

# *The American Guild of Organists*

## *Windline—March 2019*

Clearwater (FL) Chapter

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### ***From the Dean:***

#### ***“Now the Acorn Sprouteth in the Firepit”***

We have a large live oak tree which hangs over our pool and deck in the back yard. While I love its shade, it is the bane of my existence with pollen, leaves and acorns making a huge mess on the deck and in the pool. We also have a firepit which my lovely and resourceful wife, Joellen, picked up one day



from the trash pile in front of another house on our street. It is old and ugly, but we are too fond of it to replace it with a new one.

Since we have enough wood for one more fire, I went out this morning to clean up all the mess from the recent rain. When I uncovered the firepit, I noticed an acorn that had sprout-



ed in the sand. It must have fallen in the firepit when it was cooling down after the last fire and before I put the cover back on. It reminded me of one of my favorite hymns, “Now the Green Blade Riseth.” Most of us are so far removed from agriculture that we forget the miracle of new life springing forth from a “dead” seed planted in the dark earth. Let's all go

forth and do likewise at our jobs, with our families and in our neighborhoods.

*Bradley Swope, Dean*

# ***Bach-a-Thon***

# ***2019***

**Sunday, March 24, from 12:00-4:00 p.m.**

The music of J.S. Bach will be performed in the sanctuary of Prince of Peace Lutheran 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 our Chapter and celebrates 334 years since Bach's birth! ***Come when you can...leave when you must.***

To request a rehearsal time, please email or call Shawn Thomas, Parish Musician at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church at [shawn@poplargo.org](mailto:shawn@poplargo.org) or (850) 316-0321

A preview of the program, thus far:

*Wachet auf* arranged for handbells and flute

*Air* from Suite in D and *Arioso* from Cantata 156 for handbells

Cello suite, No. 5

French Suite in G for Harpsichord

Leipzig Chorales for organ: *Schmücke dich; An Wasserflüssen Babylon*

Choruses from Mass in B Minor: *Crucifixus; Dona nobis pacem*

Chorale Preludes on *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland* (organ)

Prelude and Fugue for organ in B Minor

Prelude and Fugue for organ in G Major

Cantata #150 (Clearwater Bach Choir)

*Arioso* (arr. for Kwokle)

Concerto for Three Harpsichords (organ, piano, harpsichord)

*Art of Fugue*

French Suites



# ***Positions Available***

## **St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, St. Petersburg**

Organist/Choirmaster beginning February 1. Position is currently part-time (salary or contract negotiable) with continuing education and staff singers presently included in the parish music budget. Candidates with liturgical tradition training and/or experience preferred. Very small but capable choir sings standard church music, and is a principle component of our Sunday Celebration of the Holy Eucharist and designated Feast Days.

Regular duties and responsibilities include: one weekly service with seasonal weekly choir rehearsal. Staff position reports to, and serves at the discretion of, the parish rector. Contact by phone: 727-867-7015 or by U.S. mail: The Reverend W.V. Burkett, Rector, L.C.S.W.

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church  
Attn.: Staff Musician Search  
3747 34<sup>th</sup> Street, South  
St. Petersburg, Florida 33711

## **Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, Clearwater**

Organist/Choir Director sought by Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, Clearwater, FL. Music at the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Eucharist. Candidates with liturgical worship experience preferred. Spirited congregation with average Sunday attendance of 50+. Adult choir of 10-12 sings standard anthems and leads hymns from *The*

*Hymnal 1982* on Sundays and Holy Days during the school year, and currently rehearses Wednesday evenings. Handbell choir on special occasions. Medium sized Wicks pipe organ. Position is part-time. Salary and contract are negotiable. Staff position reports to Good Samaritan's priest. Letter of Interest and references surface mailed to: Good Samaritan Episcopal Church

Attn: Musician Search  
2165 NE Coachman Road  
Clearwater, FL 33765  
[bigelow2esq@hotmail.com](mailto:bigelow2esq@hotmail.com)

## **St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Tampa**

Organist/Choirmaster for church known for musical excellence is seeking a part-time musician (25-30 hours per week). This position includes playing for principal services, training and directing the Adult Choir, Handbell Choir, and two Children's Choirs. The Adult Choir is composed of semi-professional, auditioned singers with eight section leaders, and volunteers. In 2014 the choir was in residence at Winchester Cathedral in England, and in 2016 led a music mission to Guatemala. The organ is a 2/28 Fisk; salary \$34,000-40,000 per year with vacation. For a more detailed job description go to the AGO Positions Available site [here](#)

## **St Catherine of Alexandria Episcopal Church, Temple Terrace**

Music Director/Organist to direct and accompany the adult choir for one 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service, plus Feast Days, Holy Week, Christmas, etc. Wednesday evening rehearsal. Play and/or organize music for weekly Sunday evening contemplative service. Organ is Robert L. Sipe 2/19 (32 stops). Salary TBD (with contract). Contact:

St. Catherine of Alexandria Episcopal Church  
502 Druid Hills Rd., Temple Terrace FL  
(813) 988-6483  
Rev. Susan Latimer  
[slatimer@stcathtt.org](mailto:slatimer@stcathtt.org)

# Calendar of Area Events

(Clearwater Chapter events highlighted)

Sunday, March 3 4:00 p.m.	<i>Festival of Praise</i> concert celebrating Jack Rain's 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary as organist at First Presbyterian Church with guest clinician Michael Hey, Associate Director of Music and Organist at St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC. First Presbyterian Church, 701 Beach Drive NE, St. Petersburg
Sunday, March 10 2:00 p.m.	Music of Sergei Rachmaninoff Emilio Colón, Cello; Grigorios Zamparas, Piano; Hein Jung, Soprano Sykes Chapel, University of Tampa
Sunday, March 10 3:00 p.m.	"Swing into Spring" La Lucha Band and jazz vocalist Whitney James Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater
Sunday, March 17 3:00 p.m.	Florida Pro Musica; Larry Kent, Music Director Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo
Sunday, March 24 Noon-4:00 p.m.	Bach-a-thon Celebration of Bach's birthday Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo
Saturday, April 6 7:00 p.m.	<i>Apollo XIII</i> , an opera by Matthew Burke (see page 5) Calvary Episcopal Church, Indian Rocks Beach
Sunday, April 14 4:00 p.m.	"Festival of Faith" by Joseph M. Martin Northwood Presbyterian Church, Clearwater
Sunday, April 14 6:30 p.m.	Durufié "Requiem" with orchestra Tampa Oratorio Singers, Nancy Callahan conducting Palma Ceia Presbyterian, Tampa
Sunday, April 28 2:00 p.m.	Voice and Harp Sykes Chapel, University of Tampa
Sunday, May 5 6:00 p.m.	Annual Chapter Banquet and Installation of Officers Trinity Presbyterian, Clearwater



# Here and There

## Memorial Gifts

The Executive Board has voted to make memorial donations to Clothes to Kids in memory of Bobbie Hoopes' husband, Ray Hoopes who died December 27, 2018; and to the scholarship fund of Lahainaluna High School, Maui, Hawaii in memory of chapter member Brian Kelly who died January 23, 2019.

## Windline Ads

The Executive board has approved publishing ads in the monthly newsletter, *The Windline*. Ads should be "copy-ready" and pertain to some aspect of our profession and relevant to the membership. Costs are \$10 per issue for a business card size or \$25 per issue for a half-page ad. Send to *Windline* Editor, Tom Huffman at [hufftom@aol.com](mailto:hufftom@aol.com) by the 20th of the month for the next month's issue.

## Grom Fund

The chapter's Grom Educational and Scholarship Fund has received a donation of \$690.00 from the St. Andrew Presbyterian Church of Sun City Center. The church along with their late music director, Ken Grom, initiated this fund to help young organists with expenses to study organ and to allow for educational opportunities for Clearwater Chapter members. Any chapter member teaching young students may have them apply for partial or even full scholarships for organ study. Contact Tom Huffman, Scholarship Chair.

## Piano for Sale

The family of Brian Kelly is offering his Lester grand piano for sale for \$2500. If interested, contact Brian's sister, Jean Hurchalla at (434) 607-2604.

## World Premiere Opera by Chapter Member

Apollo 13 is a new opera in two acts by **Matthew Burke** that tells the true story of the 3rd moon landing mission that faced overwhelming obstacles to their survival in the form of an oxygen tank explosion. Through the quick thinking of the men and women of NASA they were able to survive the trip and became a shining example of triumph in the face of adversity. I chose this story to write something inspirational, to show that we can achieve great things if we work together and to pay tribute to the Apollo era and their marvelous scientific and engineering feats. The space setting was also of musical inspiration to me as I am a church organist who regularly uses that instrument to create scenes of majesty and wonder.

The main musical motive of the piece is the dialog between mission control, played by a men's choir, and the 3 astronauts, played by tenor and baritone vocal soloists. Marilyn Lovell, wife of Jim Lovell, the mission commander is depicted by a soprano and has many moments of reflection throughout the opera. The music itself encompasses a range of styles from Baroque and classical to progressive rock to capture the wide range of emotions present during the harrowing journey of Apollo 13.

There are no tickets, but free will donations are encouraged to help defray the cost of this complex production.



The first showing is at Calvary Episcopal Church, 1615 1st St., Indian Rocks Beach  
Saturday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Written and directed by Matthew Burke  
Call him if you have interest in singing in the chorus (paid)

## 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](mailto: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  
[bswope@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:bswope@tampabay.rr.com)

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#### BOARD MEMBERS

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Cheryl Brouette, CAGO (2020)  
Shawn Thomas (2020)  
Tom Huffman (2021)  
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*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, March 13, 2019**

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