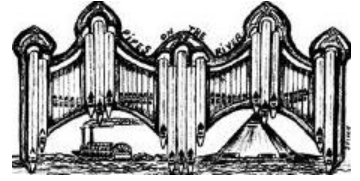




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Dean's Corner...

A Fresh Start

What a great start to our celebratory year, the International Year of the Organ! On Sept. 8, around 70% of our members came to our first program, a very interesting and informative lecture on Bach's Orgelbuchlein, given by Dr. John D. Peterson of The University of Memphis. Thanks to John for some great insights, and Vicki Person, for hosting us at Lord of Life Lutheran.

Thinking of beginnings, I hope that the start of your program year for your churches and choirs is going well. What are you doing to foster that sense of newness? How are you looking again at things through the lens of "the first time?" John Ferguson always tells his students and workshop participants to play through each rank of their instrument, one at a time, every note - every year. He encourages people to listen carefully as they are doing this - perhaps you will hear something you haven't heard (hopefully that doesn't mean a maintenance call!). Or perhaps you will hear the different qualities of the range within one stop. You might discover that playing a melody down an octave on a particular 4' stop, or up an octave on a 16' stop sounds really good! It might give you more possibilities and ideas for your improvisations.

What about your choirs? What are you doing with them in this time of starting again? Are you rearranging their seating position? Are you making them work a little harder on their precise hymn singing?

When was the last time you thought about that first experience you had playing the organ or directing the choir? It's easy to settle into our same old patterns. Sometimes those patterns are good and helpful, but sometimes we need to spur ourselves on to grow a little, or to regain that early excitement we had when we first started out in this field.

I hope that the programs this year will do that for you - provide an impetus to learn something new, try something new, invite someone new to them. Who are you going to invite to the October program? Dr. Mona Kreitner has much to share about the vocal instrument, as a professional singer and choral conductor. Bring your choir director or some of your choir members! See you at St. Brigid's Catholic Church on Oct. 6! I can't wait to meet the guests you bring along.

Best wishes,
Kristin

Our Next Meeting

The Memphis Chapter's next meeting will be Monday, October 6, 2008 at **St. Brigid Catholic Church**, 7801 Lowrance Rd. The social hour is at 6:00 p.m., dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and the program is at 7:30 p.m. **Dr. Mona Kreitner will speak on choral rehearsal techniques.** If you do not receive an e-mail or phone call requesting a dinner reservation, and would like to make a reservation, please call Joe Holloway, 731-376-2549.

Upcoming Meetings

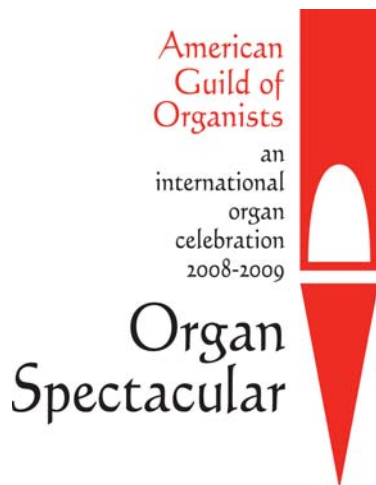
Sunday, October 19 –
Organ Spectacular: Organ Plus One, 6:00 p.m.
(Bartlett United Methodist Church)
<http://www.agohq.org/events/index.html>

Sunday, November 9 -
Cameron Carpenter Recital, 4:00 p.m.
(Lindenwood Christian Church)

Monday, December 1 – Members perform
"La Nativité" - Olivier Messiaen
(Holy Rosary Catholic Church)

Organ Spectacular—All Hands On Deck!

