

NASHVILLE CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

SEPTEMBER 2018

Dear Friends,

As another summer comes to a close, I'm excited by the opportunities we have to continue our work as a chapter. Our calling is our bond: to provide the church and the world the highest standards of music. Music is our language. The organ and the choir is our instrument. We, as a community, give each other the strength and the fellowship to continue.

This year we have many exciting programs that give us the opportunity to grow deeper in calling and community. We will start the year with a festival Evensong at Trinity Presbyterian Church, led by **Simon Thomas Jacobs** and accompanied by **Michael Gebhart**. This is an event you do not want to miss. It will be followed by a reception, which I am happy to report will be free (including the wine, if you choose to have some) thanks to good budgeting by the chapter/executive committee and donations from Lois Fyfe Music. Please note: we will still need you to register for that reception so that we can have an accurate count for our caterers.

Despite having programs on both Sundays and Mondays this year, it was still extremely important to me and the program committee that we have fellowship opportunities for the events that are on Sunday afternoons. I hope you find the receptions that will follow the Evensong in September and the recital in October to be wonderful opportunities to connect with colleagues and friends. We are also committed to having the best meals possible for our Monday night dinners. Special thanks go to **Darryl Miller**, who will oversee our dinners and hospitality over the next couple of years, and to all of the churches who have agreed to host us. Our chapter would not be nearly as active without the partnerships we have with so many wonderful people throughout the region. I hope to see you at these events, and I hope that you find our programs and fellowship necessary to continuing your great work.

Our work is important! Never forget that music can do what for our congregation what nothing else can. Our community has the opportunity each month to inspire and influence each other in a way that is unique. Let us take up these opportunities. Encourage one another. Motivate one another. I hope this year leads you to feeling renewed and called to a deeper understanding of our capabilities and purpose. My prayers will be with each of you as together we provide the church with the greatest form of prayer there is: psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.

Matt Phelps Dean



SEPTEMBER PROGRAM - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 - 4:30 PM

FESTIVAL EVENSONG
SIMON THOMAS JACOBS, CONDUCTOR
MICHAEL GEBHART, ORGANIST

Trinity Presbyterian Church · 3201 Hillsboro Pike · Nashville, TN 37215 Season-opening reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres and wine follows.

Reservations, *due by September 25*, can be made online at www.nashvilleago.org (click on "Reception Reservations") or by contacting Linda Winters at (615) 456-2065 or AGOdinner@gmail.com. No charge for reception.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Stephanie Budwey, Nashville sbudwey@hotmail.com

Lynn McGill lynn.mcgill@comcast.net

Member News

Please pray for our member **Donald Cornelius**, who is ill (updates can be found here: https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/donaldcornelius). Send him a card at his home address below; Don Marler delivers his mail.

Donald Cornelius 6308 Thunderbird Drive Nashville, TN 37209

We bid a fond farewell to **Simon Thomas Jacobs**, who begins his new position as an instructor at the Flight Academy, a Cirrus Training Center in Seattle, Washington, this September.

Helen Norman has moved to the Atlanta area. Best wishes, Helen.

From *Bowling Green Living*: Group of Bowling Green Musicians Keep Pipe Organ Playing Alive: https://www.bgkyliving.com/features/vital-organs/

FROM MEMBERSHIP CHAIR JANET SCHMIDT

How quickly summer has passed! We begin our 2018–19 program year on Sunday, September 30, at 4:30 p.m. with our opening festival Evensong at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3201 Hillsboro Pike, Nashville. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you there.

We have a wonderful chapter, and I encourage all of you to send me contact information for prospective new members, especially young organists and choral directors. Please bring one prospective member to our September festival Evensong.

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2018–19 Nashville Chapter Programs

Sunday, September 30, 4:30 p.m.

Festival Evensong
Simon Thomas Jacobs, Conductor
Michael Gebhart, Organist
Trinity Presbyterian Church
3201 Hillsboro Pike, Nashville

Sunday, October 28, 4:00 p.m.

Thomas Ospital, Organist Christ Church Cathedral 900 Broadway, Nashville

Monday, November 12, 7:30 p.m.

Members' Recital Belmont United Methodist Church 2007 Acklen Avenue, Nashville

Monday, January 14, 7:30 p.m.

An Evening with Donald Sutherland and Phyllis Bryn-Julson Calvary United Methodist Church 3701 Hillsboro Pike, Nashville

Monday, February 11, 7:30 p.m.

Blair Children's Chorus Mary LaCasse-Biddlecombe, Conductor Upper Room Chapel 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville

Monday, March 11, 7:30 p.m.

Michael Unger, Organist Covenant Presbyterian Church 33 Burton Hills Boulevard, Nashville

Sunday, May 5, 4:30 p.m.

