



The En Chamade

Newsletter of the American Guild of Organists, Memphis Chapter, November 2022

From the Dean . . .

A SEASON OF THANKS

November is the month in which we as a nation give thanks. I am thankful for the work that you do for your church, for our chapter, and for our profession. Our world is better for your contributions to our common good, and our worship is more profound, meaningful, joyous, and engaging. Our chapter broadens our knowledge of repertoire, inspires us to improve our playing, and gives us fellowship with others engaged in the same profession.

Around ten years ago I read that John Wooden listed things on paper daily for which he gave thanks. At that time I started writing in a notebook five things that I gave thanks for during my morning devotional time, and I have many of these notebooks on my bookshelf. The entries include pretty Christmas and Halloween lights, tasty food, the kindness of others, as well as trying situations that have grown me as a person. Since starting that practice I am more aware of the positive influence others have made on my life, and the simple things that make my life more pleasant.

I am delighted to announce that Carolyn Mason will serve as Chair of the Scholarship Committee and John Palmer will serve as Dinner Greeter. The elected officers approved these appointments in record time. John has made it his mission to make all feel welcome in our chapter, and Carolyn has extensive knowledge of the workings of the Scholarship Committee. I give thanks for their willingness to serve.

Enjoy the Music!

Terry McRoberts, Dean

Upcoming Meeting
Monday, November 7: “Salvation is Only a Half-Step Away”
Improvisation, led by Dr. Patrick Scott
Grace-St. Luke’s Episcopal Church
1720 Peabody, Memphis
6:00 PM – Refreshments in Parish Hall
6:30 PM – Members’ Program in Sanctuary (open to all)
Chapter Business Meeting to follow

2022-2023 FUTURE MEMPHIS AGO PROGRAMS

Monday, November 7: Patrick Scott, Salvation Is Only a Half Step Away: Program on improvisation.
Grace-Saint Luke's Church

Monday, January 9: Twelfth Night Party
All Saints Episcopal Church

Monday February 6: Jonathan Dimmock Bach & Messiaen: Mysticism in Music
Location TBA

Monday, March 6: Program and Location TBA

Monday, May 8: Jennifer Pascual, St. Peter's Catholic Church

Meeting and Greeting Schedule for September through November:

6:00: Light refreshments

6:30: Program with business meeting to follow

January: Announcement about the food for that meeting and time will be made later.

The Program Committee will discuss the possibility and feasibility of resuming meals for the programs occurring in 2023.

CHAPTER NEWS

From the last Chapter Meeting, October 3, at St. John's Episcopal Church, Memphis.



The performers: (left to right, back), Angelica Rendek, Dennis Janzer, Stephen Karr, Jane Scharding Smedley, (front) Martha Israel, Phil Brown, Vernon Snyder, Kristin Lensch



American Guild of Organists

Memphis Chapter

Monday, October 3, 2022

6:00 ~ Refreshments in Parish Hall

6:30 PM ~ Program in Sanctuary

~ Selections for Advent and Christmas ~

Wachet auf (Choral Improvisationen für Orgel), Op. 65, No. 33 S. Karg-Elert
Vernon Snyder - St. John's Episcopal Church

Carol Rhapsody Richard Purvis
Carol Prelude on "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" Robert Elmore
Phil Brown - First United Methodist Church

Two settings: *Es ist ein Ros'*
Lo, How A Rose (Eleven Chorale Preludes, Opus 122) Johannes Brahms
Angelica Rendek - St. Patrick's Catholic Church

Lo, How A Rose John G. Barr
Jane Scharding Smedley - St. Peter Church

Comfort, Comfort, Now My People (based on Suo-gan) Mark Sedio
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (based on In dulci jubilo) Matthew Weston
Martha Israel

Le monde dans l'attente d'un sauveur Marcel Dupré
Symphonie-Passion, opus 23
Stephen Karr - Opera Music Director, University of Memphis

Quelle est cette odeur agréable Paul Manz
Wachet auf Emma Lou Diemer
Kristin Lensch - Calvary Episcopal Church

Gigue on 'Bring A Torch' D. Janzer
We Wish You a Merry Christmas D. Janzer
Dennis Janzer - St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral

Chapter Members Business Meeting

St. John's Episcopal Church
Central & Greer
Memphis, Tennessee

Please add to your directory:

Martha A. Phelps
7154 Wickshire Cove East
Germantown , TN 38138
marthaaphelps@comcast.net

We welcome Martha to our Memphis Chapter!

