

The Richmond STOPLIST

The Official Newsletter of the Richmond, Virginia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists



January Jumpstart

RICHMOND CHAPTER AGO

Saturday, January 10, 2009

First Presbyterian Church, Richmond
4602 Cary Street Road, Richmond
8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

international
year of the
organ
2008-2009



CHORAL READING SESSION	ORGAN REPERTOIRE FOR BUSY WEEKS! <i>Anita Williams</i>
ORFF MUSIC: EDUCATION AND WORSHIP <i>Abby Baird</i>	PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS SEMINAR <i>Jane Errera, AGO Region III Councillor</i>

FORUM: What's Next!

A panel-led discussion on topics which demand our attention!

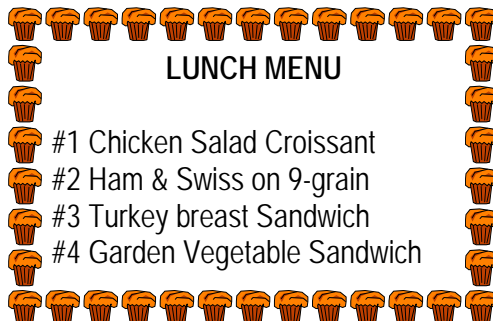
- So, you love organ music...
- Church Music challenges and opportunities of the 21st century
 - Recitals and Recitalists
- Academic Endeavors—teaching and studying

LUNCH

The cost is \$15.00.

Please make your reservation by January 5.

Order by number when you make your reservation at 804-228-6243.



LUNCH MENU

- #1 Chicken Salad Croissant
- #2 Ham & Swiss on 9-grain
- #3 Turkey breast Sandwich
- #4 Garden Vegetable Sandwich

DEAN'S LETTER

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I was having a conversation recently with a dear friend and co-worker about an announcement that was in our church bulletin. The announcement concerned supporting the Heifer Project, an international organization that makes it possible for people in need to receive farm animals that will provide food and farming power. The announcement was encouraging us to choose to give a gift to this organization in honor of friends and loved ones and then give them a card letting them know what we had done. Now, understand that I am a firm supporter of just about every do-good project that comes down the pike but there was something about the announcement that bothered me. I couldn't exactly put my finger on it but it was troubling nonetheless. After a day or so the source of my consternation finally dawned on me – the problem was that whole process was backwards. The person making the decision to give the honoring gift should be the one being honored – yes, you and I should be letting our friends and families know that we would be honored to have these kinds of gifts given in our names.

As we come into that time of year when commercialism seems to reign supreme, I urge you to consider making it easy for your friends and families to do good deeds by telling them how honored you would be to have a gift of this kind given in your name. There are so many in the world and even in our own community who are in need and so many fine organizations who can help to meet those needs with our assistance. I encourage you to make this holiday a special one by giving your loved ones this great opportunity to honor you and help others at the same time.

Best wishes for a very blessed and joyous holiday season,



Elvin

November 17 ~ Happy Anniversary!

Celebrating the Music of Leo Sowerby, Alexandre P.-F. Boëly, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Hugo Distler

Thirty members and friends of the Richmond Virginia Chapter gathered at Seventh Street Christian Church on Monday, November 17, for dinner and a program featuring the music of composers for whom 2008 is an anniversary year. Bruce Stevens spoke about and performed organ music of Ralph Vaughan Williams, and Ardyth Lohuis presented music and information of Hugo Distler. Marianne Crean spoke about Leo Sowerby after which Grant Hellmers led us in reading through two of his choral anthems. The presentations were outstanding and offered an opportunity to discover new repertoire and reacquaint ourselves with other pieces. Our grateful appreciation to host Mary Beth Bennett, the members of Seventh Street Church for their hospitality and to Anita Williams for providing multiple copies of the choral anthems.



Pictured from left to right are: Anita Williams, Grant Hellmers, Ardyth Lohuis, Mary Beth Bennett, Bruce Stevens and Marianne Crean.