A Festival Hymn Sing
Tom Trenney, Organist and Conductor
The Choirs of West End United Methodist Church
Matthew Phelps and Andrew Risinger, Directors
West End United Methodist Church
2200 West End Avenue, Nashville

September 2018

9/18/2018, 7:30 p.m. McAfee Organ Concert Scott Dettra, Organist Union University 1050 Union University Drive, Jackson, TN

9/19/2018, 9:15 p.m.

Compline

St. George's Episcopal Church 4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

9/23/2018, 11:00 a.m.

Worship Service with Nashville Children's Choir

James Wells, Director First Presbyterian Church 4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville

9/23/2018, 4:00 p.m.

"Come Get Your Musical Therapy On"

Concert Series Debut Mozart and Vierne

J.D. Plant, Pianist and Organist

First Presbyterian Church

304 West Main Street, Lebanon

9/30/2018, 3:00 p.m.

Organ Concert

Buxtehude, Bach, Mendelssohn, Visser,

and Sandresky

Abby Haake, Organist

First Presbyterian Church, Springfield

October 2018

10/13/2018, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

A Community Introduction to the Holtkamp Organ

Anthony Williams, Organist Fisk University Chapel

1000 17th Avenue North, Nashville

Ticketed Event

10/14/2018, 4:30 p.m.

Organ Concert

Nara Lee, Organ Scholar Choral Evensong, 5:00 p.m.

St. George's Choir and Senior Choristers

Woosug Kang, Conductor Gerry Senechal, Organist Nara Lee, Organ Scholar St. George's Episcopal Church 4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

10/14/2018, 4:30 p.m.

Special Benefit Organ Concert for Epworth Rectory

Joyce Jones, Organist

West End United Methodist Church 2200 West End Avenue, Nashville

10/17/2018, 9:15 p.m.

Compline

St. George's Episcopal Church 4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

10/27/2018, 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Free Day of Music

Schermerhorn Symphony Center 1 Symphony Place, Nashville

10/28/2018, 4:00 p.m.

Organ Concert

Thomas Ospital, Organiste Titulaire,

l'Église Saint-Eustache, Paris

Co-sponsored by the Nashville AGO Chapter

Christ Church Cathedral 900 Broadway, Nashville

10/30/2018, 7:30 p.m.

Halloween Movie Night: The Phantom of the Opera

Laura Turner Concert Hall Schermerhorn Symphony Center 1 Symphony Place, Nashville

November 2018 December 2018

11/1/2018, 7:00 p.m. Mozart's Requiem

St. George's Choir and Orchestra

Woosug Kang, Conductor Gerry Senechal, Organist Nara Lee, Organ Scholar St. George's Episcopal Church 4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

11/4/2018, 3:00 p.m. Vocal Arts Nashville

Nashville Concerto Orchestra Deep Peace: Choral Music of Comfort and Serenity

Parry, Pizzetti, Bach, and Hancock

Matthew Phelps, Conductor

West End United Methodist Church 2200 West End Avenue, Nashville

11/4/2018, 3:30 p.m.

Solemn Choral Evensong for All Saints

Cathedral Choir

Michael Velting, Canon for Music

Joseph O'Berry, Assistant Organist and Choirmaster

Preceded by an Organ Concert by Joseph O'Berry

Christ Church Cathedral 900 Broadway, Nashville

11/11/2018, 4:00 p.m. Geoffrey Simon, Organ First Presbyterian Church 4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville

11/16/2018, 7:00 p.m. Elevare: Inaugural Concert

Josquin des Prez, Arvo Pärt, William Byrd, and More

Woosug Kang, Conductor St. Henry's Catholic Church 6401 Harding Pike, Nashville

11/18/2018, 5:00 p.m. **Choral Evensong** Sanctuary Choir

Andrew Risinger, Conductor Michael Gebhart, Organist

West End United Methodist Church 2200 West End Avenue, Nashville

12/2/2018, 4:30 p.m. A Choral Christmas

Chancel Choir and Orchestra

English Carols and Telemann's Magnificat

Matthew Phelps, Conductor

West End United Methodist Church 2200 West End Avenue, Nashville

12/2/2018, 6:00 p.m.

A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols St. George's Choir, Choristers, and

St. Dunstan's Choir

Woosug Kang, Conductor Gerry Senechal, Organist Nara Lee, Organ Scholar St. George's Episcopal Church 4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

12/9/2018, 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Concert: Glory to God in the Highest

FPC Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

Raphael Bundage, Director First Presbyterian Church 4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville

12/9/2018, 5:30 p.m.

