

THE WINDLINE

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*Board Meetings are held at
St. Alfred's Episcopal Church,
1601 Curlew Road Palm Harbor.*

Next Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 9, 2013 9:30 a.m.

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Dean's Message

Hello Everyone! Happy Advent!

I'm sure that most of us are busily preparing for Christmas. We have our cards to write our gifts to buy and wrap, and much to music to rehearse. I hope in the middle of it all that you can find some time to reflect on how the organ music you play and the choral music you direct could positively impact someone's life during this season.



Christmas is an emotionally-charged holiday. It calls forth memories both good and bad. For some that are coping with illness or loss it can be a very difficult time of year. Wouldn't it be wonderful if some piece of music that you play or direct helps to lift someone's spirit during this season! Great organ and choral music can do this. Someone wrote in the Boston Globe that the organ music evokes mainly sadness (funerals) or fear (Halloween), but I believe it is also capable of evoking great joy. There are two carols in particular that mention "the merry organ."

"Unto Us is Born a Son"

O and A, and A and O, (*God the end and the beginning, beginning and end*)

Cum cantibus in choro, (*tr. With signing in the choir*)

Let our merry organ go,

Benedicamus Domino. (*tr. In blessings to God*)

(*O is for Omega and A for Alpha last and first letters of the Greek alphabet. From the scripture he is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and end.)*

"The Holly and the Ivy"

**O the rising of the sun,
And the running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ,
Sweet singing in the choir.**

May your Christmas and your music be Merry,

Kevin



And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to-ward men.

Upcoming Chapter Concert

Andrew Kotylo in Recital

Sunday, January 13, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church
110 South Fort Harrison Avenue
Clearwater, FL 33756(727) 446-3001



Organist and Associate Director of Music at Trinity Episcopal Church, New Haven, CT. Dr. Kotylo is a graduate of Indiana University where he studied with Christopher Young and Larry Smith.

**This program is Co-Sponsored by the Clearwater Chapter of the AGO and
Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church**

See flyer on the last page of this Newsletter

Handbell Workshop with Kathy Shaw a Great Success!

Many thanks to Tom Huffman, Sub-Dean, for organizing our recent Handbell Workshop with Kathleen Shaw. Thanks also to the people of Northwood Presbyterian Church for being our hosts!

There were about 60 people in attendance and we all learned a great deal about handbell techniques and got to play some beautiful Christmas music as well! There was a break midway through the morning for delicious refreshments and one on one time with Kathy.

Thank you Tom for the work that you put into this event - It was a great offering to our musical community!

Upcoming Performances

**"RING, SING, & MINGLE"**

*Handbell
Concert*

*Sing Carols
and Christmas Songs*

*Refreshments
and
Fellowship*

Silent Auction

Fine Swiss Watch
Limo Service
Trésor Eau De Parfum
Beach House Rental
Child's Bicycle
Quilt
... and much more

Joyce Curvin Art
Music Lessons
Hair Stylist Services
Longaberger Basket
Beach Hotel Weekend
Event Tickets

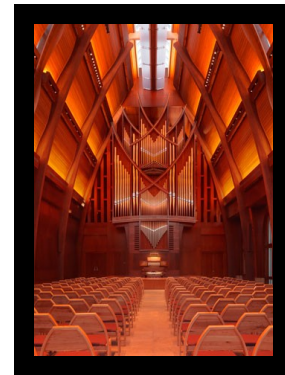
Sunday, December 2
Northwood Presbyterian Church

3:30 p.m. - Concert
Reception & Auction to follow

Sykes Chapel Center for Faith and Values
At the University of Tampa
College of Arts and Letters
401 W. Kennedy Blvd. Tampa, FL 33606
813-257-6100

Sunday, December 2, 2012, 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM.

And Heaven and Nature Sing: A Holiday Celebration
Conducted by Ryan Hebert, performers include
The University of Tampa choirs, The Tampa Brass
and Haig Mardirosian on organ.



A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 16, 2012
7:00 p.m.