CHAPTER PROGRAMS 2008-2009



2008-2009 Programs Richmond Chapter AGO International Year of the Organ

~ JANUARY 10 ~
JANUARY JUMPSTART
First Presbyterian Church
Repertoire classes, Easy organ, Easy Choral,
Professional Concerns, Orff Class

~ FEBRUARY 23 ~
MESSIAEN LECTURE/RECITAL
Location to be announced.
Guest Presenter: Charles Tompkins

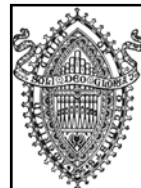
~ MARCH 21 ~
TO BE ANNOUNCED

~ MAY 12 ~
LITURGICAL DANCE & SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
Bon Air Baptist Church
Bon Air Baptist Dance Troupe and scholarship recipients

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Planning Committee:
Larry Heath, Elvin Nicely, Marianne Crean,
Judy Fiske, Ardyth Lohuis, Bob Ford, Nancy Reed

Organ Repertoire Recital Series 2008-2009 Season



CARLA EDWARDS
March 6, 2009 (Friday), 7:30 PM
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
6000 Grove Avenue, Richmond
Professor of Music and University Organist,
DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana

DONG-ILL SHIN
May 1, 2009 (Friday), 7:30 PM
Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
8 North Laurel Street, Richmond
Grand Prix d'Interprétation Winner,
Chartres Competition 2006.
Organist and Music Associate,
First United Methodist Church in Hurst, Texas



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/02 W. Ray Borden
12/05 Rita Busse Gulliksen
12/09 Anne H. Baughan
12/10 Marvin M. Stovall
12/11 Marsha Ann Worsham
12/15 Wesley C. Dudley
12/20 Matthew C. Rosendahl
12/21 Elizabeth C. Johnson
12/21 Louise J. Daniel
12/21 David M. Storey
12/22 Charles K. Lindsey, Jr.
12/22 Samuel G. Bruce
12/24 Diane Briggs Bacon
12/26 Eugene C. Smith
12/28 Sharon B. Freude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HAVE TWO VACANCIES IN OUR LEADERSHIP ROSTER FOR THE 2008-2009 SEASON.

If you can help with filling any of these positions, please contact Elvin Nicely at 804-512-2617.

Our most recent **Chaplain**, Stephen Price-Gibson has left Forest Hill Presbyterian and moved west. Our Chaplain typically provides words of wisdom and encouragement by writing short articles for our monthly newsletters. The Chaplain also is available to talk with members who are in need of confidential counseling or advice.

We need someone to take over the work that David McCormick has been doing in the area of **Educational Concerns and AGO Exams**. This person oversees the process for anyone in our chapter who wants to pursue an exam. David will provide the necessary guidance and additional information is available through the National AGO office in New York.

MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME TO A NEW MEMBER!

Agnes L. French, CAGO

3341 Derby Lane, Williamsburg, VA 23185
(757-345-6355) agnesfrench@williamsburgbaptist.com
Williamsburg Baptist Church,
Pastoral Associate for Music Ministries

CORRECTIONS

Edwin Godshall ~ Phone Number: 757-221-7180

Joan L. Neff, Ph.D. ~ Phone Number: 804-855-1398;
Available as a sub: June—August, 2009

Kristen Schussler ~ Address: 201 W. Marshall Street,
Apt 437, Richmond, VA 23220 kschuss@gmail.com

COMMITTEES

RichChap Executive Committee 2008-2009

Dean	Elvin Nicely
Sub-Dean	Larry Heath
Secretary	Pamela McClain
Treasurer	Cathy Grant
Auditors	Donald Traser 2007-2009 Ardyth Lohuis 2008-2010
Members-at-Large	Chris Martin 2006-2009 Nancy Reed 2006-2009 Bill Brown 2007-2010 Cheryl Van Ornam 2007-2010 Judy Fiske 2008-2011 Neil Kraft 2008-2011

Other RichChap Committees 2008-2009

**denotes chair of multi-member committee*

Chaplain	TBD
Chapter Programs	Larry Heath*
Communications	Betty Girardeau
Educational Concerns/ AGO Exams	TBD
Handbell Choir Festival 2009	Ruth Lewandowski*
Historian	Donald Traser
Meet the Pipe Organ Initiative	Judy Fiske
Membership	LaVern Moffat
New Organist Development/ Scholarships	Mary Ellen Balarzs, Larry Robinson
Newsletter Editor	Cheryl Van Ornam
Nominations 2009	Steve Henley*
Organ Consultation	Grant Hellmers 804-355-5236
Professional Concerns/Referrals	Betty Girardeau
Publicity	Neil Kraft
Recital Series 2008-2009	Chris Martin*
Registrar	Cathy Grant
Webmaster	Anne Porosoff
Yearbook Team	Bruce Stevens, Larry Heath

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

COLONIAL BEACH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

P.O. Box 189 Colonial Beach, VA 22443.

