

JUNE 2023

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Binghamton Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

DEAN'S MESSAGE...

Our member recital at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Endwell is scheduled for June 11 at 4:00 pm. The recital will be followed by a dinner at Jonathan's restaurant on Hooper Road during which there will be a (short) chapter business meeting regarding the election of officers. I sent out a notice inviting anyone interested in performing in the recital to contact me to let me know you plan to perform in the recital. I have only heard back from three people so far, so if you want to play in this year's member recital, get back to me soon (jholt@stny.rr.com). Include in your email which piece(s) you want to play. In any event, I hope you will plan on attending the recital and dinner afterwards. Please let me know by June 8 if you will be attending the dinner so we can make reservations. I hope to see you on June 11 where we can once again celebrate the talents of our chapter members. This is the last event until our summer picnic in July or August.

The slate of officers for our upcoming election is:

2023-2024 Slate of Officers

Dean: Hilton Baxter

Subdean: Peggy Sniezek

Secretary: Polly Wendling

Treasurer: Robert Peterson

Members-at-large:

Andy Chadwick

Janet Hammond

David Jackson

Lee Roseboom

We wish Tim Smith a fond farewell as his retirement from Trinity will begin on June 4. There will be a special gathering in his honor after the morning service on June 4. It has been a privilege to have had him in our community for the last 8 years. He leaves behind many pleasant memories of the wonderful music he played and led. His lasting legacy will also be with us in the excellent instruments he built at Trinity Episcopal, Northminster Presbyterian and Central Methodist.

Congratulations to Dave Jackson, Richard and Evelyn Van Auken, Nancy Wildoner, Robbie Oldroyd, Tim Smith, John Jurgensen, Jean Henssler, and Craig Johnson who have each performed or led recent concerts.

Prayers are welcome for Patti O'Connell and Janet Hammond who are each recovering from recent surgeries and for Peggy Sniezek who was recently hospitalized following an illness flareup.

John

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ♦ **Saturday, June 10 - 3:00 pm** - Organ Recital with Jean Henssler, organist. First Presbyterian Church, 1030 West Main Street, Troy, PA.
<https://www.facebook.com/TroyPAPresbyterian>
- ♦ **Sunday, June 11 - 4:00 pm** - Members Recital at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 711 Farm to Market Road, Endwell. Recital followed by Dinner at Jonathan's (Reservations at 6:00 pm), 534 Hooper Road, Endwell.
- ♦ **SUNDAY, June 18 - 4:00 pm** - Music and Stories from Ukraine, Gail Archer, organist (For details, see page 4).

FROM THE REGISTRAR...

ALERT FROM NATIONAL AGO

The AGO National Council approved an increase in annual dues, effective July 1. This is the first increase in several years. Members who renew in July have already seen this change reflected on their recent renewal notices. Please note: The previous three-month grace period has been discontinued, so renew early to guarantee delivery of the next issue of The American Organist magazine. Questions? Contact the AGO Membership Department. The link is members@agohq.org for your email.

Locally, all dual members due July 1, must renew online, return invoice to listed address, call the listed phone number, or call Phylcia Ross at (212) 870-2311, ext. 4321.

As in previous years, other category members, due July 1, and have not renewed via ONCARD, will receive the chapter's traditional form the first week of June. Renewing members are once again encouraged to renew online thru ONCARD. https://www.agohq.org/oncard-login/?issi_auth_action=logout should take you to login page. Click on Membership at top of page, scroll down to "renew membership" and follow instructions. Must use credit card.

I encourage all renewing members to renew quickly - however you choose!

Richard

ORGANIST POSITION OPENING...

Congregational Church, Norwich, NY seeks Organist for Sunday Service and rehearsals. Pianists encouraged to apply - organ lessons provided. Salary \$14,000 (health, vision, dental negotiable). Resume and letter to: Cheri Oakley, Parish Coordinator, United Church of Christ, 11 West Main Street, Norwich, NY 13815.

MUSIC DIRECTOR OPENING...

Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church, Binghamton, NY seeks a highly skilled musician for the half-time position of Music Director to supervise an established and successful traditional music program at a medium size parish committed to excellence in music and liturgy.

The candidate would be expected to have earned a degree in music (organ and/or choral conducting), have experience in a church and/or academic setting, and have an ability to relate to people of all ages and backgrounds.

Candidates should submit a letter of application, a CV, a list of three references with phone, email contact information, and a link to a recent recording. These materials should be sent electronically by June 29 to John Chaffee, Chair, Music Director Search Committee (chaffee@binghamton.edu).

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Direct the total music program subject to the approval of the rector.
2. Provide organ music for Sunday services and seasonal services.
3. Prepare the choir to sing service music, hymns, and anthems.
4. Prepare the Bell Choir for the presentation of music at occasional Sunday services and holidays.
5. Supervise the selection and preparation of solos and other instrumental and vocal music for occasional and holiday usage.
6. Prepare introductions, alternate harmonizations and descants for hymns.
7. Provide music for funerals and weddings as requested at an additional fee.
8. Supervise the maintenance of all musical instruments.
9. Maintain and expand the music library.
10. Write musical notes for Trinity's newsletter the *Trinity Times*.
11. Plan and present periodic recitals, concerts, and special services, including the coordination of guest artists.
12. Audition, hire, and supervise paid choral singers.

Additional information about the church, its music program, and recordings of past choral and organ performances are available at the church website (<http://trinitymemorial.org>) and at its YouTube website (<https://www.youtube.com/@trinitymemorial>).

Music and Stories from Ukraine

Old Palatine Church
2023 Opening Event
Sunday, June 18, 2023
4:00 pm

Gail Archer
Concert Organist



Old Palatine Church, Rt 5 between St. Johnsville & Nelliston, NY

MAY MUSICAL GATHERINGS...



*Ensemble Concert
Northminster Presbyterian Church,
Endwell*



*Dean John Holt at the Chapter's
"BACH AND EXPRESSION"
Film Series*

MAY MUSICAL GATHERINGS...



MUSIC FOR A SUNDAY AFTERNOON

**David Jackson, Brenda Yeier and
Jewel Griffith**



**An Evening with BRIO! And Friends
Craig Johnson, Director**



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