This year the month of March coincides almost exactly with the season of Lent. For many of us Lent is a time of more somber and reflective music as well as a busy time of preparation for Holy Week and Easter services. Sometimes, while we are focusing on the musical aspects of the season, the spiritual opportunities that Lent provides can take a back seat. But since our work as organists is spiritual in nature, part of our spiritual work can appropriately be applied to our work as musicians.

For example, working toward a regular or increased practice schedule could be part of our spiritual growth. Or we could browse through our church hymnal and meditate on the texts. With the help of the internet, we could perhaps explore new repertoire, focusing on some area or composer that seems interesting or fruitful. We might decide to
Hi Everyone! Our next event is a workshop with David Schelat on the music of Wilbur Held which will be on Saturday, March 21st at 10:00 AM at First Presbyterian Church located on 20 Kings Highway East, Haddonfield. David Schelat is a composer and an organist who gives dynamic workshops around the country on organ music as well as choral and conducting workshops. You can find more information about David Schelat on his website: https://www.davidschelat.com/. Our workshop will consist of a presentation on the life and music of Wilbur Held. The music selected for the morning will span the liturgical year featuring organ music for Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, and a variety of pieces based on general hymn tunes. Members from our chapter will demonstrate the music for this workshop. We will start our morning with coffee and donuts at 9:30 AM. After our workshop is over feel free to go into town and have lunch at the restaurant of your choosing!

Save the date! Sunday, April 26th at 4 PM is our annual Members’ Recital at St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church in Woodbury. (see organ specs, page 8)

“David Schelat is a composer and an organist who gives dynamic workshops around the country on organ music as well as choral and conducting workshops.”

Matters of Note

Cares and Concerns A get well card was sent to Gail Gassaway after a successful foot surgery. Ruth Fink is in rehab recovery from her hip injury. Friends are encourage to send cards or text messages to Ruth. Cards should be sent to her home address and the family will bring them to her. I did send a Valentine’s Day card with a note on guild activities. Cathy O’Neill

Hospitality A big thank you goes to Donna Banes for hosting a lovely reception after the great Organ/Trumpet concert enjoyed by all. This month’s workshop will start with coffee and donuts. After the workshop, those who are interested will gather to eat at a local establishment. It will be informal and no reservations are being made. Hope to see some of you there.

Wednesdays at Noon, Trinity Episcopal Church in Moorestown: Lenten Organ Recital Series
March 4: Jonathan Stark; March 11 Richard Spotts; March 18 Aaron Patterson; March 25 Victoria Nichols; April 1 Erik Meyer. Soup luncheon follows at 12:30pm.

Sunday, March 29 at 4 pm: The Delaware Women’s Chorus under the direction of Joanne Ward will perform a concert entitled “Our Hearts’ Song,” celebrating “Women’s History Month.” First Presbyterian Church, 88 Market Street, Salem NJ. Admission is Free. Sponsored by “Music Around the County/Salem County Arts Alliance.” For further information, call Joanne Owen at 856-769-3212 or 609-420-0309.

Congratulations to Joanne Owen, elected President of “Music Around the County/Salem County Arts Alliance” as of January 2020. She is a charter member of this organization, founded by Dr. Jim Turk in 2009.

Congratulations to Ruth Fink and Helen Carrell, in whose honor a special gift was made to the AGO New Organist Fund. The donation, made by dual member and former SWJAGO dean Charlene Cranmer, will be acknowledged on the donor report in the December 2020 issue of The American Organist. As the acknowledgement letter states, this gift “...is a testament to the respect, admiration and affection that is held” for Ruth and Helen, and their many years of service to our chapter and our profession.

Kawai console piano - owner would like to find a good home for this instrument. Contact Morgia Polatsek 856-983-5990 (2/20)

Wednesday, April 29 at 7 pm: Christopher Daly will present an organ recital at the Church of Saint Thomas on the campus of Villanova University at 800 Lancaster Avenue in Villanova, Pennsylvania. The program will include music by Calvin Hampton, Dandrieu, Bach, Saint Saens (arr. Guilmant), and Vierne. The program is offered free of charge and is open to the public. A reception will follow the recital.

