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# The Tracker

A publication of the  
Knoxville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists



The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration,



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Dinner 6:30/Program 7:30

## Dean's Message



Dear AGO friends,

The busy season of Holy Week and Easter is upon us! I hope that the beautiful liturgies and wonderful music of this most sacred and holy time is a source of spiritual renewal and peace for all of you!

Our April Tracker newsletter will include highlights of the final two AGO meetings of the year. April 13, we will hold our Student Recital at First United Methodist Church on Kingston Pike, hosted by Denny Mullins and May 4th, we will complete the year with our Members Recital at St. John's Cathedral, hosted by Jason Overall.

As you may remember from the March meeting, Peter Van Eenam presented our current financial status. He was very thorough in going over where our finances have gone for the past two years. His final suggestion, approved by the Board, was to have our chapter membership put OUR chapter financial security as our TOP priority.

To that end, we will be hosting TWO CHAPTER FUNDRAISERS in the next 5 months. Our First fundraiser will be STONE SOUP, a suggestion made by Peter. For those of unfamiliar with the folk tale, a weary traveler arrives in a small village with no food or money. He stops at the first home and pulls out a shiny stone from his pocket to make stone soup. He asks for a cup of hot water and perhaps a pot to begin his soup. He gradually asks the homeowner for an onion for his soup, the neighbor for a potato, the next for a carrot and so on. He ends up with a delicious pot of soup.

SOOOOO, if we are all in together, in pursuing the financial health of our chapter, we are asking EVERYONE to put in a potato or carrot--or a 5, 10 or 20 dollar bill. If every member of our chapter puts in any amount, think about all that will generate!! Look for the Stone Soup pot at the next 2 meetings, in April and May. Donations may also be mailed to Peter or myself. The STONE SOUP fundraiser will run from April 1--May 31.

Thank you for all your support and enthusiasm for the Knoxville AGO. I am proud to be a member!

Sincerely,

Deborah Dunne Sousa

Dean, Knoxville Chapter, AGO

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## **April Student Recital Program**

First United Methodist Church  
3316 Kingston Pike, Knoxville  
Dinner 6:30 / Program 7:30  
Host: Denny Mullins

Our AGO program for May is the annual student recital at 7:30 pm on Monday, April 13, at First United Methodist Church, 3316 Kingston Pike in Knoxville. Dinner at 6:30 will be catered by Mark Wischhusen and will feature an Italian dinner consisting of Caesar Salad with parmesan and croutons, Meat Lasagne, Haricot Verts buttered (French green beans), Garlic Bread, Chocolate Brownies, tea/coffee, etc. Eleven area organ students will perform in a varied program of many styles ranging from Bach to Cherwein. The performers are students of John Brock, Ashley Burell, and Edie Johnson. Come and support these student organists and their teachers.

Contact Jim Garvey at 865-588-0589, extension 216 or [jgarvey@knoxvilleascension.org](mailto:jgarvey@knoxvilleascension.org) for dinner reservations. Reservation deadline is Thursday, April 9.

## **Emphasis on Membership**

Deborah Sanders, Sub-Dean

Every month I look forward to receiving my copy of *The American Organist*. I usually leaf through its pages as soon as I can, and this month is no exception. What a great benefit of membership! I have already read in its entirety the article from our Executive Director entitled AGO Membership Benefits Continue to Expand. I did NOT focus on the annual dues increase of \$3. Instead, I focused on the idea of AGO benefits involving attributes that improve our quality of life. Here is the top list of one member: Continuing education from meetings and conventions; growth as a musician from hearing recitals and workshops; the enrichment of hearing many hearing recitals and workshops; the enrichment of hearing many styles of playing and organ; friendships that grow through the common love of organ music. This pretty much sums it up for me!

Beginning in April you should begin to see email or surface-mail renewal notices for the 2015-16 year. Please consider renewing as early as you can. It helps your Knoxville Chapter plan for upcoming programming. If you know of organists, music directors, and other organ music enthusiasts, encourage them to join. We will provide information to help you do this. Stay tuned!!



