



Principal Pipings

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Message From the Dean

Spring has sprung! Welcome to the post-Easter Edition of our April Newsletter! Without a doubt, Spring arrived in the Bluegrass this year before Easter. By now, the final strains of our Hallelujah Choruses and Widor Toccatas are beginning to settle, but it's not time for summer break just yet. We still have much to keep us busy -- "Thomas Sunday" (my favorite disciple!), Good Shepherd, Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity, Mother's Day, Father's Day . . . Whew!

While our originally-scheduled April program has been postponed, there's still much AGO business to keep us occupied. Inside this Newsletter, you will find your official AGO Spring Ballot. Please participate in Chapter-wide voting. While this is our "off-year" election, please contact Executive Secretary **Lynn Vera** via email (or regular mail), and exercise your right to vote for a representative at-large to the Executive Committee (Class of 2020).

As previously announced, the LexAGO is now partnering with the Kroger Community Rewards program, in hopes of bringing in new donations for our Chapter. Have you signed up for your Kroger Card yet? Have you gone online to register your card with the LexAGO? If not, what are you waiting for?! Details may be found inside this Newsletter.

There's also POE Scholarship money available to our young members who may be interested in attending one of this summer's POE opportunities. Again, details may be found in this Newsletter.

Congratulations go out to **Gabe Evans**, who has recently joined the ranks of LexAGO Members with AGO Certification! With summer break just around the corner, now would be a good time to gather up your music and materials and look into the certification process for yourself!

Your Executive Committee has also been hard at work, finalizing details for the upcoming 2017-18 LexAGO Program Year. Be sure to check next month's Newsletter for full details!

And, finally, be sure to check out the Calendar of Events. There's an untold wealth of information there on area programming that's sure to be of interest. Read inside how LexAGO Member **Mark DeAlba** and I recently created our own "Concert Series," traveling between three different city and church sites and taking in three outstanding recitals, all in support of our fellow LexAGO Members!

Wishing you a Joyous Easter Season and a Happy Spring, --**Larry Sharp**

Upcoming Events

SAT / 4.22.17

7.30p

**Embraceable Earth: Love for Our Planet
Lexington Chamber Chorale**

Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington, KY

MON / 4.24.17

3.00p

Carolyn Craig, Junior Recital

Auer Hall, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

SUN / 4.30.17

LexAGO Sponsored Event

David Briggs, organ - POSTPONED

SUN / 5.7.17

4.30p Concert

5.00p Evensong

Dr. ToniMarie Marchioni, oboe and Festal Choral Evensong

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington, KY

TUE / 5.9.17

7.30p

Katelyn Emerson, organ

First Presbyterian Church, Athens, OH

FRI / 5.12.17

7.30p

**SCAPA Lafayette Madrigal Singers
Ryan Marsh, conductor, Laura Howard, conductor**

Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY

SUN / 5.14.17

2.00p

LexAGO Sponsored Event

Schuyler Robinson, organ

Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington, KY

SUN / 5.21.17

3.30p Concert

4.00p Evensong

**Concert, Shawn Dawson, organ,
Evensong with Chorister Promotions and Recognitions
The Cathedral Choir**

Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY

April Program Postponed

Our friend **Neva Thompson** has informed us that this month's AGO Program featuring recitalist **David Briggs**, originally scheduled for April 30, at Trinity Episcopal Church in Danville, has been postponed until further notice. No additional details are available at this time.

Our final program for the year will feature **Dr. Schuyler Robinson** in recital on Sunday, May 14, 2:00 pm, at Christ the King Cathedral. See you then!

LexAgo Events

Coming Soon: 2017-18 Program Year Details

Your LexAGO Executive Committee has been hard at work finalizing the details for the upcoming 2017-18 Program Year. Be watching your May Newsletter for the announcement!

Also, if you are able to assist the Chapter by volunteering to host a guest presenter during certain months, please be in touch with Dean **Larry Sharp** at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

Wilma Jensen Workshop Held in March

On Saturday, March 11, LexAGO Members, Friends and Guests enjoyed a workshop presentation with **Dr. Wilma Jensen** of Nashville. Wilma is the Organist/Choirmaster Emerita of St. George's Episcopal Church. Her workshop presentation, entitled "Developing Natural Keyboard Technique and Maintaining It for Life," allowed participants to discover several different styles of keyboard "touch." Wilma shared her stories and experiences with us, as well as performed examples from the organ literature.

What a unique experience this was for us to meet and interact with an icon of the organ world! The fun continued as many of us enjoyed lunch afterwards with Wilma at Josie's Restaurant in Chevy Chase.

