

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, education, and certification of Guild members.



Conducting for the Organist/Choirmaster

Monday, December 5

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Program 7:30 p.m.

St. Stephen's Episcopal

212 N Tulane Ave

Oak Ridge, TN

Clinician: Dr. Jaclyn Johnson



A WORD FROM THE DEAN

To the members of the Knoxville AGO:

I must begin by thanking Edie Johnson and Tim Cook for bringing Raina Wood to Knoxville for her excellent performance on Church Street's magnificent instrument. Raina's performance displayed that brute strength and stature will never conquer the King of Instruments, but, in a David and Goliath manner, technique, control, composure, and refinement bring the monster to its knees. Thank you to all the members who showed up for the evening to make both dinner and the program fulfilling.

Next month's program brings workshops back to the Knoxville AGO programming. What could be more fun than perusing Christmas anthems as the Christmas spirit begins to whip through the air, and to learn about that invaluable skill of being both organist and choirmaster. The setting, our Sub-Dean's church, St. Stephen's, is a perfect locus for this workshop as he is both organist and choirmaster. I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

The holiday season is fast approaching. By the time you read this, it may very well be here. While the work may be piling on, remember that music is at the heart of the experience of both the transcendence and magnanimity of God, and the incogitable, humbling imminence of God. Your work bridges these two seemingly irreconcilable natures of the divine.

To begin the season of thanks, I thank you for affording me the opportunity to serve you this year, for your being a steadfast and reliable community that supports the arts, and the continuing support I receive from the Knoxville community.

I hope your holiday season is blessed with the sparkle of true charity and hope in a world that, at times, seems to care little about the marginalized or our efforts to curb the cause of such marginalization.

Andrew Morehead, *Dean*



Join us Monday, December 5 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Oak Ridge. Our program for November will be lead by Dr. Jaclyn Johnson, Interim Associate Director of Choral Activities at the University of Tennessee. Dr. Johnson will lead us in an informal masterclass and workshop setting. She will lend us some good choral conducting tips and rehearsal ideas for those of us who work as both organist and choirmasters in our local churches. So bring your voice, have some fun in our very own AGO member choir for the evening.

We have three members who will be bringing some carols to work on for the holiday season. We do have room for one more conductor; so if you would like to avail of this opportunity, please email shogg86@me.com.

Often described as an “energetic little firecracker” on stage, Dr. Johnson has made it her life goal to share her passion for music with ensembles and audiences around the world. Before completing her doctoral degree in Choral Conducting at the University of Michigan, she had a thriving career as a high school choral educator for eight years.

Ensembles under her direction received numerous honors and awards, including performances at the American Choral Directors Association National Conference (2011), Western Division Conference (2010), and Central Division Conference (2014). Her choirs have toured domestically and internationally to such destinations as San Francisco, New York, New Orleans, Canada, and Italy. Other conducting experiences include: Assistant Conductor for the Long Beach Camerata Singers, Co-Director of the Arrowbear Summer Music Choral Camp, and collegiate choral and orchestral ensembles including the University of Michigan Women's Glee Club, Orpheus Singers, Arts Chorale, and Michigan Pops orchestra.

In 2014, Dr. Johnson represented the United States as an International Exchange Conductor to China. Her own vocal performance career has taken her to Russia, Czech Republic, Austria, Bratislava, Canada, China, Hawaii, Chicago, New York, New Zealand, and Australia. Johnson earned a Master of Music degree in Conducting at the Bob Cole Conservatory of Music in Long Beach, California, and a Master of Art in Teaching, Bachelor of Music in Conducting, and Bachelor of Music Education degree from Chapman University.

Calling All Rising Stars!!!



The Knoxville Chapter is sponsoring an AGO/Quimby Regional Competition for Young Organists (RCYO). The competition will be held at Church Street United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 1, 2017.

Applications are available at agohq.org and must be submitted online no later than January 15, 2017. For more information see the competitions page of the American Guild of Organists found here: <https://www.agohq.org/performance-competitions/rcyo/>

For submission of competitors' names or for more information, please contact Joy Fournier at 865.300.0830 or by email at sergefournier@att.net.

JOB OPENINGS!!!

First Alcoa UMC seeks **Pianist** to play for two Sunday morning services as well as accompany Wednesday evening Praise Team and Choir practices. Send resumes to Ron Scott and Ty Harrison at: First UMC, 617 Gilbert Street, Alcoa, TN 37701, phone (865) 982-5551.

Trinity UMC seeks **Pianist** to accompany the Chancel Choir at Wednesday evening rehearsal and one Sunday service. Trinity uses The 1989 United Methodist Hymnal and has a well-maintained Kawai grand piano. Send resume to Warren Clark at: Trinity UMC, P.O. Box 606, Lenoir City, TN 37771. Phone: 865-986-2325, email: office@trinityumclc.com.