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Our February 16 program featured trumpeter Chuck Seipp and organist Randall Sheets in a fascinating, inspiring and well-received performance. All took place at Moorestown Methodist, hosted by Music Co-Director Donna Banes. Photos by Joe Routon, Gail Gassaway and Marilyn Rabba.
Preview: David Schelat’s Workshop on Wilbur Held

-- by Vernon Williams

Our March 21 program at Haddonfield Presbyterian Church features David Schelat’s presentation on the life and music of Wilbur Held. David has chosen a representative selection of Held’s compositions arranged by liturgical season, but instead of playing all the music himself, he has asked our members to sign up to play as well. This way we’ll be more involved in the workshop and it will be more fun and interesting for everyone. As you can see from the repertoire list below, “Silent Night” from the Nativity Suite is still available. If you would like to perform this piece, please email Vicki (sieglinde1776@aol.com) or me (vwilliams@trinitymoorestown.org) so we can update the list.

This will be an informative workshop full of practical insights - we hope to see you all there. Thanks in advance to everyone participating!

Advent and Christmas
Silent Night (Nativity Suite) easy - this piece is still available!

Epiphany
The Three Kings (Nativity Suite) Mary Johnson
As with gladness, men of old (Six Hymn Settings for Epiphany) Mary Johnson

Lent
In the cross of Christ I glory (Suite of Passion Hymn Settings) Vernon Williams
The royal banners forward go (Suite of Passion Hymn Settings) Vernon Williams

Easter
Jesus Christ is risen today (Six Preludes on Easter Hymns) Gae Finch

Pentecost
Come down, O love divine (Hymn Preludes for the Pentecost Season) Gae Finch

Non hymn-based music
Aria (Sketches for Organ) Marilyn Rabbai
My carnal life I will lay down (Shaker Tunes for Organ) Marilyn Rabbai

General hymn tunes
Awake, awake to love and work (Hymn Preludes for the Autumn Festivals) Jonathan Stark
St. Denio (Those Wonderful Welsh, Set 2) Joanne Owen
Matters of Note

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Sunday, May 10 at 3 pm: Christopher Daly will present an organ recital at the Church of Saint Vincent Pallotti, 901 Hopkins Road, Haddon Township, New Jersey. The program will include music of Louis Couperin, Beauvarlet-Charpentier, Bach, and Gigout. The program is offered free of charge and is open to the public. A reception will follow the recital.

Pipe Organ Encounter Plus June 28 – July 3, 2020 Sponsored by the Lehigh Valley Chapter AGO. Participants should be age 19 or older, want to play the organ or currently play the organ in a church or synagogue and be interested in improving their skills. Featuring: outstanding faculty, the finest organs in the Lehigh Valley, concerts, recitals, private instruction. For additional information: See our brochure and letter of greeting or call 610.439.1933

Pipe Organ Encounter Plus July 26 - 31 July 31, 2020 hosted by the Richmond chapter, offering adult students of all experience levels an intense and exciting schedule of lessons, practice time, workshops, recitals, master classes, and field trips. Registration fee is $500, or $450 if registered and paid by May 1st. Registration deadline is June 15th. For more information on the event, go to http://poe2020.richmondago.org/

The Philadelphia chapter seeks to bring more awareness to the entire organ-loving community about the fine organists and performances in the area. They have created a Facebook page to advertise all the concerts in our vicinity, whether hosted by their chapter or not: https://www.facebook.com/Organ-Concerts-Around-Philly-39466184113017/. Check out their YouTube channel and a brief interview program called A Console Encounter. The inaugural episode features Rich Spotts: https://youtu.be/oMit8NpgTYM

Programs at a Glance

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

Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 10AM:
Workshop with David Schelat -
Music of Wilbur Held
Haddonfield Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 26, 2020 at 4PM:
Annual Members Recital at
St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Woodbury

Saturday, May 2, 2020 at 10AM:
Organ Crawl: Girard College, Philadelphia
Demonstration by Rudy Lucente
Followed by lunch at Jack’s Firehouse

Sunday, June 28, 2020 at 3:30PM:
Picnic and Annual Meeting,
At the Nichols farm, Franklinville

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SouthWest Jersey AGO Nominations 2020
-- by Glenn Rodgers, AAGO

