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The Dean's Message



H. Joseph Butler BM, MM, DMA, AAGO FWAGO Dean 2016-2018

Hello Everyone!

It seems like just a week ago that I wrote my first dean's message to the chapter. The new church and school year has started up and time is passing swiftly. Be sure to attend our opening event at Ridglea Presbyterian Church on Friday, September 23^{rd.} There will be a dinner starting at 6:00 PM, followed by a recital by our certified members. It will be an evening of great music, so come support your colleagues. It will also be an opportunity to meet our new members who have joined this fall.

Best Wishes.

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COMMUNITY MUSIC EVENTS



Fall 2016

Events planned, organized, performed or sponsored by our Chapter members. Open to public and free unless otherwise noted.

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR EVENT INFORMATION TO OUR EDITOR,

Joshua Lang at joshua.lang@mavs.uta.edu by 25th day of the month to ensure the event appears in this publication.

September 8, 2016 Thursday, 7:30pm

St. Mark's Church, Anglican

2024 S. Collins St.

Arlington, TX 76010

Linton Powell, Organist: 41st Annual Faculty Recital

Works by composers from Germany, Spain, England and France.

Admission free and open to the public, reception following in the Parish Hall

September 23, 2016 Friday 6pm Dinner, 7:15pm Recital

Ridglea Presbyterian Church

6201 Camp Bowie Blvd.

Fort Worth, TX 76116

Our Chapter's Opening Event and Membership Meeting

Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Recital 7:15 p.m. (following dinner)

Welcome in the new organ year with a recital performed by members of the FWAGO who have earned AGO Certifications. It will be an enjoyable evening with a varied program of organ literature.

Please plan to come hear and support your colleagues and friends, and to begin the FWAGO 2016-17 organ year with your enthusiastic attendance!

Dinner reservations are \$15 and due by September 19th. To reserve your meal e-mail our Sub-Dean, Willie Martinez at guimart@swbell.net

October 7, 2016 Friday, 7:00pm

First United Methodist Church of Wichita Falls

909 10th Street

Wichita Falls, TX 76301

Nathan Laube, Organist

Nathan Laube (a Grammy Award winner!) is going to give an organ concert for our annual Elizabeth Prothro Organ Concert Series Phone number is 940-766-4231

The admission is free and open to the public.

October 7, 2016 Friday 7:00pm

St. Alban's Anglican Church

911 South Davis Drive

Arlington, Texas 76013

Organ recital by Alcee Chriss

Come and hear someone who is booked to play at the AGO Regional Convention in Dallas, June, 2017.

No admission charge and a reception will follow.

October 16, 2016 Sunday, 7:00 pm

Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center

2301 Flora Street

Dallas, Texas 75201

Dr. David Cherwien, Organist

10th Lutheran Hymn Festival - A Celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

Featuring text and/or tunes by Dr. Martin Luther

Tickets are \$15 & \$10 reserved: http://lutheranhymnfestival.org/tickets.html

October 22, 2016 Saturday 12:00 noon

First United Methodist Church, Hurst

521 W Pipeline Rd

Hurst, TX 76053

Revitalizing Hymns with Instrumental Arrangements

Guillermo Martinez, program coordinator

FWAGO members will be joined by instrumentalists, presenting

hymn arrangements for congregational singing for solo and multiple instruments.

Freshen up your festival hymns as well as those used weekly.

Fort Worth AGO 2016-2017 Season Programs

(For complete details on each event as they draw closer, see the "Community Music Events Page", or our chapter website calendar: www.fortworthago.org)

Fort Worth AGO Certified Members Recital

Friday, September 23, 2016
Opening Dinner and Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Recital 7:15 p.m.
Ridglea Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth

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"A Celebration of Life - An All Saints Concert"

Sunday, November 6, 2016 7:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church, Fort Worth, co-sponsored by the Fort Worth AGO

Bradley Hunter Welch, organist

The Choirs of First United Methodist Church, Fort Worth

Mr. Welch will perform an organ concerto with orchestra, and FUMC FW choirs will

Mr. Welch will perform an organ concerto with orchestra, and FUMC FW choirs will perform Vaughn Williams "Serenade to Music" and Dan Forrest's "Requiem for the Living"

Nathan Laube, Organ Recital

Friday, January 27, 2017 7:00 p.m. Texas Christian University, Ed Landreth Auditorium

