

The American Guild of Organists

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Clearwater (FL) Chapter

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Dear Friends,

Just a few weeks out from our Advent and Epiphany events, we are already looking toward the spring and summer! How appropriate, as I write this in the final days of January. The first month of our year is named after Janus, the two-faced Roman god who looks both in the future and in the past. Let's do just that!

I first must make a correction. Last month I reported that the chapter received a combined offering from our Advent series of roughly \$800. We actually received nearly \$1,200 from the four half-hour programs! The chapter kicked off the new year with an Epiphany party at the home of Bobbie Hoopes. Bobbie and her daughter were wonderful hosts. Thank you both! Timothy Belk, our resident culinary expert crafted a fabulous menu of soups and salads which were complemented by desserts provided by our Executive Board. Later in the month, a number of us celebrated Tom Hoehn and wished him well as he moves to south Texas. Tom performed a "farewell" silent film on January 15.

February brings our 2nd annual Lenten Noonday Recital Series. You'll see a schedule of venues and performers on page 2. Share the schedule in your music/church circles and invite friends and neighbors to one of these programs.

We are always looking for more performers for the March Bach-a-thon. In April we will visit a museum of mechanical musical instruments (say that 3 times fast!). Our officer installation and end of year banquet will be Friday, June 2. We are thrilled to welcome Elizabeth George, Chief Membership Officer from National AGO Headquarters in NYC. She will be installing our officers and giving a keynote address. We have invited St. Petersburg and Tampa AGO members to attend as well and we will all experience another gastronomic endeavor by Timothy Belk.

There is so much going on in mid-Pinellas County. It is a great feeling to have a full calendar of in-person events for the first time in many years! Take advantage of some of these opportunities to hear live music, catch up with colleagues, and maybe even make a new friend!

Shawn Thomas, Dean

Clearwater Chapter Lenten Concert Series

All programs will begin at noon and last approximately 30 minutes.

Tuesday, February 28: First United Methodist Church, Clearwater

Timothy J. Belk, Organist

Tuesday, March 7: Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo

Peggy BeVille and Mark Prater, Organists

Tuesday, March 14: Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater

Carl Gravander, Organist

Tuesday, March 21: St. Anne of Grace Episcopal, Seminole

Dr. Shawn Thomas, Organist

Tuesday, March 28: St Alfred's Episcopal, Palm Harbor

Dr. Linda Pointer, Organist

Brief Notes

- Welcome to new dual-member **Mr. Gabriel Johnston**. He is organist at Calvary Episcopal Church, Indian Rocks Beach. His email address is orion1234@ufl.edu. Also, welcome to new member **Lucas Weiss**. Lucas is Interim Director of Music and Organist at First Presbyterian Church, Dunedin.
- First United Methodist Church, Clearwater is happy to announce the appointment of a new organist, Carl Gravander. Carl is returning to First Church after having served Plymouth Church (UCC) in Des Moines, Iowa for 30 years. He had previously served the Clearwater church for over 10 years prior to that. Welcome back, Carl!
- More performers are needed for the March 19 Bach-a-Thon at Prince of Peace Lutheran. Contact Linda Pointer, (727) 441-1099.

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

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, Noon	Lenten Organ Recital: Timothy Belk First United Methodist, Clearwater
Friday, March 3 12:00 noon	First Friday Recital: Shawn Thomas, Organist Sykes Chapel, UT, Tampa
Tuesday, March 7 Noon	Lenten Organ Recital: Peggy BeVille and Mark Prater Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo
Sunday, March 12 3:00 p.m.	Timothy Belk, Organist with Aaron Hilsinger, violin and Kenneth Brown, Trumpet in an all Bach program. Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater
Sunday, March 12 5:00 p.m.	Douglas Cleveland, Organist Cathedral Church of St. Peter, St. Petersburg
Tuesday, March 14 Noon	Lenten Organ Recital: Carl Gravander Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater
Sunday, March 19 12:05-4:00 p.m.	Bach-a-thon at Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo
Tuesday, March 21 Noon	Lenten Organ Recital: Dr. Shawn Thomas St. Anne of Grace Episcopal, Seminole
Tuesday, March 28 Noon	Lenten Organ Recital: Dr. Linda Pointer St. Alfred's Episcopal, Palm Harbor
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> .
Saturday, April 29	Tour the Tampa Museum of Mechanical Instruments followed by lunch.
Friday, June 2	Officer Installation/Banquet with dinner provided. Elizabeth George, Chief Membership Officer, AGO National Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater

Three Organ Spectacular



The Three Organ Spectacular makes a return appearance to Largo!

Sunday, February 19 at 3:00 p.m.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Largo

Organists Seth Bott, John Lowe, and Shawn Thomas present an afternoon of music of Bach, Bedard, Wilhousky, and more...all arranged for three organs. Special guest organist Peter Kinzie makes a return appearance to present selections arranged for orchestral theatre organ.

The Prince of Peace Festival Choir will perform Charles-Marie Widor's *Mass for Two Organs and Choir*. Free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be received.

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.

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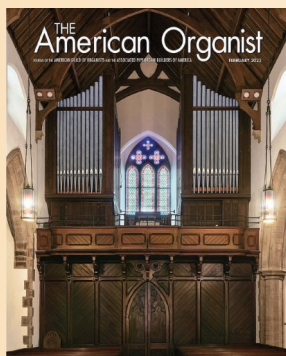
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