Seeking full-time organist/pianist for one Sunday Service and one choir rehearsal each week. Other occasional services could be necessary. Proficient keyboard experience is essential and previous church experience would be valuable. Salary: \$5720 per year. Instruments are Yamaha piano and two-manual electronic Hammond organ. Send resume to Rev. Beth Marie Helmbrecht, P.O. Box 189, Colonial Beach, Virginia 22443.

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1214 Wilmer Avenue, Richmond, VA 23227.

Seeking part-time organist/choir director for 2 Sunday morning services and 3 weekly rehearsals (Adult, Children's and Handbell choirs). Extra services occur during the year in accordance with the liturgical calendar. Funerals are included in the job description. Candidate should be experienced with Anglican chant. Heissler 22 rank, 2-manual pipe organ. Salary range from \$15,000 to \$15,500 with added benefits including health insurance, pension, book and music allowance, dues to professional associations and continuing education allowance. Contact Trudy Bavalack or The Rev. John West days at 804-266-2431.

LOWER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Hartfield, VA (between West Point and Deltaville).

Seeking organist for two traditional Sunday services and one mid-week choir rehearsal, as well as standard seasonal services. New three-manual Rogers Trillium Masterpiece Series organ. Salary \$12,000 per year. Contact Wayne Evans at 804-758-0760.

YORKMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6210 George Washington Memorial Hwy, Yorktown, VA 23692.

Seeking part-time organist for two Sunday morning worship services and a Wednesday evening choir rehearsal. Other duties include accompanying soloists and ensembles and special seasonal services. Additionally, the position may include rehearsing with children attending church educational programs, directing the flute choir and accompanying brass choir rehearsals. The church has a 3-manual Allen MDS-65 organ and a Yamaha grand piano. Salary starts at \$16,000 with two weeks paid vacation, 2 sick/personal days per year and \$500 yearly stipend for continuing education. Weddings and funerals receive extra compensation. Interested applicants should submit a resume with an attached cover letter to organist-job@yorkminsterpc.org or by mail to Organist Search Committee, Yorkminster Presbyterian Church, at the above address. More information about Yorkminster church can be found at www.yorkminsterpc.org.

WINTER 2008 SUBSTITUTE LIST

This is a list of persons who have indicated a desire to be called for substituting at church services. No specific qualifications are implied by their inclusion on this list. The employer is responsible for determining that a substitute will adequately meet the needs of the church. Questions should be addressed to Betty Girardeau by e-mail at bettyg@redfamiliar.com or by phone at 804-647-0825.

Candler-White, Laura	804-360-5754
Flynn, Tom	804-608-8842
Davis, Debbie	804-921-8234
Krehbiel, Cynthia	804-261-7877
Creager, Alice, AAGO	804-935-8735
Freude, Sharon	804-353-4683
Frolund, Bodil	804-330-7689
Van Ornam, Cheryl	804-814-6677
<small>(weddings, funerals, accompanying, special programs)</small>	
Gillespie, Joan	804-270-3569 (H)
Heath, Margie	804-730-2196
Kazik, Kelly	540-785-3649
<small>(Fredericksburg area)</small>	
Johnson, Betty Lou.	804-323-3970
Stephens, Dennis	804-529-9999
Kerschbaumer, Evelyn	804-744-3147
Salmeri, Connie	804-320-4310
Neff, Joan L.	804-855-1398
<small>(June-August 2009)</small>	
Suerken, Ernest A.	804-272-5545
Gullicksen, Rita	804-272-0505
<small>(weddings, funerals and special events)</small>	
Nowowieski, Adella	804-288-0917
<small>(Sat./Sun. p.m. services; Funerals and weddings)</small>	
Sachs, David	804-222-2494
<small>(weddings, memorial and funeral services and Shabbat services - Temple)</small>	
Schrock, Patricia	804-254-2744
<small>(weddings, funerals and non-Sunday events)</small>	
Worsham, Marsha Ann	804-883-6035
Schutt, Ed	804-564-4887
<small>(weddings, funerals, concerts, special programs/services)</small>	
Smithdeal, Cynthia	804-739-3948
Turner, Joanne	804-282-3589
Branch, Ada Andrews	804-862-4480 (H)

EVENTS

St. Bridge Catholic Church: Sat., Dec. 6, 7:30 PM

6006 Three Chopt Road, Richmond

Advent Lessons and Carols. Carols of the Advent season with readings of prophecy. Special choral music by Palestrina, Orb, Manz, Wood, Handel, Lindh, Stanford, and Warner. Presented by The Schola Cantorum, Parish Adult Choir, Parish Boy and Girl Choir, The Men's Ministry Choir. Allen Bean, Music Minister; Chris Martin, Organist. Monsignor William H. Carr, Pastor.

