. What a golden opportunity we will have to meet her and share with each other! She will also install the officers for the 2009-2010 season. More details will be forthcoming; This is just a "heads up."

Lastly, I want to thank all of those who worked so hard to make our February Mendelssohn Concert the rousing success that it was. Approximately 200 people in attendance that Tuesday evening were treated to wonderful playing and singing. One of those attendees (whom I didn't know) made a comment to me that the performance was thrilling and truly inspirational and asked me to thank the Guild Chapter for its participation. So Nick, Tim, Don, Eric, Michael, Karen, Ruth, Chris, and Ralph - I thank so much. And BRAVO!

**Arnold Sten**  
Dean

### Upcoming Chapter Programs

**Sunday, March 22, 2009 - 4:00 PM**

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill  
Hymn Festival with Michael Burkhardt.

**Sunday, April 26, 2009 - 4:00 PM**

Grantham Brethren in Christ Church  
421 Grantham Road, Grantham  
Organ PLUS - organ with other instruments.

**Tuesday, May 19, 2009 - 6:00 PM**

Karen Appel's residence  
465 Countryside Lane, Harrisburg  
Banquet / Picnic  
Election / Installation of Officers.

### Hymn Festival Scheduled for March 22

On Sunday afternoon, March 22, at 4:00 p.m., a Hymn Festival under the direction of internationally-known composer and conductor Michael Burkhardt, will feature a 125-voice choir of adults, youth and children, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill. The event is co-sponsored by Trinity Lutheran and the Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO). The Festival, entitled 'With People of Every Time and Place - A Festival of Hymns,' will also include a brass ensemble led by Dr. William Stowman of Messiah College, handbells, timpani and percussion. Trinity's singing choirs and bell choirs, in addition to singers from various area churches, will constitute the Festival Choir, with Timothy Koch, host musician, as coordinator.



The public is cordially invited to attend and participate in the Hymn Festival, with a Reception following. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. Call 737-8635 or [www.trinitycamphill.org](http://www.trinitycamphill.org) for information.

Dr. Burkhardt is in frequent demand for his creative work with children's choirs, as a choral clinician, organ recitalist and hymn festival leader. For the past six years, Burkhardt has served on the faculty of Carthage College in Wisconsin, as director of choral activities, college organist, and artist-in-residence. Prior to his appointment at Carthage, he was a faculty associate in organ at Arizona State University. In addition, he has served Christ College, Irvine, CA, as college organist and head of studies in church music and music education, as well as Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN, and Trinity Seminary, Columbus, OH, as guest lecturer in their Master of Sacred Music programs.

### Directory Updates



**Please note:**

Bob Bell's email address is:  
[bbell770@gmail.com](mailto:bbell770@gmail.com)

Please email us with any email address changes.  
Please forward all changes to:  
[dorisagohbg@comcast.net](mailto:dorisagohbg@comcast.net)

### Monthly Lunch Bunch



**Please note:** The **Monthly Lunch Bunch** will not meet during the month of **March** in observance of Lent.

### The Bombarde Online

Please e-mail Shawn Gingrich at [shawn.gingrich@firstumchershey.org](mailto:shawn.gingrich@firstumchershey.org) if you would like to sign up to receive **The Bombarde** on line.

