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Binghamton Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

DEAN'S MESSAGE...

Welcome to November, which will be a busy month for our chapter. You may have noticed that there was not a program in October (there was a schedule conflict with Central United Methodist on the date we originally had planned). But we are making up for it with two, actually three, events this month.

Saturday, November 4, 10:00am

I would dare say that all of us have had the opportunity to study and play some of J.S. Bach's works from his various compositional periods. Last winter, the chapter began a DVD series on his life and music. We continue this Saturday, November 4th with a third presentation "**Bach and Expression**" detailing the last years of Bach's life and the works which he composed during that time. It includes three short sections - Leipzig and Emotion, Chorale Majesty, and Bach's Ultimate Style. This video program promises to be very enriching, and I encourage everyone reading this to attend. Please check "Upcoming Events" on page 2 for further information.

Saturday, November 11, 2:00 pm

And just a week later, our Young Artists Concert promises to be exciting and enjoyable as well. If you haven't already, take some time to listen/watch WSKG's interview of Joseph Ossei-Little, <https://youtu.be/-zTcEuUNKFk?si=WAB55qgiaS197KuS> and share information about the program with anyone you think might like to hear him in person. It's also worth noting that the organ he will play on November 11, at United Presbyterian Church on Chenango Street in Binghamton, is one of the very best instruments in the area. Certainly worth hearing whatever the occasion.

During the week between those two programs, the music library which our chapter has kept at Main Street Baptist Church, Binghamton, will be moved to Sayre, PA where Larry Hoey will take good care of it. Many thanks in advance to Andy Chadwick, Jean Henssler and others for helping this happen. If you want to help with the move prep, please contact me, Andy or Jean.

Many thanks and see you soon.

Hilton

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ♦ Saturday, November 4 - 9:30 am - 3rd session of the Fugue State Films "Bach and Expression." Gathering at 9:30 am with coffee/refreshment with the program beginning 10:00 am at Central Methodist Church, 17 Nanticoke Avenue, Endicott.
- ♦ Saturday, November 11 - 2:00 pm - Young Artist Series organ recital by Joseph Maxwell Ossei-Little. (See page 4)
- ♦ *Lessons and Carols for Christmas* - Madrigal Choir of Binghamton
Saturday, December 2 - 3:00 pm, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 37 Main St., Norwich, NY
Sunday, December 3 - 4:00 pm, Church of the Holy Trinity, 346 Prospect St., Binghamton. More info at <http://www.madrigalchoir.com>
- ♦ Tuesday, December 5 - 11:30 am - Luncheon get-together at Needful Things and Vintage Vibes Café, 136 E. Service Road, Binghamton. Reservations are required (deadline December 1) by contacting Polly - (607) 754-0378 or bwending@stny.rr.com

JOB OPENING...

The United Presbyterian Church of Cortland is seeking a part-time Choir Director to lead its large adult church choir. The major duties and responsibilities of the Choir Director are:

- ⇒ The selection of music;
- ⇒ Leading weekly rehearsals from September to June;
- ⇒ Directing the choir in Sunday worship services and at special services during the year;
- ⇒ Coordinating special music at worship services during July and August;
- ⇒ Providing performing opportunities for instrumentalists in the congregation;
- ⇒ Caring for and recruiting choir members.

The Choir Director will be part of an experienced church staff that includes Organist Paulette Fry. The Choir Director reports to the Pastor and relates to the Worship and Music Committee. Job description available upon request.

Send resume to: Personnel Committee. United Presbyterian Church, 25 Church Street, Cortland, NY 13045. Email: officeadmin@unitedpresbyterian.net.

POSITIONS OPEN...

Attachments to this newsletter (#3 and #4) contain the information for the two positions open (Choir Director and Accompanist) at the First United Methodist Church of Oneonta.

FROM YOUR REGISTRAR...

Just as the chapters of life change so does the chapter Yearbook/Directory!