St. Alfred's Episcopal Church
1601 Curlew Road, Palm Harbor, FL 34683

*Lessons from Holy Scripture telling the story of Our Savior's birth
With Carols and Anthems led by St. Alfred's Combined Choirs*

Kevin Johnson—Organist & Choirmaster



2013 Clearwater AGO Sponsored Programs

January 13
(Sunday)
3 p.m.

Andrew Kotylo, Organ Recital

co-sponsored with *Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church, Clearwater*

March 1
(Friday)
7:30 p.m.

Early Music Festival – Guest Artist TBA

First Presbyterian Church, Dunedin

March 2
(Saturday)

Early Music Festival—Student Recital

First Presbyterian Church, Dunedin

March 10
(Sunday)
3 p.m.

Early Music Festival Choral Concert

Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church, Clearwater

April 21
(Sunday)
3 p.m.

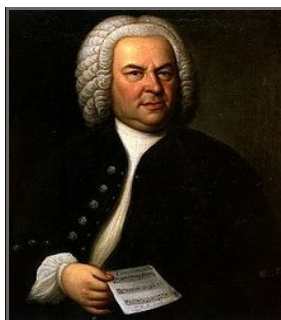
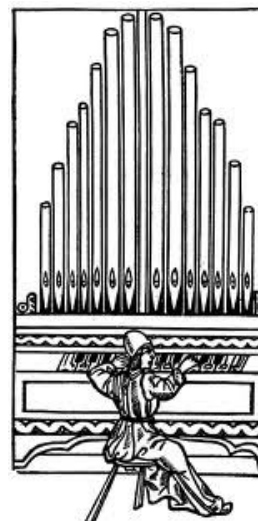
Massimo Nosetti, Organ Recital

Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo

May 19 -
(Sunday)
6 p.m.

Spring Banquet

Special Guest: Dr. Laura Ellis, Regional Councillor
St. Jerome Catholic Church, Largo



30th ANNIVERSARY

ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

Sunday, January 20, 2013
3:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin
455 Scotland Street
Dunedin, Florida 34698

Kevin Johnson, Organist

Works by: Bach, Franck, Duruflé, Purvis and Bedard

Kevin Johnson has held the position of Organist and Choirmaster at St. Alfred's Episcopal Church in Palm Harbor, Florida since February of 2000. He is a native of Western New York and holds a B.M. degree in Organ and Music Education from the State University of New York at Fredonia where he studied with Dr. John T. Hoffman. He also holds the Master of Music degree from Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois where he studied with internationally known concert and recording artist Wolfgang Rubsam.

At St. Alfred's Kevin directs three choirs: The Cambridge Ringers, St. Alfred's Youth Choir and the Parish Choir of Adults. He initiated several concerts as a part of the yearly music program among which are: Classics and Cheese-cake, an Epiphany Madrigal Dinner, "Music of Broadway", and Summer Coffee Concerts.

He maintains a private piano and organ studio and is currently studying the viola with Karl Bawel. Kevin is also serving his third term as Dean of the Clearwater Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

(A free-will offering will be received.)

From the Tampa Chapter December Events

December 2, 2012

2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

"A Holiday Celebration"

Sykes Chapel, University of Tampa

5:00 p.m. Advent Lessons and Carols

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Tampa
with Florida Orchestra Brass Quintet, timpani,
and Dwight Thomas, guest organist

5:00 p.m. Advent Lessons and Carols

St. John's Episcopal Church, Tampa
Simon Morley directing.

December 16, 2012

5:00 p.m.

Christmas Concert,

St. John's Episcopal Church, Tampa

SUBSTITUTE LIST

ORGANISTS / DIRECTORS / ACCOMPANISTS / VOCALISTS

Please send updates or corrections for this list to Placement Coordinator **Harryette Williams** by calling **727-596-5968** or emailing her at **hwilliams79@tampabay.rr.com**.

Note: Inclusion in the two lists below does not constitute the Chapter's endorsement of skills, and thus it encourages interviews with all prospective substitutes.