## *Positions Available*

- Organist:** Grace Lutheran Church, Charles & High Street, Red Lion, is looking for a full-time/shared organist/director. If interested, please call 244-5987 or email: Pastor Anne@gracelutheran.com or Jessie Fishel: sgtref@aol.com
- Organist:** The Harrisburg First Church of the Brethren is seeking an organist for their 9 AM Traditional Sunday Service. The church is located at 219 Hummel Street in Harrisburg. Responsibilities include accompanying the adult choir at their Thursday evening rehearsal, September through May; working with the pastor and choir director on seasonal music, special services and hymn selections. Salary is based upon ability and experience. The church has a Reuter Pipe Organ. Interested persons may contact the church office at 717-234-0415. Letters of interest and experience summary may be sent to hbgfirstcob@yahoo.com.
- Organist:** Charlton Church in Harrisburg is seeking an organist to play for its 2 traditional services and accompany the choir. If you are interested, send resume to Charlton Church at 5920 Jonestown Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17112. If you would like more information about the position, contact the church office at 717-545-2000.
- Music Minister/Organist:** St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church in Middletown seeks a music minister/organist for its existing worship program. St. Michael's is a small congregation seeking to re-grow over time. Hymnody and Prayer Book Service Music is our first priority. Other skills and interests will enhance our worship. One Sunday service (9:30 AM) and limited holyday services (Christmas, Holy Week) as needed. Some joint planning time needed. Electronic organ and piano. Modest part-time salary offered along with very collaborative style of parish ministry. We may be tiny but we are mighty! For more information, contact Rev. Dr. David A. Zwifka at dazwifka@comcast.net or 717-319-7717 (cell).
- Director of Music:** Grace United Church of Christ, 1947 New Holland Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601 is opening its search for a half-time Director of Music. Regular responsibilities include music leadership for Sunday morning worship and all special services; also leadership and accompaniment for adult, youth and children's choirs. The congregation seeks a musician with strong skills across a wide range of music, with choir directing experience and demonstrated abilities on organ, piano and keyboard. For more information, please contact: The Reverend Rachel G. Hackenberg at (717) 397-1012.
- Cantor:** St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Spring and Union Streets, Middletown, PA, 17057. Liturgical ELCA congregation. Provide organ and piano music and direct the choirs. 3 manual Austin pipe organ, Steinway grand piano. Two Sunday services per week; special services for church festivals and holy times. Currently liturgy and hymns: LBW, WOV, and ELW, and access to the planning resource Sundays and Seasons from Augsburg Fortress. The adult choir practices Wednesday evenings September to May with summers off. Current music ministry includes adult, youth and children's choirs. Cantor oversees and serves as resource for volunteers in choir leadership positions. Cantor is responsible for music in all areas: Saturday evening, Sunday morning, mid-week services and Vacation Bible School. Position will begin January 2009. Salary for this 20 hr/wk position is negotiable and commensurate with experience; currently budgeted as maximum \$14,000. A service orientation is sought. Please submit letter of interest and resume (including educational background and experience) to Ann Swartz, Cantor Search Committee, at the church, or by email at als25@comcast.net. Provide telephone contact information and times you can be reached if you wish to discuss.
- Organist or Organist/Choir Director:** St. James Lutheran Church, 53 Chestnut Street, Lebanon, 17042 is seeking an organist or Organist/Choir Director. We are a growing congregation looking for a liturgical organist who can lead the congregation in worship. The organ is a rebuilt Mohler, two manual, Baroque style pipe organ. For questions about the position and a job description, please contact Elsa Quanbeck, search committee at 717-933-9211 or quanbeck@comcast.net.
- Organist:** Asbury United Methodist Church is seeking a part-time Organist. Responsibilities include but are not limited to 2 weekly traditional worship services, weekly choir rehearsals as well as special worship events. Preference will be given to candidates with related music degrees and prior worship team experience. Interested applicants can e-mail resumes to info@asburyyork.org or fax to 717-846-2731 or mail to Asbury UMC 340 E. Market St. York, PA 17403. If you would like more information please feel free to call 717-843-0733.
- Minister of Music (Organist/Choir Director):** Emmanuel UCC Church, Center Square, P.O. Box 356, Abbottstown. Experience preferred. Must play organ and piano. Responsible for directing Adult choir and selecting music for same, coordinate Sunday Worship music in cooperation with minister. 10:15 AM Sunday worship service (9:30 AM during summer months) plus additional special services for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Lent. Wednesday choir rehearsal. Additional stipend for Weddings and Funerals. Allen organ. Four week vacation. Salary—\$10,000 per year. Mail resume to above address or e-mail to eucca-town@juno.com. Inquiries may be directed to the church office at 717-259-9614.
- Organist/Pianist:** First Church of Christ, Scientist, 2147 N. Front Street, Harrisburg, is looking for either an organist or pianist for their Sunday 10:30 a.m. worship service. The position includes accompanying a soloist each week. Contact Nancy Buckwalter at (w) 737-4888 or (H) 651-5353.
- Director of Choirs:** First United Church of Christ, 30 North Pitt Street, Carlisle, PA 17013. 1/2 time position with negotiable salary. For more information or a job description, contact Iva at: 717-243-2512 or oneucc@embarq.com

## Getting to Know . . . Bob Bell

By Ruth Brommer

Who could imagine that the merger of three churches could result in a lifelong interest in pipe organs, the seed of a friendship that grew into a lifelong marriage? But it did just that for Bob Bell, organist at his home church, Paxton UM.

