

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 16
10AM

REGISTRATION
WORKSHOP WITH
DAVID
CHERWIEN



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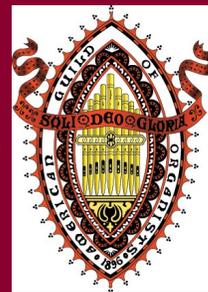
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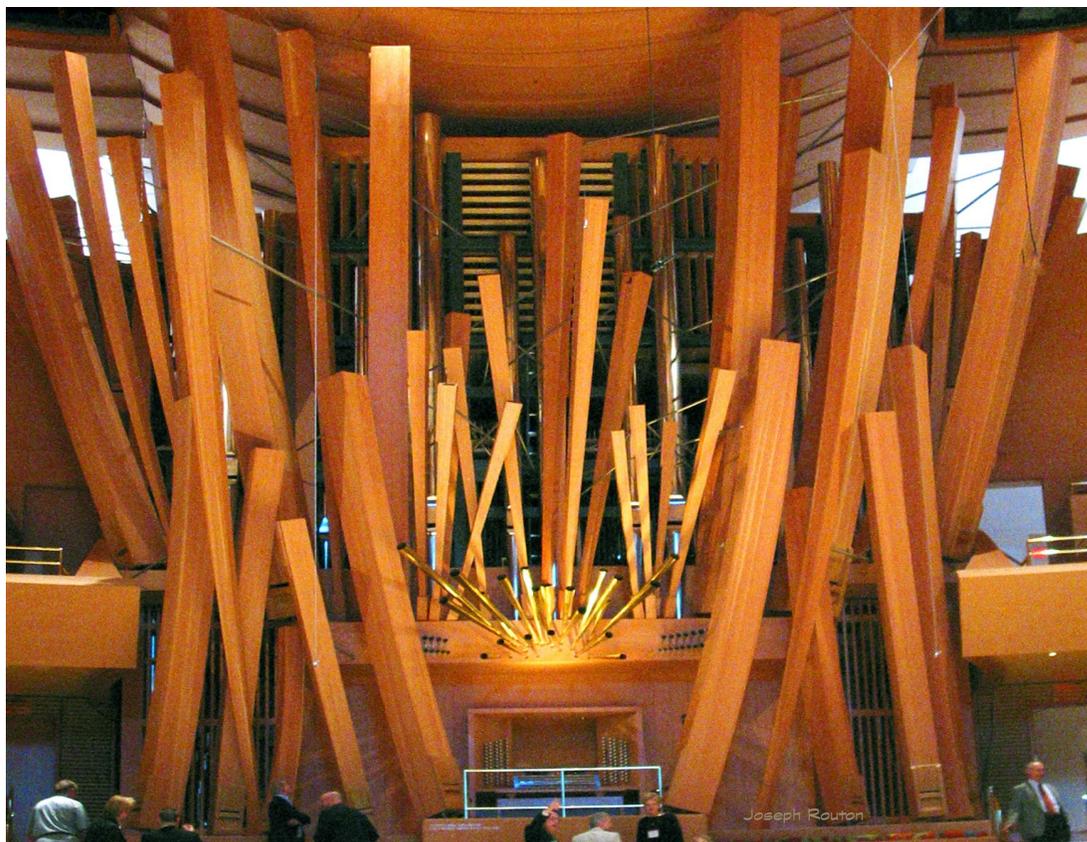
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The Disney Hall Organ in Los Angeles, California, was designed by architect Frank Gehry, in consultation with Manuel Rosales. It was built by the German organ builder Caspar Glatter-Götz, under the tonal direction and voicing of Manuel Rosales. It has 72 stops, 109 ranks, and 6,125 pipes. Some people refer to it as Disney's french fries. Gehry designed the Disney Hall. Photo by Joe Routon.