Parking: Church lot

Information: 804-282-9511, ext. 328

St. Michael's Episcopal Church: Sun., Dec. 7, 5:00 PM

(4:45 PM: Prelude begins)

8706 Quaker Lane, Richmond (Bon Air)

Advent Service of Lessons and Carols. This service will be offered by the Choirs of St. Michael's, Brass Quintet and Oboe.

Parking: Church lot

Information: 804-272-0992, ext. 104

St. James's Episcopal Church: Sun., Dec. 7, 5:00 PM

1205 W. Franklin Street, Richmond

Advent Lessons and Carols. St. James's West Gallery Choir and Youth Choir.

Parking: Free parking is available in the St. James's Parking Garage, 1100 West Franklin

Information: Mark Whitmire 804-355-1779, ext. 23 or e-mail mwhitmire@doers.org

Bon Air Presbyterian Church: Sun., Dec. 7, 6:00 PM

9201 W. Huguenot Road, Richmond

Advent Vesper Service and VCU Brass Ensemble.

Parking: Church lot

Information: 804-272-7514

River Road Presbyterian Church: Sun., Dec. 7, 7:00 PM

8960 River Road, Richmond

Music Mission Team, Youth Choir and Sacrifice of Praise. "Have You Heard the Story" Christmas concert which will be taken to Brazil December 26-30. Free will offering to support the mission trip.

Parking: Church lot

Information: 804-740-7083

Beulah UMC: Wed., Dec. 10, 7:00 PM

(6:00-6:45 PM: Dessert/Coffee Bar)

6930 Hopkins Rd., Richmond

Children's Musical. "Calling All Angels" by Helen Kemp.

Parking: Church lot

Information: 804-275-2325

St. Paul's Church, Bristol Parish: Fri., Dec. 12, 6:30 PM

110 N. Union Street, Petersburg

Concert by Candlelight. Edward A. Schutt, Organ and Piano; and, Rebecca Perlestein, Soprano. A Varied Program of Seasonal Favorites including Carols with audience participation. Donations to Whittle Music & Arts Fund accepted.

Parking: On street and back lot

Information: Susan Wells at (804) 733-3415, ext. 2, or Charles Lindsey, Jr. at 370-7374

Bon Air Presbyterian Church: Sat./Sun., Dec. 13/14

9201 W. Huguenot Road

Saturday, December 13, 2008 - 1:00 PM

Public Rehearsal for Messiah Sing-along

Sunday, December 14, 2008 - 4:00 PM

Messiah Sing-Along. Professional Soloists & Chamber Orchestra.

Parking: Church lot

Information: 803-272-7514

Beulah UMC: Sun., Dec. 14, 8:30/11:00 AM

6930 Hopkins Rd., Richmond

The Sanctuary Choir will present Shaw/Parker's "Seven Carols for Christmas" at the 8:30 and 11:00 AM Worship Services.

Parking: Church lot

Information: 804-275-2325

River Road Presbyterian Church: Sun., Dec. 14, 11:00 AM

8960 River Road, Richmond

Worship featuring Britten's "Ceremony of Carols," Chancel Choir with Mary Tryer, Harp.

Parking: Church lot

Information: 804-740-7083

Welborne United Methodist Church: Sun., Dec. 14, 3:00 PM

920 Maybeury Drive, Richmond

"Christmas Around the World" will be presented by Bob Ford, Organ; and, Bob Swift, Piano. Carols of the season, freely arranged will feature the 55-rank pipe organ and C-7 Yamaha grand piano.

Parking: Church lot

Information: 804-740-7128

Episcopal Church of the Redeemer: Sun., Dec. 14, 5:00 PM

2341 Winterfield Road, Midlothian

A Service of Lessons and Carols. The Gallery Choir performing works by J.S. Bach, Robert Lau, T. Tertius Noble, Samuel Scheidt, and Charles Talmadge. Accompanied by Francile Bilyeu and Jeremy McEntire, Flutes; Mary Tryer, Harp; Donald Anderson, Director of Music and Organist.

Parking: Church lot

Information: 804-379-8899

Trinity Lutheran Church: Sun., Dec. 14, 5:00 PM

2315 N. Parham Road, Richmond

Please join Trinity's Choristers, Youth Choir, Bell Choir, and Adult Choir for a service of celebration through scripture readings, anthems, and carols as we prepare during the season of Advent for Jesus' birth. A free-will offering will go to provide funds for Cross Over Ministry who's mission is: "To provide health care, promote wellness, and connect the talents and resources of the community with those in need in the name of Jesus Christ." Following the service, please join us for a meal graciously provided by the Board of Fellowship.