DECEMBER ARTS CALENDAR



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St. John's Cathedral
413 Cumberland Avenue Knoxville, TN

To order tickets visit: <http://www.stjohnscathedral.org/cathedral-arts>

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Oak Ridge Community Lessons and Carols with the choirs of First United Methodist Church Oak Ridge, St Stephens Episcopal Church Oak Ridge and First Presbyterian Church Oak Ridge. First UMC Oak Ridge, 6:30 p.m.

Church Street UMC, Knoxville, TN Noon Communion Service
Recital by organist Alvin Blount begins at 11:40 a.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Church Street UMC, Festive Music led by Children's & Youth Choirs
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

First Baptist Knoxville, Jesus: The Advent of the Messiah. 11:00 a.m.

First UMC Oak Ridge, Advent Organ Recital by Nathan K. Lively. 3:00 p.m.

St. James Episcopal Church. An Advent Service of Lessons and Carols. 4:00 p.m.
Works by Palestrina, Ord, Biebl, Rutter, and Manz.

Church of the Ascension. Lessons and Carols for Advent, 5:30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Maryville, Lessons and Carols, 6 p.m.

Farragut Presbyterian Church, Lessons and Carols, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Second Presbyterian Church, Ecumenical Bell Ringers (directed by Ric Sidey), 12 noon

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

Church Street UMC, Noon Communion Service. Recital by Megan Stigall, cello, and Nicholas Stigall, piano begins at 11:40 a.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

Church Street UMC, **Parish Adult Choir and the Tennessee Brass.** 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, Lessons and Carols Service, 11:00 a.m.
featuring the Adult Choir and String Quartet

Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Greeneville, TN. 3:00 p.m. James Winfree will present a recital on the new pipe organ, joined by David Price, percussion and Pete Hodges, trumpet. The program will feature sacred and secular works, patriotic and christmas selections.

Central Baptist Bearden', Festival of Carols, 6:00 p.m. It will feature all four suites of "The Many Moods of Christmas!"

First UMC Oak Ridge, Youth and Children's Choirs Christmas Concert. 6:00 p.m. Get free tickets here: <http://www.fumcor.org/adult-choir-christmas-concert>

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Church Street UMC, Noon Communion Service, Recital by Church Street Scholarship Singers: Hannah Gamble, Meghan Mayes, Shelby Berkley and Lee Brandt begins at 11:40 a.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16**GAUDETE!
THE SOUNDS OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON!**

Tennessee Chamber Chorus
directed by Dr. Alan Stevens

Church Street UMC
7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

St. Stephen's Episcopal, Oak Ridge, Nine Lessons and Carols. 3:00 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

Central UMC, 201 East Third Avenue, Knoxville. Ecumenical Bell Ringers directed by Ric Sidey. 12:05 p.m.

First UMC, Oak Ridge. Adult Choir Christmas Concert with choir, orchestra, handbells, drama, and dance, 7:00 p.m. Get free tickets here: <http://www.fumcor.org/adult-choir-christmas-concert>

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

Tuesday Morning Musical Club Meeting, Westminster Presbyterian, Knoxville. Ecumenical Bell Ringers directed by Ric Sidey. 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Church Street UMC, Blue Christmas Service: Noon

THURSDAY DECEMBER 22

St. Stephens Episcopal, Oak Ridge, TN. Blue Christmas Service, 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

St. Stephen's Episcopal, Oak Ridge. Festival of Carols 10:00 p.m. Festal Choral Eucharist 10:30 p.m.

St. James Episcopal, Knoxville. Christmas Eve Service, 10:30 p.m.

Church Street UMC, Knoxville. Christmas Eve Services, 5 and 10:30 p.m. Choral Masterworks with Chamber Orchestra and Parish Adult Choir

FOR SALE!!!

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Knoxville AGO Programs 2017

January 9, 2017

Epiphany Social

A viewing of Opus 139 project:

To Hear the Music.

A documentary celebrating
the first 50 years of C.B. Fisk, Inc.

Immaculate Conception

Hosted by Karl Jacob

February 10, 2017

Paul Tegel in concert

Westminster Presbyterian

March 6, 2017

Katelyn Emerson in concert

(2016 NYACOP winner)

Church of the Ascension

April 3, 2017

Annual Student Recital

Concord Methodist

May 1, 2017

Members Recital

New Providence, Maryville

Be
part!
of it.

Knoxville AGO Chapter Treasurer's Report, 11/20/16

Balance in checking 10/19/16		\$9,890.89
Money In		\$1,097.00
BOEF Donation	\$ 50.00	
Chapter Donation	150.00	
Dinner	480.00	
Dues	117.00	
Yearbook advertising	300.00	
Money Out		- \$1153.45
Catering	- \$504.00	
Programming	- 600.00	
Yearbook printing	- 49.45	
Balance in checking 11/20/16		\$10,732.94
Balance in BOEF 11/20/16		\$32,328.82

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***** Dinner Reservations *****

Please make your dinner reservations for

December 5, 2016
St. Stephen's Episcopal
Oak Ridge, TN

No later than
Thursday, December 1

Cost \$12.00

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