Dean's Message -- by Vernon Williams

It was great to see so many of our chapter members at the January meeting which featured Rick Seifert's superb multimedia presentation on John Wanamaker and the Wanamaker organ, titled "The Greatest Musical Wonder in The World." Rick spoke from a meticulously crafted script while an astonishing number of historic photos were shown on the screen accompanied by recordings

of the organ. The program included fascinating information on the life of John Wanamaker and his family, and the history and background of the landmark instrument we are privileged to have right here in our own backyard. The story of the Wanamakers was also the story of an extraordinary period in history, now long gone. Many thanks to Gail Gassaway and The



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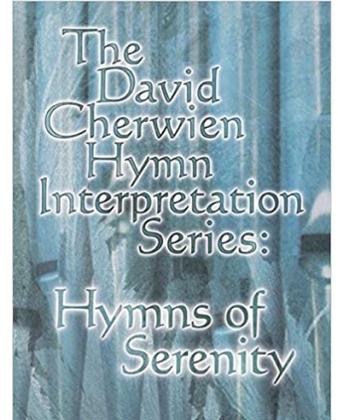


“David Cherwien is ...known nationally as a conductor, organist and composer and is in demand as a clinician and hymn festival leader.”

Sub-Dean's Report -- by Vicki Nichols

Hi Everyone! On **Saturday, February 16th, at 10:00 AM**, David Cherwien will present a workshop on hymn registrations at Trinity United Methodist Church, 36 West Maple Avenue, Merchantville. Cherwien is the artistic director of the National Lutheran Choir, is known nationally as a conductor, organist, and composer, and is in demand as a clinician and hymn festival leader. He is also well known for his multi-

volume work *Hymn Interpretations for Organ*. Our morning will begin at 9:30 AM with coffee and donuts and our workshop will be followed by a luncheon. Please contact Cathy O'Neill, cmo125@aol.com, and let her know that you're coming and what you'd like to bring for our luncheon. **Save the date!** On Friday, March 8th at 7:30 PM Joe Routon will present a Photographic Organ Tour at Haddonfield Presbyterian Church.



Matters of Note



Cares and Concerns

A card was sent to Max Esmus thanking him for all his contributions to the chapter and wishing him well.

A birthday card was sent to Ruth Fink celebrating her 90th.

A sympathy card was sent to Hugh Kronrot whose daughter passed away.

Hospitality

Thanks to everyone who brought items to our January luncheon. We will be having another luncheon after our February workshop with David Cherwien. Please let me know if you are coming and what you will be bringing. Suggestions include beverages, salads, chips, deviled eggs, and desserts.

Handbell Music Needed: The handbell choir at my church St James Lutheran in Pitman is being reorganized. If your church has any handbell music for 2 or 3 octaves that you are no longer using, we can use it. Please contact me with the information. Thanks - Cathy O'Neill cmo125@aol.com

Sunday, Feb 24 at 3:30 pm, First Presbyterian Church, 110 W Commerce St. Bridgeton:

A concert presented by Gae Finch & Kyle Sheppard on piano with special guests Alexander Covelli, violin and Alexander Ciaciarelli, oboe & English horn in warm & cozy Bonham Hall. There will be an offering received for Cumberland County's Code Blue (M 25 Initiative) which provides overnight housing for the homeless in sub freezing weather.

Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 3pm: Symphony in C performs Mozart, Beethoven and Mendelssohn at Salem Community College's Davidow Theatre, 460 Hollywood Avenue, Carney's Point NJ. Admission is free; donations gladly accepted. Sponsored by "Music Around the County/Salem County Arts Alliance, celebrating the 10th Season of Free Concerts. Ample parking available. *See poster, page 10*

Wednesdays at 10 am, Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City, NJ: The curator's tour of the magnificent Midmer-Losh organ will be conducted with a recital following at noon. Check Boardwalkorgans.org for details and schedule updates. These events are free, but there is an opportunity to support the organ restoration project. Come prepared! Our own Glenn Rodgers will be playing recitals on 2/27 and 3/6.

Free Demonstrations of the Fred. J. Cooper Memorial Organ at the Kimmel Center: Held on the following Saturdays at 1pm: February 9, March 9, April 20, May 4, June 15. For more information or group reservations, call 215-790-5886.