Exploring Online Publishers and Composers

Saturday, February 25, 2017 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. St. Vincent's Cathedral, Bedford Coordinated by Fort Worth and Dallas AGO Sub-Deans Joint program with Dallas AGO Chapter

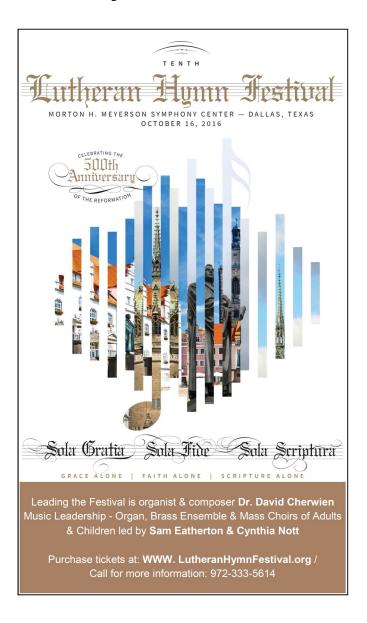
Supplement your service-playing literature with outstanding music from publishers and composers who distribute their scores mainly online. Members of both Dallas and Fort Worth AGO chapters will present and perform organ literature that is refreshing and new to you and your congregations. With the vast amount of online options, it might be overwhelming to look for scores. New scores from current composers will be presented to help augment and add more variety in your service-playing literature.

May 2017
Guest Organist in Recital
TBA
Closing Meeting and Dinner
St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth

Member and Chapter Happenings

Dr. Laurence Furr, Director of Music Ministries at Trinity Lutheran Church, has taken board exams and is now certified as a therapeutic musician. Laurence's full time work at Trinity includes playing organ, directing all choirs, and teaching Musikgarten every week to over 130 children enrolled at Trinity Lutheran Children's Center. Although he is full time at Trinity, Laurence works as a therapeutic musician at John Peter Smith Health Network, playing in all departments of the hospital; including playing at the bedside in ICU, Trauma and Critical Care Units, NICU, Surgery, and ER. He improvises music to bring heart rate and blood pressure down and to create a space for healing. He was also recently hired by Vitas Hospice to play in the inpatient unit in Baylor-All Saints Hospital. He spends over 20 hours a week in these facilities, playing both harp and Native American flutes. He studies harp via Skype with Therese Honey in Houston, Texas. He has been attending conferences and retreats in Utah, New Mexico, North Carolina, Texas, and teaches workshops each summer in Parsippany, New Jersey on therapeutic music. He is currently working on therapeutic music projects with a child psychologist in Simsbury, Connecticut.

Joshua Lang, our FWAGO newsletter editor and webmaster has been hired at First Presbyterian Church in Arlington, TX. He works with a very talented choir and choir director, and also plays a 19-rank Reuter organ. He is also in the last leg of finishing his masters degree at TCU.



Charlene Dolivka Dorsey

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Our Generous Chapter Concert Fund Donors, Thank you!

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Organist/Choir Director Positions Available

PART-TIME ORGANIST JOB

St. Barnabas United Methodist Church in Arlington, Texas has a job opening for a part-time organist. Weekly schedule includes three Sunday morning worship services and one Wednesday night choir rehearsal. Salary range \$15,000-\$16,000. Large three manual Allen organ with 32' pedal stops and festival trumpet. Baldwin concert grand piano. Church has 2-3 choral/orchestral concerts annually. There are opportunities for organ concerti and performance with brass ensemble.

Position available beginning May 18, 2016.

Contact: Dale Daniels, Director of Music dalerdan@gmail.com 214.535.3895 cell

Posted to the website on: August 1st, 2016

POSITION DESCRIPTION - DIRECTOR/ACCOMPANIST

JOB DESCRIPTION

This position is defined as salary (no overtime), restricted part time. Expectation of attendance is for Sunday Worship Services, rehearsals with the choir and three or four special services to include Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Christmas Eve.

PURPOSE

To provide accompaniment for scheduled worship services and other occasions in support of the music ministry of the church.

SKILLS NEEDED

- -Primary ability to play the keyboard.
- -Secondary ability to direct the choir and praise team.
- -Ability to sight-read.
- -Ability to take direction and work as a team member.

