Creative Covid Coping Continued

I certainly hope that all of you are doing well and staying safe, and once again offer what I hope are positive stories and contributions shared by members during this time. Special thanks to Pat Gallo-Terrenzio, William Gatens, and Loretta Hartnett.

From William Gatens -

What we are doing at St. John the Baptist, Bridgeport, is probably typical. Masses are open to the public with masks and proper distancing, but also live-streamed. Evening Prayer, Adult Forum, and committee meetings are being done on Zoom. We are planning to introduce some congregational singing in September and possibly some solo singing from the organ loft. As of now, we have the organ and no singing at all.

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Seeking Nominating Chair and Treasurer

The Executive Committee would like to announce that we are seeking a Nominating Committee Chair effective this season (many thanks to Marcia Sommers for the past season).

We are also seeking a Treasurer beginning next season (many Kudos to our illustrious Treasurer, Bruce Marshall, who will retire from the post after this season).

Please contact our Dean, Douglas Backman, or Sub Dean, Charles Grove, if you can help.
DEAN’S MESSAGE

Tuning in Progress

Silence Please

Changing of the Guard – and Many Thanks!

Many, many thanks to Fran Treisbach who has handled our Positions Available position since the fall of 2015, when she took over from Robert Carson. Our very best wishes go out to Fran in her next adventures!

Welcome aboard, Carolyn Boxmeyer! Carolyn is one of our members with a business card (it says Flutist, but she’s an organist who ALSO plays flute) who has also served on Executive Committee. I would like to offer condolences, and thoughts and prayers for comfort, as her mother recently passed away after a long convalescence, during which Carolyn was her constant assistant. We will continue the policy of requesting that churches keep postings to 250 words or less, and we will have listings both in Crescendo and on our website. Thank you Carolyn for taking on this post, and best wishes as you settle in!

The Positions Available column is a service both to our members, and to employers seeking organists throughout our area. We will continue the policy of requesting that churches keep postings to 250 words or less, which would certainly include instructions of who to contact for more detailed information. We will have listing both in the Crescendo and on our website, and we regularly check that they are current.
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John Kampmeyer, Registrar

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Welcome to the Philadelphia Chapter!!

Jonathan Dane Golembesky
Samuel L. Kalcheim

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Happy Halloween from Curtis!

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The Program Committee is actively working on possibilities for future offerings. During this time of uncertainty, we are blessed with a remarkable range of creative offerings online.

Philadelphia Chapter of the AGO
Chapter Events
2020-2021

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This list is updated monthly. We receive information updates regularly since members can join throughout the year. If you have made a donation and are not listed, please contact our chapter treasurer, Bruce Marshall, Treasurer@agophila.org.

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Do you have a Virtual event you would like to make our chapter aware of?

Please let Kathleen Scheide know.

All Upcoming Events for Crescendo publication should be sent to Kathleen Scheide in advance of our publication submission deadline, which is the first of the month preceding publication (e.g. February 1 for the March issue).
We are excited to announce that plans are underway for Tuesday Noons to happen virtually, hosted by churches for a month at a time, beginning in the New Year.

It is our hope that this will continue the wonderful partnership between our chapter and many wonderful host churches throughout the region, continue to be an opportunity for our members to polish skills, and that in being made available virtually to both church communities and our membership that it may many more people than it might otherwise have done!

Stay tuned – more information to follow.

Andy Heller

Oak Martin, 2nd year Curtis student, after a Tuesday Noon recital at Girard College.
# Virtual Concerts at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Join us on Facebook Live for music-making in the midst of a pandemic! All concerts will begin at noon.

**facebook.com/brynmawrpres**

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From Loretta Hartnett -

The week before the Government requested we stay at home, unless it was necessary because of certain jobs, my daughter, who works for IBX in Philadelphia, told me to stay home and not plan to attend to my church position the following Sunday. IBX sent their employees home Monday March 9. Her concern was for my health and her Dad's. By Sunday March 22, the church where I am the church musician was holding services on Zoom. It’s not the same as being in church but I really believe that the congregation is truly there Spiritually. As the weeks went on we learned how to improve our presentation of the service.