Sunday, March 31 at 2pm: Kimmel Center presents Nathan Laube in recital. More information and tickets available online at www.kimmelcenter.org.



Gallery: January Events



Clockwise from left: Ethel Geist and Clair Rozier receive Member of Honor Awards from the Philadelphia AGO at January Jumpstart on 1/12/19. Rick Siefert's remarkable Wanamaker Organ presentation is the highlight of our 1/26 chapter meeting.



Programs at a Glance

(See Sub-Dean's Report on page 2 for details)

Saturday, February 16 at 10AM:

*Organ Registration workshop by
David Cherwien - Trinity United Methodist
Church, Merchantville*

Friday, March 8 at 7:30PM:

*Joe Routon's Photographic Organ Tour
Haddonfield Presbyterian Parlor*

Sunday, April 7 at 4PM:

*Annual Members Recital at
Trinity Episcopal Church, Moorestown*

May (date TBA):

*Organ Crawl: Archmere, Claymont, DE and
Dickinson HS Theater Organ*

July (date TBA):

*Picnic and Annual Meeting at the home of
Glenn and Cindy Rodgers*

Convention Corner

-- by Evelyn Larter, CAGO

We are now just five months away from the start of the 2019 Mid-Atlantic Regional Convention here in South Jersey, and the good news is that registration is still going very well. We expect this month to be a busy one, as early registration rates end on March 1st. There will still be a special lower rate for our chapter members but now is the time to take advantage of the lowest available rate. This would be an excellent time to contact your friends in the region and encourage them to register promptly – a message that will be all the more effective if you can say “I’ve registered – please join me!” We hope that our members who attend will be willing to volunteer for the many small tasks that will add up to a welcoming atmosphere for our colleagues from around the region. We will give more specific details on that in the near future.

We also need your help in soliciting ads from business owners, arts organizations and organ lovers in general for our program book. With rates as low as \$65 for a business card size, this is a great way to show support while acquiring valuable exposure for a business or service. Can we all make a point this month of asking our choir members and others in our congregations to consider what is a one-time only opportunity? Other ways people can help include sponsoring a particular aspect of the convention, for example a workshop or recital, or something practical like water bottles for attendees. These contributions would be recognized in the program book. Contact Marilyn Rabbai for more information. *Editor's note: See sponsorship forms on the next two pages!*

Convention Website: agosouthjersey2019.org





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Program Book Advertising: The program book will be distributed to all convention attendees. Information and submission forms are available on the website:

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Deadline for Program Book advertising copy delivery is April 17, 2019

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___ Eighth page Professional Card	\$65	(3.5" w by 2.0" h) \$65	_____

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Convention dates: June 30-July 3, 2019; Convention hotel/exhibit space: Crowne Plaza, Cherry Hill
 Convention website: agosouthjersey2019.org; Sponsor email: mwrabbai@verizon.net
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Professional Concerns -- by David Rhody, SPC

“Some employers, according to the Diocesan directive, accept that non salaried employees work 40 hours per week, with or without timesheet documentation. In any case, this is a good opportunity to discuss with your employer exactly how much time you invest in your employment each week.”

New Jersey's new Earned Sick Leave Law became effective on October 29, 2018, and provides paid sick leave for all New Jersey employees, whether they work for a for-profit, non-profit, full-time or part-time, religious or secular employer with salary or hourly status. In other words, all NJ employees are covered by this law. Under the law your employer was required to post notification of this coverage in your place of work by Nov. 29, 2018. If you are not aware of your rights, here is a quick overview provided by the Diocese (Episcopal) of New Jersey, as it applies to church employees including musicians, and as forwarded to me by the kindness of Peter Homon.

The law states that all employees earn one hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours of work completed. So if you document only a minimum of say 3 hours per week (2-hour choir rehearsal and 1 hour service), you would earn at least five hours of paid sick leave per year. It would make sense, however, to discuss

with your employer how many hours you actually work per week, including planning, practice, secretarial, meetings and other duties, and then agree with your employer how your hours will be counted. Some employers, according to the Diocesan directive, accept that non salaried employees work 40 hours per week, with or without timesheet documentation. In any case, this is a good opportunity to discuss with your employer exactly how much time you invest in your employment each week.