Born and raised in the uptown Harrisburg area, Bob grew up singing in various church choirs. His father was a professionally trained tenor, and Bob aspired to grow up and be like his Dad. He played violin and trombone in school, and his first piano studies began at age 6. Piano lessons were \$2.00 per half hour, and unfortunately, disagreeable to the young musician. He hated having to practice instead of playing outside with his friends, and even worse, memorizing pieces for the dreaded recitals. His parents moved into the Colonial Park area when he was about 12 and Bob acquired a new piano teacher who played duets with him and did not smack his hands with a pencil, trying to get him to "feel" the music. He continued piano study until he was 18, and it was in stopping lessons that he began to play for fun!

Somewhere in his early to mid-teens, Bob decided that he wanted to become a church organist at some time during his life. He actually began studying organ when he was 16 with Mrs. Rachel Irvin, his church organist, who taught him the fundamentals of basic hymn playing, heel-toe pedal technique, legato touch and many other things on an old Allen 602D. After his first nerve-wracking public organ performance in his church, there were no more performances for 20 years.

In 1977, Bob graduated from Dauphin County Vo-Tech with both his high school diploma and a vocational certificate in Electronic Technology. From there he went on to Penn State and graduated with a BS in Electrical Design Engineering, specializing in digital electronics and computer design. For the next 14 years he held various engineering positions in several local companies. After that came a completely new career in computer systems administration. In 1999 he became the Director of Technology for the Harrisburg Academy, the position he holds today, and considers this the most rewarding of all his jobs (next to playing the organ for church).

About ten years ago, he began substitute organ playing in the Harrisburg area. He played regularly at his home church in 2005 as a temporary substitute while the church searched for an organist. The following year he was asked to stay on and became the regular organist, never having applied, interviewed, or auditioned for the job! Bob realized another goal around the same time - that of having a home practice instrument. Through a friend of Jerry Hoover's, he acquired an old Gulbransen Classic Model D. Although it was a fix-er-up, with his electronic experience, Bob was able to make the instrument playable.

After that, he joined the AGO, signed up as a substitute as previously mentioned, and in a relatively short time, had a job as a regular organist. While at Paxton UM, he has been instrumental in helping his church acquire handbells and start a handbell choir. Realizing that the church's old Allen 602D was on it's last legs, Bob helped move his congregation to purchasing an Allen Q345. This past January the organ was dedicated and Michael Stairs, organist for the Philadelphia Orchestra in Verizon Hall played the dedicatory recital.



As far as interest in other musical instruments, he long ago gave up the trombone and violin. Now he sings tenor (like his dad), substitutes in the handbell choir and enjoys all forms of ensemble music. He putters with a computer he built in the mid-70's, a technical challenge he meets successfully. He has his own website, [www.bellcompserv.com](http://www.bellcompserv.com), enjoys fishing and is still active in scouting.

He and his wife, Barb, have two children, Rob and Elyse. Rob is currently a 5<sup>th</sup> year senior at Penn State Main Campus

studying Landscape Architecture. Elyse is a junior in the Business Information Management program at Penn State Harrisburg. The family is rounded out with two cats, a 17 year old lilac point Siamese and a 10 year old orange tabby "mutt".

As he looks back over his life, Bob is convinced that everything unfolded just as God had planned, and that he wouldn't change a thing!

And now for his words of wisdom: "For me, it's all about practice. With my very limited God-given talent, I have to work at everything I do on the organ. Nothing comes easy, and without the instrument at my home, I could not do it. I recognize that it was only by the grace of God that I came to find my home practice instrument, so I realize that this is God's calling for me and it's up to me to work hard and make a go of it.

