

# The American Guild of Organists

## Windline—April 2019

Clearwater (FL) Chapter  
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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,**

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## From the Dean:

### Bach-a-thon Bravo!

It was an afternoon of outstanding music as we celebrated the 334th birthday of Johann Sebastian Bach at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 24. approximately 700 persons enjoyed a wide range of performances that included about 100 performers: six organists, four vocal soloists, three piano soloists, seven piano students, the Prince of Peace choir and handbell ensemble, the FluteAmici Ensemble, a harpsichord suite, a cello suite, a vocal trio, and saxophone solo, a trombone solo, a flute solo, six congregational chorales, and the Clearwater Bach Choir and instrumental ensemble performing Cantata 150. Three works were accompanied by organ, three by piano and two by harpsichord.



At the same time, about 200 bratwursts were served in the Parish Hall. This whole four hour event was masterfully organized by Shawn Thomas. What a tremendous accomplishment! My sincere thanks to all the performers for their time and talents, as well as to the staff and volunteers from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for their gracious hospitality.

As Bach would have said, "Soli Deo gloria."

*Bradley Swope, Dean*



## **Southeast Regional Convention**

The Grand Strand Chapter of the American Guild of Organists cordially invites you and your family to the 2019 Regional Convention in iconic Myrtle Beach, South Carolina from June 9-12. Enjoy the area's finest organs, the Southeast's most exciting artists, informative workshops and luxurious accommodations in one of the nation's top destinations. Enjoy top artists/clinicians including Laura Ellis, Andrew Kotylo, Carol Williams, Charles Tompkins and many more. Go to the convention website to register or get more information: [Agose2019.com](http://Agose2019.com).



**Clearwater Chapter  
Banquet  
and Installation of Officers**

Sunday, May 5, 2019  
6:00 p.m.  
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Clearwater

Entertainment by the vocal trio "Sweet Company"  
There will be a Cinco de Mayo theme.

# Calendar of Area Events

(Clearwater Chapter events highlighted)

Saturday, April 6	<i>Apollo XIII</i> , an opera by Matthew Burke
7:00 p.m.	Calvary Episcopal Church, Indian Rocks Beach
Sunday, April 14	"Festival of Faith" by Joseph M. Martin
4:00 p.m.	Northwood Presbyterian Church, Clearwater
Sunday, April 14	Durufle "Requiem" with orchestra
6:30 p.m.	Tampa Oratorio Singers, Nancy Callahan conducting Palma Ceia Presbyterian, Tampa
Sunday, April 28	Voice and Harp
2:00 p.m.	Sykes Chapel, University of Tampa
Sunday, May 5	Annual Chapter Banquet and Installation of Officers
6:00 p.m.	Trinity Presbyterian, Clearwater

## 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. Matthew said, "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."

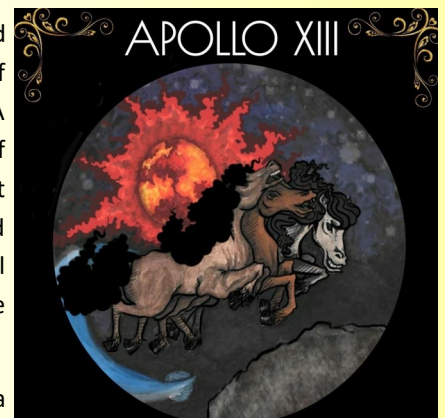
The main musical motive of the piece is the dialog between mission control, played by a men's choir, and the 3 astronauts, played by tenor and baritone vocal soloists. Marilyn Lovell, wife of Jim Lovell, the mission commander is depicted by a soprano and has many moments of reflection throughout the 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





# ***Positions Available***

## **St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Tampa**

seeking a Music Director to serve as organist, director of the volunteer adult choir, and liturgical music planner/coordinator upholding our rich tradition of Anglican music. Duties include playing for Sunday 8:00 a.m. services and leading a 15-voice choir for Sunday 10:15 a.m. services, conducting weekly 1 ½-hour rehearsals Wednesday evenings, and various special services. This is a part-time, salaried position. Interested applicants should send a brief email to [office@stmarkstampa.org](mailto:office@stmarkstampa.org) to request a full job description and application instructions. Applications accepted through June 15, 2019.

## **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 to [bigelow2esq@hotmail.com](mailto:bigelow2esq@hotmail.com), or surface mailed to:

Good Samaritan Episcopal Church  
Attn: Musician Search  
2165 NE Coachman Road  
Clearwater, FL 33765

## **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.

## **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)

## IN MEMORIAM



Joe Seek

Friend of the chapter, Joseph B. Seek, 91 of Largo, died March 3, 2019. His late wife Irma Lee joined the Clearwater Chapter in 2004 when they moved to Florida from Annapolis MD and Joe continued to support the chapter after her death. Joe was a Navy veteran and worked at the Goddard Space Flight Center until his retirement. He loved music and sang in church choirs where Irma Lee was organist. He played cello and was a member of the Pinellas Community Orchestra. A Service of Remembrance will be held on Friday, April 5, 2019 at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church in Largo, Florida at 10 a.m.

### 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, \$15 for a double business card size, and \$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.

### 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.

### Proposed Officers 2019

**Dean        Bradley Swope**

**Sub Dean   Shawn Thomas**

**Secretary   Linda Pointer**

**Treasurer   Bob Booth**

#### **New on the Executive Board**

**Carol Alexander (2022)**

**George Fisher (2022)**

**Bobbie Hoopes (2020)  
(filling unexpired term of Shawn Thomas)**

## 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
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	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



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