



The Coupler

Newsletter of the Albuquerque Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

July/August 2018

UPCOMING DATES

Friday August 10 at 5:30pm
TGIF First Presbyterian Church
208 Grant Ave Santa Fe

Organ recital – Fred Graham
playing Buxtehude, Brahms,
MacMillan, and Bourgeois

Sunday, September 30 at
3:00pm at First Presbyterian
Church in Albuquerque:

Member Recital on two organs,
reception, and music sale.



NOTES FROM THE DEAN

Dear Friends,

I am so excited and honored to be your Dean! I'm looking forward to two years of beautiful concerts, educational workshops and classes, and everything else we will dream up together. I have lived in Albuquerque for nearly three years now, but have not yet had the opportunity to meet everyone in the ABQ chapter. To begin to address this, I will be giving you all a telephone call, starting right after the 4th of July holiday. A few things that I'd like to discuss with each of you are:

- How can our chapter be helpful to you in your life as a church musician?
- Do you have any ideas for programming, for bringing people in?
- Would you be willing or able to host a program at your church?
- May we list your name? address? email? phone number? in a password-protected area of our website? Only ABQ-AGO members would have access to this part of the website. This is a departure from the way we have done things in the past, but I believe that being able to be in touch with each other easily is so important. I will be using our phone call as a “permission gathering” moment; if any of you feel that you do not want to be listed, we will not include you in the list.

I would like to give special mention this month to Evelyn Henson (EE-veh-lin, British pronunciation) who has not only been working on our website, but has promised a Newsletter as soon as I get this message to her! Thank you, Evelyn.

Please respond to our Sub-Dean's request for players at our Members' Recital in September. A unique and wonderful opportunity awaits us at First Presbyterian, ABQ.

Nugget for the Month: Are you all familiar with James Corden's Carpool Karaoke segments on his late-night TV shows? He did a

segment this week with Paul McCartney, driving around Liverpool, England, singing old Beatles' tunes at full throttle. Back in the sixties and seventies, I was more of a church fan than a Beatles fan, but I am now old enough to feel incredibly sentimental about the Beatles and to understand the amount of joy, happiness, and passion they imparted with their music. Bringing joy to our listeners....at the core, that's really what we as musicians are all about. So, I hope that you will be able to tune in to this segment on YouTube, to laugh, cry, have a few "times gone by" moments, and to give thanks for the power of words and music.

Blessings, Nancy

2018 – 2019 PROGRAM EVENTS

Please make a note of the following events:

- **Sunday, September 9 at 1:30 PM:** Executive Committee meeting at Cathedral of St. John (meeting to precede Isabelle Demers organ concert at 3:00 PM)
- **Sunday, September 30 at 3:00 PM** Opening Event of the season at First Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque: Member Recital on two organs, reception, and music sale.

James Yeager, our AGO District Convener and Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque (215 Locust Street NE), will be our host for the opening event of the 2018-2019 season. We will begin at 3:00 PM with a Progressive Member Recital—there are two organs at FPC!

Following the recital, we will have a music sale, including organ music, choral music, and books about organs or choirs. Donations are being accepted now (we are NOT accepting single copies of choral anthems; we will gladly accept choral music if you have enough copies of a single piece for a choir to use).

If you are interested in performing on this recital or donating items for the music sale, please contact Sub-Dean Fred Graham (fredwaynegraham@gmail.com). We will also need volunteers to organize the music for sale; please contact Fred if you are interested in this, as well.

**First Presbyterian Church, Santa Fe to celebrate the 10th anniversary of their Fisk organ
(following a program on each previous Friday evenings by the named organist)**

- **Saturday, October 20 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon** at First Presbyterian Santa Fe:
Janette Fishell Masterclass
- **Saturday, October 27 from 9:00 AM to 12 Noon** at First Presbyterian Santa Fe:
Scott Montgomery Masterclass
- **Saturday, November 2 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM** at First Presbyterian Santa Fe:
Kimberly Marshall Masterclass
- **Saturday, November 9 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM** at First Presbyterian Santa Fe:
Nathan J. Laube Masterclass
- **Saturday, January 19 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM** at First Presbyterian Santa Fe:
James David Christie Masterclass
- **November 10, 2018 10:10am** Special Performance (not an AGO-sponsored event)
Cathedral Church of St. John, Albuquerque, 318 Silver Ave SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102
Chichester Psalms of Bernstein (with organ, percussion and harp) and the *Durufle Requiem*
(organ/chorus) with visiting organist Eugene Lavery from St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Waco, TX.