It's equally necessary to have a reason to be motivated to practice. Nothing is any more motivating than knowing you have to play three pieces of service music, three or four hymns, perhaps a psalm or choral response, and a choir anthem this Sunday, and you have just four days to pull it together. You have to be able to play with confidence and that only comes with practice.

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Not everyone in church music is going to be the organist. We are all very much in need of dedicated choir members, handbell players, instrumentalists and even people that can help behind the scenes with maintenance of music libraries, choir robes, or even sitting on the organ committee. It is the combined efforts of everyone that helps fulfill Christ's Great Commission.

Finally, one last, somewhat selfish word of wisdom. If you can work it out, don't go it alone. I have heard of organists burning out after a few years because they find it so difficult to take a break. I have been playing regularly now for just over three years, but already I am deeply indebted to my good friend Craig Deimler, who sits in as my assistant organist once every month. This gives me that refreshing break I need and think every organist needs every so often. I might just sit in the pew, I might sit in with the tenors on the anthem, I might visit another church, or I might even go camping with the Scouts or pay a rare visit to the river. However it's done, the time off is needed."

*Soli Deo Gloria!*

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## Area Events

### **Wednesday, March 4, 2009—12:10 PM**

Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 North Third Street, Harrisburg presents organist Anthony Ciucci in a Lenten Recital. The recital will be followed by a soup and bread lunch at a cost of \$3 to benefit Downtown Daily Bread.

### **Wednesday, March 4, 2009—12:15 PM**

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 North Twenty-third Street, Camp Hill, PA. presents organist Thomas Clark-Jones on the new 39-rank Schantz Pipe Organ. Light lunch will served at the church prior to the recital from 11:45 AM to 12:15 PM. A free-will offering will be received. (717) 737-0488 [www.thechpc.org](http://www.thechpc.org)

### **Wednesday, March 11, 2009—12:10 PM**

Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 North Third Street, Harrisburg presents organist David Binkley in a Lenten Recital. The recital will be followed by a soup and bread lunch at a cost of \$3 to benefit Downtown Daily Bread.

### **Sunday, March 15, 2009—3:00 PM**

First Lutheran Church, High & Bedford Streets, Carlisle presents the Eaken Piano Trio. For more information, call the church, 717-249-3310, or visit [www.firstlutherancarlisle.org](http://www.firstlutherancarlisle.org).

### **Wednesday, March 18, 2009—12:10 PM**

Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 North Third Street, Harrisburg presents organist Nicholas Basehore in a Lenten Recital. The recital will be followed by a soup and bread lunch at a cost of \$3 to benefit Downtown Daily Bread.

### **Friday, March 20, 2009—7:30 PM**

Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 North Third Street, Harrisburg presents three Cantatas of Johann Sebastian Bach. Solo Cantatas 82 & 56 will be sung by baritone soloist Jonathan Hays. The church Chamber Choir with soloists Courtney Gray, Kenneth Bateman and Mr. Hays will sing Cantata 29. A suggested donation of \$5.00 will be received at the door.

### **Sunday, March 29, 2009 —3:00 PM**

First United Methodist Church, 64 W Chocolate Avenue, Hershey presents the Herb Dimmock Singers from Baltimore in concert. The concert is free and child care will be provided for infants and toddlers. Contact 717-533-9668 [music@firstumchershey.org](mailto:music@firstumchershey.org) for further info.

### **Tuesday, March 31, 2009—7:00 PM**

First Lutheran Church, High & Bedford Streets, Carlisle presents Satellite, the jazz ensemble of the United States Air Force Heritage of America Band. Satellite's instrumentation consists of a four-piece rhythm section (drums, bass, guitar, and piano), a four-piece horn section (trumpet, trombone, and two saxophones), and a female vocalist. For more info, call the church, 717-249-3310, visit [www.firstlutherancarlisle.org](http://www.firstlutherancarlisle.org), or visit [www.heritageofamericaband.af.mil](http://www.heritageofamericaband.af.mil).

### **Sunday, April 19, 2009—3:00 PM**

First Lutheran Church, High & Bedford Streets, Carlisle presents Adam Brakel, director of music and principal organist at St. Ignatius Loyola Roman Catholic Cathedral in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. For more info, call the church, 717-249-3310, or visit [www.firstlutherancarlisle.org](http://www.firstlutherancarlisle.org).

