

April
2025

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Binghamton Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

DEAN'S MESSAGE...

Last month (March 6, to be exact) a few board members gathered at Trinity Memorial Church in Binghamton to sort through the collection of music which the chapter has accumulated over several years. We came upon many books or individual pieces which belonged to Esther Wilcox, Jack Hooten and others. There is quite a lot of organ music, piano music, various instruments with or without organ, even some popular songs from decades ago. We got the organ music alphabetized by composer and other music sorted by category (there's a precariously tall pile of piano music, for example). I've returned to Trinity and started to put the alphabetical groups of organ music in hanging folders in a file cabinet, so the collection isn't



spread out on two entire tables. I'll continue to do that, and invite others to help out when convenient.

I want to thank David Jackson, Jean Henssler, Nancy McNamara and Lee Roseboom for making the March 6 effort so enjoyable! The hardest part of this project is probably behind us. And it should be possible in the relatively near future to invite students from university music departments within a couple of hours of Binghamton to browse the collection and take whatever appeals to them. Of course, anyone reading this newsletter who wants to go through the music and take home some gems, it's yours for the taking!



Of special note, is our chapter's April event "**Turning the Clock Back**" this Sunday, April 6, 4 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church in Binghamton. Can you imagine returning to college after 50 years? That is just what Jean Henssler did for the fall semester of '24 - she returned to her alma mater for additional study of the organ and organ music. Come and join us for this delightful program! I hope to see you there!

Hilton

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ♦ **Monday, March 31 - 7:00 pm** - First Presbyterian Church, Troy, PA. Member Robert Oldroyd presents organ recital of J.S. Bach's works. (Page 4) Livestreamed at <https://www.facebook.com/TroyPAPresbyterian>
- ♦ **Sunday, April 6 - 4:00 pm** - Trinity Episcopal Church, Binghamton. A multi-media presentation/mini-recital, called **"Turning the Clock Back"**. (See Page 3)
- ♦ **Saturday, April 26 - 4:00 pm** - First Presbyterian Church, Troy, PA. "Turning the Clock Back", Jean Henssler/presenter. (Page 4)
- ♦ **Sunday, May 18 - 4:00 pm** - Music for a Sunday Afternoon, Christ the King Fellowship-Presbyterian Church, Spencer, NY. David Jackson, organist.
- ♦ **Sunday, June 1 - 3:00 pm** - **"Share the Joy Concert"** at the Broome County Forum Theatre, Binghamton. Recital by 4 members of the BTOS and the AGO followed by *Open Console* on the Robert-Morton organ (Sign-ups when you arrive that day)
- ♦ **Friday, June 6 - 6:30 pm** - Members Recital at First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City

PIANO FOR SALE...

Baldwin B1 Baby Grand Piano (serial number 312988, manufactured in 1992)

- ♦ Kept in air conditioned and humidity controlled home
- ♦ Casework and keys in good condition, no apparent rust on strings or cracks in soundboard
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- ♦ Owner looking for a good home where it will be played and enjoyed
- ♦ Asking \$5,000
- ♦ Buyer responsible for all moving costs from present location
- ♦ Contact (text message):
Jason Moulton at
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SUNDAY, APRIL 6, AGO Event...

Pepto Bismol pink luggage (no wheels), baby blue Princess phones, Corona typewriters, reel-to-reel tape recordings, transistor radios, mimeographed copies and *organs without memory levels*. Do you remember the endless waiting while recitalists changed the pistons?

The 1960's!

You are cordially invited to join me as I **Turn the Clock Back** with a light-hearted audio-visual presentation/mini-recital chronicling my 2024 Fall semester return to college life at the Oberlin College Conservatory of Music, Oberlin, Ohio. **Sunday April 6, 4pm, Trinity Episcopal Church, 44 Main Street, Binghamton.**

Music by Buxtehude, Sweelinck, Cabezón, and Dupré.

Jean Hensler



(2024)



(1971)

SPRING ORGAN CONCERT SERIES...



Bach Lenten Recital

Mon. March 31, 2025, 7PM
Robert Oldroyd will present a recital of J.S. Bach's works for organ.