The AGO SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CONVENTION is nearing a maximum capacity! With hundreds registered, we encourage you to register by March 31 to avoid a fee increase and ensure availability.

- The OMNI Hotel Charlotte has reached maximum capacity. We are pleased to announce HYATT PLACE DOWNTOWN, Charlotte's newest luxury hotel, as our partner property.

- Don't want to attend the convention, but wish to hear ATLANTA MASTER CHORALE, OLIVIER LATRY, RENÉE ANNE LOUPRETTE, JACK MITCHENER or STEPHEN THARP? Purchase [general admission tickets](#) online.

**Region:** Southeast  
(Formerly Region IV)

**Host:** Charlotte Chapter, Charlotte, NC

**When:** July 1-4, 2015

**Contact:** Mr. Timothy J. Belk

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704-309-0822 (c)

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP

The American Guild of Organists (AGO) is proud to announce four PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTERS (POEs) and one POE (Advanced) for students aged 13–18; and one POE (Technical) for students aged 16–23 in 2015. Generous funding from the Associated Pipe Organ Builders of America (APOBA) and the American Institute of Organbuilders (AIO) will support the summer programs, which will be held from coast to coast. Complete contact information for each Pipe Organ Encounter can be found in *The American Organist Magazine* and online at [www.agohq.org](http://www.agohq.org). The summer schedule follows:

POE for ages 13–18

June 14–19 Wichita, Kansas

July 5–10 Valparaiso, Indiana

July 12–17 Columbus, Georgia

July 26–31 Brooklyn, N.Y.

POE (Advanced) for ages 13–18

June 14–19 Norman, Oklahoma

POE (Technical) for ages 16–23

June 14–19 Norman, Oklahoma

“The AGO and APOBA have enjoyed a mutually beneficial relationship since 1975,” declared AGO Executive Director James Thomashower. “Likewise, the AIO has been active in supporting the Guild’s educational programs, beginning with their partnership in *Pulling Out All the Stops*, a video produced jointly by the AGO, AIO, APOBA, the Organ Historical Society, and the American Theater Organ Society in 1996. Collectively, APOBA and the AIO have contributed more than \$475,000 in support of the AGO’s educational programs during our long association. For their ongoing, committed generosity in supporting the Guild’s mission—to enrich lives through organ and choral music—we are extremely grateful.”

The PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTER (POE) is an introduction to the pipe organ through instruction in organ playing, repertoire, history, design, and construction. These regional summer organ music institutes for teenage students provide private and group instruction in service playing and solo repertoire, opportunities to learn about the musical heritage of various religious denominations, and a chance for young musicians to meet others with similar interests. Basic keyboard proficiency is required, although previous organ study is not necessary. The POE (Advanced) provides intermediate to advanced classes in areas such as organ literature, history, pipe organ construction and design, music theory, improvisation, conducting, and service playing for students who have achieved a high level of success in organ study. The POE (Technical) is a program designed for students who are interested in learning the art and craft of organ building. Scholarship assistance is available; the application deadline is April 15. ■

POE site locations are selected by the AGO Committee on the New Organist and approved by the AGO National Council after application by AGO host chapters. Applications are available from AGO National Headquarters.

The slate of AGO officers who have agreed to serve for 2015-2016:

Dean: Deborah Sanders

Sub-Dean: Andrew Morehead

Treasurer: Peter Van Eenam

Registrar: Karl Jacob

Secretary: Sandi Henry

Members at Large: Cynthia Moses, Terrye Danner, Joy Fournier

The nominating committee consisted of Karen Ladd and Karen Yarbro.

Need a Sub!! Here is a list of those available in our area.

