Dean’s Corner

By the time you read this column, our October program at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection will be over. Hildegard Cox has spent months planning and preparing for the presentation of organ music with instruments—all appropriate for use in worship—and this is the first time we will have met in her church and heard the new Phoenix organ.

Another first for me is the chapter meeting to vote on the proposed changes to our bylaws and operating procedures. At this writing, I have no idea if the proposals presented by the Executive Committee to the chapter membership will pass or not. But I do know that all the proposals were thoughtfully considered and will help our chapter function more efficiently.

This past week, I heard the dedication of a Casavant organ installed by B. Rule & Company at First Christian Church, Bowling Green, Kentucky. (See Frances Hall’s separate article.) What a joy to hear six different organists, five of whom are members of our chapter, play for a full sanctuary! As I understand it, Frances has been working on getting a new instrument for her church for several years. It was clearly evident that the congregation, community, and staff were all supportive of her efforts, and that they appreciate the use of the pipe organ in worship.

These three events are examples of what can be accomplished with what Walter Brueggemann calls “prophetic imagination.” What the Old Testament prophets foretold was not what would happen, but what could happen if people work toward peace and justice. Our chapter members, individually and collectively, work toward peace and justice, using the medium of music, every week. Where would we be without the creative planning for each month’s program? Where would we be without the creative labor of digging into our operating procedures? Where would we be without church musicians imagining how the organ or choir could improve their sound? How else could our chapter use its prophetic imagination to reach out? I leave you with that challenge!

Peace be also with you, friends.
Marsha Scheusner

November Program - Monday, November 4, 2019 - 6:30 pm

Organ & Choral Music Reading Session

Dinner begins at 6:30; Program to follow at 7:30

Historic Franklin Presbyterian Church | 435 Main Street
Franklin, TN 37064

Lois Fyne Music will present accessible choral and organ music for the church year.

Dinner reservations, due by October 30, can be made online at www.nashvilleago.org (click on “Dinner Reservations”) or by contacting Linda Winters at 615-456-2065 or AGOdinner@gmail.com. Cost of Dinner: $18.
IN MEMORIAM

We will remember the following five members of our chapter who have passed away this year during our November 4 AGO meeting:

Donald Cornelius, 1953–2019
Ralph Erickson, 1926–2019
Dr. Gerald Hansen, 1937–2018
John David McClain, 1937–2019
Edgar Marcel Smith, 1934–2019

NEW ORGAN AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, BOWLING GREEN

Sunday, September 29, was a glorious day for First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Bowling Green, Kentucky! We dedicated our newly installed Casavant Frères organ (Opus 3394) during Sunday worship and celebrated with an afternoon dedicatory recital featuring FCC’s own organist, Frances Hall, and several guest organists, including AGO members Thomas N. Moody, Bryson Richey, Alice Brooks Sanders, C. Kenneth Stein, and Calvin Taylor. Mrs. Sanders was the last organist at United Presbyterian Church of Shawnee, Oklahoma, where the organ was originally installed in 1978. It has been releathered, rebuilt with a Peterson ICS 4000 operating system, and enlarged with six additional stops by Brad Rule of New Market, Tennessee. The instrument has three manuals and 30 ranks.
NEW FACEBOOK PAGE

A new Facebook page for the chapter has been set up. It can be found at https://www.facebook.com/NashvilleAGO/ or by searching for @NashvilleAGO on Facebook. Please “like” the page and invite your Facebook friends to like the page. Social media is a great way to spread the word about future AGO programs and events, but this will require participation from everyone on Facebook. Please like, comment on, and share the posts from the page and indicate that you are going to an event. More user participation will help us reach a wider audience.

HS Organists

Save the Dates:
Jan.31–Feb.2, 2020

HS Organ Festival
& Competition
hosted by
UNCSA & Salem College
Winston-Salem, NC
co-sponsored by
Piedmont NC AGO Chapter
Application & recording
Due Dec. 16, 2019

Click HERE for more information,
or contact Dr. Timothy Olsen
olsent@uncsa.edu  336.770.3254
Faith Lutheran Church, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, would like to find several dependable organists who would be willing to substitute on an occasional basis. The church would also be willing to consider the possibility of a full-time organist or a pianist who is interested in learning the organ. This is a Missouri Synod Lutheran church with liturgical services. Please contact Vicar Neely Owen at vicarfaithlutheran@yahoo.com or 540-520-2231.

