

The American Guild of Organists

Windline—March 2023

Clearwater (FL) Chapter

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Dr. Shawn Thomas, Dean
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Friends,

Welcome to March! As we all know, we are in the midst of our “season” here in Tampa Bay. Concerts and other opportunities for music making abound this time of year. At the time of this writing, I’ve just returned from the first of our midweek Lenten organ recitals. Hats off to Timothy Belk for a job well done. There were approximately 40 people in attendance at First UMC Clearwater, which I’d say is a great start to the series!



Even in the midst of our Lenten concerts I remind you of our upcoming Bach-a-thon on Sunday, March 19 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. Dr. Linda Pointer is meticulously crafting a program order of great variety: Choir, handbells, trombone, flute, harpsichord, piano, and of course, organ. I’m sure I’m forgetting an instrument or two. As it stands now, the concert will run for approximately three hours (12:15pm-3:15pm). The 2019 Bach-a-thon saw over 500 attendees throughout the afternoon.

We need volunteers! Yes, that means YOU! No, you don’t have to commit for the entire afternoon...even serving just an hour or two is a great way to give back to our chapter. *Many hands make light work!*

Volunteer opportunities:

Usher/Greeter: Stand outside the church doors or in the narthex and hand out programs, direct to bathrooms, and most of all offer a welcoming smile of hospitality.

Refreshment table: Instead of a full German lunch, we will offer cookies, coffee, and tea underneath the portico just outside the church doors. We will need volunteers to keep things clean and refill cookies/beverages as needed.

Cookie Baker: Do you have that one-of-a-kind cookie recipe that only comes out of your oven at Christmas? Why not bake (or buy) a few dozen for the chapter? Reach out to me to coordinate advance cookie drop-off to Prince of Peace.

Cleanup: Following the concert, the refreshments will need to be taken down and the sanctuary will need to be reset. Can you hang around for 30 minutes or so after the concert?

If you are willing to serve at the Bach-a-thon in any capacity, please contact me via email (shawn@poplargo.org).

Shawn Thomas, Dean

Calendar—(Chapter events in **bold**)

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 12:15-3:15 p.m.	Bach-a-thon at Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo
Sunday, March 19 4:00 p.m.	A Service of Evensong and an Evening of Concert Music St. Alfred's Episcopal, Palm Harbor
Tuesday, March 21 Noon	Lenten Organ Recital: Dr. Shawn Thomas with Carol Murphy, Flute St. Anne of Grace Episcopal, Seminole
Tuesday, March 28 Noon	Lenten Recital: Dr. Linda Pointer with Laurel Bennett, Kevin Johnson, and Scott Garrett, Recorders 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

Positions Available

Anona United Methodist Church, Largo seeks an Organist and Traditional Worship Director. Full-time position, salary is \$50,000/year plus benefits and offers opportunities for additional income. Starting date is June 1, 2023. Email resume and links to video recordings including organ and piano work to Jeremy@anona.com

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin will need a cantor/choir tenor beginning September 2023. Compensation is \$75.00 per week. Contact Tom Huffman, Organist/Choirmaster at hufftom@aol.com or (727) 409-8726.

Clearwater Chapter Lenten Concert Series

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

[Click here](#) to see each Tuesday's program

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

Carol Murphy, Flute

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

Dr. Linda Pointer, Harpsichord and Continuo

Laurel Bennett, Kevin Johnson, Scott Garrett, Recorders

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.

Grayce Hillman	(727) 642-7322 O, O/D, V
Roberta Hoopes	(727) 560-3962 D
Dr. Linda Pointer	(727) 441-1099 O, O/D
Dr. Sandra Rogers	(727) 539-9903 O, O/D, V
Ron Turner	(727) 772-3268 O, O/D

AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS—NOT SUNDAY MORNING

Stephen Allen	(813) 968-7095 O, O/D
Peggy BeVille	(727) 726-8457 O
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Cheryl Brouette	(727) 453-0317 O
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Tom Huffman	(727) 409-8726 O, O/D

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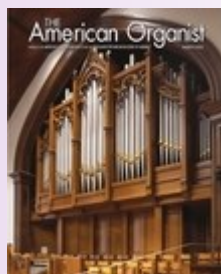
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TAO, March 2023





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 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 in June!
[Click here](#) to go to the Convention website.

—Keith Shafer, Convention Coordinator

Concert Schedule

Sunday 18 June 2023 at 7 pm

Chelsea Chen at Saint Paul's Church, Augusta

Monday 19 June 2023 at 10 am

The Chenaults OrganDuo in Concert at the First Presbyterian Church, Augusta

Monday 19 June 2023 at 3 pm

The Charlestons at the Sacred Heart Cultural Center

Monday 19 June 2023 at 7 pm

Vincent Dubois at St. John United Methodist Church, Augusta

Tuesday 20 June 2023 at 10:30 am

Monica Csausz Berney at St. John's United Methodist Church, Aiken SC

Tuesday 20 June 2023 at 1:00 pm

Seipp/Sheets Organ & Trumpet Duo at First Baptist Church

Tuesday 20 June 2023 at 3 pm

Charles Tomkins, Organ & Kevin Tomkins, Violin
at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Aiken
Commissioned Work by William H. Bates

Tuesday 20 June 2023 at 7 pm

Jens Korndorfer at the Church of the Most Holy Trinity, Augusta

Wednesday 21 June 2023 at 10:30 am

Young Organist Competition Winner
at Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church, Augusta

Wednesday 21 June at 2:30 pm

Jared Johnson at Trinity on the Hill United Methodist Church, Augusta

Wednesday 21 June at 7 pm

Alcee Chriss at First Baptist Church, Augusta

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