

The American Guild of Organists

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Clearwater (FL) Chapter

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Friends,

I have just returned from a marvelous conference at the University of Kansas celebrating the tricentennial of Bach's arrival in Leipzig, as well as the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Division of Organ and Church Music. The keynote speaker was George Stauffer (Rutgers University), who in Spring 2024 is releasing a new book succinctly titled "The Organ Works of J.S. Bach." Stauffer lectured on the concerto transcriptions, the Great ~~Eighteen~~ Nineteen Leipzig Chorales, and a lecture titled "Why Bach Matters," showing how Bach's music continues to have universal appeal today because of its ability to tap into emotions, optimism, and confidence through its solid musical framework. Visiting professor of organ Olivier Latry (on leave from Notre-Dame de Paris) not only performed an all-Bach recital, but also lectured on symbolism and numerology in the organ works. This was interspersed with mini-recitals and masterclasses by fellow KU alumni (*see photo next page*).



All that being said, I've arrived back home just in time for an interim pastor's arrival and the annual transition to new church lay-leadership. I am refreshed. Events like this are important to all of us, not only from an educational perspective, but also as an opportunity to be fed. To hear excellent music and thought-provoking discussions, meeting new colleagues and catching up with old friends are all benefits of continuing education opportunities in our field. Keep that in mind as we all begin planning our summer schedules.

Shawn Thomas, Dean



A full house for Olivier Latry's recital in Bales Organ Recital Hall at the University of Kansas. October 27, 2023

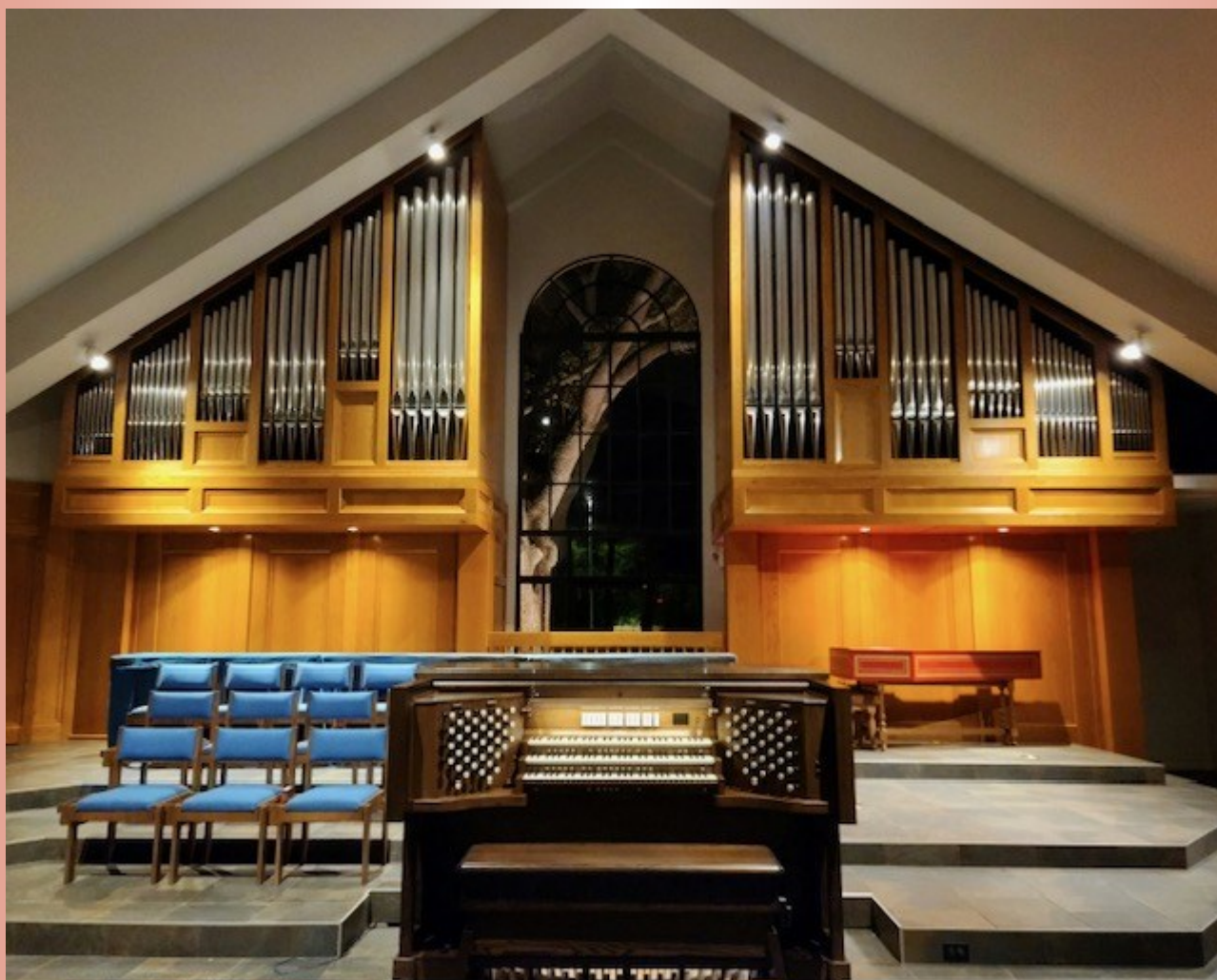
The Clearwater AGO Welcomes Casavant op. 3951

