

The American Guild of Organists

Windline—December 2021

Clearwater (FL) Chapter

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Dr. Shawn Thomas, Dean

Thomas D. Huffman, *Windline* Editor

From the Dean:

Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth.

Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.

The Lord is indeed coming. I don't know of too many *peaks and valleys* around Pinellas County, but I sure have experienced the *humming* of crowds of people in Costco and Walmart. This year, more than ever, we are all ready to gather with friends and family near and far. 'Tis the season, indeed.

Let's capitalize on this first holiday season 'post-Covid' and have a great turnout for our Virtual Twelve Days. We still need about 7 performers. Each day of Christmastide we will offer our community a gift in the form of a short video of music. Please get in touch with me and let's make a plan to record at the venue of your choice.

Speaking of gathering...fourteen members of Clearwater and St. Petersburg chapters gathered on November 19 for a wonderful trip to Gainesville, FL. Tim Belk not only drove, but provided a lovely assortment of fresh baked treats, a seasonal punch, and chocolates for us to enjoy on the way. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and collegiality as we crawled around four organs. Organists at First Presbyterian Church and Holy Trinity Church offered short presentations about each instrument and then our folks took turns on the bench. Professor Laura Ellis and three of her students were gracious hosts at the University Auditorium. Each student played a piece from their repertoire on the magnificent Anderson Memorial Pipe Organ.

Our next in-person gathering will be at Alfano's Restaurant in Largo on January 7. Once again we will have the private banquet room, and will be entertained with music for guitar and flute. You may indicate your entrée via email to Bob Booth.

Finally, start thinking about a piece you might perform on our Members Recital at St. Ignatius in Tarpon Springs in February. Director of Music Brandon Vennick is currently overseeing the installation of a new organ (3 manual hybrid Viscount-Casavant). Our event will serve as the dedicatory recital for this fabulous instrument.

People, look east, and sing today—Love, the Lord, is on the way!

Shawn Thomas, Dean



Twelve Days of Christmas

December 25-January 6

A Musical 12 Days of Christmas. As we did last year, each recording will debut daily through the twelve days. Recordings need to be completed by Monday, December 13. Be sure that the proper copyright permissions are obtained to be posted to *YouTube*. Contact Shawn Thomas to set up a time to record your piece.

Twelfth Night Dinner

Friday, January 7, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Twelfth Night Dinner at Alfano's Restaurant in Largo. After the meal we will enjoy entertainment by Christiane Vinet, Flute and Sebastian Johnson, Guitar. Menu choices are listed below. **RSVP to Bob Booth by December 30:**

rleroy48@yahoo.com or (727) 244-5099.

Payment of \$31.75 per person (pay at the event) includes salad, entrée, dessert, non-alcoholic beverage. Make checks payable to Clearwater Chapter AGO. A cash bar is available.

Entrée Selections

Penne Bolognese

Traditional sauce of ground beef, sausage & marinara over penne pasta.

Cannelloni Florentine

*House made crepes filled with ground veal, spinach, & béchamel ,
sauced with marinara and Alfredo*

Salmon Piccata

Fresh filet of Atlantic salmon with lemon butter and capers.

Chicken Tetrizzini

Grilled chicken & crisp bacon served over fettuccini Alfredo.

Eggplant Parmesan

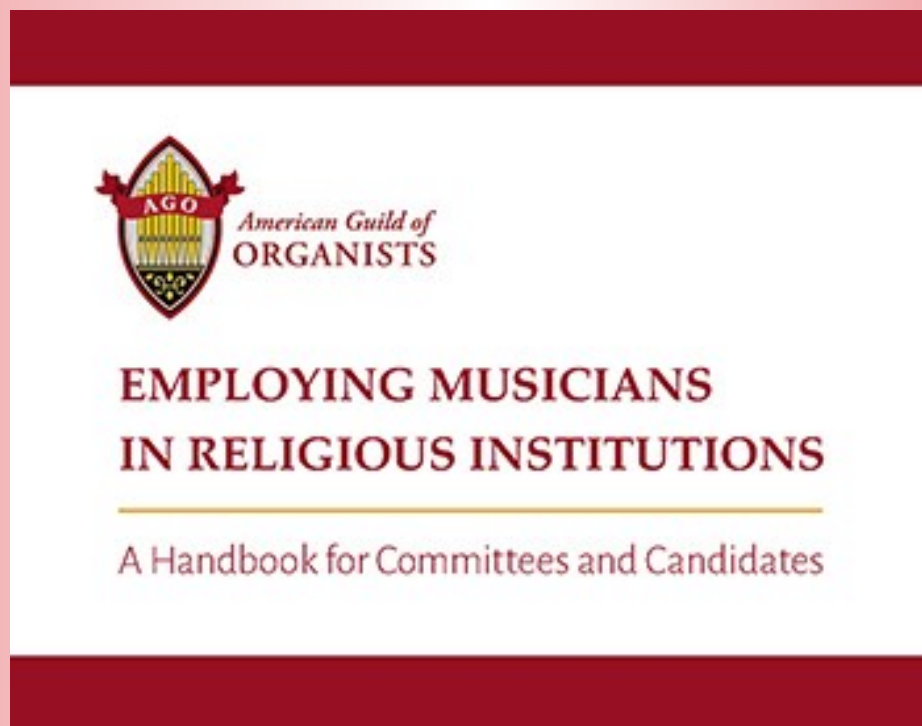
Fresh eggplant baked with provolone cheese served with pasta marinara.