Our Organ Spectacular concert, "Organ Plus One," is fast approaching on **Sunday, October 19, at 6:00 pm at Bartlett United Methodist Church.** The program promises to have something for all, from "standard" organ literature to a Sousa march to P.D.Q. Bach. Have we all specifically invited our ten people to attend? When you do, please e-mail your list to Albert Burk, as he is keeping a list of those we invite. Please post the large posters and smaller flyers in your churches and anywhere else in your path; the posters/flyers are available on our chapter website www.agomemphis.org. Wear your "International Year of the Organ" buttons regularly after we distribute them at our Oct. 6 meeting. And, be sure to tell your friends to listen to "Checking On the Arts" with Kacky Walton on Monday, October 6, at 3:45 p.m. on WKNO-FM. We still need help with ushers/greeters (contact Albert Burk) and with the reception (contact Emily McAlister or Janet Templeton). Thanks to all for your help, and we look forward to seeing a "spectacular" number in attendance at the concert.



A Note from our Regional Councillor

Remember to visit the new Region IV Blog for news and events. It can be found at <http://agoregion4.blogspot.com>.

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

3 – 6 p.m. **Memphis Chamber Choir and Boy Choir — Choral Evensong.** Geoffrey Ward, director; Jane Gamble, organ. **St. John's Episcopal Church**, Central @ Greer. For more information, visit www.stjohnsmemphis.org.

3 – 7 p.m. A program of music by American composers presented by **The Memphis Men's Chorale, Mathew Bowlin**, artistic director; **Fred Bickel**, accompanist. **Our Lady of Perpetual Help**, 8151 Poplar, Germantown.

5 – 7 p.m. A program of music by American composers presented by **The Memphis Men's Chorale, Mathew Bowlin**, artistic director; **Fred Bickel**, accompanist. **St. Peter Catholic Church**, 190 Adams @ Third, Memphis. \$10 suggested donation at the door; reception following. *This concert will be recorded—no child care will be available.*

6 – 7:30 p.m. **Luna Nova New Music Ensemble.** Music of Landini, Jacopo da Bologna, Machaut, Olivier Messiaen, Malcom Arnold, James Carlson, Andrew Drannon, David Peoples, Jenni Brandon, Marshall Fine and Nolan Slots. **First Congregational Church**, 1000 S. Cooper. Visit lunanova.org for more information.

30 – 7 p.m. **Faure Requiem** with Christ Church Chamber Singers, harp, violin and organ. Perry Redfearn, director, Jane Gamble, organ. Wilson Chapel. **Christ United Methodist Church**, 4488 Poplar. Free.

NOVEMBER

2 – 5:30 p.m. **All Saints Evensong** at **St. George's Episcopal Church**, 2425 So. Germantown Rd (note new address), Germantown. The **St. George's Coventry Choir** will be joined by harpist **Melodie Moore**. A reception will follow. For nursery reservations or other information please call 754-7282 x33 or email music@stgeorgesgermantown.org.

9 – 4 p.m. Organist **Cameron Carpenter** making his Mid-South debut. Free, non-ticketed. Call 901-458-1652 for additional information. **Lindenwood Christian Church**, 2400 Union Avenue at East Parkway. Handicap accessible and nursery provided.

14 – 7 p.m. Italian organist, **Mario Duella**, in concert in the sanctuary performing works of Bach, Boely, Vierne and others. **Christ United Methodist Church**, 4488 Poplar. Free.

22 – 7:30 p.m. **Memphis Brass Quintet** with Jane Gamble, organ in Wilson Chapel.. **Christ United Methodist Church**, 4488 Poplar. Free.

DECEMBER

13 – 8 p.m. The Wolf river Singers' Holiday Concert. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. For more information, visit www.thewolfriversingers.org.

14 – 3:30 p.m. The Wolf river Singers' Holiday Concert. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. For more information, visit www.thewolfriversingers.org.

16 – 8 p.m. The Wolf river Singers' Holiday Concert. Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Peabody @ Belvedere. For more information, visit www.thewolfriversingers.org.

*Do you know of an event that should be on the calendar?
Email it to marc.cerisier@ic.cdom.org.*

Positions Available

Notice of a position must be submitted in writing by an authorized person on church letterhead stationary to: Jane Scharding Smedley, 22 South Reese, Memphis, TN 38111 or via fax: 526-6882.