Janice Beach	727-391-3145	Organist (<i>temporary only</i>)
James Biggers	727-543-5614	Organist or Organist/Director
Cheryl Brouette	727-785-8081	Organist (as of January 2013)
Edi Evans	727-446-3739	Organist
Grayce Hillman	727-642-7322	Organist or Organist/Director
Roberta Hoopes	727-442-8333	Choir Director
Dorothy Olsen	727-784-8620	Organist (<i>Winter Resident</i>)
Rhoda Young	727-535-2125	Choir Director/Vocalist

SUBSTITUTE ORGANISTS FOR WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS (Other than Sunday mornings)

Stephen Allen	813-968-7095	Robert Kirchner	727-674-5118
Cheryl Brouette	727-785-8081	Edi Evans	727-446-3739
David Owens	727-595-8196	Faye Monroe	727-260-3990
Tom Huffman	727-409-8726	Dr. Linda Pointer	727-441-1099
		Dr. Sandra Rogers	727-937-9780

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Trinity Presbyterian Church in Clearwater is accepting resumes through Dec. 19, for part-time organist. Position will be open immediately after Christmas. Instruments include Reuter pipe organ, Baldwin concert grand piano and also a Rodgers electronic organ. Our worship includes a wide variety of styles. . Please send resumes to **Music Committee, Trinity Presbyterian Church, 2001 Rainbow Dr., Clearwater, FL 33765.** 727-446-6210 or e-mail inquiries to: info@trinityclearwater.com.

St. Anne's Episcopal (Anglican) Church in Crystal River is looking for an Organist/Choir Director. A small choir meets only in the winter, rehearsing every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. prior to the 10:15 service. The organ is a two-manual Rodgers in good condition, and the piano is tuned to the organ for possible duets. Extensive music library. Compensation is negotiable.

Please contact Christina Scarbrough: muettisquirt@hotmail.com.

Weirsdale Presbyterian Church has an immediate opening for an interim choir director. The position requires 4-5 hours per week with a salary range of \$150-\$195 per week depending on qualifications. Questions call 352-821-2757. Send resumes to PO Box 269 Weirsdale, FL 32195 or e-mail: weirspres@yahoo.com.

Newsletter Items

Please submit any Newsletter Items by the 15th of the month before you want your item to be posted to the e-mail address below. Also use this address to inform me of any e-mail updates including if you are receiving multiple copies of the Newsletter. (NewsletterClwAGO@msn.com) Thanks, Scott Garrett, Newsletter Editor



Andrew Kotylo In Recital

In a program Co-Sponsored by the Clearwater
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110 South Fort Harrison Avenue

Clearwater, FL 33756 ♦♦ (727) 446-3001

Sunday, January 13, 2012 ♦ 3:00 p.m.

Andrew Kotylo is a concert organist whose musicality and eclectic repertoire--from transcriptions to Bach--enable him to create exciting, audience-friendly programs. He has concertized throughout the United States and in England, including performances at regional and national conventions of the American Guild of Organists that have earned critical acclaim. His performances have earned him top prizes in numerous competitions, including the American Guild of Organists' National Young Artists Competition, the Arthur Poister Competition, and the San Marino Competition. He has also been featured on American Public Media's [*Pipedreams*](#).

A native of Binghamton, New York, Dr. Kotylo holds degrees from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music (B.M., M.M., D.M.) where he studied organ with Christopher Young and Larry Smith and choral conducting with William Jon Gray. Other teachers have included Carolyn Albaugh, the late Searle Wright, and John Schwandt.

Church music has been an integral part of his life and work. In August 2008, he joined the music staff of Trinity Church ("on-the-Green") in New Haven, Connecticut where he is Associate Director of Music. He has also served Highland Park Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Texas as organist; St. Paul's Cathedral (Episcopal) in Buffalo, New York as assistant organist/choirmaster; the Church of the Nativity (Episcopal) in Indianapolis, Indiana as music director/organist, and St. Thomas Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Bloomington, Indiana as organist.

Dr. Kotylo maintains a private organ and piano studio and has participated as a faculty member for A.G.O. "Pipe Organ Encounters" in Rochester (Eastman School of Music) and Detroit. He is a past dean of the Bloomington A.G.O. chapter and currently serves on the board of the New Haven chapter.



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