We extend our thanks to Wilma for sharing her time, spirit and expertise with us! Thanks also go to **Dr. James Humlong** for generously donating Wilma's workshop appearance to the Chapter, to **Jon Johnson** for hosting the event at Good Shepherd, and to **Bill Webber** for assisting Wilma with her travel arrangements.



Dr. Wilma Jensen

Vote Now! 2017 LexAGO Ballot

In accordance with the by-laws, your LexAGO Executive Committee places the following name into nomination for the position of Member at-large (Class of 2020) to the EC:

Grant Holcomb

The EC endorses this candidate and encourages all members to vote. Please vote “aye” for Grant by contacting Executive Secretary **Lynn Vera** by email (lynnvera@ymail.com), or at her regular mailing address (3796 McGarry Drive, Lexington, KY 40514). THE DEADLINE FOR VOTE SUBMISSION IS MAY 3, 2017.

LexAGO Teams Up with Kroger Community Rewards

BIG NEWS! Your Executive Committee has voted to partner with the Kroger Community Rewards Program.

Nearly all of us have Kroger Plus cards in our wallets or on our keychains. Now we can earn extra money for the Lexington AGO each time we shop at Kroger!

Your EC requests that ALL LexAGO Members please consider participating. To register your card with our newly-assigned NPO number (79661), simply go online to www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Remember -- your purchases will NOT count for the LexAGO until you have registered your card.

So, what are you waiting on?! If you are reading this notice, then you are probably already online. Why don't you register your Kroger Card RIGHT NOW?! Don't let another day pass by!

If you have questions, or need assistance, please feel free to contact Treasurer **James Humlong** or Dean **Larry Sharp**. We will be happy to help!

Final Call for Zimmer Organ!

Here's your final chance to acquire your very own Zimmer organ from Akers Auditorium, Asbury University, Wilmore, KY. Please contact **Dr. Vicki Bell** as soon as possible (vicki.bell@asbury.edu).

Membership

Why I Belong to the AGO

I have been a member of the Lexington Chapter of the American Guild of Organists since I was a college student in the late 1970's. For me, being a part of this organization has been a blessing on many fronts. First, I felt welcomed into a group of people who shared my love for the organ and passion for church music. Only a few years before joining – I had my first experience worshipping in a liturgical church setting and I knew where I wanted to be for the rest of my life!

As it turned out, I would actually serve in a number of church traditions – which helped to give me an even greater appreciation for a liturgical style of worship. The second and maybe more important benefit of my membership in the Lexington AGO was the opportunity to make lifelong and lasting friendships with a group of extraordinary people- people who come from all walks of life. I have met people in our chapter who have given so much of themselves to their congregations and it is amazing to see what musical offerings happen when God is in charge! Lexington and our surrounding region is blessed with such dedication and experience among our membership! I cannot encourage strongly enough for young people to consider this very worthy and amazing profession we all share.

Soli deo Gloria!

Brian Hunt, former Dean, LexAGO

Welcome, New Members!

We welcome the following new members to the Lexington AGO:

Kathleen Balling

Lexington, KY

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Deborah Evans

Pikeville, KY

evansdeb@hotmail.com

Becky Horine

Lexington, KY

horine.becky@yahoo.com

With Sympathy

The Lexington AGO extends sympathy to the family of **Ed Tiemeyer**, of Lexington, who passed away on March 9. Ed was a new member of our Chapter, who will be remembered for his sense of humor and for his frequent attendance at area recitals and concerts.

Our condolences are also extended to the family of **Helen S. Reed**, of Evansville, IN, who passed away on March 19. Helen served as one of our 2016 POE faculty members and recitalists last summer. It was a pleasure getting to know and work with her in this special way.

Why I Am AGO-Certified

I successfully achieved the AGO's Service Playing and Colleague Certificates a couple of decades ago. I found them to be extremely valuable in teaching me skills that I use nearly every Sunday morning in church. Some of the skills I learned were not part of my undergraduate or graduate level organ study. Now I can modulate, improvise and transpose music semi-confidently and not stress about it. The hymn portion of the exam influenced me to use alternate hymn harmonizations on a regular basis. The improvisation expectation has inspired me to work over the years at improving my improvs, and now I actually look forward to improvising at various times during a service.

I had the sweet fortune of being assisted by **John Courter**, FAGO. He generously drove up from Berea on a monthly basis to work with me on the organ where my exam was to be taken (Calvary Baptist). He "whipped" me into shape, and I passed both exams. It gave me much pride to acquire the Service Playing and Colleague Certificates, and, most importantly, I now have lots of confidence in my organ playing abilities.