Parking: Church lot

Information: 804-270-4626

EVENTS

St. Paul's Episcopal Church: Sun., Dec. 14, 7:30 PM

815 E. Grace Street, Richmond

The Great 'O' Antiphons Advent choral service sung by St. Paul's Choir directed by Grant Hellmers with Karen Harris, Organ. Music by Howells and other English composers from the 16th through 20th centuries.

Parking: Free parking in St. Paul's garage, 8th St. between Grace and Franklin.

Information: 804-643-3589

Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church: Sun., Dec. 21, 11:00 AM

8 North Laurel Street, Richmond

Service of Lessons and Carols. The Adult Choir of Grace & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, directed by Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis and accompanied by Elizabeth Martin, will sing a Service of Lessons and Carols.

Parking: Available in the lot behind the church.

Information: Beth Melcher Davis 804-359-5628, ext. 18

Bon Air Presbyterian Church: Sun., Dec. 21, 11:00 AM

9201 W. Huguenot Road, Richmond

Cantata: "For us a Child is Born" by J.S. Bach. Choir, Soloists and String Quartet.

Parking: Church lot

Information: 804-272-7514

Mt. Pisgah UMC: Sun., Dec. 21, 3:00 PM

1100 Mt. Pisgah Drive, Midlothian

The Ministry of Music and Worship Arts will present "Sounds of the Season," a musical program featuring the church's Choral and Handbell ensembles. The program will be held in the sanctuary, and is open to the public. There is no admission charge.

Parking: Church lot

Information: 804-794-5856

St. Paul's Church, Bristol Parish: Sun., Dec. 21, 4:00 PM

110 N. Union Street, Petersburg

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols for Christmas. St. Paul's Festival Choir; Jason Connell, Tenor; Heather Jones, Mezzo Soprano; Charles K. Lindsey, Jr., Organist & Choirmaster. Works of Stanford, Mathias, Rutter, Handel, Vittoria, & Others. Festival Carols for Congregation. Annual Parish Christmas Dinner follows. For dinner reservations, please call parish administrator Susan Wells at 804-733-3415, ext. 2.

Parking: On street in front of church on N. Union and in back lot (take next right to N. Market St. and turn right into the lot)

Information: Susan Wells at 804-733-3415, ext. 2, or Charles Lindsey, Jr. at 804-370-7374.

Beulah UMC: Wed., Dec. 24, 5:30/11:00 PM

6930 Hopkins Rd., Richmond

*5:30 PM: Family Christmas Eve service, "Welcome to Our World"
11:00 PM: Candlelight and Communion Christmas Eve service.*

Parking: Church lot

Information: 804-275-2325

Bon Air Presbyterian Church: Sun., Dec. 24, 9:00 PM

(8:30 PM: Recital with Organ, Harp, and Handbells)

9201 W. Huguenot Road, Richmond

Christmas Eve Service.

Parking: Church lot

Information: 804-272-7514

St. James's Episcopal Church: Wed., Dec. 24, 11:00 PM

(10:30 PM: Handel's "Messiah, Part I." Parish Choir and Strings)

1205 W. Franklin Street, Richmond

Festival Holy Eucharist.

Parking: Free parking is available in the St. James's Parking Garage, 1100 West Franklin

Information: Mark Whitmire 804-355-1779, ext. 23 or e-mail mwhitmire@doers.org

SAVE THE DATE

River Road Presbyterian Church: Mon., Jan. 5, 7:00 PM

8960 River Road, Richmond

Davidson Concert Chorale, Davidson College. No admission charge.

Parking: Church lot

Information: 804-740-7083

St. Bede's Catholic Church: Mon./Tues., Jan. 5/6

3686 Ironbound Road, Williamsburg

We are doing two performances of our 12th Night Christmas Madrigal Feast on Jan. 5 & 6, 2009. Singing, dancing, and all kinds of revelry with gourmet dinner!

Parking: Church lot

Information: Call Neil Kraft at 757-229-7723 for ticket availability.

First Presbyterian Church: Tues., Mar. 17, 7:30 PM

500 Park Street, Charlottesville

Charlottesville AGO Chapter Event Lois Fyfe Music will bring a large selection of choral music, music for handbells, solos, organ+, and books. This will be a great way to meet other organists in the area and give us a chance to look at and purchase new music! If you are interested in attending, please contact James Sivley so Lois Fyfe will know how much music to bring.

