

MIXTURES

APRIL 2022



DEAN'S MESSAGE...

Back in the good old days (pre-pandemic), our chapter organized and hosted numerous excursions to other cities in New York and Pennsylvania to attend organ crawls, recitals, lecture/demonstrations, etc. I have been a member of the chapter for 15 years and look back at all those chapter events as a tapestry of wonderful experiences and memories that I will never forget. Right at the top of my list of favorites of those events were our several visits to hear recitals by Mark Laubach, (photo below from 2014) organist and choirmaster of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Wilkes-Barre, PA. His performances there on the beautiful Berghaus organ were among the finest we have heard anywhere. In addition, Mark is one of the nicest persons on the planet, so it was always fun to spend time with him at the receptions and dinners after the recitals. I am so pleased that our chapter and United Presbyterian Church have invited Mark to play a recital here in Binghamton at UPC on Friday, April 22 at 7:00pm. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this recital. It will be a real treat.



Mark Laubach and
Binghamton AGO friends
St. Stephen's
Episcopal Church
2014

You can see below in the calendar section that we are getting back to normal, and have several events planned in the April, May, and June. Even though it may seem a long way off, I point out that our members' recital will be held at Central Methodist Church in Endicott on Sunday, June 12th. The organ there has been renovated recently by Tim Smith and it will be an excellent instrument for this occasion. We will be organizing the details of the recital soon, but you can start practicing now. Keep in mind that our chapter's member recitals are not limited to just

organ music. We have had vocal groups (like BRIO), piano duos, piano solos, and other instrumental performances in the past, and welcome them still. Don't be shy. Sign up for it.

Part of the pleasure of being Dean of the chapter is welcoming new members. We have had several new members join us this past year, and more recently, have welcomed three new members: Nicole Chernavsky, Linden Foster, and Elijah Malach. We are delighted to have them in our fellowship and look forward to meeting them.

Hang in there. Spring is coming (it's 20 degrees and snowing as I write this)

John

CONGRATULATIONS !!!

Happy 200th Anniversary to
Troy First Presbyterian Church
And

Thank You to Robert Oldroyd
For the concerts including Brass
Organ, and Chorus in celebration.
Thank you to Jean Henssler and
Patti O'Connell for their
contributions to the performances.



Your Editor's Message...

Greetings everyone! It's one of those moments when suddenly I have nothing to say. Know that seems amazing to some of you, but it does happen. Then something pops into my head...

There are things I am excited about, things I worry about, and all kinds of stuff in-between.

Recently I was excited to be at Ft. Benning, GA, for my Grandson's Graduation Ceremony from Advanced Infantry Training. It was very moving, and I just burst with pride when the Ft. Benning Band played 67 brand new Infantrymen onto Inouye Field, behind the National Infantry Museum. Being from an Army family...Grandfather, Husband, 2 Sons, Son-in-law and now Grandson...it was an incredibly emotional experience.

Then I worry. What's in an Infantryman's future? Will the violence stop in Ukraine? Prayers for Ukraine. Will people ever go back to getting along and agree to disagree without becoming violent? Worry lists seem to be never ending.

The stuff in-between? Oh, I cannot start on that list...that one goes on and on! BUT! Through all these situations, the prayers and their power never cease to amaze me.

The one constant in all this musing is God; along with Hope, Faith, Love and I would add MUSIC! We can give our worries over to Him. Especially the ones over which we have no control. But amidst all the worries, and we all have them, finding joy in the little things becomes very important.

As we near Holy Week, day by day, I hope you give away your worries and look for the little joys that happen in your life. May we all find tremendous joy and hope and music on Easter and throughout the Easter season.

Blessings to you and yours,
Your Editor,
Patti

MUSIC of NOTE...

Take a look and listen to this link to the BBC report on the hymns sung at the Duke of Edinburgh's Memorial Service.

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UPCOMING EVENTS...

Thursday, March 31, 7 pm: “Bach Birthday Concert” - Robert Oldroyd - organist. Organ favorites from his early works, the Weimar Period and the Orgelbuchlein, works for Lent and Holy Week. The Concert can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/TroyPAPresbyterian/>

Sunday, April 3, 3:00pm: Harpsichord Concert: Binghamton Philharmonic Executive Director, Dr. Paul Ciennawa and Michael Bahmann - harpsichords. J.S. Bach - *The Art of the Fugue*, BWV 1080. Phelps Mansion, Binghamton, NY. \$20.

Sunday, April 3, 6:00pm: “Forsaken of Man” - cantata by Leo Sowerby (1895 - 1968). Combined Madrigal Choir of Binghamton and Trinity Choir, Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church, Binghamton. Tim Smith, conductor; William Trafka, (NYC) – organist. (See poster)

Wednesday, April 6, 11:30 am: Lenten Organ Meditation – Andy Kotylo - organist
St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre, PA. Followed by noon Lenten service.