- **Saturday, March 9 at 10:00 AM** at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Albuquerque:
Nancy Granert Lecture Recital: Spanish Baroque Organ Music

Cathedral Church of St. John (Episcopal) 25th Anniversary Season dates

- **Friday, May 31 at 7:00 PM** Tom Winpenny, (UK) organist
- **Sunday, June 2, at 3:00 PM** Richard Elliott, organist
- **Friday, June 7 at 6:30 PM** Choral Evensong featuring Britten *Rejoice in the Lamb*
- **Saturday, June 8 at 5:00 PM:** AGO Dinner and officer installation with guest speaker, Michael Barone, followed by 7:00 PM Organ Recital by Patrick Scott
- **Sunday, June 9 at 3:00 PM:** Arvo Pärt *Berliner Messe, Spiegel im Spiegel*, and Tippett Five Spirituals from *A Child of Our Time* with Michael Shu, violinist, Patrick Scott, organist, and Maxine Thévenot, conductor

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Part-time Director of Music (Closing Date July 18, 2018)

St. Paul Lutheran Church (SPLC), an ELCA and Reconciling in Christ congregation in Albuquerque, New Mexico, is seeking a part time Director of Music for approximately 15 hours per week. The role of this position is to lead, seek out, encourage, and coordinate the music ministry to enrich the worship and spiritual life of the congregation and the community.

The position reports to the Senior Pastor and is responsible for: Leading the Senior Choir and continuing a rich heritage of excellence in music; developing the music ministry of SPLC; working with the Pastor and members of the Worship and Music committee to plan the weekly worship.

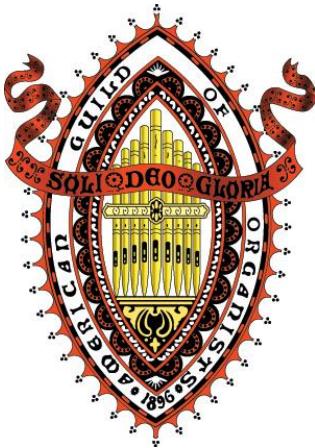
The successful candidate will: have a background in or understanding of liturgical worship; demonstrate a high comfort level with a variety of styles of worship; exhibit leadership skills needed to coordinate the music ministry; possess skills to develop the youth music ministry; and have the ability to work as a team member both with the other music and mistrial staff. Knowledge and experience in conducting choral and instrumental music, as well as a deep and demonstrated Christian faith, are essential qualifications to serve in this role of inspiring and motivating others to in and share their faith through music.

Candidates for this position must have a **minimum of two years as a successful music program director** with an emphasis in choral music. A bachelor's degree in music is required and a master's degree in music is preferred.

A position description is available on our website, www.stpaulabq.org. Please submit a cover letter, resume and list of three references to:

St. Paul Lutheran Church
ATTN: Personnel Committee
 PO Box 25001
 Albuquerque, NM 87125

or by email to jobs.stpaulabq@gmail.com. If submitting your letter and resume by e-mail, please indicate "**Director of Music Search**" in the subject line of your e-mail. **Application deadline: July 18, 2018.**



HAVE MORE TO SAY?

The Chapter website is being re-designed and the new website should be published on the internet by early July.

Please look at the current or new website and email comments, suggestions, changes, etc, for consideration for the new website, to the webmaster at ewhenson@outlook.com.

Individual Chapter members may post items or notices of general interest directly to the Chapter Facebook page.

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The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter due to be published for September and October, will be **AUGUST 15, 2018**. Please email news, articles, or photos or website items to the Editor, Evelyn Henson, at ewhenson@outlook.com.

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