Parking: Church lot

Information: Church office 434-296-7131; James Sivley 434-293-6016 or jesivley@embarqmail.com

EVENTS, cont.



DECEMBER 2008 CANDLELIGHT CONCERT ORGAN SERIES

Bruton Parish Church

The College of William and Mary

Contact: bdavy@brutonparish.org or 757-229-2891

(All concerts are held at the Church unless otherwise noted.)

Tuesday, December 2 @ 8:00 PM

Christmas Handbell Concert. The Bruton Bells, Dr. JanEl B. Will, Director, with Rebecca E. Davy & Dr. Stephen Z. Cook, Organists.

Thursday, December 4 @ 8:00 PM

Choral Concert - Vivaldi's "Gloria". Yorktown Chorale, Janet Giffin, Director.

Friday, December 5 @ 10:00 AM (Wren Chapel)

Historical Organ Recital. James S. Darling, Organist

Saturday, December 6 @ 10:00 AM (Wren Chapel)

Historical Organ Recital. James S. Darling, Organist.

Saturday, December 6 @ 8:00 PM

Choral Concert. Colonial Singers from Alexandria, Virginia, Ernest Johnson, Director.

Monday, December 8 @ 10:00 AM (Wren Chapel)

Historical Organ Recital. James S. Darling, Organist.

Tuesday, December 9 @ 8:00 PM

Christmas Choral Concert - Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" & Vaughan Williams' "The First Noel." The Bruton Choirs, Dr. JanEl B. Will & Rebecca E. Davy, Directors

Thursday, December 11 @ 8:00 PM

Christmas Choral Concert. Manassas Community Chorale, Becky Verner, Director.

Friday, December 12 @ 10:00 AM (Wren Chapel)

Historical Organ Recital. Rebecca E. Davy, Organist.

Saturday, December 13 @ 10:00 AM (Wren Chapel)

Historical Organ Recital. James S. Darling, Organist.

Saturday, December 13 @ 8:00 PM

Christmas Choral Concert. Cantori, Agnes French, Director.

Monday, December 15 @ 10:00 AM (Wren Chapel)

Historical Organ Recital. Dr. JanEl B. Will, Organist.

Tuesday, December 16 @ 10:00 AM (Wren Chapel)

Historical Organ Recital. James S. Darling, Organist.

Tuesday, December 16 @ 8:00 PM

Christmas Handbell Concert. Coventry Ringers from Bon Air Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia, Paul Honacker, Director

Wednesday, December 17 @ 10:00 AM (Wren Chapel)

Historical Organ Recital. Dr. JanEl B. Will, Organist.

Thursday, December 18 @ 10:00 AM (Wren Chapel)

Historical Organ Recital. Rebecca E. Davy, Organist.

Thursday, December 18 @ 8:00 PM

Christmas Choral Concert. St. Gertrude High School Women's Ensemble from Richmond, Virginia, Lisa Fusco, Director

Friday, December 19 @ 10:00 AM (Wren Chapel)

Historical Organ Recital. Rebecca E. Davy, Organist.

Saturday, December 20 @ 10:00 AM (Wren Chapel)

Historical Organ Recital. James S. Darling, Organist.

Saturday, December 20 @ 8:00 PM

Christmas Choral Concert. Tabernacle Baptist Sanctuary Choir from Richmond, Virginia, Judy Fiske, Director.

Monday, December 22 @ 10:00 AM (Wren Chapel)

Historical Organ Recital. Rebecca E. Davy, Organist.

Tuesday, December 23 @ 10:00 AM (Wren Chapel)

Historical Organ Recital. James S. Darling, Organist.

Wednesday, December 24 @ 10:00 AM (Wren Chapel)

Historical Organ Recital. James S. Darling, Organist.

Thursday, December 25 @ 8:00 PM

Christmas Organ Recital. Rebecca E. Davy, Organist.

Friday, December 26 @ 10:00 AM (Wren Chapel)

Historical Organ Recital. James S. Darling, Organist.

Saturday, December 27 @ 10:00 AM (Wren Chapel)

Historical Organ Recital. Dr. H. Edwin Godshall, Jr., Organist.

Saturday, December 27 @ 8:00 PM

Holiday Organ Recital. David Billings, Organist from Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Monday, December 29 @ 10:00 AM (Wren Chapel)

Historical Organ Recital. Dr. H. Edwin Godshall, Jr., Organist.