Historic Franklin Presbyterian Church, Franklin, is searching for an experienced music director to provide a comprehensive music program including organ, piano, and choral music during services of worship (Reformed, lectionary-based) and special church events. Sanctuary features a Schoenstein organ and a Yamaha grand piano. This is a part-time position, approximately 15 hrs./week. Interested applicants should email a resume and letter of interest to hr.hfpc@gmail.com. Further information available upon request.

Mary, Queen of Angels Catholic Chapel, Nashville, is seeking an organist to play 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays and occasional holy days. Organ is a new electronic Roland Classic. No rehearsals, no choir—only a cantor and small congregation. Contact Greg Mueller at 615-202-5178 or g.k.mueller@att.net for details.

Mt. Pleasant First United Methodist Church, Mt. Pleasant, is searching for an organist (or an organist/choir director) for Sunday worship services at 11:00 a.m. and Wednesday night choir rehearsals at 7:00 p.m. The church has a congregation of about 90 members and a choir of 10–12. Interested applicants should contact Lavinia Gossett, chair of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, at 931-626-5650 or gossett7207@bellsouth.net.

Saint Anselm Episcopal Church, North Nashville, is looking for a permanent part-time musician and an interim musician during the search (interim could be a candidate for the permanent position) for a service of Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday (currently, no choir). The church recently purchased a Kawai digital piano (Model CA98) as its primary worship instrument. If interested in either position, contact the Reverend Richard C. Britton Jr. at revbritton13@gmail.com or 615-818-9796.
**November 2019**

11/1/2019, 7:00 p.m.  
Fauré’s *Requiem*  
Woosug Kang, Conductor  
St. George’s Choir/Choristers and Orchestra  
St. George’s Episcopal Church  
4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

11/3/2019, 12:20 p.m.  
Music of Mozart  
First Presbyterian Church  
4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville

11/3/2019  
Guest Organ Concert and Choral Evensong  
3:30 p.m., Isaac Johnson, Guest Organist  
Music Director and Organist  
St. Rose Catholic Church, Murfreesboro  
4:00 p.m., Solemn Choral Evensong for All Saints  
Cathedral Choir  
Michael Velting, Canon for Music, Conductor  
Christ Church Cathedral  
900 Broadway, Nashville

11/8/2019, 7:00 p.m.  
Colour of Music Festival  
Anthony Williams, Organist  
David Morrow, Conductor  
Nathanial Dett’s “Chariot Jubilee”  
West End United Methodist Church  
2200 West End Avenue, Nashville

11/10/2019, 4:00 p.m.  
Regal Fanfares and Playful Flutes  
Organ recital with Percussion  
New Randall Dyer organ, III/34  
J. D. Plant, Organist  
First United Methodist Church  
415 W. Main Street, Lebanon

11/10/2019, 5:00 p.m.  
Choral Evensong  
Woosug Kang, Conductor  
Gerry Senechal, Organist  
St. George’s Episcopal Church  
4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

11/17/2019, 4:00 p.m.  
Sanctuary Choir Choral Evensong  
Andrew Risinger, Conductor  
West End United Methodist Church  
2200 West End Avenue, Nashville

11/20/2019, 9:15 p.m.  
Compline  
Woosug Kang, Conductor  
St. George’s Episcopal Church  
4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

11/21/2019, 7:00 p.m.  
11/22-23/2019, 8:00 p.m.  
Nashville Symphony Orchestra and Chorus  
Paul Jacobs, Organist (recording live – Parker’s *Organ Concerto*)  
Schermhorn Symphony Center  
One Symphony Place, Nashville

11/24/2019, 3:00 p.m.  
MTSU Women’s Chorale and Meistersingers  
Angela Tipps, Conductor  
Wright Music Building  
1439 Faulkinberry Drive, Murfreesboro

**December 2019**

12/3/2019, 7:30 p.m.  
Nashville Chamber Singers  
Angela Tipps, Conductor  
St. Paul’s Episcopal Church  
615 East Main Street, Murfreesboro