EXAMS AND PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS

A worthy pursuit: professional credentials

Application deadlines for the Service Playing Certification (SPC) and Colleague Certification (CAGO) started Sept. 15 for CAGO, and Oct. 1 for SPC.
From the HQ website:

2022-2023 Examination Dates, Deadlines, and Fees

SPC--The test is offered from October 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023. Examination fee: \$150; student rate: \$125. Surcharge for non-AGO members: \$250. February 1, 2023, is the final application deadline. Applications for SPC tests between October and early February should be received at least three weeks prior to the scheduled test date.

CAGO-- The next exams are currently planned for November 18, 2022 and May 12, 2023. Examination fee: both sections, \$175; single section, \$150. Student rate: both sections, \$150; single section, \$125. Surcharge for non-AGO members: \$250. Application deadlines are September 15, 2022, for the November 18, 2022 CAGO exam and March 1, 2023 for the May 12, 2023 CAGO exam.

Find more information on these and more advanced certification requirements, go to the AGO HQ site at <https://www.agohq.org/certification/>

Grow your talent!

IN PERSON, Memphis area.... improve your playing, learn new skills, prepare for certification... We're blessed with excellent local instructors to boost your playing! Go to **Find An Organ Teacher - Memphis Area**, posted on the AGO HQ site at <https://www.agohq.org/find-an-organ-teacher/> -- or go to the HQ site, Careers tab (not the Education tab), and it's a few links down on the menu.

ONLINE, from AGO headquarters:

--"Lessons for the New Organist" -- 30 short videos explaining things like stop families, pedal technique, etc.

-- **Achievement Awards.** These are five certificates that developing organists can work through with a mentor/ teacher, who checks off different requirements, kind of like a scout merit badge. Both are at <https://www.agohq.org/new-organist/>

Final Note: Expand your repertory!

Some of my favorite go-to composers--I schedule their readily playable, inspiring music often: Jeanne Demessieux, Florence Price, Emma Lou Diemer, Marilyn Biery, Elizabeth Stirling, Libby Larsen, Gladys Jameson, Gwyneth Walker. Also, I enjoy improvising postludes and communion music on tunes by Linda Egan, Magnolia Butts, Doris Akers, found in various hymnals.

Most of us probably have scads of music we haven't even read through yet, but if you're playing some fresh repertory that's received well by your congregation, or in recitals, please email me, and I'll gratefully include your suggestions in future ECs.

--Lyn Joyner, Exam Coordinator/Professional Concerns, lyn.joyner@gmail.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS, NOV.- DEC. 2022

All events are free admission unless otherwise noted.

Tuesday, November 1, All Saints Day, at 7:00 p.m.

Gesualdo Six

St. George's Episcopal Church, 2425 So. Germantown Rd., Germantown. Contact Lucas Fletcher at Lucas@stgeorgesgermantown.org. Ph: 901-754-7282 www.stgchurch.org

Tuesday, November 2, at 7:00 p.m.

Gesualdo Six

Saint John's Episcopal Church
3245 Central Avenue, Memphis

For more information, please contact Saint John's Organist-Choirmaster, Vernon Snyder:
vernon@stjohnsmemphis.org -- 901-323-8597, Ex. 26

Sunday, November 6, at 5:00 p.m.

Evensong - Calvary Parish Choir

Music by Thomas Stanford and Tomas Luis de Victoria.
Calvary Episcopal Church, 102 N. 2nd St. Memphis.

Sunday, November 6, 2022 at 5:30 PM

All Saints' Sunday Choral Evensong

Sung by the Parish Choir of Church of the Holy Communion
Dr. David Ouzts, director

Music of Heathcote Statham and Ralph Vaughan Williams

Scripture readings and hymns for All Saints' Day

Church of the Holy Communion (Episcopal)

4645 Walnut Grove Road, Memphis. Web: www.holycommunion.org Phone: (901) 767-6987 ext. 4013

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Sunday, November 6 at 5:30 p.m.

All Saints Evensong

Sung by the Coventry Choir

Lucas Fletcher, director

Roland Martin *Magnificat and Nunc dimittis*, John Rutter "Lord, Thou hast been our Refuge", and others

St. George's Episcopal Church, 2425 So. Germantown Rd., Germantown. Web: www.stgchurch.org

Sunday, November 6 at 6:00pm

Gabriel Fauré, *Requiem*

The Grace St. Luke's Choir & members of the Memphis Symphony Orchestra

Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 1720 Peabody, Memphis. 901-252-6323 -- www.gracestlukes.org

Sunday, November 13 at 4 p.m.

Dr. Patrick A. Scott, Organist

Music of Edward Elgar, Gerre Hancock, Johann Sebastian Bach, and an improvisation.