If any of our AGO Members need help working on a Service Playing or Colleague Certificate, it would be a privilege and pleasure to help you achieve this great pursuit. Give me a call at 859-333-2210.

Submitted by **Tina Wagoner**, CAGO
EC Member-at-large (2018)

New AGO Certification

Congratulations to LexAGO Member **Gabe Evans** for recently earning his AGO Service Playing Certificate! Gabe is the Director of Music at Union Church in Berea. You may reach him at: evansgabet@gmail.com.

POE Scholarships Available

Thanks to some very generous donations made at December's "Christmas Pipes" Concert, and since, we are pleased to be able to offer financial assistance to our youth who may be interested in attending this summer's various Pipe Organ Encounters (POE). If interested in applying for a POE Scholarship, please contact Dean **Larry Sharp** or Education Co-Chair **Jane Johnson**. Nearby POE sites include Sioux Center, IA (June 11-16); Birmingham, AL (June 25-30); and Winchester, VA (July 23-27). THE DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR A POE SCHOLARSHIP IS MAY 3, 2017.

For Fun

AGO Music Madness and Trivia Contest

Congratulations to **Kate Covington**, our first-ever AGO Music Madness winner! Kate “correctly” selected three of this year’s Final Four entities. For her expert skills in “bracketology,” Kate will soon receive a free lunch! Thanks to all who participated!

Our second Trivia prize for March goes to **Jane Johnson**. Jane knew why your Chapter Dean was secretly rooting for a first-round “upset” between Sts. Cecilia and Apollonia -- because Apollonia is the patron saint of dentists and those suffering from toothache pain! (Hey, Google it, if you don’t believe me!).

Now, let’s return to the AGO Bracket for our April Trivia Question. The Steiner Phone made a surprising run all the way to the Final Four. Be the **FIRST** to tell me what an 8’ Steiner Phone is, where it can be found locally, and its significance to our Chapter, and **YOU** will win a prize!

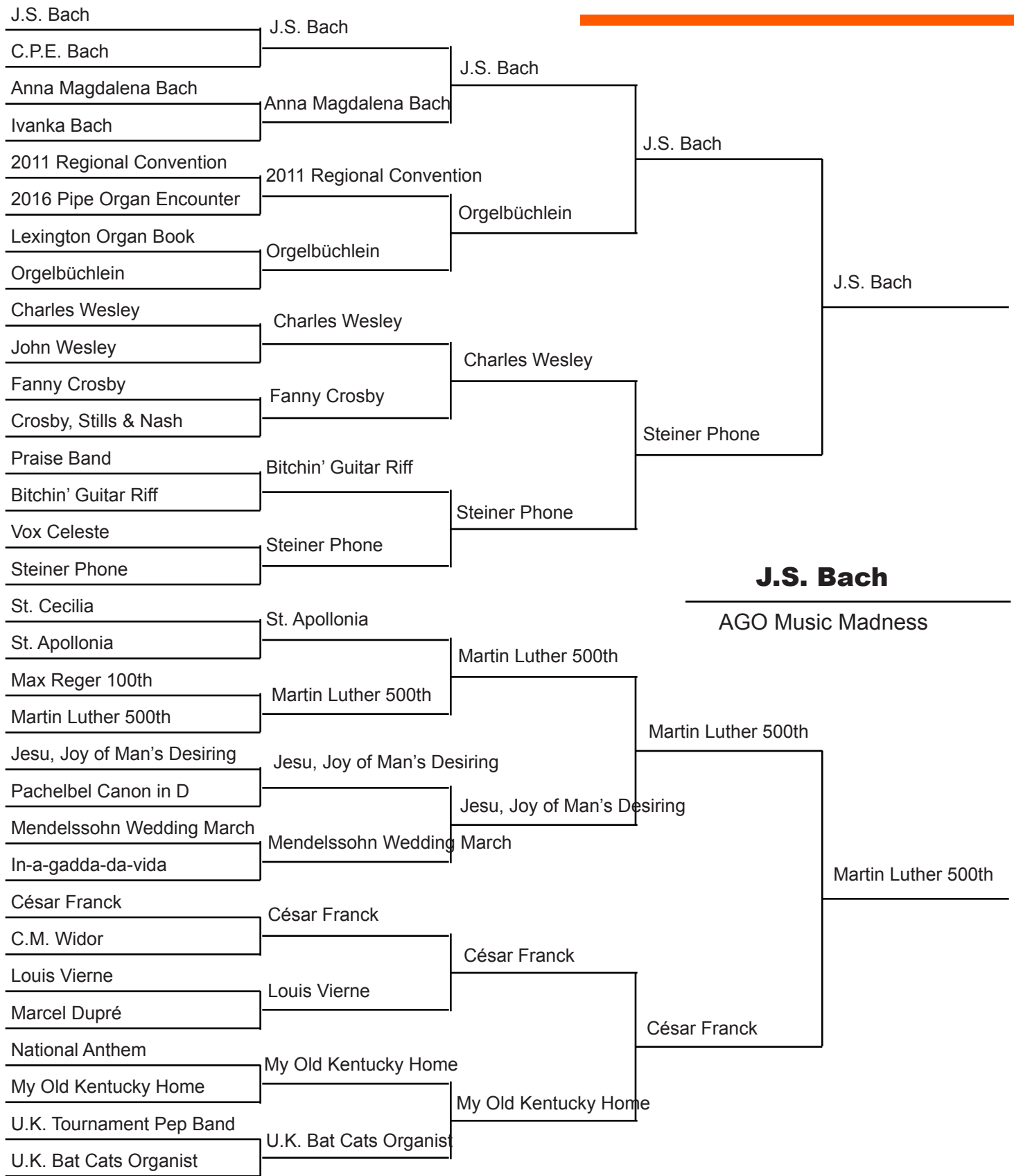
Remember -- you can’t win if you don’t play! Good luck!