The Nominating Committee is pleased to report the following candidates for the upcoming year:

Dean – Vernon Williams
Sub-Dean – Victoria Nichols
Treasurer/Registrar – Chuck Gibson
Secretary – Cathy O’Neill

Executive Board Class of 2023
Renee Hatzold
Evelyn Larter
Kyle Sheppard

Gail Gassaway will be retiring from the position of Treasurer/Registrar at the end of this term. We offer our resounding thanks to her for many years of faithful service. Chuck Gibson, who was initially nominated as a member of the Executive Board Class of 2023, has agreed to be our new candidate for Treasurer/Registrar. The nominating committee is now in the process of adding one more member to our Executive Board Class of 2023 candidate roster. We are grateful to Chuck and to all these members for their willingness to serve the Chapter by assuming or continuing these responsibilities. We urge all our members to encourage them by returning the ballot form. You may send it by mail to Glenn Rodgers, the Teller of the Election, at 103 Tarlton Court, Delran, NJ 08075. You may also vote by email at gcrogers@aol.com. Please refer to the ballot form for full instructions.

(See ballot, next page)

SouthWest Jersey Chapter Scholarship Program
-- by Lawrence DePasquale, CAGO

Our chapter’s scholarship program has been unintentionally in “intermission” and needs to continue. This program exists to serve area congregations by increasing the number of capable organists and to insure the continuation of the classical church music profession.

As a reminder, the program is structured as 14 one-hour lessons scheduled at the mutual convenience of the instructor and student, ideally on the organ where the student practices, or at least one a month where the student practices. The lessons and public jury must take place within 4 months. The practice instrument must have a minimum of two 61-note keyboards and a concave, radiating 32-note pedalboard, with all keys functioning. The student must have legs long enough to reach the pedalboard and have intermediate piano skills (meaning and understanding of meter signatures, chords, key signatures, and the ability to read G and F clefs).

The audition for this program is on piano. Applicants will be asked to prepare and perform a simple Bach keyboard work, also one movement of a sonata by Mozart, Haydn, Beethoven, Clementi, or Kuhnau, and also one hymn written in traditional four-part harmony. The applicant will be asked to sight-read two short pieces; one will be in common meter.

At the conclusion of the 14 one hour lessons, a jury is required with the teacher and at least two additional chapter members present. The jury will consist of the following:

Two of these three chorales: Ein feste Burg, Lobe den Herren, Herzlich tut mir verlangen
A hymn will be sight-read, pedaling not required
The tune Old Hundredth in any of its traditional forms, copy provided to the committee
One pedal alone passage of a chorale, minimum 15 measures
A trio chorale
A prelude or fugue from the collection Eight Little Preludes and Fugues

The instructor is appointed by the local chapter. Accepted applicants are responsible for securing a pair of Organmaster shoes and required music. Instruction may happen any time provided all activities are completed within four months. Candidates of all ages who meet the above criteria are welcome. Please contact Lawrence De Pasquale at ldorp59@yahoo.com with questions and to express interest.
SOUTHWEST JERSEY CHAPTER
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ELECTION BALLOT 2020-21

Please complete your ballot, do not sign it. Place it in an envelope, sign your name across the back flap, and mail before April 10th to:

Glenn Rodgers, Teller of the Election
103 Tarlton Court
Delran, NJ 08075

You may also vote by email to Glenn at gcrodgers@aol.com by April 15th.

DEAN – Vote for one

____ Vernon Williams
____ (write-in choice)

SUB-DEAN – Vote for one

____ Victoria Nichols
____ (write-in choice)

TREASURER/REGISTRAR - Vote for one

____ Chuck Gibson
____ (write-in choice)

SECRETARY – Vote for one

____ Cathy O’Neill
____ (write-in choice)

EXECUTIVE BOARD CLASS OF 2023 – Vote for three (a fourth candidate will be forthcoming)

____ Renee Hatzold
____ Evelyn Larter
____ Kyle Sheppard
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4' Oboe Clarion
Tremolo
16' Subcoupler
4' Supercoupler
Unison Off