Buntyn Presbyterian Church, 561 So. Prescott, Memphis

Benefits Beyond Stigma (provides mental health services to vulnerable populations, www.beyondstigma.org)

Sunday, November 13, 2022 in the 10:30 a.m. service

John Rutter *Requiem*

Sung by the Parish Choir with chamber orchestra

in the context of the Holy Eucharist liturgy

Dr. David Ouzts, director; Dr. Jane Gamble, guest organist; B.J. Webster, soprano soloist

Church of the Holy Communion (Episcopal)

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Tuesday, November 15, at 6 pm

Ty Legge Memorial Concert

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

3745 Kimball Ave., Memphis.

On the eve of what would've been Ty Legge's 70th birthday, Jane Gamble, Walton Griffin, Scott Elsholz, and John Palmer will present an organ program in Ty's memory on his beloved Noack organ at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. The program is free and a reception will follow. In conjunction with this event, Holy Trinity will continue Ty's legacy by establishing a "Make a Joyful Noise" scholarship to raise up young musicians in our community. Please contact Scott Elsholz at scottelsholz@gmail.com for any questions.

Sunday, November 20 at 5:00pm

Choral Evensong for the Reign of Christ

Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church

1720 Peabody, Memphis

CV Stanford, *Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis* in C; Richard Proulx, Let all the world in every corner sing

Robert Lehman, *Preces & Responses*

901-252-6323 -- www.gracestlukes.org

Sunday, December 4, 4:00 PM

Rhodes College Choirs

36th Annual Christmas at St. Mary's

Presented by Music at St. Mary's Concert Series

St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral

700 Poplar Ave Memphis, TN 38105

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Sunday, December 4, 5:00 p.m.

A Service of Advent Lessons & Carols

Join us for a traditional candlelight service of scripture and song featuring the Calvary choirs, and prepare your heart for the birth of Christ.

Calvary Episcopal Church, 102 N. 2nd St. Memphis.

Tuesday, December 6, at 7 p.m.

Vernon Snyder, Organist

Music of Bach, Buxtehude, and Muffat

Saint John's Episcopal Church

3245 Central Avenue, Memphis

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Sunday, December 11, at 5:00 p.m.

Advent Procession of Lessons and Carols

The Choir of Saint John's and guest musicians

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Sunday, December 11, at 5:00 p.m.

Advent Lessons & Carols

The Grace-St. Luke's Choir and the Memphis Boy & Girl Choir

Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 1720 Peabody, Memphis

901-252-6323 -- www.gracestlukes.org

Sunday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m.

A Victorian Christmas

Musicians of St. Mary's Cathedral

Elmwood Cemetery, 824 S Dudley St, Memphis

Tickets required

More information at <https://www.elmwoodcemetery.org/>

Wednesday, December 21, at 7:30 p.m.

A Centennial Celebration: Handel's Messiah

The Calvary Choir will partner with the Memphis Symphony Chorus and the Memphis Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Music Director, Robert Moody. This free concert is generously offered to the community in loving memory of Bob Brown, sponsored by Richard Tanner.

Calvary Episcopal Church, 102 N. 2nd St. Memphis.

The next issue of *En Chamade* will cover events for December through early February.

To submit articles, please email them to me by the 25th of the month prior to the next issue. I can accept Word, PDF (cannot edit them), JPG, or JPEG. Email is fine, too. ~ Angela G. Saunders, editor

Email address is iguanamom3@aol.com

SAVE THE DATE!

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION ~ CASAVANT, OPUS 968

St. Peter Church
190 Adams Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee
SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023 - 3:00 PM

On May 7, 1923, Pietro Yon, Organist at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, dedicated this historic instrument. One hundred years later, his successor, Dr. Jennifer Pascual, will present a recital to mark this occasion. The following evening, she will offer a masterclass for the Memphis Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. More details soon!

Officers for 2022-2023 year in Memphis Chapter AGO

ELECTED OFFICERS

Dean: Terry McRoberts

Sub-Dean: Alex Benford

Recording Secretary: Martha Israel

Treasurer: Karen Strawhecker

Registrar: Dennis Janzer

Members at Large

Finance: Carl Blankenship

Programs: Jane Scharding Smedley

Media: Marcus Browning

Chapter Photographer: Jean Jones

Dinner Greeter: TBA

Education: Marcus Browning

Examinations/Professional Development: Lyn Joyner

Historian/Archivist: Jane Scharding Smedley

Librarian: Kelly Kramer

Membership Coordinator: André Duvall

Newsletter Editor: Angela Saunders

Nominations Committee Chair: TBA by end 2022

Placement Coordinator: Phil Brown

Scholarship Committee Chair: TBA

Webmaster: Justin Little

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Chaplain: Ray Hatton