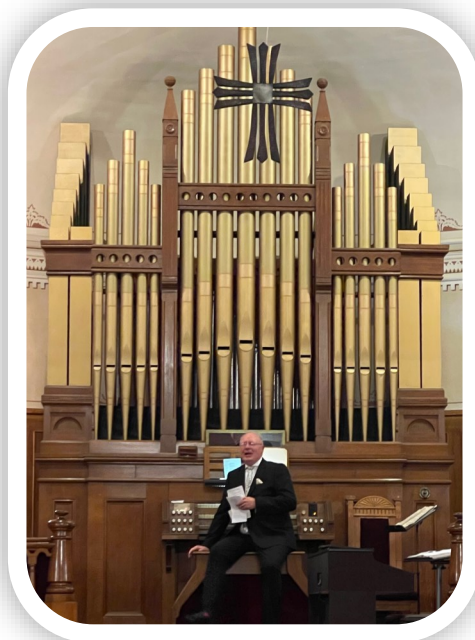
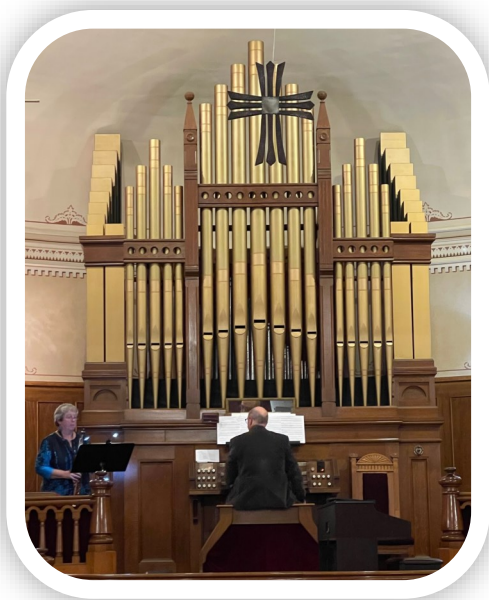
Timothy Smith, CAGO, portagetim@yahoo.com has renewed his membership with the chapter. Please add his name to our current yearbook.

Esther Wilcox has reminded me that she will be 90 on November 12, 2023! She loves getting cards and still resides at Elizabeth Church Manor, 863 Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13905.

Richard

PHOTOS FROM NEWARK VALLEY...

The lovely Hook & Hastings organ (Opus 1433, 1889) was played in a recital on October 14 at the Old UCC Church (now a community center). Local organists, Eric Machan Howd and Yancey Moore performed. It was the first time in many years that the organ has been heard!



Young Artists Series Recital

Joseph Ossei-Little



Saturday, November 11

2:00 pm

**United Presbyterian Church
42 Chenango St., Binghamton**

We welcome Joseph as this year's Young Artist! Joseph, an international student from Ghana, is finishing his second year in the organ performance master's program at Syracuse University.

His interview with Bill Snyder (WSKG Music Director) can be viewed on by clicking on this link. <https://youtu.be/-zTcEuUNKFk?si=WAB55qqiaS197KuS>

Read about his incredible life journey and hear his joy filled playing by clicking on the links below.

<https://chapel.syracuse.edu/bringing-joy-from-ghana-joseph-maxwell-ossei-little-has-big-plans-as-inaugural-hendricks-chapel-organ-scholar/>

And <https://youtu.be/kx9M2i3O7ng?si=-htB8WaIkC-4-xoE>

RECITAL PROGRAM

IMPROVISATION ON WE SHALL OVERCOME - C. Haywood

ELEGY - G. Thalben-Ball

PRELUDE AND FUGUE IN G MAJOR BWV 541 - J. S. Bach

SONATA No. 6 (complete) - F. Mendelssohn

SONATA FOR ORGAN (2nd Movement) - F. Price

FANTASY TOCCATA - J. Scott

FINAL FROM SYMPHONY No. 1 - L. Vierne

MELODY - S. Coleridge-Taylor

WE NEED YOUR HELP!...

As with any event, much work is done behind the scenes long before it even occurs. With the date approaching soon, our Young Artist Series Recital is as exciting for Joseph Ossei-Little as it is for our chapter. How wonderful it will be to not only foster a young organist but also to extend warm hospitality to an international student so far from home! So, how can we help fill the church for the recital and extend hospitality?

1. Plan on attending and bring a friend(s). **Please note:** the Veteran's Day parade will be held that day and parking could be a challenge! Come early and approach the church from the north, avoiding Main and Court Streets.
2. In addition to the recital advertisement on page 4 there is a separate PDF recital poster at the bottom of this email. If you are on any social media sites, would you please post? The PDF is a tool for easy posting on individuals' Facebook pages. It reaches a wider community more quickly. With an added personal invitation like, "join me" or "amazing young talent", it might draw more attendees.
3. Two ushers are needed at the recital. This would require an early arrival to hand out programs and direct people to restrooms, etc.
4. Joseph will be in Binghamton all day on Friday, November 10 to practice at United Presbyterian and then will be staying overnight at a local hotel. Would you be interested in meeting Joseph on Friday evening for dinner? Time and place to be determined.

If you can help at the recital or wish to join Joseph for dinner on 11/10, please contact Jean Henssler jhhmusik@aol.com



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