Jean Hensler

Sat. April 26, 2025, 4PM

"Turning The Clock Back"

Presentation/Recital



First Presbyterian Church
1030 West Main Street
Troy, PA 16947
Aeolian-Skinner Organ, 1084



Sean Cotty

Sun. May 18th, 2025, 4PM
New York City organist, Sean Cotty will present a program of organ works and piano concert piano pieces.



David Jackson

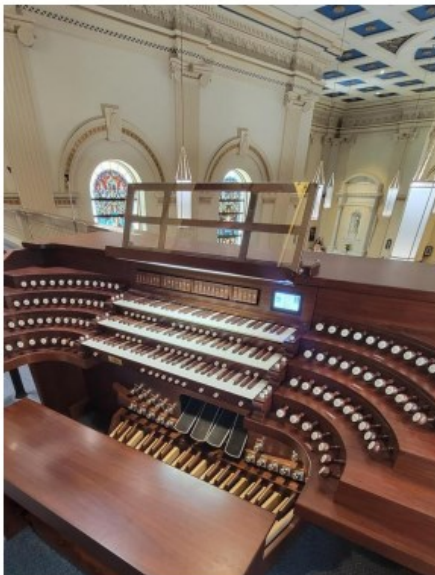
Sun. June 22nd, 2025, 4PM
David Jackson of Spencer-Van Etten will present a variety recital of organ works.



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Featured project:

St. John the Evangelist RC Church
Frederick, MD

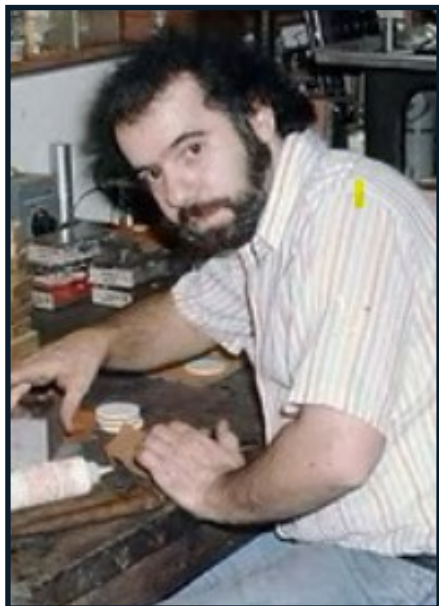
This 3-manual hybrid organ has 91 stops and approximately 30 ranks of pipes interfaced with new Allen digital voices, with an impressive curved French terrace console.

We performed work on the pipe organ, provided a new interface, and are doing all the voicing.

Other recent installations & projects:

Blessed Sacrament, Stowe, VT – Allen 2-manual, 47 stops
United Church, Dorset, VT – Allen 3-manual, 51 stops
Emma Willard School, Troy, NY – pipe work
St. Joseph's, Troy, NY – console completed '24, pipe work & Allen additions in progress

FROM THE REGISTRAR...



A substantial memorial contribution has been received by our chapter in memory of Alfred P. Emola. He was never a member of the chapter but his work in building and maintaining pipe organs in the area is still heard as in The Forum's Robert-Morton organ. His obituary as published.

Albert P. Emola, 85, passed away on September 17, 2024. Albert was a proud veteran who served in the U.S. Air Force as an engine mechanic. Albert worked for many years as a licensed funeral director. Later he worked for his own pipe organ company building and repairing organs in Binghamton and North Carolina. He was a talented artist that painted designs on carousels in his hometown of Endicott, N.Y. He is survived by a

special nephew, Mark (Beth) Pisani and dear friends, Joe and Norma Heller of N.C. where Albert lived his last 5 years.

Richard

MEMBERS' RECITAL - FRIDAY, JUNE 6...

After you have finished playing for the remainder of the Lenten season, Holy Week and Easter . . . Kindly consider playing for our upcoming Members' Recital on Friday, June 6, 6:30 pm at the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City. The recital repertoire is very free - perhaps an organ solo or duet with another instrument ...or a piano soloor piano duet. The total length of the recital is approximately one hour so the musical works played do not need to be long. Additional details will be in upcoming MIXTURES.

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