Annual Candlelighting Service West End United Methodist Church 2200 West End Avenue, Nashville

12/16/2018, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Service of Lessons and Carols Based on the O Antiphons

St. Andrew Adult, Youth, and Handbell Choirs

Brian Russell, Director of Music

Darryl Miller, Organist St. Andrew Lutheran Church 908 Murfreesboro Road, Franklin

12/16/2018, 4:00 p.m.

Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols Cathedral Choir and Senior Choristers Michael Velting, Canon for Music

Joseph O'Berry, Assistant Organist and Choirmaster

Christ Church Cathedral 900 Broadway, Nashville

12/16/2018, 4:30 p.m.
Lessons and Carols
Choirs of First Presbyterian Church, Springfield, and Trinity Episcopal Church, Russellville, KY
First Presbyterian Church, Springfield
200 5th Avenue West, Springfield

12/19/2018, 9:15 p.m.

Compline

St. George's Episcopal Church 4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

12/21/2018, 7:00 p.m. Vocal Arts Nashville A Christmas Prism Matthew Phelps, Conductor Harpeth Presbyterian Church 3077 Hillsboro Pike, Nashville

12/23/2018, 4:00 p.m. A Festival of Lessons and Carols Angela Tipps, Conductor St. Paul's Episcopal Church 315 East Main Street, Murfreesboro

January 2019

1/13/2019, 4:30 p.m.
Organ Concert
Anthony Williams
Fisk University Chapel
1000 17th Avenue North, Nashville

1/13/2019, 5:00 p.m. Choral Evensong St. George's Choir Woosug Kang, Conductor Gerry Senechal, Organist Nara Lee, Organ Scholar St. George's Episcopal Church 4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

1/16/2019, 9:15 p.m. Compline

St. George's Episcopal Church 4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

1/18/2019, 12:00 p.m. Mozart Birthday Concert St. George's Episcopal Church 4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

February 2019

2/10/2019, 4:30 p.m.
Organ Concert
Nicholas Bergin, Organist,
First Presbyterian Church, Nashville
Choral Evensong, 5:00 p.m.
St. George's Choir and Senior Choristers
Woosug Kang, Conductor
Gerry Senechal, Organist
Nara Lee, Organ Scholar
St. George's Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

2/20/2019, 9:15 p.m. Compline St. George's Episcopal Church 4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

March 2019

3/3/2019, 4:00 p.m.

20th Annual Cathedral Chorister Festival Evensong Young Choristers from around the Southeast Nicholas White, Director of Chapel Music and Organist St. Paul's School, Concord, MA Christ Church Cathedral

3/8/2019, 7:00 p.m.

900 Broadway, Nashville

Wilma Jensen's 90th Birthday Celebration Wilma Jensen and Friends

St. George's Choir

Woosug Kang, Conductor

Guest Musicians: Rebecca Price, Christie John Bye, Glenn Miller, Janette Fishell, and James Mellichamp Stephen Seifert and Connie Ellisor's Dulcimer

Concerto, *Blackberry Winter* St. George's Episcopal Church 4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

March 2019

3/10/2019, 3:30 p.m.

Lenten Solemn Choral Evensong

Cathedral Choir

Michael Velting, Canon for Music

Joseph O'Berry, Assistant Organist and Choirmaster

Preceded by an Organ Concert by Gregg Bunn

Christ Church Cathedral 900 Broadway, Nashville

3/10/2019, 4:30 p.m.

Lenten Choral Concert

Chancel Choir and Orchestra

Pärt's Beatitudes and Faure's Requiem

Matthew Phelps, Conductor

Andrew Risinger, Organist

West End United Methodist Church

2200 West End Avenue, Nashville

3/10/2019, 5:00 p.m.

Choral Evensong

St. George's Choristers and Lay Clerks

Woosug Kang, Conductor

Gerry Senechal, Organist

Nara Lee, Organ Scholar

Sewanee, The University of the South

735 University Avenue, Sewanee

3/20/2019, 9:15 p.m.

Compline

St. George's Episcopal Church

4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

3/24/2019, 3:00 p.m.

Young Musicians' Corner

with the Blair School of Music

St. George's Episcopal Church

4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

3/24/2019, 4:00 p.m.

Organ Concert

Vincent Dubois, Organiste Titulaire,

Notre-Dame de Paris

Sponsored by Gene Russell

Christ Church Cathedral

900 Broadway, Nashville

3/29/2019, 4:00 - 10:00 p.m. 13th Annual BACHanalia

Marathon Concert of J.S. Bach's Works,

Performed by Some of Nashville's Most

Accomplished Musicians

Christ Church Cathedral

900 Broadway, Nashville

3/31/2019, 4:00 p.m.

Nashville Symphony and the FPC Sanctuary Choir

Raphael Bundage, Director

First Presbyterian Church

4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville

April 2019

4/4/2019, 7:00 p.m.

