

### From the Dean:

December is upon us and with it comes countless opportunities to hear high quality seasonal music. Many of us are directing services of Lessons & Carols, Christmas Cantatas, and other seasonal offerings. Our own chapter is hosting another series of seasonal music noonday recitals. Come support your friends and colleagues in the many musical endeavors in the coming weeks!

Thank you to all who participated in our November chapter event at St. Alfred's Episcopal Church "Welcoming the Casavant." Performers: Carl Gravander, Thomas Huffman, Bradley Swope, Shawn Thomas. Emcee/host: Kevin Johnson. Reception setup/hosts: Timothy Belk, Peggy BeVille, Jan Highsmith. Nearly \$700 was collected in an offering to support the mission of our chapter.

On January 7 at 6pm, we are hosting a tri-chapter Twelfth-Night potluck dinner at the home of Jan Highsmith. RSVP via email to Peggy BeVille (bevillep@gmail.com) so we have an accurate headcount. Jan's address is: 212 Garden Circle, Belleair 33756. Note: this is a change in venue from what was originally announced earlier this fall.

A Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas to you and yours,



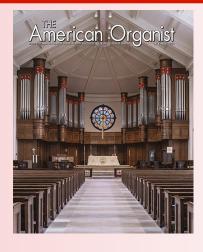
Shawn Thomas, Dean





# A Tri-Chapter Gathering and Potluck Dinner Sunday, January 7, 2024 6:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to bring a dish and come to the home of Jan Highsmith for some good food and fun. The address is 212 Garden Circle, Belleair. Please RSVP to Secretary, Peggy BeVille at bevillep@gmail.com by January 5.



TAO, December 2023

# **Calendar of Events**

(Chapter events in bold)

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, Carl Gravander

St. Alfred's Episcopal, Palm Harbor

Sunday, December 10

3:00 p.m. Angela Massey, Flute and Rachel O'Brien, Harp

Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater

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, Tom Huffman

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.

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12/17 Ruth Eckerd 2:00 p.m.

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Saturday, December 16

4:00 p.m. Sandra Rogers, Soprano, sings a recital of traditional Christmas music.

Unity of Palm Harbor. A free-will offering will be accepted.

(Calendar continued)

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, Gabriel Johnston

**Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo** 

Tuesday, January 2

12:00 noon Music of the Season, Peggy BeVille

Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater

Friday, January 5

7:00 p.m. Epiphany Feast of Lights; Wassail Party to follow.

Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo

January 6 (8:00 pm) Florida Orchestra (Mahaffey)

January 7 (7:30 pm) Florida Orchestra (Ruth Eckerd)

Mozart, Respighi and Bernstein

Sunday, January 7

**6:00 pm** Tri-Chapter Twelfth Night Gathering (potluck dinner)

Home of Jan Highsmith, 212 Garden Circle, Belleair

Sunday, January 14

3:00 p.m. Bryan Hughes, Vocalist with "The Crew"

Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater

Jan 19 (8:00 pm) Florida Orchestra (Straz)

Jan 20 (8:00 pm) Florida Orchestra (Mahaffey)

Tchaikovsky, Barber, Silvestrov

Sunday, January 21

3:00 p.m. Astralis Chamber Ensemble (flute and strings)

Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo

## **Position Available**

#### **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.



# Scholarship Funds

The Clearwater chapter maintains two scholarship funds: The Grom Educational and Scholarship Fund and The Peterson Scholarship Fund. You may easily make an end-of -year contribution to either of these funds or to the chapter's General Fund by clicking on the link "Donate" on the Chapter website: <a href="clearwaterago.org">clearwaterago.org</a>. This secure link allows payment by debit or credit card or by PayPal.

## **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.tortoskii@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

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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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