POSITIV
Zimbelstern
8' Gemshorn (Great)
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4' Gemshorn
4' Harmonic Flute
2 2/3' Nazard
2' Blockflöte (4' Harmonic Flute ext.)
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8' Clarinet (expressive)
Tremolo
Chimes (tenor G to 2 octaves)
8' Cor de Gabriel/Nave*
8' Cor de Gabriel/Sanctuary-Chancel*
Unison Off
16' Subcoupler
4' Supercoupler
Swell to Positiv 8, 4
*Walker Digital

GREAT
16' Gemshorn
8' Open Diapason
8' Harmonic Flute
8' Clarabella (pedal)
8' Gemshorn
4' Octave
4' Harmonic Flute ext.
2' Fifteenth
IV Mixture
16' Subcoupler
4' Supercoupler
Unison Off
Swell to Great 16, 8, 4
Positiv to Great 16, 8, 4

PEDAL
32' Quinted Bourdon
16' Open Wood Diapason
16' Bourdon (expressive)
16' Clarabella
16' Gemshorn
8' Open Wood Octave ext.
8' Clarabella
4' Open Wood Octave ext.
4' Harmonic Flute (Great)
16' Bombarde Cornopean ext. (Swell)
4' Oboe (Swell)
Great to Pedal 8, 4
Swell to Pedal 8, 4
Positiv to Pedal 8, 4
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MUSIC OF REMEMBRANCE

Thursday, March 19th, 2020, 7:00 PM

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A Benefit Concert with Oded Hadar, cello
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Positions Available:

**Positions Available/Substitute List -- by Peter Homon**

**Positions Available:**

- **Morrisville Presbyterian Church, Morrisville, PA** - O/accompanist for adult and children’s choirs, 4 manual 79 stop Allen Quantum, Thursday evening rehearsals, 10:30 service. Contact timcarpenter@mpusa.net for additional info and complete job description. (2/20)

- **Luther Memorial Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod), Blackwood** - O/D, no choir but would like to begin one, 9:00 service, 3m Allen Renaissance 340, contact Randall Kelley, randalkelly@comcast.net 856-278-9570. (2/20)

- **St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, Willingboro** - Organist/pianist, 2 man. Allen, diverse congregation with diverse musical styles, Rehearsals wed. at 7:15, Sunday service at 10:30, resumes to Nina D. Bonner at stpumc@verizon.net or 201 Levitt Pkwy., Willingboro, NJ 08046 (1/20)


- **St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Camden** - organist, 1:00 service, no choir at this time, good opportunity for a student. Fr. Mark Smith 856-365-5880. zmsmith8003@gmail.com (12/19)

- **St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church, Cherry Hill** - Interim O/D, 10:00 svc., adult choir, 3 manual Allen, familiar with Episcopal liturgy, racially and culturally diverse congregation using Hymnal 1982 as well as LEVAS. Rector motherannanoon@gmail.com (12/19)

- **Zion Lutheran Church (ELCA) Bristol, PA** - O/D, part-time, Edwin Ohl 2-manual 10 rank tracker, one weekly Sunday service + special services. Contact Pastor George Loewer at (267) 980-7098 or geoandthedragon@verizon.net for a detailed Job Description, application.

These musicians are available on Sundays and also for weddings and funerals other days:

- Charlene Cranmer 609-458-2993 (Southampton, NJ) - July and August only, ctcranmer@comcast.net

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Our next issue will be April 2020.
Deadline for articles, announcements, pictures and reports will be Wednesday, March 25.
Dean’s Message --

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add a new Lenten piece to our own repertoire. There are so many possibilities for growth, and the Lenten season gives us an excuse to explore some of them in a mindful way.

The Seipp and Sheets trumpet and organ concert in February at First United Methodist Church in Moorestown was remarkable and inspiring. Both musicians were outstanding and the music was varied and interesting, as were the verbal program notes that were offered throughout the concert by both players. Donna Banes was a gracious host, helping our visiting artists adjust to the venue, and providing a delightful reception after the concert. This was a unique and memorable concert that was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Another treat is in store this month as David Schelat presents a workshop on the music of Wilbur Held at First Presbyterian Church on Saturday, March 21 at 10:00 am. Several of our chapter members have signed up to play. Held’s music is accessible and practical, and this workshop promises to be both educational and useful.

I wish you a blessed Lenten season, and I hope to see you on March 21 in Haddonfield.