Bad Musical Joke of the Month

OK, since we all still have the recent NCAA Basketball Tournament on our minds, here is this month’s “Bad Joke!”

Q: What do North Carolina and Duke athletes have in common?

A: Neither attends classes at North Carolina!



Travelogue

1 Week, 3 Recitals, 800 Miles and 2 NCAA Match-ups

Normally, one would expect to have to attend an AGO National or Regional Convention to enjoy such a week of outstanding recitalists, varied programming, impressive instruments and beautiful churches, as LexAGO Member **Mark DeAlba** and I recently discovered.

Between rounds of NCAA Tournament action, and armed with nothing but our AGO Calendar of Events (and a full tank of gas!), Mark and I took in three outstanding organ recitals presented by three LexAGO Chapter Members in three cities over the span of a week's time.

Beginning immediately after our church services on Sunday, March 19, Mark and I took off for St. John's Episcopal Cathedral in downtown Knoxville, where LexAGO Member **Carolyn Craig** was presenting a 5:00 p.m. recital as part of her home church's Cathedral Arts Series. As you know, Carolyn is a junior at the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University, majoring in organ performance. She played the Cathedral's three-manual Schantz Organ, with antiphonal division. Program highlights included Dupre's Prelude and Fugue in B Major; Bach's Fantasy and Fugue in G Minor; Vierne's Naiades; and Najji Hakim's Gershwin-esca.

Bravo, Carolyn! The Lexington Chapter is proud to have you as a member, and we look forward to "big things" from you in the coming years!

Carolyn's next area appearance will be her Junior Recital on Monday, April 24, at Auer Hall, Indiana University, Bloomington. (Dean's note: Well worth the drive!)

Tournament update: As luck would have it, Mark and I found a little sports bar just a block down the street from Carolyn's church, where we could relax and watch the second half of UK's second round NCAA game versus Wichita State, immediately prior to Carolyn's program. Cats win, 65-62!



*Knoxville Recitalist
Carolyn Craig,
Larry Sharp,
Mark DeAlba (L to R)*

Recital Trip (Continued)



*Campbellsville Recitalist
Jane Johnson with 1875
Pomplitz Organ, Our Lady
of Perpetual Help*

Next up, on Tuesday, March 21, Mark and I hit the road for Campbells-ville, where LexAGO Member **Jane Johnson** was scheduled to perform as part of the University's Noon Organ Series. Jane's recital was held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, adjacent to the campus. She played the church's 1875 Pomplitz Organ, restored to its original ten ranks by B. Rule Organ Company.

Jane's program highlights included selections by Lubeck, Buxtehude, Bach, Frescobaldi and Rachel Laurin. As always, Jane's programs are well-thought-out, and meticulously performed. What a pleasure! As an added bonus, our host (and LexAGO Member) **Dr. Wesley Roberts** gave us a guided tour of the music building and campus, before treating everyone to a bountiful lunch on campus. Here's to our first "Tiger Burgers!" While there, Mark received an invitation to perform in next year's Noon Organ Series, so we'll have that to look forward to next fall, as well. What an enjoyable day for all!

For the final leg of our journey, Mark and I traveled north to Cincinnati on Sunday, March 26, where LexAGO Member **Katelyn Emerson** was appearing in St. Catharine of Siena Church's annual Seiwert Organ Recital. Katelyn, of course, requires no introduction to LexAGO Members, having won the 2011 RCYO Competition here during our Regional Convention, followed by her First Place NYACOP honors at the 2016 National Convention in Houston.