Choral Concert

Choir of New College Oxford

St. George's Episcopal Church

4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

4/7/2019, 4:00 p.m.

Be Still and Know: A Concert of Contemporary

Choral Music

Vocal Arts Nashville and Montgomery Bell Academy

Headmaster Singers

Matthew Phelps and Matt Smyth, Conductors

First Presbyterian Church

4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville

4/14/2019, 3:00 p.m.

J.S. Bach's St. John Passion

St. Andrew Adult and Youth Choirs

Brian Russell, Director of Music

Darryl Miller, Organist

Drake Dantzler, Evangelist

John Kramar, Jesus

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

908 Murfreesboro Road, Franklin

4/14/2019, 4:30 p.m.

Organ Concert

Zachery Zwahlen, Sewanee,

The University of the South

Choral Evensong, 5:00 p.m.

St. George's Choristers and Lay Clerks

Woosug Kang, Conductor

Gerry Senechal, Organist

Nara Lee, Organ Scholar

St. George's Episcopal Church

4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

4/28/2019, 3:00 p.m.

Spring Concert

Nashville Chamber Singers

Angela Tipps, Conductor

First Presbyterian Church

4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville

4/30/2019, 7:30 p.m.

Spring Concert

Nashville Chamber Singers

Angela Tipps, Conductor

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

315 East Main Street, Murfreesboro

May 2019

5/4/2019, 3:00 p.m

A Festival of Hymns, Psalms, and Spiritual Songs

St. George's Choir and the Advent Cathedral Choir

The Cathedral Church of the Advent

2017 Sixth Avenue North, Birmingham, AL

5/15/2019, 9:15 p.m.

Compline

St. George's Episcopal Church

4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

5/19/2019, 3:00 p.m.

Coronation!

St. George's Choir and Choristers

with Brass Ensemble

All Proceeds Support St. George's Choristers

in their Ely Cathedral Residency

St. George's Episcopal Church

4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

5/19/2019, 3:30 p.m.

Solemn Choral Evensong in Eastertide

Cathedral Choir

Michael Velting, Canon for Music

Joseph O'Berry, Assistant Organist and Choirmaster

Preceded by an Organ Concert by Will Thomas

Christ Church Cathedral

900 Broadway, Nashville

JOB OPENINGS

Arlington United Methodist Church, Nashville, has an immediate opening for a part-time accompanist, preferably someone who can play both piano and organ. The position requires availability for Wednesday night choir rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. as well as for Sunday morning worship, beginning with chancel choir rehearsal at 9:30 a.m. Interested applicants should email office@arlingtonum.org.

First United Methodist Church, McMinnville, has an opening for an organist for one Sunday service (10:30 a.m.) and Wednesday night rehearsal each week, as well as any special services during the church year. Salary is negotiable. Contact Donna Campbell, director of music, at (931) 808-8415 or senior pastor Tommy Vann at (931) 473-4419 (church) or (931) 626-9388 (cell).

Hilldale United Methodist Church, Clarksville, has an opening for an organist for two Sunday morning services (8:30 and 11:00) and one Wednesday evening rehearsal each week, as well as for special services during the church year. Skills needed include excellent organ/piano proficiency, sight-reading, and the ability to accompany the chancel choir and soloists. Applicants should also be able to take direction and work as a team member. This part-time position requires 8–10 hours each week, including

prep time. Salary range is \$10,000-\$14,000 per year, depending on prior experience. Interested applicants should contact Kathy Bearden, director of music ministries, at (931) 801-5242 or kathy@hilldaleumc.org, or the church office at (931) 647-2249 or office@hilldaleumc.org. Interviews will take place from September 16 to 26, with a hiring date of October 1, 2018.

Memorial Lutheran Church, Nashville, is seeking an accomplished organist/pianist for a 10:00 a.m. worship service each Sunday, as well as occasional special services. Preference will be given to candidates who have competency on both organ and piano, but interested pianists should apply. Interested candidates should contact Rev. Dr. Joel Emerson at (615) 289-0186 or joel.emerson@memoriallutherantn.org. More information about the church can be found at www.memoriallutherantn.org.

Trinity United Methodist Church, Franklin, is looking for an accompanist to play for its traditional Sunday worship services, choir rehearsals each Wednesday, and other special services throughout the year, as well as to work with the director of music to plan music during the year. Applicants must be accomplished on the piano or keyboard, including sight-reading; ability to play the organ is desired but not required. Please submit resumes and references to Lynn McGill, director of music, at lynn.mcgill@comcast.net or (615) 804-1878, or to Nancy Conway, chair of the staff-parish committee, at nancy@williamsonchamber.com.