

The American Guild of Organists

Windline—January 2023

Clearwater (FL) Chapter

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Dr. Shawn Thomas, Dean
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From the Dean:

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



I must begin by commending our performers on our Advent recital series which took place on the four Tuesdays of Advent. On behalf of the chapter, thank you to Timothy Belk, Peggy BeVille, Edwin Taylor, Linda Pointer, Joshua Whiteneck, Sandra Rogers, and Mark Prater. These recitals raised more than \$800 for the chapter and allowed a combined 300+ audience members to experience wonderful music of the season. A special thanks as well to our four hosts: St. Ignatius Catholic Tarpon Springs, Trinity Presbyterian Clearwater, Good Shepherd Episcopal Dunedin, and Prince of Peace Lutheran Largo. I'm already looking forward to our Tuesday Lenten series. I'm sure it will be equally successful.

We close out the Christmas Season with a Twelfth Night Afterglow at the home of Bobbie Hoopes. The board is providing the meal consisting of two soups (Cream of Chicken and Tomato Bisque), fresh baked bread, salad, dessert, and a variety of beverages. We are also collecting non-perishables to be donated to Religious Community Services of Clearwater (now Hope Villages of America). Bring a guest or a new colleague and enjoy the fellowship!

Finally, our Bach-a-thon is just around the corner. We are looking for performers of all ages and instruments. Do you have a congregation member who can play the flute? What about a beginning piano student learning one of the inventions? This is a wonderful performance opportunity for professional and amateur alike.

Shawn Thomas, Dean

Chapter Epiphany Gathering

*The American Guild of Organists
Clearwater Chapter*

*cordially invites you to
A Joyous Holiday Afterglow
with Seasonal Salads, Soups & Sips*

*In the Light of David's Star
Sunday – January 8, 2023
from Six to Eight o'clock*

*The Bobbie Hoopes Residence
1013 Woodside Avenue, Clearwater*

*Regrets Only by Noon Epiphany Day
via Text or Mobile to Peggy BeVille (727) 403-8166*

*Your gift of non-perishable food items
will be contributed to
Hope Villages of America in Clearwater.*



The Augusta Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

looks forward to welcoming you to the Central Savannah River Area of Georgia and South Carolina for next June's Southeast Region AGO Convention. Join us for three days and four nights of celebrated performers playing inspiring pipe organs in live acoustics with visible consoles. Take in workshops, reading sessions and music displays. Enjoy renewing friendships in the ambience of Augusta's Marriott Hotel located on the Savannah River. Visit historic sites, play a round of golf, and relax in the beautiful communities of Augusta and Aiken, South Carolina. Bask in our old South charm and new South hospitality. Here's hoping to see you June 18-21, 2023. Click [here](#) to visit the Convention website.

—Keith Shafer
Convention Coordinator

Tom Hoehn Farewell Performance

After 21 years as organist at Clearwater First United Methodist Church, Tom Hoehn will be retiring and moving out of the area at the end of January. As a farewell concert, Tom will perform organ accompaniment to Buster Keaton's silent film "The General" on Sunday evening, January 15 at 7:00 pm. The movie was released in 1926 and runs 67 minutes. After the performance, there will be a reception in the fellowship hall so the congregation, colleagues and friends can express their appreciation for Tom's artistry and his years of service in Clearwater.



Tom currently serves on the Executive Board of the Clearwater Chapter and most recently helped host our Pedals Pipes and Pizza event in November. We wish him well in whatever the future may bring.



**Farewell Silent Film Performance by Tom Hoehn
Reception Following**

"The General" Starring Buster Keaton (1926)

**One of the Top Ten Movies
of all Time -- Roger Ebert**

**Sunday, January 15 at 7:00 pm
First United Methodist Church
411 Turner Street, Clearwater, FL 33756
727.446.5955 www.fumc-clw.com**

Calendar—(Chapter events in ***bold***)

Friday, January 6 7:00 p.m.	Epiphany Feast of Lights (Pre-service music for harp and organ at 6:45 p.m.) Dolly Roberts, Harp; free admission, reception to follow Prince of Peace, Lutheran, Largo
Sunday, January 8 3:00 p.m.	Tampa Spiritual Ensemble Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater
Sunday, January 8	Post-Christmas party at the home of Bobbie Hoopes (see details, p. 2)
Sunday, January 15 3:00 p.m.	Vision Duo (percussion and violin) Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo
Sunday, January 15 7:00 p.m.	Farewell Performance, Tom Hoehn First United Methodist, Clearwater
Sunday, January 22 4:00 p.m.	The 36th Annual Festival of Praise First Presbyterian, St. Petersburg
Sunday, January 22 6:00 p.m.	Choral Festival sponsored by Tampa AGO Chapter Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church, Tampa
Sunday, January 26 6:30 p.m.	An Evening of Music with Chris Brunelle St. Patrick Catholic Church, Tampa
Friday, February 3 12:00 noon	First Friday Organ Recital, Simon Morley Sykes Chapel, UT, Tampa
Sunday, February 12 3:00 p.m.	Con Brio Piano String Quintet Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater
Sunday, February 12 4:00 p.m.	Transparent Sound with Dean Shostak First Presbyterian Church, St. Petersburg
Saturday, February 18 6:00 p.m.	Dinner and Hymn Sing (free tickets required) Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo
Saturday, February 18 7:00 p.m.	The Festival Singers of Florida First Presbyterian Church, St. Petersburg
Sunday, February 19 3:00 p.m.	Three Organ Spectacular, Seth Bott, John Lowe, Shawn Thomas Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo
Tuesday, February 28, March, 7,14,21,28	Lenten Tuesday Noon Recital Series at various locations
Friday, March 3 12:00 noon	First Friday Recital: Shawn Thomas, Organist Sykes Chapel, UT, Tampa
Sunday, March 19 12:05-4:00 p.m.	Bach-a-thon at Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo
Saturday, April 15	Tour the Tampa Museum of Mechanical Instruments followed by lunch. (tentative)
April 22-23	A New Creation: Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Austin/Colby organ at Prince of Peace Lutheran. Music for organ, orchestra, and choir: Handel Organ Concerto, Sandresky <i>Dialogue for Organ and Strings</i> , and René Clausen cantata <i>A New Creation</i> .

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Ron Turner	(727) 772-3268 O, O/D

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