

The American Guild of Organists

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Clearwater (FL) Chapter
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From the Dean:

A Royal Convention in Kansas City!

It was a great joy and privilege to attend the national convention of The American Guild of Organists last month in Kansas City. Everyday was full of amazing performances, new music and beautiful instruments to enjoy. Some highlights of the week:

The opening worship “Remembrance and Reconciliation” was a fitting tribute to the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. It combined poetry, narratives from soldiers, new choral music and a new hymn commissioned for the performance, historical photos, organ, orchestra and choir into a profoundly moving 90 minute memorial service.

Pamela Decker’s new composition, “The Seven Last Words and Triumph of Christ” for organ solo and dance, performed by Douglas Cleveland and the Storling Dance Theater. This was another example of combining art forms, which happened frequently during the convention.

Bach Vespers featuring the Spire Chamber Ensemble with period instruments, conducted by Ben Spalding. This was an outstanding performance, worthy of The Netherlands Bach Ensemble or Boston Baroque.

James Higdon’s recital in Bales Recital Hall at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. The Hellmuth Wolff tracker in a small, reverberant recital hall is an overwhelming experience. It is absolutely one of the greatest organ installations in the United States.

Chelsea Chen gave a thrilling recital on the modern style Casavant in Kauffman Recital Hall.

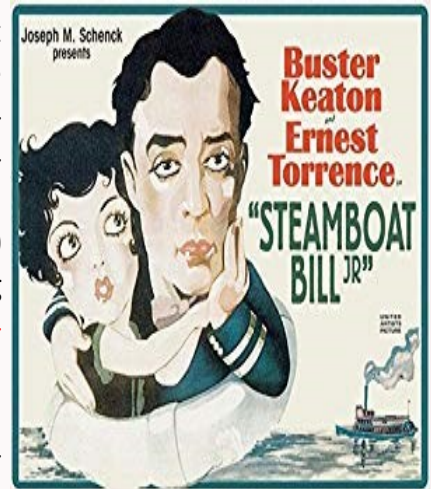
Attending a national or regional convention gives inspiration for another year of work and service in our own positions at home. We must renew our own spirits in order to be a leader and an inspiration for others.



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Opening Chapter Program, September 29

The first program of the new season will be a showing of the silent movie "Steamboat Bill, Jr." with organist Tom Hoehn performing the accompaniment. The show will start at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 29 in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church, Clearwater. This is open to the public so all are welcome to invite guests. Chapter members and friends are invited to meet for dinner at 6:00 p.m. at O'Keefe's Restaurant (1219 S. Ft. Harrison) before heading to the church. **Please RSVP for dinner to Bradley Swope by September 20 at bswope@tampabay.rr.com or (727) 207-4205.**



This amazing seventy-minute film was the inspiration for Walt Disney's *Steamboat Willie*, which introduced Mickey Mouse. Steve McQueen and Jackie Chan both cite this film as a huge influence upon them. The last fifteen minutes of the movie are a continuous series of hilarious special effects during a storm scene, filmed at great financial cost and danger. Buster Keaton performed all the stunts himself, without trickery. The most famous of these stunts had the very real possibility of killing him. It has been copied in films and television shows such as *MacGyver*, *Deadpan* and *Arrested Development*.

Bach-A-Thon, March 24, 2019



BACH-A-THON 2019 is in the planning stages. The date is set for Sunday, March 24, 2019 with a time frame of 12:00-4:00 PM. All music will be performed in the sanctuary at Prince of Peace Church and simulcast in the Parish Hall where German food will be served throughout the concert (for as long as it lasts). The event is co-sponsored by the Clearwater Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and celebrates 334 years since Bach's birth!

Solos, duets, chamber/choral ensembles, organists, pianists, harpsichordists, recorders, oboists, flautists, string players--anyone who plays/sings the music of the great Johann Sebastian Bach is invited to participate!

Friends are being notified now because some school/college faculties are incorporating this opportunity into their annual planning/curriculum.