12/7/2019, 7:00 p.m.  
Nashville Chamber Singers  
Angela Tipps, Conductor  
Wightman Chapel  
Scarritt-Bennett Center  
1027 18th Avenue South, Nashville

12/8/2019, 4:00 p.m.  
Glory to God in the Highest  
Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra  
Raphael Bundage, Director  
First Presbyterian Church  
4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville

12/8/2019, 4:30 p.m.  
Christmas Concert  
Chancel Choir and Orchestra  
with choirs of Volunteer State Community College  
David McCullough’s *Canite Tuba*  
and Camille Saint-Saëns’ *Christmas Oratorio*  
Scott Brons and Matthew Phelps, Conductors  
Andrew Risinger, Organist  
West End United Methodist Church  
2200 West End Avenue, Nashville
Arts Calendar

12/8/2019, 5:00 p.m.
Keyboards at Christmas
First Baptist Church
108 7th Avenue, South, Nashville

12/8/2019, 6:00 p.m.
A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
Woosug Kang, Conductor
Gerry Senechal, Organist
St. George’s Choir/Choristers/St. Dunstan’s Choir
St. George’s Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

12/8/2019, 7:00 p.m.
Keyboards at Christmas
Musical Celebration with multiple artists, instrumentalists, and choirs
Branson Clark, Choral Director
J. D. Plant, Organist
Jonathan Snow, Pianist
First Presbyterian Church
304 Main Street, Lebanon

12/9/2019, 1:00 p.m.
Christmas Concert
Jennie Smith, Organist
Wightman Chapel
Scarritt Bennett Center
1027 18th Avenue South, Nashville
https://www.scarrittbennett.org/events/12-9-19-12-12-19-christmas-concerts/

12/14/2019, 7:30 p.m.
Christmas Prism
Vocal Arts Nashville
Matthew Phelps, Conductor
Harphet Presbyterian Church
3077 Hillsboro Pike, Brentwood

12/15/2019, 5:30 p.m.
Candlelighting Service
Combined Adult, Children’s, Youth, and Handbell choirs
Matthew Phelps, Andrew Risinger, and Carla Fox, Directors
West End United Methodist Church
2200 West End Avenue, Nashville

12/15/2019, 6:00 p.m.
Feast of Lights and Carol Service
Belmont United Methodist Choirs
Gayle Sullivan, Director
Robbie Jones, Organist
Belmont United Methodist Church
2007 Acklen Avenue, Nashville

12/18/2019, 9:15 p.m.
Compline
Woosug Kang, Conductor
St. George’s Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

12/22/2019, 4:00 p.m.
A Service of Lessons and Carols
Angela Tipps, Conductor
St. Paul’s Episcopal Church
615 East Main Street, Murfreesboro

12/29/2019, 2:00 p.m.
Organ Concert
Messiaen’s *La Nativité du Seigneur* (complete)
Karl Isaac Johnson, Organist
First United Methodist Church
265 West Thompson Lane, Murfreesboro

January 2020

1/12/2020, 5:00 p.m.
Choral Evensong
Woosug Kang, Conductor
Gerry Senechal, Organist
St. George’s Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