If you have questions before submitting a notice, please contact Jane at 327-7801 or 527-8282, ext. 15, or mrsjane@bellsouth.net. However, the actual listing cannot be taken over the phone or via email. The notice should include a complete description of the position's duties as well as pertinent details: (e.g., number and times of rehearsals and worship services; type of organ or other instrument, etc.). List a contact person for more information or to arrange an interview.

A position will be listed for 4 months in the printed newsletter and on the Chapter's website. If requested, an extension may be granted by contacting Jane at the numbers above.

NOTE: Please direct questions about salary ranges, contracts, and related issues to: David Perry Ouzts, Chair of our Chapter's Professional Development Committee at 767-6987, ext. 13, or douzts@holychommunion.org.

All listings are part-time unless noted otherwise.

Music Director

Asbury UMC, 2969 S. Mendenhall. 1 Sunday (10:15 AM); Wednesday rehearsals (children- 6 PM; adults - 7:30 PM) Usual special services throughout year; musical programs for Wed PM dinners. Church hopes to add contemporary service in future. Contact Rev. David Garrett: 901-363-1135 or pastor@asburyumc.org.

Organist

Calvary Episcopal Church, PO Box 292, Osceola, Arkansas 72370, 1 Sunday AM service/some Wednesday PM service Allen electronic - 2 manual, Familiarity with Episcopal liturgy and music helpful. Contact: Rev. Bindy Snyder - 901-240-1492 or revbindy@bellsouth.net

Second Baptist Church, 4680 Walnut Grove Road, Memphis, TN 38117-2599, Sunday AM rehearsal and service; Wed. PM rehearsal. Special services/concerts with rehearsals throughout year. Wicks pipe organ (2 manual, 29 rank). Traditional/blended worship. Contact Wayne H. Randolph: 901-682-3395, ext. 105 or wrandolph@2ndmemphis.org

First Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), 1573 North Highland, Jackson, TN 38301, www.fpcjacksontn.org, 1 Sunday 10 AM; choir rehearsal, Position available September 1 through 2009, 3 manual/56 rank Schantz (2001), Contact: Brenda DePriest (731-668-5086)

Organist/Choir Director

Ripley Presbyterian Church, 302 West Cooper Street Ripley, MS, 1 Sunday AM; Sunday afternoon choir practice. Usual special services throughout year. Wicks pipe organ (2M); Kawai grand piano. Contact Rev. Bill Connolly: 662-837-3765 or billc@ripleycable.net

Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 4150 Boeingshire Drive, Contact Candace McRae Walsh: 767-1180 or church: 346-7434 1 Sunday AM; choir rehearsal follows service. Weddings/funerals. 3 references requested. Rogers W-5000 electronic organ

Keyboardist

Morning Sun Cumberland Presbyterian, 2682 Morning Sun Road, Cordova, TN 38016. 1 Sunday 11 AM service. Yamaha Clarinova CVP-65 keyboard used. Contact Mary Patrick Smith, Clerk of Session: 568-7340; msscpc13@bellsouth.net

Section Leader (Tenor)

St. George's Episcopal Church, 2425 S. Germantown Road 1 Sunday AM; usual special services through year, Wed PM rehearsal during school year, Extra Services, Teaching privileges, Contact Dr. Angela G. Saunders: 901-754-7282, ext. 13 or music@stgeorgesgermantown.org

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 8151 Poplar Avenue, Germantown TN 38138, 1 Sunday (10:45 AM)/1 Thursday (7:30 PM) rehearsal; plus Christmas Eve/Holy Week, Good sight-reading/choral experience required, Call Ben Legett: 901-754-1204, ext. 330

Section Leader (Bass)

First United Methodist Church, 204 No. Second Street, Memphis 38105, 1 Sunday 11 AM; Wed pm rehearsal, Contact John Palmer: firstchurchmen@bellsouth.net or 901-527-8361

Attention Substitutes: Please notify Jane if your availability to play changes so she can keep the listing of subs current on our chapter website: www.agomemphis.org. Contact Jane at: mrsjane@bellsouth.net.

For information on available substitutes, go to <http://www.agomemphis.org/Substitutes.htm>

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