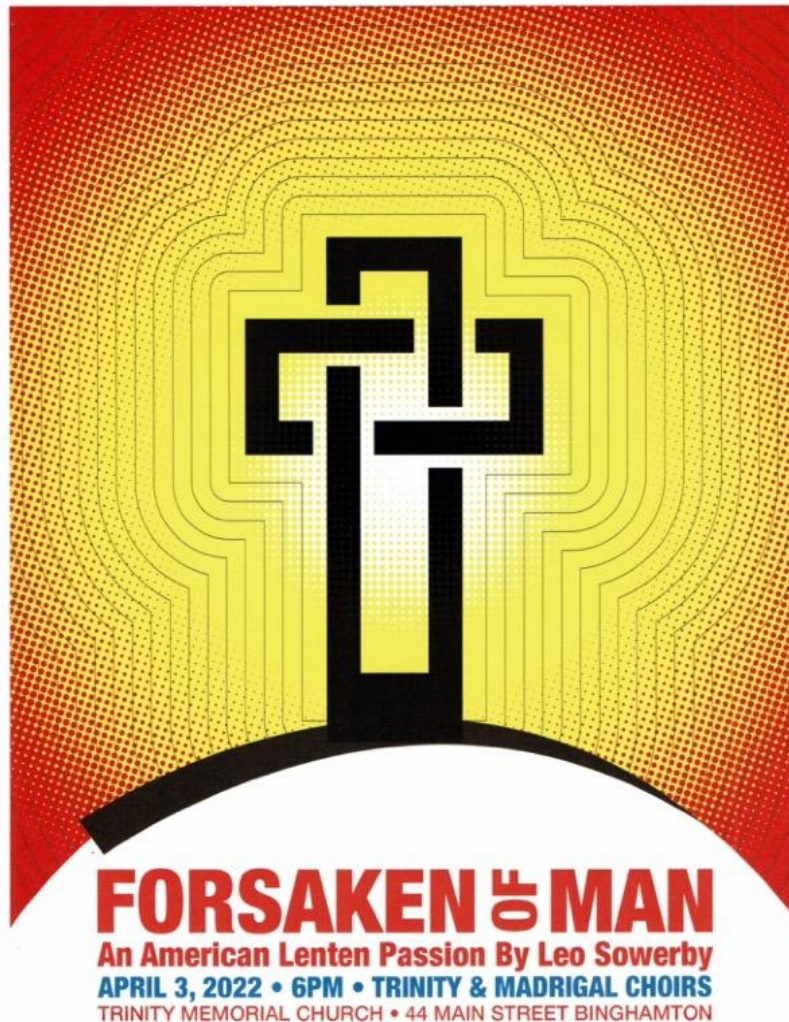
Wednesday, April 13, 11:30 am: Lenten Organ Meditation – Jean Henssler – Organist.
Works by Tournemire, Bach, Reger, and Walcha. St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre, PA. Followed by noon Lenten service.

Friday, April 22, 7:00 pm: Binghamton Chapter AGO/United Presbyterian Church Organ Recital - Mark Laubach - organist. United Presbyterian Church, Binghamton.

Sunday, May 1, 2:00 pm: BTOS – Harold Lloyd in the silent film, “*SPEEDY.*” Dennis James, Organist. More info at www.BinghamtonTOS.org

Sunday, May 1, 3:00 pm: BRIO. "WE BRING YOU HOPE" Directed by Craig Johnson. Endwell Methodist Church. Flutist, Wendy Stafford and clarinetist, Ken Borrmann will be instrumental soloists and play obligato parts with the singers. Piano soloist and accompanist will be Carolyn Corse. Abhiram Kandanati, will play Chopin's Prelude in D flat Major. Vocal soloists from the ensemble will be: Rich Gabrielson, Colleen Kenny-kuk, David and Patti Schuster and Tim Wetherbee.

Sunday, May 1, 4:00 pm: Organ Recital: Randy Frye - organist. First Presbyterian Church of Troy, PA. Randy is the HS Choir director in Canton, PA. This event is the final fund raiser for Tim Smith's renovation of the 1950 Aeolian -Skinner organ. Live and live - streamed at <https://www.facebook.com/TroyPAPresbyterian/>



CHURCH MUSICIAN OPENING...

Open Position: Church Musician
Where: Nineveh Presbyterian Church
PO Box 115
2997 NY-7
Nineveh, NY 13813

The Nineveh Presbyterian Church, (PCUSA), Nineveh, NY, is looking to hire a church musician to begin work May 1, 2022.

The church has a baby grand piano and a pipe organ in the sanctuary along with a studio piano in the social hall. It also has three octaves of handbells. Due to the pandemic, both the bell and vocal choirs were inactive. We are now looking for leadership to get both groups back up and

running. Most recently, individuals and small groups of three or four have performed with recorded or piano/organ accompaniment. An electronic keyboard is available for the church pond side service which takes place each August.

The congregation has an average worship attendance of 35. In addition to Sunday worship, the church musician is expected to assist with worship leadership for its special services which last year included a Christmas Eve Service, a Service of Tenebrae on Maundy Thursday, and the yearly pond side service in August.

The salary is commensurate upon training and experience. Any interested persons should respond with a one-page resume to:

The Rev. Richard S. Tosh
c/o Nineveh Presbyterian Church
PO Box 115, Nineveh, NY. 13813

MUSICIAN HUMOR...

Send me some funnies!!

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