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| John Brantley    | brantleyjf@comcast.net    | 865-617-3174                   |
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| Nancy Wells      | nwells07@att.net          | 865-686-3355                   |

## Job Openings

Concord United Methodist Church is seeking a Part-time Organist. This position is 15-20 hours per week with 2 weekly services, and three weekly rehearsals. Ensembles include Adult Choir, Chancel Choir, Youth Choir and Children's Choirs. Concord UMC has a 1998, 2-manual Wilhelm organ, Opus 145. Benefits include new music stipend, vacation and sick leave. Salary is commensurate with education and experience, consistent with AGO guidelines. For more information please contact Director of Music Mike Stallings at [mike@concordumc.com](mailto:mike@concordumc.com) or 865-966-6728. Review of applications will begin May 1, 2015.

Part-Time Choir Director position at **West Hills Presbyterian Church** in Knoxville is open to all qualified candidates regardless of gender. Anyone interested in more information should contact D.J. Cimino at [whpc.search@gmail.com](mailto:whpc.search@gmail.com).

**Saint Bridget Catholic Church** in Richmond, Virginia, seeks a full time Assistant Music Minister. A parish of approximately 2,000 active parishioners, its music ministry provides liturgical leadership at 200+ Masses, weddings, funerals and other special liturgies each year. Alongside the Music Minister, the Assistant Music Minister will help provide organ and piano music for liturgies, and assist in the training, direction, and accompanying of cantors, the Parish Adult Choir, RSCM based Girl and Boy Choirs and a Contemporary Ensemble. Parish instruments include a recently restored circa 1925 Steinway "M" and a new John-Paul Buzard pipe organ, which has received rave reviews for its tonal finishing. The successful candidate will be a superb organist with accompanying skills, and have some knowledge of choral direction. Additional music staff includes per diem organists, pianists and a part-time administrator. This is an ideal position for recent graduate of an Organ & Church Music program to develop administrative skills while continuing to develop musical skills. Compensation and Benefits details are available upon request. Deadline for applications is May 1, 2015. Contact Allen Bean, Music Minister at [abean@saintbridgetchurch.org](mailto:abean@saintbridgetchurch.org); by calling (804) 282-9511; or at 6006 Three Chopt Road, Richmond, VA 23226. Electronic communication is preferred.

## EVENTS

**It's HOLY WEEK!!!**

**Many area churches have multiple services this week. Check local church websites for dates and times.**

Friday, April 3 at 12:00 noon. The Good Friday liturgy presented by the Vocal Ensemble *Orison*. The service will include chant, psalmody, and hymns reflecting on the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. The centerpiece will be a sung recounting of the Passion as found in Matthew. Other pieces included will be William Byrd's Ave verum corpus and Tomás Luis de Victoria's O vos omnes. St. John's Episcopal Cathedral, 413 Cumberland Avenue, Knoxville, TN.

Sunday, April 12 at 8:00 p.m., James R. Cox Auditorium, Alumni Memorial Bldg., UT Knoxville. John French Brantley, IV Junior Organ Recital featuring works of Bach, Bingham, Manz, Mendelssohn, and Widor.

Tuesday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. Music for Organ and Strings featuring Edie Johnson, organ, Lori Hones, cello, and Kathryn Shilling, violin. Church Street United Methodist Church, 900 Henley Street, Knoxville, TN

Sunday, April 26 at 5:00 p.m. Organ recital by **Olivier Latry**, organist of Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris. Church of the Ascension, 800 South Northshore Drive, Knoxville, TN

Sunday, May 3 at 6:00 p.m. A Service of Choral Evensong, led by the Youth and Children's Choirs, Church Street United Methodist Church, 900 Henley Street, Knoxville, TN





Newsletter Deadline: April 21

Please add these dates to your calendar or cut it out for a lovely addition to your refrigerator!

| <b>Program Date</b> | <b>Dinner Reservation Deadline</b> | <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Tuesday, February 3 | January 29                         | January 21                 |
| Monday, March 2     | February 26                        | February 19                |
| Monday, April 13    | April 9                            | April 1                    |
| Friday, May 4       | April 30                           | April 21                   |

## \*\*\*\*\* Dinner Reservations \*\*\*\*\*

Please make your dinner reservations for

April 13, 2015  
 First United Methodist  
 Knoxville, TN

No later than  
 Thursday, April 9

Cost \$12.00

By contacting  
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