

MIXTURES

January 2022



DEAN'S MESSAGE...

Happy New Year all. Even though we had to start the year off by cancelling our annual chapter dinner (January 2) due to the pandemic, I am hopeful that we can once again be able to gather at events in this new year. The next event we have planned is Jean Henssler's presentation "In the Footsteps of Bach," currently set for 10:00 am February 5th at Main Street Baptist Church. Jean will entertain us with a slide show from her Oct. 2019 PIPEDREAMS trip with Michael Barone to the former East Germany. We have invited Mark Laubach to play a recital at United Presbyterian Church on April 22, 2022 and on May 22, 2022 we are collaborating with the Chemung Chapter to bring in Amanda Mole to play a recital at The Park Church in Elmira. In June we will hold our members' recital at Central Methodist Church in Endicott on the organ recently renovated by Tim Smith.

Thanks to:

*Jean Henssler for her wonderful recital, "A Christmas Fantasy," at United Presbyterian Church on December 5. In case you missed it, it is archived at <https://upcbgm.org/youtube/organ-recital>.

Jean Henssler
glitters at the
Console

Dazzling
Christmas
Concert



* Craig Johnson, for leading another excellent concert of BRIO at Endwell Methodist Church on December 19



Brio in Concert

* Rudy Sumpter for his Lenten Service performance at 1st Presbyterian Church in Montrose on December 12.

And Congratulations to:

*Dan Lemieux, whose full-page ad (page 13) in January, 22 TAO, is a reminder of his major contribution to the organ world through his installations of significant Hauptwerk organs.

We welcome our newest member, Joseph Kosik, now a graduate of BU where he was a student of Bill Lawson and who is currently the organist at Centenary-Chenango United Methodist Church in Binghamton

We welcome back to our chapter, Tat Baine.

Happy New Year to all.
John



Jean Henssler
And the mighty
Guilbault-Therien
Organ
At
United Presbyterian
Church

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Saturday, February 5th, 10:00am: “In the Footsteps of Bach.” Presented by Jean Henssler
At Main St. Baptist Church, Binghamton. *see Dean’s Message

On playing the organ:

"There is nothing to it. You only have to hit the right notes at the right time and the instrument plays itself. " - J.S. Bach

Your Editor's Message...

Merry 7th Day of Christmas! Happy New Year!

A statement that struck me from a sermon on Christmas Eve was “why do we tell the same stories and exchange the same greetings year after year, time after time?” The stories never get old. Greetings never get old. The stories told throughout Advent, Christmas and Epiphany give us comfort, hope, and gives us a feeling of renewal as children of God.

As I look through the Episcopal Musicians Handbook to choose hymns and anthems, I see an outline of the many stories and events that took place in a very brief period of time. I am always filled with wonder at all we work to accomplish each year. Making each new year a fresh experience for our musicians and congregations being the goal. Telling the stories again and again as we travel along the church year timeline.

I guess where I am going is to wish you all a very Happy New Year, full of fresh ideas, endeavors, and experiences in your lives and in your music.

Faithfully,
Your Editor,
Patti

MEMBER NEWS... From Johanna Masters:

Dr. Tara gave us very good news today! He confirmed what Tim saw on my chart, that every tumor has shrunk by approximately 1/3. With a big smile, he said it was unusual to see such good results after only 6 treatments! And he was very happy with the fact that I'm not dealing with terrible side effects- not yet anyway!

Our hope is to reach REMISSION or even CURED. These coming weeks will be well worth it! Miracles are happening. I have more treatments to go. (7 to 11 more weeks)

Thank you for all your prayers, and please include Jane, a friend with throat cancer. I've been cured of that, my last year's miracle. We have faith in God and Dr. Tara. God Bless all health care workers! Much love to everyone, Johanna

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 January 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 of these 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

AND NOW FOR YOUR SINGING ENJOYMENT...

We Three Kings

Pandemic Parody

Words: R. G. Huff
A Serious Hymn-writer Gone Rogue

John Henry Hopkins, Jr.
KINGS OF ORIENT



1. We three kings are six feet a - part. We'll Pur - ell be fore we de - part.
2. Mel - chi - or is now quar - an - lined! Stuck in Per - sin, so ___ it seems.
3. Bal - tha - sar has lost ___ his taste. Eat - ing food is such ___ a waste.
4. Cas - par left the car - a - van. He post-poned his star-gaz - ing plans.



We've been test - ed as sug - gest - ed. Care - ful are we, and smart!
No more trav - el on a cam - el 'til there's a good vac - cine.
How dis - quiet - ing, now he's diet - ing. Life now is slow - er paced.
No more roam - ing. Cas - par's hom - ing, scrub - bing his red - dened hands.

REFRAIN
Sing Only after Stanzas 1 & 4



O ___ Do our masks go with our gowns? Do these face shields hide our crowns?
Still our masks clash with our gowns! Face shields hide our top - pled crowns!



We've had plen - ty twen - ty, twen - ty! Still we head t'ward Da - vid's town.
We've had plen - ty twen - ty, twen - ty! Soon we'll head t'ward Da - vid's town.

Optional Stanza 4:
Caspar blames it all on Amahl--
One night's visit on the long haul.
Coughs and sneezes,
Short-breaths, wheezes.
Li-co-rice cures it all.

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