A further mailing with a return response will be sent at a later date for you to request a general playing time. Or, you can simply respond now with your request via email to Shawn Thomas, Parish Musician: shawn@poplargo.org

Chapter Programs 2018-19

- Saturday, September 29 Silent movie at First United Methodist, Clearwater
7:30 p.m. *(See details on page 2)*
- Friday, October 26 Annual *Pipescreams* concert at First Presbyterian, Dunedin
7:00 p.m. Contact Steve Allen to reserve your spot and arrange practice times
- Saturday, November 17 Tri-Chapter Cookout at Philippe Park, Safety Harbor, Shelter #7
4:00-7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, December 27 Christmas Dinner at a restaurant TBA
6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, January 13 Music for Organ and Brass with the FL Orchestra Brass Quintet,
3:00 p.m. Tom Huffman, Kevin Johnson, Donald Rolander, Organists
Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater (Church Concert series)
- Sunday, January 20 Paul Jacobs, Organist
3:00 p.m. Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo
- February 17-24 Join in the several activities celebrating the 25th anniversary of the
II/33 Fisk organ at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Tampa including
recitals by Haig Mardirosian and Damian Spritzer
- Sunday, March 24 Bach-a-Thon Celebration of Bach's birthday at Prince of
Noon-4:00 p.m. Peace Lutheran, Largo. Four hours of original works by the master.
(see article on page 2)
- Sunday, May 5 Annual Banquet and Installation of Officers at Trinity Presbyterian
6:00 p.m. Church, Clearwater.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Clearwater

seeks to fill the position of Music Director, a part-time position of 10 -12 hours per week. As a part-time position the salary is placed in the mid-teens, and experience will be considered. Please find the complete Job Description at info@trinityclearwater.com If interested, send your resume to info@trinityclearwater.com

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Tampa seeks a qualified individual for the position of Music Director. The person called to this position will serve as organist, director of the adult choir, and liturgical music planner and coordinator. This position is part-time; no relocation offered. The Music Director develops and leads worship and music and has overall responsibility for the music program at St. Mark's. Duties include playing for Sunday 8:00 a.m. services and leading a 20-voice choir for Sunday 10:15 a.m. services, conducting weekly two-hour rehearsals Wednesday evenings, and various special events and services throughout the year. Participation in regular liturgical planning meetings, communication with musicians, and selecting all music for approval by the Rector are also part of the position responsibilities. Visit our music page at www.stmarkstampa.org/music.html for a detailed job description and application instructions.

Lake Magdalene United Methodist, Tampa is accepting applications for the position of Organist/ Accompanist. Classical music program, Rodgers 3 manual organ Model 950. Wednesday evening rehearsals, two Sunday morning services, concerts, special rehearsals and services Holy Week, Christmas. Primary skills: skilled organist and accompanist for a traditional, classical music program; outstanding sight-reading ability, ability to work well with people, strong Christian faith. Part-time, salaried. Professional player with 10 years experience preferred. Send resume and audio/video links to: dcompher@lmumc.org

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Dunedin, is seeking an organist. This position is part time (approximately 10 – 15 hours weekly). Hours include: weekly rehearsals and Sunday mornings, along with preparation. The ideal candidate should have and demonstrate strong experience or training on a pipe organ. An Associate degree in Music Leadership or related field supplemented by two (2) years' experience as an Organist or equivalent work experience is preferred.

Johannus Organ, Model Studio 170 for sale.

Four years old and in like-new condition. This two manual instrument has a 30 note AGO style pedal board. Dimensions 51 x 41 x 40. Has 28 stops, 15 adjustable pistons, transposer. Check out the website Johannus.com for specification and more details. \$6000, call Foster Diehl (727) 595-1627.