St. Alfred's Episcopal Church

Sunday, November 12

4:00 p.m.

Organists Carl Gravander, Tom Huffman, Bradley Swope, and Shawn Thomas will present a variety of music including works of Buxtehude, Locklair, Sandresky, Tournemire and others. The concert is free with a freewill offering to benefit the Clearwater Chapter's Scholarship Funds. A reception will follow the concert.



Calendar of Events

(Chapter events in **bold**)

Sunday, November 5

4:00 p.m. Tampa Oratorio Singers: Beethoven's *Mass in C Major*
Palma Ceia Presbyterian, Tampa

Tuesday, November 7

8:00 p.m. Tampa Bay Orchestra Fall Series: *Passion & Power*
Ferguson Hall, Straz Center [Tickets here](#)

Sunday, November 12

2:30 p.m. Tampa Bay Orchestra (Same program as November 7) [tickets here](#)
Palladium Theater, St. Petersburg

Sunday, November 12

3:00 p.m. Heather Thorn, Xylophone with vocalist Krissy Vavrek and band *Vivacity*
Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater

Sunday, November 12

4:00 p.m. The Clearwater AGO Welcomes Casavant op. 3951
Carl Gravander, Tom Huffman, Bradley Swope, Shawn Thomas, Organ
St. Alfred's Episcopal, Palm Harbor

Fri, Sat, Sun, November 17,18,19

Florida Orchestra: Chopin, Brahms, Wagner

Sunday, November 19

3:00 p.m. Music for Cello and Harpsichord
Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo

Mon.,Tue, December 4,5

7:00 p.m. Tampa Oratorio Singers: Handel's *Messiah (Part 1)*
Palma Ceia Presbyterian, Tampa

Tuesday, December 5

12:00 noon Music of the Season
St. Alfred's Episcopal, Palm Harbor

Sunday, December 10

7:00 p.m. Advent Lessons and Carols with Santa Lucia Procession
Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo

Tuesday, December 12

12:00 noon Music of the Season
St. Anne of Grace Episcopal, Seminole

December 15-17 Tampa Oratorio Singers
Holiday Pops with the Florida Orchestra
12/15 Straz 8:00 p.m.
12/16 Mahaffey 2:00 p.m.
12/16 Mahaffey 8:00 p.m.
12/17 Ruth Eckerd 2:00 p.m.
12/17 Ruth Eckerd 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 17

10:30 a.m. Lessons and Carols
Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater

Sunday, December 17

4:00 p.m. Carol Sing with Bells of Hope
Good Shepherd Episcopal, Dunedin

Tuesday, December 19

12:00 noon Music of the Season
Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo



Music of the Season

Tuesday, Noon recitals

Dec 5, St. Alfred's Episcopal, Palm Harbor

Dec 12, St. Anne of Grace Episcopal, Seminole

Dec 19, Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo

Jan 2, Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater

Positions Available

Director of Music Ministry/Organist

Trinity Presbyterian Church of Seven Springs (TPCOSS) seeks a Director of Music Ministry. A theologically conservative PCUSA church with a traditional worship service, the Adult chancel choir has between 12 and 20 members. There is a 3 manual Rodgers organ along with 4 octaves of Malmark Handbells, 2 sets of 3-octave Schulmerich choir chimes, as well as some Orff instruments. Currently there is one Sunday service at 10:00 am; music rehearsals take place on Thursday evenings. This is a part-time position requiring 15-20 hours per week. The starting salary is \$26,000. There is the possibility of continuing education funds. Resumes can be emailed to the search committee chair Deborah Haglen at: dhaglen@hotmail.com.

Alternatively, they can be mailed to:

Trinity Presbyterian Church of Seven Springs
ATTN: Deborah Haglen
4651 Little Road
New Port Richey, FL 34655

Send a resume ASAP and include 3 references as well as an audio file (MP3) or link to your YouTube Channel to demonstrate your skill and ability. The final search process will include an interview and audition with a starting date of January 1, 2024.

For a comprehensive job description [click here](#).

Interim Organist

Music Director Susan Clelland at First United Methodist in Dade City is looking for an interim organist. One service Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Salary according to experience and driving distance. Call her at 914-564-6623 for details.

Organist/Co-Director

Anona United Methodist Church, located in Largo, Florida, is an inclusive and innovative church that has been serving the Tampa Bay community for over 150 years.

Anona is seeking a collaborative Keyboardist and Co-Director of Traditional Worship to provide inspirational organ and piano music and assist in shaping the environment for our Traditional Services in a team setting. This is a full-time position with benefits and will be shaped to best distribute the successful applicant's talent across our multi-ensemble music department.

- Direct Report to the Executive Pastor

- Salary is \$65,000-\$70,000/year plus benefits and offers opportunities for additional income

Email resume and links to video recordings including organ and piano work to Jeremy@anona.com

For the complete ad [click here](#) to go to the AGO Headquarters site.



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Upcoming Concert at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Largo

A promotional poster for a concert. On the left, a man (Scott KlumSDAH) is smiling and holding a cello. On the right, a woman (Hedi Salan) is smiling and leaning on a harpsichord. The background is a light blue gradient. Overlaid on the center is a large, red, distressed-style stamp that says "CANCELLED". Above the stamp, the text "Music for Cello and Harpsichord" is written in a cursive font. Below the stamp, the text "SCOTT KLUMSDAH and HEDI SALAN" is written in a sans-serif font. At the bottom, the text "SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 19 | 3PM" and "No charge for admission" is displayed. A logo for "FAITH'S SAKE CONCERT SERIES" is also visible.



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.

Rhonda Griffin	(618) 409-3143 O
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
	(727) 403-8166 (cell)
Cheryl Brouette	(727) 453-0317 O
Brent Douglas	(727) 459-7025 O, O/D
Tom Huffman	(727) 409-8726 O, O/D

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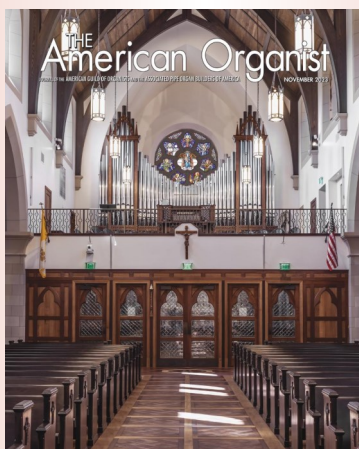
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