### **Sunday, April 19, 2009—4:00 PM**

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 N. 23rd Street, Camp Hill, presents Mark Laubach, Organist, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Wilkes-Barre, PA.

### **Sunday, April 19, 2009—4:00 PM**

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill presents The Messiah College Choral Arts Society and Orchestra under the direction of Linda Tedford. Tickets required: \$14 at the door; Trinity Patrons: \$5.

### **Friday, April 24, 2009—7:00 PM**

Grace United Methodist Church, 433 East Main Street, Hummelstown presents the Hershey Handbell Ensemble in concert celebrating five years of ringing. This concert will feature the world premier of a new original work *Carillon Festiva* commissioned from renowned composer Cathy Moglebust in celebration of the ensemble's fifth anniversary. Visit [www.hersheyhandbellensemble.org](http://www.hersheyhandbellensemble.org) or call Shawn Gingrich at 717-533-9668 x108 for more info.

### **Saturday, April 25, 2009—7:30 PM**

St. Peter Lutheran Church, 10 Delp Road, Lancaster presents the Hershey Handbell Ensemble in concert celebrating five years of ringing. This concert will feature a new original work *Carillon Festiva* commissioned from renowned composer Cathy Moglebust in celebration of the ensemble's fifth anniversary. Visit [www.hersheyhandbellensemble.org](http://www.hersheyhandbellensemble.org) or call Shawn Gingrich at 717-533-9668 x108 for more info.

**The Deborah Vowler Posner  
Concert Series 2008-2009**

Baughman United Methodist Church  
228 Bridge Street, New Cumberland, PA 17070  
Phone: 774-2005

**Sunday April 19, 2009 – 4:00 PM**

**Tonic-Sol-fa**

Jared, Mark, Shaun and Greg  
sing a capella!

This group, well-known in the Midwest,  
performs 150 concerts a year, and has appeared  
on NBC's Today Show and  
NPR's A Prairie Home Companion.  
They have produced 6 CDs and have  
sold over 1,000,000 albums.

The New York Times described Tonic Sol-fa's sound  
as

*"A vocal kaleidoscope...unique to the human voice."*

Go to [www.tonicsoffa.com](http://www.tonicsoffa.com) to see and hear clips  
from their performances and to order CDs.

**Sunday May 17, 2009 – 3:00 PM**

**Bel Voce**

**A concert of favorites –  
something for everyone**

Under the direction of  
Teresa Bowers



There is no admission for these concerts.

**Saint Luke's Episcopal Church**

*Sixth and Chestnut Streets, Lebanon, Pennsylvania*

***Presents***

**March 29, 2009 - 7:00 PM**

*Crucifixion* by John Stainer  
Saint Luke's Festival Choir

**April 26, 2009 - 7:00 PM**

Concert by Jubilate Choral Ensemble

**May 17, 2009 - 7:00 PM**

Choral Evensong and Concert  
Eaken Trio

**June 7, 2009 - 5:00 PM**

Choral Evensong and Anthems  
Valley Forge Choir of Men and Boys

An offering will be received at each event.  
For more information about these events,  
please call: (717) 272-8251.

**Pine Street Presbyterian Church**

*310 North Third Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania*

**Friday, March 20, 2009—7:30 PM**

Three Cantatas of Johann Sebastian Bach  
Solo Cantatas 82 & 56 will be sung by  
baritone soloist Jonathan Hays.

The church Chamber Choir with soloists Courtney  
Gray, Kenneth Bateman and Mr. Hays will sing Cantata 29.

A suggested donation of \$5.00  
will be received at the door.

**Friday, May 1, 2009—7:30 PM**

Organist Thomas Murray

A suggested donation of \$5.00  
will be received at the door.

**Friday, June 5, 2009—7:30 PM**

"A Classical Pair - Concerto and Mass"

Pianist Shelly Moorman-Stahlman will play Beethoven's  
Concerto for Piano and Orchestra, No. 1. The Choir of Pine  
Street will present Haydn's *Mass in Time of War*.

