

DEAN'S LETTER

In this season of giving thanks, I am reminded of all the gifts our chapter so freely shares with others. Whether it is the gift of music that we share with our congregants to soothe their sorrows, enliven the people's song, or give voice to praise of God, all of us generously offer time and talent to others. I particularly give thanks to the many hours of volunteer time that our members give to our chapter. There are many people involved in addressing envelopes, producing the monthly newsletter, calling the caterer. hosting recitalists, chauffeuring and just "taking care of business" on a daily basis. Thanks be to God for you all!

The nomination committee, chaired by Jon Johnson, will be looking for even more volunteers in the weeks ahead to continue the work of our chapter. Please consider how you can serve. And wouldn't it be wonderful if you took it upon yourself to contact Jon and tell him the special way you feel you could serve our chapter! We would welcome that.

We won't meet again until January 6 — the day of Epipany. Our rising star artist, Wyatt Smith, will present a concert at St. George's featuring a premiere performance of movements from a work he commissioned and also appropriate for the day: Pamela Ruiter-Feenstra's "Liturgical Suite." The three movements from her suite he will play are the *Fugue on Vom Himmel Hoch*, the *Fantasy-Gigue on How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*, and *Easter Toccata*. Do join us in supporting one of our young and upcoming organists.

May the peace and joy of this busy season be heard in your multiple performances this month.

Marsha Scheusner, Dean

JANUARY PROGRAM – MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014 ORGAN CONCERT BY WYATT SMITH

DINNER — 6:30 PM



CONCERT - 7:30 PM

St. George's Episcopal Church 4715 Harding Road Nashville, Tennessee 37205

Dinner Reservations, due by December 31, can be made online @ <www.nashvilleago.org>, click on Dinner Reservations, or contact Linda Winters at <agodinner@gmail.com> or phone Linda @ 615–456–2065.

NEW MEMBERS

Russell Davis

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Russell is Organist/Music Associate, First Baptist,
Nashville, and Pianist/Organist at Temple Ohabai Shalom

Kristen Schussler

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MEMBER NEWS

Check out the December issue of *The American Organist* for mention of several Nashville Chapter members: Shannon Arnett, Polly Brecht, Carol McClure, Wes Ramsay, Andrew Risinger, John Semingson, Gary Scott, Dwayne Short. Also note the names of our members in the National AGO Donor Report. Congratulations to all.

YEARBOOK UPDATE

Billy Davis

Organist, Forest Hills Baptist Church, Nashville

Fred Mund

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AVAILABLE SUBSTITUTES

An updated Substitute list may be found on our chapter website <www.nashvilleago.org>

JOB OPENINGS

St. John's Lutheran Church – ELCA, Nashville is seeking a part-time organist/choir director. Minimum requirements: keyboard, voice, and conducting experience in a church setting. Bachelor's degree in music preferred, but not required. For further information contact Keith Heim at joyful100noise@gmail.com. Cover letter and resume may be emailed to the same address or sent via mail to: St. John's Lutheran Church, c/o Keith Heim, 3259 McGavock Pike, Nashville, TN 37214.

Crowell's Chapel Lutheran Church, Unionville, TN is looking for an organist for one Sunday morning service. Prefer one person, but would consider other options, such as 1-2 people who would be willing to rotate. Contact Nicole Campbell at (931) 492-3610.

Charlotte Hughes, Placement Chair

Two Sacred Music Scholarships from Florida State University

Myron Munday Fellowship in Sacred Music Trinity United Methodist Church, in cooperation with the Florida State University College of Music, is pleased to announce the Myron Munday Fellowship in Sacred Music, open to undergraduate music students studying sacred music or a related field at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida. In addition to an annual scholarship of \$2000 and additional book allowance, fellows will be offered professional training in the areas of music, liturgy, theology, and administration. The fellowship is open to both current and prospective FSU students. This fellowship begins in the Fall of 2014. For more information and to apply, please contact Dr. Jonathan Hehn at <jhehn@tumct. org>. Information on the FSU sacred music degree and specialized studies programs can be found at www.music.fsu.edu.

Gray Memorial Fellowship in Sacred Music

Gray Memorial United Methodist Church, in cooperation with the Florida State University College of Music, is pleased to announce the Gray Memorial Fellowship in Sacred Music, open to undergraduate music students studying sacred music or a related field at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida. In addition to an annual scholarship of \$3000 and additional book allowance, fellows will be offered professional training in the areas of music, liturgy, theology, and administration. his fellowship begins in the Fall of 2014. For more information and to apply, please contact Rev. Ron McCreary, at rmccreary@ flumc.org.

ARTS CALENDAR — DECEMBER, 2013–JANUARY, 2014

12/1 — 3:00 PM

"Bring a Torch" Organ Concert Gerry Senechal, Organ St. George's Episcopal Church 4715 Harding Road, Nashville 37215

12/7 — 7:00 PM

Holiday Concert Nashville Chamber Singers First Presbyterian Church 4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville

12/8 — 4:00 PM

Music for the Season Featuring "Canite Tuba" by Donald McCullough additional music by Bass, Cherwien, Nestor, & Wilberg West End United Methodist Church 2200 West End Avenue, Nashville 37203 Chancel Choir and Brass

12/8 — 6:00 PM

Lessons and Carols St. George's Episcopal Church 4715 Harding Road, Nashville 37215

12/9 - 7:30 PM

Christmas at the Cathedral Festival Choir (100+), Orchestra, Guest Readers Cathedral of the Incarnation 2015 West End Avenue, Nashville, 37203

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Holiday Concert Nashville Chamber Singers St. Paul's Episcopal Church 116 N Academy St., Murfreesboro

12/14 — 2:00 PM Music for Advent and Christmas First United Methodist Church 100 South Jefferson St., Winchester, 37398 Dan Warmbrod, Organist

12/15 — 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Advent Choral Service Cantata 140: "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme" by J. S. Bach Westminster Presbyterian Church 3900 West End Ave, Nashville, 37205 Westminster Presbyterian Church Choir & Orchestra 12/15 — 4:00 PM Christmas Concert First Presbyterian Church 4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville FPC Sanctuary Choir, Youth Choirs and Orchestra

Featuring Britten's "Ceremony of Carols"

12/15 — 4:00 PM

Festival of Lessons and Carols sung by the Cathedral Choir and Senior Choristers Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville 900 Broadway, Nashville 37203 Michael Velting, Canon for Music, Jon Johnson, Associate Organist and Choirmaster

12/15 — 5:30 PM

Candlelight Service West End United Methodist Church 2200 West End Avenue, Nashville 37203 Featuring all the singing and handbell choirs of West End United Methodist Church

12/22 — 4:00 PM

Lessons and Carols St. Paul's Episcopal Church 116 N Academy St., Murfreesboro

1/6 — 7:30 PM

AGO Organ Concert Wyatt Smith, Organ St. George's Episcopal Church 4715 Harding Road, Nashville 37215

1/15 — 9:15 PM

Compline St. George's Episcopal Church 4715 Harding Road, Nashville 37215

1/19 — 4:00 PM

Music for Trumpets and Organ First Presbyterian Church 4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville Adam Hayes and Joel Treybig, Trumpets; Andrew Risinger, Organ

Visit our Chapter Website <www.nashvilleago.org> for additions or changes to the arts calendar (and much, much more).