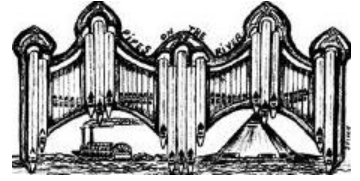




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## *Dean's Corner...*

Lately, I've had several conversations with people where the question surfaces, "Is it all worth it?" This has come up when talking about performing a recital, preparing a choir for a major service, preparing for the weekly Christian education hour, and a city school preparing for a big exhibition of student projects.

The question is always spoken rhetorically, but we all know that inside there is a hint of genuine wonder and exasperation when so many hours of our lives are swallowed up by the tedium of the plans, those Murphy's Law-kind-of-days, and warding off the negative energy from people around us.

The miracle occurs when our question is answered for us: yes. A three-year old whispers at prayer time in Sunday School, "here," when asked for what he is thankful. A church member sends a handwritten note thanking you for the organ prelude or the choir's meaningful contribution. A chorister has an "a-ha" moment.

We're very near the "rush to the crèche," as one of my friends loves to call it. I hope that in the middle of it, you will be reminded in some way that your work truly matters, and your carefully made plans enabled many to be touched. You are all children of God, lovingly (some days more than others, I'm sure) offering your gifts and talents, helping others to use theirs.

I close with a quote that has resonated with me lately, and sits prominently on my desk. I'm not sure it's entirely related to what I wrote above, but I like it nonetheless, and I think you will too.

"See everything, overlook a great deal, improve a little." – Pope John XXIII

Peace,  
Kristin

## *Our Next Meeting*

The Memphis Chapter's next meeting will be Monday, December 1, 2008 at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 4851 Park Ave. Members perform the Christmas suite "La Nativité" by Olivier Messiaen on Holy Rosary's newly installed pipe organ. You can read an article online about the new installation at:

<http://www.commercialappeal.com/news/2008/nov/11/2800-pipes-of-musical-sound/>

## Upcoming Meetings

Monday, February 2 – Leo Davis,  
"African American composers/worship"  
(Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church)

Monday, March 2 - Handel Organ Concertos - James  
Feddeck with members of the MSO  
(First Congregational Church)

## Fall Music Sale News

Our "Fall Music Sale" netted almost \$800 - but there's still LOTS of music to sell! Bring your shopping bag to the December 1 AGO meeting and take some home for the holidays!

## A Note...

Dear Memphis AGO:

I managed to schedule myself in Memphis last weekend and came to the organ recital. What a treat! I was in the Balcony center in the best seat in the house, and it is great to hear those big Kimball voices so clearly! Of course it also reminds me of how much work I have to do on the North Hall instrument, Opus 7034.

Anyway, grand job!

Marlin Mackley  
marlinmackley@cbnstl.com

## Welcome New Members

We welcome our new members—Linda Warren, James Feddeck and Bill Wilson.

## News on Jane Gamble

Jane Gamble went in to the hospital Tues., Nov. 11 for tests and had to have her gall bladder removed on Thurs., Nov. 13. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. If you'd like to contact her, please send things to her home: 751 Bending Oak S, Hernando, MS 38632

## Calendar of Events

### DECEMBER

4 – 7 p.m. *Holiday Fanfare of Voices*, holiday concert of the Memphis Vocal Arts Ensemble with Central High School Gospel Choir, DeltaCappella, Hutchison School Girls Choir, and Knight Brass Quintet. Church of the Holy Communion, 4645 Walnut Grove Rd. Call 901-458-9766 or see [www.memphisvocalarts.org](http://www.memphisvocalarts.org) for ticket information.

7 – 4 p.m. **30th Annual German Christmas Service.** Music for choir, and traditional Advent and Christmas hymns sung by the congregation. Pre-service music begins at 3:30 p.m. A reception follows the service. **Trinity Lutheran Church**, 210 Washington Ave. Free parking is available across the street from the church. For more information, call 525-1056.

7 – 5 p.m. **Advent evensong** with the choir of **St. Elisabeth Episcopal Church**, Bartlett, at **St. Mary's Episcopal Church**, 108 N King St., Dyersburg. **Jim Walsmith**, director; **Fred Bickel**, organ.

7 – 5:30 p.m. **Advent Procession of Lessons and Carols**, sung by **The Rhodes Singers**, **Mona Kreitner**, director, accompanied by organist **Debbie Smith**. **Church of the Holy Communion**, 4645 Walnut Grove Rd, [www.holycommunion.org](http://www.holycommunion.org).

9 – 7:30 p.m. **Rhodes Singers** (Mona Kreitner, director), **Rhodes Brass Ensemble** (Joseph Montelione, director), and **Debbie Smith**, organist; works of Sweelinck, Hassler, Guerrero, Chilcott, Callahan, and Willcocks. New this year are several traditional carols for the audience to sing along with the choir! A reception follows the performance. **St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral**, 700 Poplar Avenue. Handicap accessible. Free.

13 – 8 p.m. **The Wolf river Singers' Holiday Concert.** **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.** For more information, visit [www.thewolfriversingers.org](http://www.thewolfriversingers.org).

14 – 2:30 p.m. "Christmas in the Country" at **Rosemark First Presbyterian Church.** For more information, contact Betty Germany at [bcgermany@usa.net](mailto:bcgermany@usa.net).