A festival orchestra conducted by Thomas Clark-Jones  
will accompany both works.

A suggested donation of \$5.00 will be received at the door.

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**

*2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill, PA  
(717) 737-8635*

***Presents***

**Sunday, March 22, 2009 \* 4PM**

Trinity Lutheran Church and  
the Harrisburg Chapter - AGO presents:  
**"With People of Every Time and Place  
- A Hymn Festival"**

**with composer Michael Burkhardt.**

Free admission.

**Sunday, April 19, 2009 \* 4PM**

**The Messiah College  
Choral Arts Society and Orchestra**  
under the direction of Linda Tedford.

Tickets required: \$14 at the door.  
Trinity Patrons: \$5.

**Sunday, May 3, 2009 \* 7PM**

**Expressions of Faith:  
The Best of Ten Years** by FaithX,  
Trinity's contemporary praise band.  
Free Admission.

**Sunday, May 17, 2009 \* 4PM**

**The Sacred Concerts of Duke Ellington**  
with the Capital Area Music Association  
and the Chancel Choir of Trinity Lutheran Church.  
Dr. Tony Leach, conductor.

**Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church**  
 300 East Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

**Presents**

**Concert by the Eaken Trio**

John Eaken, *Violin*  
 Andrew Rammon, *Cello*  
 Gloria Whitney, *Piano*

**March 1, 2009—7:00 PM**

*Free Will Offering*

**Treasurer's Report**

Cash in Bank as of 12/31/2008	\$ 5,263.56
Disbursements (-)	\$ 667.99
Receipts (+)	\$ 50.00
Cash in Bank as of 1/31/2009	\$ 4,645.57
Total Invested Funds:	
Cassel Award	\$ 6,733.20
Stahle Award	\$ 1,080.09
Yocum Scholarship	\$ 2,817.00
Shenk Scholarship	\$ 1,862.66
General CD	\$ 6,700.50

*A total of \$560 in contributions were received at the Mendelssohn Program at St. Patrick's Cathedral on February 3rd. A contribution to the Shenk Scholarship Fund was made by Mary Jane Nelson.*

**Mid-Year Memberships**

Reduced rates for **NEW** membership dues are available from February 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>. These dues cover membership in both the local chapter and the national organization for the second half of the 2008-2009 membership year. The TAO subscription accompanying this partial-year membership begins with the March 2006 issue and will continue for nine months through November 2009.

Anyone interested in **joining** our chapter at the reduced rate should request an application form from Doris Savage by calling 697-4042 or e-mail [dorisagohbg@comcast.net](mailto:dorisagohbg@comcast.net)

Please encourage your friends who are not Guild members to join. **The mid-year membership campaign is not for current members.**

**P**ipe **O**rgan **E**ncounter

June 21-26, 2009

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

A Hands-On

Introduction to the Pipe Organ

for Pianists and Organists

ages 13-18

**Pipe Organ Encounter Registration Form**

**June 21-26, 2009 Bethlehem, PA**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address - Street \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Student E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School \_\_\_\_\_

Check One: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Years of piano study \_\_\_\_\_ Years of organ study \_\_\_\_\_

Recent repertoire you have studied \_\_\_\_\_

Dates/Places of POEs previously attended \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this completed form with a check payable to Lehigh Valley AGO POE.

**Before March 31: \$400;      After March 31: \$425**

To: Gloria Snyder, POE Registrar  
 First Presbyterian Church  
 3231 Tilghman Street  
 Allentown, PA 18104-3496

### Free Organ Music

Purnell Payne, a long-time chapter member, has donated his organ music to members of the Hbg. Chapter AGO. From now until mid-May, members are welcome to take whatever music they wish and, as per Mr. Purnell's wish, make a contribution to the Hbg. Chapter AGO. Checks should be sent to our treasurer, Brian Rice, 1430 Green Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102. David Binkley has this music at Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 North 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Camp Hill. If you'd like some music, please be in touch with David Binkley at dbinkley@thechpc.org or 737-0488 extension 15. Our Dean Arnold Sten will be sending Mr. Payne a thank-you note on behalf of our AGO Chapter.