1/17/2020, 12:00 p.m.
Mozart Birthday Concert
Roger Wiesmeyer and friends
St. George’s Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Pike, Nashville
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| 1/19/2020  | 5:00 p.m. | Compline  
Woosug Kang, Conductor  
St. George’s Episcopal Church  
4715 Harding Pike, Nashville |
| 1/26/2019  | 4:00 p.m. | 30th Anniversary Concert including works of Walton, Darke, J.S. Bach, Widor  
Gayle Sullivan, Organist  
Belmont United Methodist Church  
2007 Acklen Avenue, Nashville |
| 1/26/2020  | 4:00 p.m. | Of Students and Masters: Music of Marais and Sainte-Colombe  
Parker Ramsay and Friends  
Cheek House Living Room  
First Presbyterian Church  
4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville |
| 2/7/2020   | 6:15 p.m. | Broadway Dinner Show  
“It’s a Small World After All”  
Courtenay Hall  
First Presbyterian Church  
4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville  
Ticketed event |
| 2/9/2020   | 5:00 p.m. | Choral Evensong  
Woosug Kang, Conductor  
Gerry Senechal, Organist  
St. George’s Episcopal Church  
4715 Harding Pike, Nashville |
| 2/16/2020  |          | Guest Organ Concert and Choral Evensong  
3:30 p.m., Jay Peterson, Guest Organist  
Associate Organist, Christ Church, Winnetka, IL  
4:00 p.m., Choral Evensong  
Choir of Christ Church, Winnetka, IL  
Richard Clemmitt, Organist/Choirmaster  
Christ Church Cathedral  
900 Broadway, Nashville |
| 2/19/2020  | 9:15 p.m. | Compline  
Woosug Kang, Conductor  
St. George’s Episcopal Church  
4715 Harding Pike, Nashville |
| 2/20/2020  | 7:00 p.m. | Voces8  
http://www.voces8.com  
St. George’s Episcopal Church  
4715 Harding Pike, Nashville |
| 2/23/2020  | 4:00 p.m. | Cathedral Chorister Festival Evensong  
Matthew Owens, Guest Director  
Director of Music, Belfast Cathedral  
Michael Velting, Canon for Music  
Christ Church Cathedral  
900 Broadway, Nashville |
| **MARCH 2020** |        |                                                                      |
| 3/1/2020   |          | Guest Organ Concert and Choral Evensong  
3:30 p.m., Jillian Gardner, Guest Organist  
Director of Music Ministries and Organist  
First United Methodist Church, Huntsville, AL  
4:00 p.m., Solemn Choral Evensong in Lent with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament  
Cathedral Choir  
Michael Velting, Canon for Music, Conductor  
Christ Church Cathedral  
900 Broadway, Nashville |
| 3/8/2020   | 4:30 p.m. | Lenten Choral concert  
Chancel Choir and Orchestra  
Chancel Choir’s ACDA Regional Convention program and Haydn’s “Little Organ” Mass  
Matthew Phelps, Conductor  
Andrew Risinger, Organist  
West End United Methodist Church  
2200 West End Avenue, Nashville |
| 3/13/2020  | 7:00 p.m. | Concordia Choir, Moorhead, MN  
René Clausen, Director  
First Presbyterian Church  
4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville |
Arts Calendar

3/18/2020, 9:15 p.m.
Compline
Woosug Kang, Conductor
St. George’s Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

3/22/2020, 3:00 p.m.
Young Musicians' Corner
St. George’s Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

3/27/2020, 7:00 p.m.
Anderson Jazz Trio
Juilliard School, New York
First Presbyterian Church
4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville

3/29/2020, 2:30 p.m.
Songs of War and Love
Vocal Arts Nashville with Early Music City
Matthew Phelps, Conductor
Belmont United Methodist Church
2007 Acklen Avenue, Nashville

April 2020

4/10/2020, 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday Tenebrae Service
First Presbyterian Church
4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville

4/26/2020, 3:00 p.m.
MTSU Women’s Chorale and Meistersingers
Angela Tipps, Conductor
Wright Music Building
1439 Faulkinberry Drive, Murfreesboro

4/26/2020, 4:30 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Concert
Gayle Sullivan, Director
Belmont United Methodist Church
2007 Acklen Avenue, Nashville

May 2020

5/10/2020, 5:00 p.m.
Choral Evensong
Woosug Kang, Conductor
Gerry Senechal, Organist
St. George’s Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

5/17/2020
Guest Organ Concert and Choral Evensong
3:30 p.m., Kristen Lensch, Guest Organist
Organist/Choirmaster, Calvary Episcopal Church
Memphis, TN
4:00 p.m., Solemn Choral Evensong in Eastertide
Cathedral Choir
Michael Velting, Canon for Music, Conductor
Christ Church Cathedral
900 Broadway, Nashville

5/17/2020, 4:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Choral Evensong
Andrew Risinger, Conductor
West End United Methodist Church
2200 West End Avenue, Nashville

5/20/2020, 9:15 p.m.
Compline
Woosug Kang, Conductor
St. George’s Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

June 2020

6/25/2020, 7:00 p.m.
Organ Concert
Cristiano Rizzotto, Organist
https://cristianorizzotto.com/bio/
St. Timothy Lutheran Church
650 East Main Street, Hendersonville

Reminder
Copies of our new chapter membership directory will be available at our monthly meetings. Pick yours up if you haven't received one yet.