Katelyn performed on the sanctuary's 44-rank Schantz Organ. Program highlights included the Passacaglia from Sonata VIII, by Rheinberger; Praeludium et Fuga in E, by Bach; Fantaisie et Fugue, by A.P.F. Boely; Scherzo, by Litaize; and Rhapsody in C-sharp Minor, by Howells.



*Mark DeAlba, Cincinnati
Recitalist Katelyn Emerson,
and Larry Sharp (L to R)*

Travelogue

Recital Trip (Continued)

Wow! Katelyn never fails to amaze! Mark and I enjoyed visiting and catching up with her briefly at a reception following her program. As many of you are aware, Katelyn is presently serving as the Associate Organist and Choirmaster at Boston's Church of the Advent, when she isn't touring and giving recitals. Her next area appearance will be on Tuesday, May 9, at First Presbyterian in Athens, Ohio. (Dean's note: Well worth the drive!)

Tournament update: Following Katelyn's program, Mark and I were pushed for time, but managed to get back to Lexington for the second half of UK's "Elite Eight" NCAA Tournament match-up with North Carolina. And we all know how that turned out...

I think I speak for Mark when I say what a grand adventure our one-week organ tour was! Cultivating new friendships, strengthening of pre-existing bonds, and supporting one another's musical endeavors -- THAT'S WHAT THE AGO IS ALL ABOUT! Please feel free to share your upcoming musical highlights from this summer's conventions, festivals and recitals with your LexAGO friends. Simply submit your adventures to Dean Larry Sharp or Newsletter Editor **Scott Heydinger**. Thank you!



*Schantz Organ at St. Catharine
of Siena, Cincinnati
(photo submitted by Mark DeAlba)*



Music & Liturgy at Good Shepherd

9 October 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Organ concert - Dr. Schuyler Robinson,
followed by Festal Choral Evensong at 5:00 p.m.

6 November 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

All Saints' Concert featuring the Fauré *Requiem*

18 December 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

17 February 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Organ Concert - Bruce Neswick

18 February 2017, 10:00 – 12:30

Open choir rehearsal under the direction of Bruce Neswick
The choirs of Good Shepherd; St. John's, Versailles; & St. Michael's

19 February 2017

Choir Festival

11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist & 5:00 p.m. Festal Choral Evensong
under the direction of Bruce Neswick

19 March 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

Organ concert – Dr. Robert Bozeman,
followed by Solemn Choral Evensong at 5:00 p.m.

7 May 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

Oboe concert by Dr. ToniMarie Marchioni,
followed by Festal Choral Evensong at 5:00 p.m.

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Friday, December 2

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Sunday, December 18

7:00pm A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
with the Cathedral Choir

Wednesday, December 21

Noon *A Ceremony of Carols* by Benjamin Britten
Roseanna Shafer, harp and the Cathedral Girls
Choir



Palm Sunday, April 9

4:00pm Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem* with the Choir of
Men and Boys



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complete list of events.*

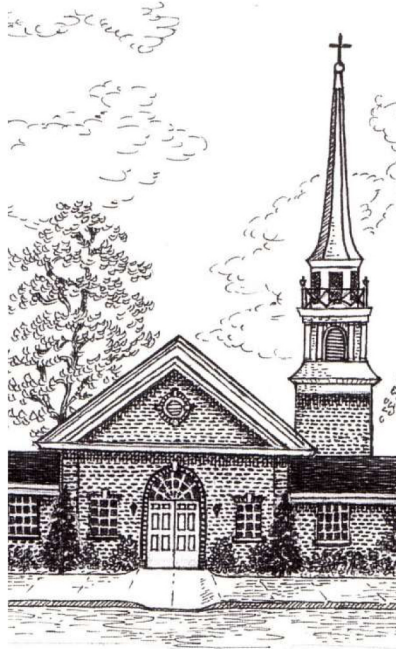
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Sunday, October 9	Merrilee Elliott, flute Mozart, Faure'
Sunday, November 6	David Powell, oboe Telemann, Lynn Trapp
Sunday, November 27 Advent I	Bailey Yates, violin Rutter, Dandrieu, Bach
Sunday, December 4 Advent II	Advent Lessons & Carols SCAPA String Ensemble
Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve	Premiere of Original Organ Composition by John S. Dixon
Lent, 2017 (TBA)	SCAPA String Ensemble
Sunday April 16 Easter	Brass Ensemble with Beaumont Choir

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