Calendar of Area Events 2018

(Clearwater Chapter events highlighted)

Sunday, September 9 3:00 p.m.	Music of French Baroque: Couperin Duncan McMillian, Harpsichord Sykes Chapel, Tampa
Saturday, September 29 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Dinner and Silent Movie with Tom Hoehn, accompaniment Dinner at O'Keefe's, Clearwater Movie, "Steamboat Bill, Jr. " First United Methodist Church, Clearwater
Wednesday, September 5 9:00 a.m.	Chapter Board Meeting First United Methodist Church, Clearwater
September 27-30	Florida Orchestra Beethoven Symphony 5
October 5-6	Florida Orchestra Bernstein's Broadway
Sunday, October 7 3:00 p.m.	Shawn Thomas, Organ Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Largo
Sunday, October 7 4:00 p.m.	Haydn "Lord Nelson Mass" with orchestra Tampa Oratorio Singers Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church, Tampa
Sunday, October 14 3:00 p.m.	Rebecca Penneys, Piano Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater
Friday, October 26 7:00 p.m.	<i>Pipescreams!</i> First Presbyterian Church, Dunedin

In Memoriam

Long time Clearwater chapter member and friend, Edi Evans 1937-2018

Evans, Edith Carol (Springer) "Edi" 80, of Clearwater, passed away July 20, 2018. She was born November 1, 1937 in Mount Vernon, Ohio. Edi was predeceased by her husband, Stanley H. Evans; parents, Agnes and Ernest Springer; and brother, Donnie Springer. She is survived by her son, Scott Evans of East Lyme, Ct; daughter, Clara Crane of Holiday, FL; son, George Evans of Clearwater, FL and daughter, Amy Evans/Raynor of Lake Alfred, FL. She is also survived by her sister, Clara Owens of West Chester, Ohio; and brothers, Ernie and Jimmy Springer of Mount Vernon, Ohio. Edi loved music and played the piano and organ. Edi was a nurse and worked for Hospice. There will be a private Celebration of Life at a future date. If you would like to honor her life, please make a donation to the Hospice of Pinellas or Red Cross.

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SUBSTITUTES AVAILABLE

(O=Organist only; O/D=Organist/Director; D=Director only; V=Vocalist)

Please send updates or corrections for this list to Placement Coordinator Priscilla Ortoski by call (727) 845-4745 or emailing tap.tortoski1@verizon.net. Inclusion in the lists below does not constitute the Chapter's endorsement of skills, and thus it encourages interviews with prospective substitutes. Those listed must be a member of The American Guild of Organists.

Peggy BeVille	(727) 726-8457	O
	(727) 403-8166 (cell)	
Cheryl Brouette	(727) 453-0317	O
Brent Douglas	(727) 459-7025	O, O/D
Grayce Hillman	(727) 642-7322	O, O/D, V
Roberta Hoopes	(727) 442-8333	D
Matt Lancaster	(727) 313-5129	O
Mark Prater, AAGO, ChM	(727) 536-2698	O, O/D
Dr. Sandra Rogers	(727) 560-2376	O, O/D, V
Donald Rolander	(727) 392-4442	O, O/D
	(727) 804-6314 (cell)	
Robert Shone, CAGO	(727) 789-6527	O, O/D
	rcshone@aol.com	
Dr. Linda Pointer	(727) 441-1099	O, O/D
Herman G. (George) Fisher	(727) 339-3077	O
	(239) 398-4966 (cell)	

AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS—NOT SUNDAY MORNING

Stephen Allen	(813) 968-7095	O, O/D
Tom Huffman	(727) 409-8726	O, O/D

Clearwater AGO 2018-2019 Officers

DEAN: Bradley Swope
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SUB-DEAN: Mark Prater, AAGO, Ch.M

SECRETARY: Dr. Linda Pointer

TREASURER: Bob Booth

BOARD MEMBERS

- Stephen Allen (2019)
- Matthew Burke (2019)
- Cheryl Brouette, CAGO (2020)
- Shawn Thomas (2020)
- Tom Huffman (2021)
- Don Rolander (2021)

Board Meetings are usually held on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:00 AM at: First United Methodist Church of Clearwater, 411 Turner St.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 5, 2018

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