From the Dean

The recital series proposed by the board for the Lutheran retirement community at Orchard Ridge was enthusiastically accepted by administrators at Orchard Ridge. Judy Connelly, Daniel Hannemann, & Steven Cooksey met with officials from the village in late March. Below are excerpts from the minutes taken by the Director of Activities at Orchard Ridge. Hopefully, they provide a clear picture of our series.

Examination of the instrument has shown it to be first rate and quite versatile. Guild members are encouraged to come and practice on it, provided the room is free (it is best to call ahead). A receptionist has a list of our members and will direct you to the chapel.

Steven Cooksey, in consultation with several of the members, has arranged for the first seven concerts. Each will be shared by two or more musicians, with occasional orchestral instruments or piano. If you are willing/interested in playing on future programs, but are not scheduled for any of the first seven, please contact Dr. Cooksey. We are interested in having a large number of our members perform.

Minutes from WAGO/Orchard Ridge Meeting

Concerts are scheduled for the second Monday monthly beginning with Monday, June 13; concerts will begin at 7 p.m.
- Concerts are scheduled through December 2016, with a review to determine continued coordination for additional months/second part in 2017.
- Concerts will be theme-based with either a single performer or multiple performers.
- Concerts are open to residents and the public, with no charge for attendees.
- Concerts are offered by the WAGO at no cost to Orchard Ridge.

Practice schedule – The following is a list of suggested rehearsal times where the Chapel has been reserved to allow for the musicians to practice on the instrument. However, additional practices may be scheduled by the performers through coordination with the Life Enrichment office.
- Monday evenings, 5 – 9 p.m. (except on the Mondays when concerts are scheduled – however, the Chapel would be available starting at 5 p.m. on the concert Mondays for the guest organist(s) who will provide the concert that evening).
- Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., (except the 3rd Wednesday of each month, and this rehearsal time will need to end at 12:30 p.m.)
- Weekends – We can’t commit to specific times at this point as we need to leave some flexibility for weekend programming. At the end of each month, I will be able to share the weekend schedule for the following month so that the performers can plan accordingly for practices.
- Additional practices outside of the hours listed above can be scheduled by contacting the Life Enrichment office, 540-431-2813. Initial six-month series is printed on next page.

Minutes by Stacey Iden
Life Enrichment Manager
The Village at Orchard Ridge

~ Steven Cooksey, Dean
INITIAL ORGAN CONCERT SERIES, The Chapel at Orchard Ridge

Monday, June 13, 7 pm--A Festive Sampler Concert
Performers: Lee Jeong Hee, MM, AD; Steven Cooksey, PhD;

Monday, July 11, 7 pm--Music for Organ & Trumpet
Performers: Charles Seipp, DMA, Mark Snow, MA, trumpets; Daniel Hannemann, MSM, Steven Cooksey, PhD

Monday, August 8, 7 pm--The Golden Age: Buxtehude, Bach, & Friends
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Monday, September 12, 7 pm--A Little Bit of Jazz
Performers: Marilyn Shenenerger, MA, SPC; Jeffrey Alban, DMA, CAGO; Daniel Hannemann, MSM

Monday, October 10, 7 pm – Performers Old and New
Performers: Judy Connelly, MM, GPD; students TBA

Monday, November 14, 7 pm--Music for Weddings
Performers: Jesse Ratcliffe, MM; Heather Ankerbrand, DMA, CAGO

Monday, December 12, 7 pm--Anticipating Christmas: Carols, Old & New
Performers: Beverly Clark, MM, CAGO; Frances Averitt, DMA; Steven Cooksey, PhD
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6:00 p.m. Appetizer and Recital
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6:45 p.m. Main Course and Recital, walking one half block west to
Christ Episcopal Church, 114 W. Boscawen St.
Dudley Oakes presents a varied, tasty, heartily chewable program

7:30 p.m. Recital and Dessert, over one block south to
Braddock Street United Methodist Church, 114 W. Wolfe St.
Judy Connelly presents a festive program with instruments

Advance reservations are required for this event.
Checks may be written to WAGO.
Call Braddock Street at 540-533-4689 no later than May 7
Cost is $20.00 per person.

At this writing, 114 persons have signed up. Hurry to join in the fun. Absolute
deadline is May 7.