Even if you already receive paid sick leave, this law guarantees its use for a wider range of purposes besides your illness. For example, you can use earned sick leave to take time off from work when you need diagnosis, care, treatment, or recovery for a mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition; or you need preventive medical care; You need to care for a family member during diagnosis, care, treatment, or recovery for a mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition; or

your family member needs preventive medical care; or You or a family member have been the victim of domestic violence or sexual violence and need time for treatment, counseling, or to prepare for legal proceedings; or You need to attend school-related conferences, meetings, or events regarding your child's education; or to attend a school-related meeting regarding your child's health; or Your employer's business closes due to a public health emergency or you need to care for a child whose school or child care provider closed due to a public health emergency. Family members include spouse, child, grandchild, domestic or civil partner, parent, grandparent and siblings.

No employer is required to approve more than 40 hours of sick leave use per year. Other than that, the benefit is significant for all. I will be happy to share the Diocesan Bulletin of Information with anyone who asks (drhody1@comcast.net).



Chapter Emergency Fund

Our Chapter has begun the sponsorship of a fund to provide short-term emergency aid to Chapter members who find themselves temporarily in need of assistance. No dues money will be used for this aid, but tax-deductible contributions will be welcome at any time. A committee of three, consisting of the Dean, the

Chair of Professional Concerns, and another member of that committee, will award aid as the need arises. Any Chapter member may recommend a member in good standing who, for reasons such as illness or unemployment, deserves our help, by contacting the Dean or the Chair of Professional Concerns. All cases

of course will be confidential. If you would like to contribute to this cause, please send your tax-deductible donation (made out to SWJersey Chapter AGO) to our Treasurer Gail Gassaway, marked for "Musicians' Emergency Fund." Mail to: 241 Night Hawk Circle, West Deptford NJ 08086.

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Positions Available:

First Presbyterian Church, Woodbury Heights NJ - Director of Music needed: Organist / Adult Choir Director, Adult Bell Choir and Youth Choir, 11:00 AM Sunday service, Thursday evening rehearsals. Please Contact Lori Taylor at bensmama68@comcast.net or (856) 906-1637.

Memorial Presbyterian Church, Wenonah NJ - Music Director/Organist: 11AM service (10AM in summer), 2-manual Moeller organ, digital piano, Thursday night rehearsals, Adult Choir, Bell Choir, Childrens' Music program. Contact Ellen Lanciano at scoutel@aol.com or 856-357-2582. To see complete job description, follow this link: <https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3A6ffaf7-a1a9-4e0c-bc3b-4c282f58d7b6>

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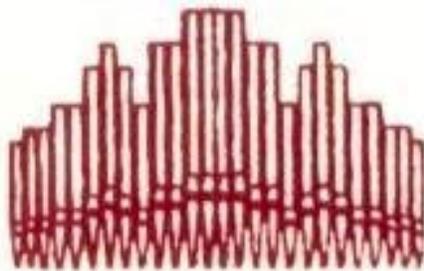
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Dean's Message -- continued from page 1

Rev. David Stoner for being our gracious hosts at Temple Lutheran Church in Pennsauken, and to Cathy O'Neill for organizing the coffee and donuts as well as the most pleasant lunch we shared together afterward.

We have another fine event scheduled for February 16th at 10:00 a.m. when David Cherwien will lead a workshop on organ registration at Trinity United Methodist Church in Merchantville. Please join us for another inspiring gathering, and a chance for fellowship as we enjoy lunch together after the workshop.

If you haven't already registered for this summer's Regional Convention being held right here in South Jersey, please do! It is very easy to register via the convention website. You can pay by credit card or check. A link to the conference hotel is also included on the website. The convention will be a monumental moment in our chapter's history, and I know we will all want to be part of it.

I look forward to seeing you in Merchantville on February 16!