### Shenk Scholarship Report

I want to say a great big thank you for organizing the whole organ scholarship. I really appreciate it. The Shenk Organ Scholarship was great! I loved playing the organ, and I loved my teacher, Mrs. Freund. She really made learning to play the organ fun and instructive.

Taking organ lessons this past summer helped me to become a better musician, and increased my knowledge of different musical instruments. I learned something about the organ this summer that I had never known before. It is fun to play!

The National Organist Guild membership is really great! Even though I haven't been able to study organ during the year, it has helped me to keep in organ mode. The membership has been really special.

I had a great experience learning to play the organ. Thank you for making it possible!

Sincerely,  
*Sarah O'Donnell*

### Seven Last Words of Christ

The Central Pennsylvania Oratorio Singers and Soloists, under the direction of Beth Sider with organist Ronald Sider, will perform Theodore Dubois' *Seven Last Words of Christ* during Holy Week on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, 7:30 PM at Grace United Methodist Church, 216 State St., Harrisburg. No admission charge, however a free-will offering will be received. Parking is available in the nearby parking garage.

### Cassel Competition Winner Named

Chelsea Barton was named the first place prize winner of our Regional Competition for Young Organists named for Violette Cassel. Chelsea will go on to compete at the Regional Convention in July in Norfolk, VA. Chelsea is a senior at Cedar Cliff High School. She has studied organ with Dr. Shelly Moorman-Stahlman for five years. She is a member of our chapter and has received the Shenk Organ Lesson Scholarship for four consecutive years. In 2007 and 2008, Chelsea competed as a finalist in the Albert Schweitzer Organ Competition held in Wethersfield, Connecticut. She also has studied piano for 11 years, currently with Dr. Jennifer Blyth, and she also studies violin with Carl Iba. She also holds the position of organ scholar at Pine Street Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg. The judges for the event were Ross Ellison, Victor Fields, and Karl Moyer. We thank Eric Riley and Market Square Presbyterian Church for hosting the event.

### Nominees for Chapter Offices 2009-2010 Program Year

Below is the slate of nominees for chapter offices for the 2009-2010 program year.

#### Officers:

- Dean** Arnold Sten
- Sub-Dean** Ralph Kneeream
- Secretary** Ken Walker
- Treasurer** Brian Rice
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## *Banquet and Installation of Officers*

<b>Save the Date!</b>	Tuesday, May 19, 2009
<b>Don't be Late!</b>	6:00 PM Happy Hour – 7:00 PM Dinner
<b>Venue!</b>	Home of Karen Appel and Bob Wigand 465 Countryside Lane Harrisburg, PA 17112 Telephone: 599-5809
<b>Menu!</b>	<b><i>Hors-d' Oeuvres</i></b> Stuffed Mushrooms Appetizer Meatballs Brie Tartlets Greek Pinwheels Mozzarella rye snacks  <b><i>Main Course</i></b> Roast Beef or Baked turkey breast Mushroom, wild rice bake Tossed salad Green beans Corn Rolls and butter  <b><i>Desserts</i></b> Strawberry cream cake Angel Berry Trifle Cheesecake Chocolate cake w/peanut butter frosting  <b><i>Beverages</i></b> Coffee, tea, soda, beer, wine and “good stuff”
<b>Send money!</b>	Check for \$22.00 per person payable to: “Harrisburg Chapter AGO” <b>PLEASE INDICATE ENTRÉE PREFERENCE</b> Send to: Brian W. Rice, Treasurer 1430 Green Street Harrisburg, PA 17102 By Friday, May 8, 2009 <i>Please mark “banquet” on memo line of check.</i>
<b>Directions!</b>	From the front of the Farm Show Building on Cameron St., proceed west on Rt. 322 (towards State College). The first exit will be Linglestown Road. The next exit, Fishing Creek Valley Road is the one you want. At the end of the ramp turn right and go 4.5 miles on the Valley Road. Turn right on to Countryside Lane. We're the first driveway (unpaved) on the right.  From the Linglestown area, go over the mountain via Blue Mountain Parkway. At Fishing Creek Valley Road, turn left, go 1.5 miles and turn left on to Countryside Lane.

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