14 – 3 p.m. **An Extraordanry Concert!** Performers include Ed Bousson, tenor, Owen Brophy, piano, Stephen Brown, tenor, Chelsea Chandler, DeltaCappella, David Francis, piano, The Germantown Chorus, Daleena Hutchins, harmonica, Jeremy & Rashad Lewis, Debbie Litch, Ann Sharp and Joy Brown Wiener, violin. **Bartlett United Methodist Church**, 5676 Stage Rd. For more information, call 901-386-4563.

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](http://www.thewolfriversingers.org).

14 – 4 & 7 p.m. **Lessons and Carols** with the **Memphis Boy-choir and Memphis Chamber Choir.** **St. John's Episcopal church**, 3245 Central Ave. For more information, visit [www.memphisboychoir.org](http://www.memphisboychoir.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](http://www.thewolfriversingers.org).

### JANUARY

6 – 7 p.m. **Burning of the Greens and Festal Holy Eucharist** on the Epiphany, sung by the **Motet Choir**, in **Quilling Memorial Chapel.** Music of Peter Hallock and Francis Poulenc. **David Ouzts**, director. **Church of the Holy Communion**, 4645 Walnut Grove Road, [www.holycommunion.org](http://www.holycommunion.org).

**Submission Deadline for  
the February issue:  
January 15, 2008**

17 – 7:30 p.m. **The Prizm Ensemble**, a Memphis chamber group comprised of professional woodwind players, will present a concert of music by Franz Berwald, Richard Strauss and others. **St. George's Episcopal Church**, 2425 South Germantown Road. Sponsored by St. George's Friends of Music. Nursery is available by reserving with the church office a week in advance. Handicap Accessible. Free. For more information, call 901-754-7282 x33.

17 – 8 p.m. **Concert Choir of Washington University**, John Stewart, director in concert. Works of Victoria, Schütz, Mendelssohn, Viadana, Lewandowski, Courtney and Raminsh. Central to the program will be the Bach Motet "Jesu meine Freude", and the concert will include folk songs and spirituals. **St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral**, 700 Poplar Avenue. Handicap accessible. Free.

#### FEBRUARY

27 – 7:30 p.m. **Memphis Boychoir and Chamber Choir**, in concert. Directed by Geoffery Ward. **St. George's Episcopal Church**, 2425 South Germantown Road. Sponsored by St. George's Friends of Music. Nursery is available by reserving with the church office a week in advance. Handicap Accessible. Free. For more information, call 901-754-7282 x33.

#### MARCH

28 – 7:30 p.m. **The Wolf River Singers**, in concert. Directed by Benn Leggett. **St. George's Episcopal Church**, 2425 South Germantown Road. Sponsored by St. George's Friends of Music. Nursery is available by reserving with the church office a week in advance. Handicap Accessible. Free. For more information, call 901-754-7282 x33.

#### MAY

2 – 7:30 p.m. **The Brass Roots Trio**, in concert. Their concerts comprise classical and jazz music that astounds and delights a wide range of audiences. **St. George's Episcopal Church**, 2425 South Germantown Road. Sponsored by St. George's Friends of Music. Nursery is available by reserving with the church office a week in advance. Handicap Accessible. Free. For more information, call 901-754-7282 x33.

Do you know of an event that should be on the calendar?  
Email it to [marc.cerisier@ic.cdom.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:wrandolph@2ndmemphis.org)

**First Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)**, 1573 North Highland, Jackson, TN 38301, [www.fpcjacksontn.org](http://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)

#### 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; [mscp13@bellsouth.net](mailto:mscp13@bellsouth.net)

#### Section Leader (Tenor)

**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 (Tenor or Bass)

**First United Methodist Church**, 204 No. Second Street, Memphis 38105, 1 Sunday 11 AM; Wed pm rehearsal, Contact John Palmer: [johnp1um@bellsouth.net](mailto:johnp1um@bellsouth.net) or 901-527-8362

**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](http://www.agomemphis.org). Contact Jane at: [mrsjane@bellsouth.net](mailto:mrsjane@bellsouth.net).

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

Fröhliche Weihnachten Joyeux Noël  
*Merry Christmas*  
Zwayer Noel Feliz Navidad

### *Name That Tune*

If you think you know what work the excerpt is from, please send an email to [marc.cerisier@ic.cdom.org](mailto:marc.cerisier@ic.cdom.org).

Of the correct respondents, one entry will be chosen at random, and the winner will receive a voucher for one free AGO dinner (a \$10 value). The deadline for submission is November 18.

Congratulations to Angela Saunders who correctly identified our last mystery measure as being Dieu parmi nous from Messiaen's La Nativite.

And now, this month's mystery measure—*good luck!*

The image shows a musical score for a mystery measure. It consists of three staves. The top staff is a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It begins with a forte (fff) dynamic marking. The melody is a complex, rhythmic sequence of notes, including many sixteenth and thirty-second notes, with some accidentals. The middle staff is a bass clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature, containing a few notes and rests. The bottom staff is another bass clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature, also containing a few notes and rests. The music is written in a style typical of Messiaen's La Nativite.

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