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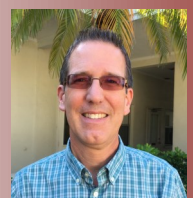
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In the midst of these trying times, our chapter has made some excellent improvements that will benefit us in the future. We now have a YouTube channel in addition to our Facebook page. Please hit the red “subscribe” button on the YouTube page where you watched *Pipescreams* so we can increase our number of subscribers. If we reach 100 subscribers, we will be able to lift some restrictions on our current YouTube page. We also have a “donate” button on our website now. It was necessary for us to set up these new things in order to have a virtual *Pipescreams*. They will continue to serve us well as we post more content online.

As I write this, our *Pipescreams* video has 160 views on Facebook and 125 views on YouTube. We have received \$51 in donations so far, as well as a few excellent comments from those who watched. I am grateful to the performers, our chapter officers and our chapter webmaster, Christopher Huffman, for all the work they put into *Pipescreams*. Let's pray we are back to an in-person *Pipescreams* next year!

Sincerely,

Bradley Swope, Dean



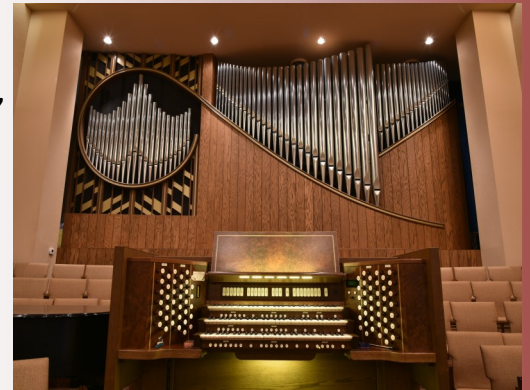
ART FOR FAITH'S SAKE CONCERT SERIES

Prince of Peace Lutheran in Largo has announced three upcoming concerts in 2021 beginning in January, all at 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 31 Astralis Chamber Ensemble
Music for Flute, Trumpet,
and Harp

Sunday, February 21 Three Organ Spectacular!
Music for Choir, Handbells
and three Organs

Sunday, March 28 Ring Sarasota
Florida's premier Handbell ensemble



CONCERTS AT PEACE MEMORIAL



For many years Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church in Clearwater has presented an annual concert series. That will continue again this year but with some changes due to the COVID 19 pandemic and guidelines set forth by the CDC. Tickets or subscriptions will need to be purchased and masks with social distancing will be required. To reserve your seat(s) please visit

[itickets.com](https://www.itickets.com) or telephone 800 965-9324. For help in navigating these new procedures, telephone Timothy Belk, Director of Music/Organist at 800 479-8846.

The season continues with these 3:00 p.m. concerts:

Sunday, November 8 Johnny Varro & Swing 7

Sunday, December 13 Suncoast Bronze Ringers

Sunday, January 10 Aspen String Trio

Florida Orchestra

Concerts by the Florida Orchestra will resume Oct. 31 (only at the Mahaffey Theatre). Concerts highlighted in red below are offered free by livestream. Go to the website floridaorchestra.org for details and to watch the livestream.

Oct.31-Nov 1	Beethoven's Symphony No. 7
Oct. 31-Nov. 1	Legends from the Americas
Nov. 7-8	Ragtime Kings
Nov. 14-15	Mozart's Symphony No. 40
Nov. 14-15	Brass with a Beat
Dec. 5-6	Tchaikovsky and Vivaldi for Strings
Dec. 5-6	American Heroes
Dec. 11-13	Holiday Pops
Dec. 16,17,20	Classical Christmas

PIPESCREAMS CONTINUES

*Our chapter's video version of **Pipescreams** debuted on YouTube and Facebook on October 28. If you missed it, or just want to watch it again, it can still be accessed for the next month through the chapter website: clearwaterago.org. Thanks to Shawn Thomas who did the producing, recording and editing of the video.*

PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTER

Pipe Organ Encounters (POEs) offer teenagers and adults a rewarding opportunity to learn about the pipe organ and its construction, receive instruction from experienced faculty, visit, hear, and play outstanding instruments, and meet and interact with peers who share an interest in the King of Instruments.



The Clearwater Chapter together with the St. Petersburg Chapter is in the beginning stages of planning to host a POE in the summer of 2022. Timothy Belk and Shawn Thomas are doing the preliminary work toward a February 2021 application deadline, but it will take many of us chapter members to make this happen. Some of the faculty has agreed to serve, but beyond that we need help with chaperones, transportation, meals, housing, publicity and more. Further details will be shared in the future. For more specific information on Pipe Organ Encounters in general, there is a complete Handbook for POEs on the national AGO website.

[Click here.](#)

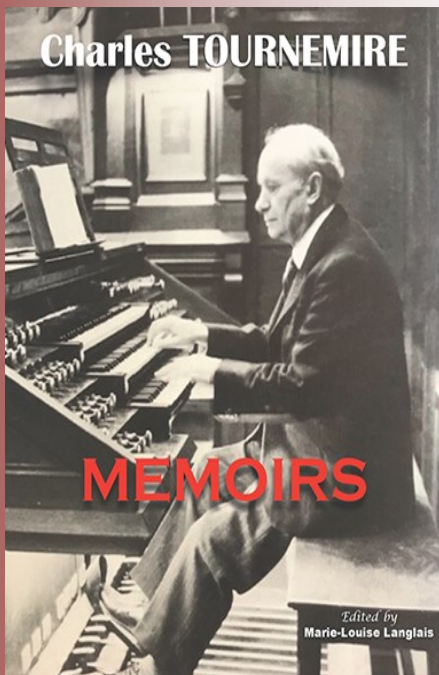
CLEARWATER CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

The Clearwater Chapter has a long history of supporting young organ students through our two scholarship funds. Both the Grom Education Fund and the Peterson Scholarship Fund exist primarily to offer financial assistance to middle/high school students studying organ with chapter member teachers. A typical grant would cover half the cost of the teacher's normal lesson fee for a semester. Other requests are considered by the board and might include full fee coverage, printed music, organ shoes, costs for a student or chapter member/officer to attend a workshop, convention, Pipe Organ Encounter, or other educational event.

Grant requests are reviewed and teachers are notified of the board's decisions in advance of the semester of study. The application form, as well as the lesson log form, is available on the Chapter website clearwaterago.com. The application must be submitted to the Scholarship Chair, Tom Huffman, prior to the semester and the lesson log at the completion of the study. At that time the grant is paid directly to the teacher.

BRIEF NOTES

- The stopknobs on the page one banner are from the mostly Willis organ of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin in the Republic of Ireland.
- A year ago the Executive Board approved publishing ads in this monthly newsletter. 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 by the 20th of the month for the next month's issue.
- Remember as you become aware of open positions, please share that information with our Placement Coordinator, Priscilla Ortoski. Her contact information is (727) 845-4745 or tap.tortoski1@verizon.net. At the current time we have no listings to share.
-  Remember our Facebook contact at [Facebook.com/clearwaterago](https://www.facebook.com/clearwaterago).



The AGO is pleased to share Charles Tournemire's Memoirs

edited by
Marie-Louise Langlais

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)
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Dr. Linda Pointer	(727) 441-1099 O, O/D
Herman G. (George) Fisher	(727) 339-3077 O (239) 398-4966 (cell)

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