ACCOUNTABILITY

- -Works with the pastor and provides hymn music selections along with special music chosen to support the message/ theme of the week determined by the pastor.
- -Notify the pastor a minimum of two weeks prior but as soon as planned absences are known to allow for scheduling of a substitute accompanist. The applicant will be requested to sign forms allowing the church to perform a background check.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- -Rehearse weekly with church choir and praise team as scheduled.
- -Accompany the choir and praise team during scheduled worship services.
- -Support the church's worship environment through the well-prepared execution of music presented by the choir and praise team.
- -Provide assistance in planning, preparing, rehearsing and playing appropriate music for scheduled worship services and other required occasions to support the music ministry of the church.
- -Plan, select and prepare preludes, postludes and offertories.
- -Provide music for funerals and weddings as needed.
- -Prepare for choir rehearsal times to achieve a high quality music program.
- -Attend Worship Committee meetings as requested.

RELATIONSHIPS

-Relates to the Pastor as head of staff and supervisor.

Kennedale United Methodist Church

P.O. Box 146

229 W. 4th Street

Kennedale, TX 76060

817-478-5811

Contact: Jon Hunt, PPR, <u>JHunt1188@gmail.com</u> or Susie Thurow, Director/Accompanist, <u>sthurow756@gmail.com</u> for more information.

Posted to the website on: September 3rd, 2016

Certification Exams: from Peggy Graff

Do you think you are too busy for AGO certification? Well, think again! In life, we all do what we really WANT to do most often – and we make time for it, despite our busy lives. When we schedule time to do the things we want to do and follow through doing them, the outcome is usually a feeling of accomplishment and fulfillment. You are being encouraged and challenged to dive in and make the plunge towards certification! Make a splash!

In the July issue of The American Organist you will find information on pages 43-46 regarding the requirements for AGO professional certification. Please read the information and decide the level for which you will prepare. To empower and assist you with your level, workshops will be offered and taught at First United Methodist Church – Fort Worth (800 West 5th Street). Please let me know if you have any questions by contacting me, Peggy Graff, via email at pgraff@myfumc.org, or by calling me at 817-330-2405 (office). Please indicate your name, your contact information, and please specify the certification level for which you are preparing. If the workshop dates or times listed below do not work for your schedule, please let me know immediately. I will do whatever it takes to modify the schedule to meet your needs.

The levels of certification and workshop dates/times are as follows, each with a brief description of what will be covered in the workshop. Please keep in mind that these levels are not in the order of succession a person will necessarily take them. For example, some organists may choose to start with the CAGO exam. Others may choose to begin with the SPC, then progress to the CAGO, AAGO, etc. The FAGO exam (the uppermost level - Fellowship) is not addressed here; however, if you are wanting a workshop on the FAGO exam, please let me know.

CAGO (Colleague) Section 1 Saturday, September 24 – 10 am – 12 noon

- · Repertoire
- Accompaniment of choral anthem and solo
- Prepared hymn accompaniments

CAGO, Section 2

Saturday, September 24 - 12:30 - 2:30 pm

- · Harmonization of a melody
- Choice of hymn tune, plain chant, or folk song
- · Transposition in 2 stated keys
- · Modulation/Improvisation choose one
- Improvise own tune
- Improvise given tune
- o Improvisatory bridge between two hymns of different keys

ChM (Choir Master) Sections 1 and 2 overview Saturday, October 1 – 10 am – 12 noon

- Section 1 Practical Work
- Rehearse and direct the choir on three works
- Harmonize a melody
- Chord progressions and cadences
- o Play a hymn from the Examination Hymn Booklet, 2013
- Section 2 Paperwork
- Ear tests
- Write from dictation a short passage of two-part music
- Error detection
- Analysis
- Refer to a choral score and answer questions
- Gregorian Chant
- Transcribe into modern notation
- Know the modes
- Transcribe into modern notation with full text underlay
- Hymnody
- Choir Training
- Choral Repertoire
- General Music Knowledge

Attention!!! Special Announcement:

Our substitute roster will now only be published on our website. Here is a direct link:

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Newsletter Submissions

Please e-mail your submissions to our *Mixtures* Editor, Josh Lang, at Joshua.lang@mavs.uta.edu. Be sure to include all pertinent information. Pictures and e-mail links are highly desirable. It is most helpful if you will include the address of upcoming events as well as any pertinent contact information. Your editor will be most grateful since these must be researched if not included!

Submission deadline is by the 25th of September to be in the October issue.

Contact Information for the AGO:

Website: www.fortworthago.org

Facebook page: Fort Worth Chapter, American Guild of Organists

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To make sure you receive emails from AGO HQ, please add these addresses to your email address book so that HQ emails don't end up in your spam box: renewals@agohq.org and oncard@agohq.org as the from address.

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