Tuesday, December 30 @ 10:00 AM (Wren Chapel)

Historical Organ Recital. Dr. H. Edwin Godshall, Jr., Organist.

Tuesday, December 30 @ 8:00 PM

Chamber Recital. Lois Wright, Contralto, Dora Mullins, Violinist, & James S. Darling, Organist

Wednesday, December 31 @ 10:00 AM (Wren Chapel)

Historical Organ Recital. James S. Darling, Organist.

Thursday, January 1 @ 8:00 PM

Holiday Organ Recital. Dr. H. Edwin Godshall, Jr., Organist from Hickory Neck Episcopal Church.

OPPORTUNITIES

VIRGINIA BENEFIT CHORALE

Website ~ www.vbcsings.org



The Virginia Benefit Chorale is the brainchild of long-time musical director Steve Davis. "One of the things that make this chorale unique is that 100 percent of the proceeds of every concert goes directly to the designated charity," he said. The members of the Virginia Benefit Chorale are a unique group: "I have singers who are CEO's of corporations, IT technicians, flower shop owners. The members come from all walks of life. We present a variety of music for vocal ensembles, all in the same program, so there's always something for everyone," Davis said.

Most of the Virginia Benefit Chorale members also sing in church and other choirs. However, the VBC fills a different need: an opportunity to give doing something they love. The Virginia Benefit Chorale's concerts include raising over \$800 for H.E.L.P., a group that provides food and financial assistance to families who qualify for assistance but are still waiting for the first check to arrive; \$700 for Meals on Wheels; and one at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, which raised hundreds for the Circle Center, a non-profit org which provides quality day care for seniors who can not stay at home alone.

For more information about the Virginia Benefit Chorale, please contact Steven C. Davis, Music Director, at 804-740-1633 or stevedavis@verizon.net

AGO NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ORGAN PEDAGOGY TO BE PRESENTED IN COOPERATION WITH YALE UNIVERSITY

**Teaching Church Music in North America:
An Old Vocation in a New Millennium
March 11–14, 2009, New Haven, Conn.**

The American Guild of Organists (AGO) and Yale University are partnering to produce the 15th AGO NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ORGAN PEDAGOGY, March 11–14, 2009. The conference, designed in cooperation with the AGO Committee on Continuing Professional Education, will be hosted by the Yale Institute of Sacred Music, an interdisciplinary graduate center dedicated to the study and practice of sacred music, worship, and the arts. The four-day conference will be held at the Institute, in the Sterling Divinity Quadrangle, as well as other locations at Yale University and in downtown New Haven.

Demographic, cultural, and theological shifts in recent years have had a great impact on Christian worship in North America. This conference will explore these factors, and participants will discuss the many opportunities and challenges involved in the field of church music today. These proceedings will be of interest and value to church musicians and those who train them.

The keynote address will be given by Martin E. Marty. The conference will include plenary sessions led by Marva Dawn, Quentin Faulkner, Robert Rimbo, and Don Saliers; master classes on teaching by Lorraine Brugh (global music), David Heller (hymn-playing), Mark Miller (Gospel accompaniment), Thomas Murray (choral accompaniment), and Bruce Neswick and Pamela Ruitter-Feenstra (improvisation for church musicians). Church music curricula will be presented by Michael Bauer, Lorraine Brugh, Craig Cramer, Peter DuBois, and Janette Fishell. Preceding the pedagogy conference there will be a three-day symposium on preaching and music: Listening Is Performing, Performing Is Listening, March 8–10.

Complete conference information, including online registration, is available at www.agohq.org. For further information, please contact the Yale Institute of Sacred Music at 203-432-3220 or e-mail <albert.agbayani@yale.edu>.

FOR SALE

ORGANS FOR SALE

M.P.Moller Series 70 unit organ for sale: 2 manuals and pedal, 9 ranks, all in good working condition, separate Great and Swell cabinets, blonde oak casework. Asking \$10,000; buyer to remove by January, 2009. Contact St. Michael's Episcopal Church for stoplist, dimensions, and photos at phone 804-272-0992, ext. 104.

Lovely used **Allen** organ. It is a two-manual drawknob console (AGO) with divided expression, crescendo, with card reader and just about every card you can imagine. It was in a home and looks brand new; it has 4 walnut speaker cabinets with grille covers. This organ would be good for a church or for a practice organ. Asking \$9,000. Anyone who is interested should call or e-mail Rosa Hudson at 804-272-3168 or rhudson@jordankitts.com

The Allen Organ advertised in the November 2008 StopList has now been sold.