Chicken Parmesan

Lightly breaded chicken breast baked with provolone cheese, sauced with Marinara

Organ for Sale

Lowrey, Model SP-500, purchased new in 2009. Seller will take best offer, buyer is responsible for moving it. Contact Angela Baptiste (727) 744-9262

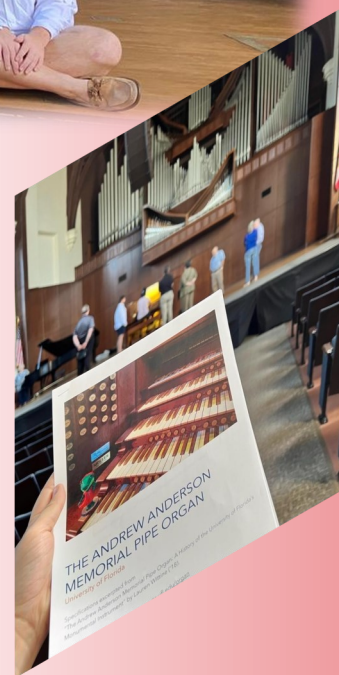


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Organ Crawl to Gainesville November 19



Clearwater and
St. Petersburg
Chapter
members with
UF students



Calendar *(Chapter programs in **bold**)*

Wednesdays, December 1 through January 5

Advent/Christmas/Epiphany Recitals (*see page 7*)

Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater—Noon

Sunday, December 13 Qol Quartet—vocal group with holiday favorites

Peace Memorial Presbyterian—3:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 19 Advent Concert with choir, handbells, instruments

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin—4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 19 Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols

St. Alfred's Episcopal Church, Palm Harbor—4:00 p.m.

December 25- A Musical 12 Days of Christmas.

January 6 Recordings due Dec. 13

Friday, January 7 Twelfth Night Dinner at Alfano's Restaurant, Largo.

6:00 pm (*see details on page 2*)

Sunday, January 9 Mana Saxophone Quartet

Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater—3:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 16 Astralis Chamber Ensemble (Flute, Trumpet and Harp)

Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo—3:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 6 Members recital

St. Ignatius of Antioch RC Church, Tarpon Springs—3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 2 Ash Wednesday Recital

Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater

Tuesdays in Lent Lenten Recitals (various churches TBA)

3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5

Saturday in March (TBA) Pedals, Pipes and Pizza

Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Clearwater

An all day event for children and youth to get acquainted with the Organ and Carillon.

Sunday, March 13 Erik Wm. Suter, Organ

Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater—3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 30 Sacred Music Concert — featuring organ music of Zipoli

Jesuit High School, Tampa—7:00 p.m.



Chapter Officers—A Closer Look

Each issue of The Windline will include a brief biographical sketch of one of our Clearwater Chapter Officers. This month's focus is on Executive Board member, Dr. Linda Pointer.

Linda Walker Pointer has Master's and Doctor's degrees in organ and church music from Indiana University and has served several area churches. She also has a degree in Carillon Performance from the Royal Belgian Carillon School and has played carillon recitals in Australia, Germany, Belgium, Holland, England and the USA.

Dr. Pointer is recently retired from teaching Humanities at St. Petersburg College, and remains active as a studio teacher plus substitute and interim organist/director. She had a former life BF (before Florida) as an avant-garde musician who appeared in the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and the Palais des Beaux Arts in Brussels. She recently sold her SynKet synthesizer to a museum in Italy for *circa* the amount needed to put a new roof on the Clearwater home she shares with her piano technician husband, Ferdinand, and world's softest cat Millie.

Dr. Pointer has been a member of AGO since she was 13 years old, serving in many official roles including Dean and Secretary of the Clearwater chapter. She believes that the Clearwater chapter is the best!

Positions Available

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Clearwater, FL is looking for a Tenor and a Bass section leader. Contact Gabe Irizarry, Director. 727-446-6210. Trinityclearwater@gmail.com

Northwood Presbyterian Church in Clearwater, Florida is seeking an Organist. A detailed position description may be viewed [here](#) or by visiting <http://northwoodpc.org/resources/career-opportunities/>. Interested candidates may send cover letter and resume to northwoodsearch@yahoo.com. Please place "Organist Position" in the subject line.

Check with our Chapter PLACEMENT COORDINATOR,
Priscilla Ortoski for possible additional listings or information

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Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church
110 S. Fort Harrison Ave., Clearwater

December 1, Timothy Belk, Organ; Kevin Nickorick, Tenor

December 8, Thomas D. Huffman, Organ

December 15, Linda Pointer, Organ

December 22, Brent Douglas, Piano

December 29, Shawn Thomas, Organ; Carol Murphy & Michelle Klima Thomas, Flute

January 5, Peggy BeVille, Organ



LO! HE COMES!...

A Wednesday Noon Recital Series
in the Advent, Christmastide and Epiphany Seasons
for those seeking a quiet haven of peace.

December 1, 2021 – January 5, 2022

[Click Here](#) to go to a detailed program of each recital

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 calling (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.

Brent Douglas	(727) 459-7025 O, O/D
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Dr. Sandra Rogers	(727) 560-2376 O, O/D, V
Donald Rolander	(727) 804-6314 (cell) O, O/D

AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS—NOT SUNDAY MORNING

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	(727) 403-8166 (cell)
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Tom Huffman	(727) 409-8726 O, O/D

Clearwater AGO 2021-2022 Officers

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VOICE CLASS

For 14 years and older

Auditions: must match pitch, reading music a plus

Sandra Rogers

DMA Voice Teacher/Class Director

Meet in Kirk Hall at Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin

Saturdays, 2:15-3:00 p.m.

For information TEXT ONLY (727) 560-2376

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