Our members are asked to please call Judy at Braddock Street and offer
practical assistance at each church in dealing with cleanup following each
course. Help is needed! Thanks to a great response, your help is sorely needed
and valued!
KUDOS FROM ON HIGH

(The following note was received by WAGO webmaster Gloria Harris after sending a copy of our WAGO newsletter for posting on the national web site:)

April 6, 2016

Hi Gloria,

April is in place.

Congratulations on such a robust newsletter and chapter. I enjoyed reading through En Chamade and seeing all you are doing.

You are a model for other chapters!

Best wishes,

Bill Valentine
AGO National Webmaster

Substitutes Available

Larry Correll  larryg.correll@gmail.com  (703)-395-4267
Sue Correll  sueellen.correll@gmail.com  (540)-395-4923

Positions Available

Adult Choir Director. Warrenton Presbyterian Church, Warrenton, VA, is seeking a part-time Music Director to continue a strong music ministry, direct their adult choir, and oversee and develop other musical groups within the church. Responsibilities will include planning and rehearsing for weekly services as well as special services and holidays from Sept-June.

Qualifications: Candidates should possess a strong Christian faith, an educational background in music, experience in choral directing, and the ability to collaborate well with others involved in the music ministry of the church. For a complete job description and instructions on how to apply please contact warrentonpc@wpcva.org

Organist  2-3 Sundays per month or Weekly. 11:00 a.m. service
Short Hill Charge Organist Position (Hillsboro and Ebenezer UMCs) is at Hillsboro, Virginia. Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 11592 Harper’s Ferry Rd., Purcellville, VA
The Rev. Mark Jagoe, 703-999-5860  markjagoe@vaumc.org
Church Organist/Pianist

Description: Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church (SPC), located in Shepherdstown, West Virginia (70 miles northwest of Washington, DC) is seeking a part-time organist to support its ministry in the community. The organist will play the church’s two manual pipe organ built in 1905.

SPC is an open and inclusive spiritual community seeking to practice the radical hospitality of Jesus. All people regardless of age, race, ability, sexual orientation, marital status, social class or religious affiliation are welcome. The church is rooted in the Christian faith and connected with the Presbyterian Church, USA.

The church is seeking a part-time organist/pianist to:
- Provide organ and/or piano music during the 10:45 am Sunday service
- Select and present music for the interlude and postlude (arrange for alternate pianist/organist if needed)
- Provide accompaniment for the choir—September to June
- Coordinate with the Choir Director to:
  - Provide accompaniment for weekly choir rehearsals (Tuesday evenings 7:30 – 9:00pm)
  - Schedule and conduct special practice sessions with musicians as needed
  - Participate as a member of the Music Committee (meets 4-5 times/yr)
  - Provide accompaniment for special services (as available)

The position requires a musician with an ability to play a wide variety of music. Experience with sacred music is preferred.

Interested individuals should submit a resume to the attention of Lois Spreen at Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church, PO Box 268, Shepherdstown, WV 25443 or via email at office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org

GJEILO WORKSHOP IN D.C.

Saturday, May 21 10:00 a.m. Choral directors, composers and singers alike will want to attend this special event, which includes TCS Artistic Director James Kreger leading an extended reading session of compositions by Ola Gjeilo with the composer at the piano. Gjeilo’s music is performed around the world.

Washington Men’s Camerata Music Director Frank Albinder will lead a Q&A with Gjeilo on his life and music, his composition techniques and practices, and his current projects. The registration fee includes refreshments and a packet of music provided by The Musical Source. Gjeilo (YAY-lo) was born in Norway in 1978 and now resides in New York City.

Sponsored by the Thomas Circle Singers and the DC/MD American Choral Directors Association, with support from Hal Leonard Corporation and Walton Music Publishers.

SINGERS WANTED

Auditions Open for Blue Ridge Singers

Do you enjoy singing? Do you love choral music? Come join the Blue Ridge Singers! The BRS seek vocalists interested in performing fun and challenging repertoire by contemporary composers such as Lauridsen, Gjeilo, Runestad, Paulus, Wilberg, Whitacre and Hogan in addition to selections from the Renaissance, 17th-20th centuries, and Broadway classics. All voices are welcome. Auditions (for vocal placement) are being held until July 31, 2016. Visit www.blueridgesingers.com for more information.

Information: Leslie Fiddler
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