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DISTLER UPDATE

Hugo Distler's publisher, Baerenreiter, has just issued a new, Urtext edition of the complete organ works, edited by Armin Schoof. Three of the projected four volumes have been released. The new edition includes previously unpublished works, has a detailed forward, critical commentary, facsimiles, etc. Volume III contains the Dreissig Spielstuecke (30 pieces for small organ) that were discussed at our November meeting. Both the old and new editions are available at OHS. The old edition is a bargain at only \$9.95. *(information from Ardyth Lohuis)*

HANDBELL FESTIVAL



AGO HANDBELL FESTIVAL 2009

The Handbell Festival Committee has been hard at work planning the 2009 Festival. It will be held May 1-2 at Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church in Midlothian. The later date was selected to not be in conflict with Easter and some other handbell festivals and clinics scheduled for the Richmond area in the spring. It was also thought that this might give the directors a focus for their groups post Easter. The Festival clinician will be Tim Waugh. Known nationally and internationally to performers of many mediums including choral, handbells, theatre and church, *Tim Waugh* has established himself as a tireless champion for performing arts of all types. Well known to members of the community of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, Tim is a popular conductor, composer and clinician for many conferences and festivals for ringers and directors. He is well known for his work in musicality and rhythmic acuity incorporating techniques from Dalcroze and Orff in his series of workshops RHYTHMS TO RINGING. He has also served many Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish congregations as Pastoral Musician, providing direction for choral, handbell and children's music and recently retired from active church music ministry after 32 years of service. In the AGEHR organization, he is a past Education Coordinator for Area V, and past West Virginia State Chair. He continues to be active in the organization in his area and across the country. He has taught in all areas of the National Guild and the Ontario Guild, as well as at various local handbell festivals, AGEHR national ringers and directors conferences, and the 1996 International Handbell Symposium in New Mexico. He was named as a Master Teacher with a concentration in Rhythmic Education by the AGEHR and conducted the first Distinctly Bronze style Youth Event at the 2001 Palm Springs Spectacular.

The Richmond Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
Presents

HANDBELL FESTIVAL 2009

Tim Waugh, Clinician

Festival Co-Chairs:
Ruth Lewandowski
Jennifer Ripley

May 1-2, 2009
Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church
1100 Mt. Pisgah Drive
Midlothian, VA 23113

Friday Rehearsal
7 to 9 pm
Saturday
8:45 am to 5:pm

Title	Arranger/Composer	Publisher	Publisher's #	Level
<i>Battle Hymn of the Republic</i>	Kevin McChesney	Fred Brock Music Company	FBBG982	3
<i>Fantasy on Kingsfold</i>	Dean Wagner	Hope Publishing	Agape2134	2+
<i>Now the Green Blade Riseth</i>	Kevin McChesney	Hope Publishing	Agape 1892	3
<i>Come Worship the King</i>	Hart Morris	Red River Music	HBOO15	3
<i>Shades of Forest Green</i>	Tim Waugh	Ring Out! Press	920202115	3
<i>Repeat the Sounding Joy</i>	Sandra Eithun	Alfred Publishing	MAP 27056	2

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FESTIVAL REGISTRATION FORM
Deadline: April 1, 2009

Fee: \$100 per choir, \$60 for 5 or few ringers, \$20 for single registrant. Make Check or Money Order payable to Richmond Chapter AGO. Refunds will be given up to April 15th, minus a \$20 service charge. Nor refunds after April 15th.

Organization _____ Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____ AGO Member? Yes No

Mailing Address _____

of Ringers (include ringing director) _____ Friday Rehearsal? Yes No

Number of Octaves: _____ Total Table Footage Needed _____ Bringing Own Tables? Yes No

No registrations accepted without form and check

Send Registration Forms and Fees to:

Betty Girardeau, Registrar

245 Goldcrest Drive

Vonore, TN, 37885

Questions? E-mail bettyg@redfamiliar.com or call 804-647-0825



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Make me, God, your music-staff divine.
Write thereon your clef and key.
Choose a gently flowing meter;
Make my life your symphony.

Harmonize me with your spirit.
Orchestrate me to your will,
And with vibrant chords celestial
All my empty measures fill.

In florid counterpoint concordant
Let your melodies entwine.
With ornaments - and trill and mordent -
Decorate both note and line.

May my praises never cadence,
While I glorify your name,
But in racing great crescendos
Let me sing aloud your name.

Daniel Pinkham

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