Our Worship Assistants continue their part reading prayer concerns, scripture, and leading the congregation in prayer. As for the music I usually play Prelude music on my piano in my living room before the service starts, and for the hymns and songs during the service at first I was playing everything and the Congregation was asked to keep their mics muted while they sang. Some felt they missed hearing others sing so we now have a member from the Choir / Praise Team serve as a soloist and lead the hymn / song selections. I give an introduction, an interlude between verses if there is more than two verse and a coda. One selection is always completely on the piano. When saying the Lord’s Prayer the Congregation unmutes their mics and we all try to stay together, as best we can, with the leading voice. Maybe some day technology will solve the delay problem.

Our Congregation will not be going into our church building anytime soon. As a member said yesterday after service, the words "We are the Church ... not a building" ring very strongly right now.

I have a young organ student that I was hoping to have start working with our Congregation with the hope he could cover for me in the future. That came to an abrupt halt with the “Stay at Home” protocol. We have been meeting on Face Time for lessons. No way an ideal situation but I get to work out difficult sections with him, check for steady tempo as he practices. Though he has an organ the sound isn't great. But we manage as best we can and we will get to where we want to be.

We are all doing our best and being creative in many ways.

From Pat Gallo-Terrenzio -

Each of us is the result of a thought of God.
Each of us is willed
Each of us is loved
Each of us is necessary.
Pope Benedict XVI
The annual Philadelphia Young Artists Organ Camp was held June 21-26 via Zoom. With funds in place from a generous grant from the Sansom Foundation and the Friends of the Wanamaker Organ, it was decided to put technology to the test and continue the mission of engaging young promising students in a week of total immersion.

Daily lessons were held with Alan Morrison (repertoire), Peter Richard Conte (transcriptions), and Matthew Glandorf (improvisation and hymn playing) followed by a daily class in organ literature. A final recital was held through uploaded content on YouTube and all participants and invited guests watched together and applauded from afar. All students attend on full scholarship, therefore space is limited.

The six students selected this year were Daniel Colaner (OH), Dominic Fiacco (NY), Michael Gibson (VA), Josh Kraybill (PA), Alexander Leonardi (NY), and Jo Ellen West (TX).

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The case is intact with a few scratches. It can be moved by two strong people.

More details, more photos, and audio demo by phone or in person can be easily arranged.

Free to a good home. Contact Katherine Reier 215 287 9939 katherinejreier@gmail.com
Organist/Rehearsal Accompanist
Concordia Lutheran Church
2623 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA 18062
610.965.3285 concordia-macungie.com
Posted 7/22/2020
Concordia Lutheran Church is seeking an organist for Sunday morning worship starting September, 2020. Two services per week at 8:00 & 10:45am. Wednesday evenings during Advent and Lent. Possible additional service as accompanist for choir rehearsals (TBD after COVID-19).

The instrument is an Allen Organ, 2 Manual, 20+ ranks including a midi expander which can add an additional keyboard for more sounds. There is antiphonal speaker in the front of church. The basic ranks include two 32 foot Pedal ranks and range up through a 1 foot flute in the Swell. It has a great variety of thick and thin, brass and reed, flute and string sounds. A Smart Recorder adds more possibilities for the adventurous musician.

Salary range: $8,500-$10,500.
Please contact Rev. Waldemar Vinovskis at WRVinovskis@gmail.com or 484.951.9441

Organist/Choir Director
Episcopal Church of the Trinity
323 E. Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320
610.384.4771 www.trinitycoatesville.org
Posted 7/10/2020
Episcopal Church of the Trinity, in downtown Coatesville, is searching for a vibrant Organist and Choir Director to lead our music program. The position becomes available August 2020. Trinity is a diverse congregation with music that reflects our diversity, including playing the piano. We currently have one worship service at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings and are experimenting with a contemporary online worship service during this pandemic in order to reach a larger audience. We have a new organ: Bravura by Allen L-324e with 46 Stops / Three Manuals including 8 dynamic GeniSys Voices and a Steinway Grand piano in our sanctuary.

In addition to Sunday worship services, we would expect our music leader to also provide music for Holy Week services (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Saturday Vigil when occurring) and Christmas Eve and Christmas Day (when occurring) as well as other special services as may arise.

Our website is www.trinitycoatesville.org and we also have a Facebook page where you may get a sense of the Trinity community and view our most current worship services through our Facebook page and also on our YouTube page.

Interested persons may contact the Rev. Sherry Deets via email at revsherrydeets@aol.com.

We are happy to advertise positions available for churches in the Greater Philadelphia Area as a free service. We need to request that all ads stay within a 250 word limit – applicants should be directed to the church for further information. We would also be very grateful if churches encourage their organists to join our chapter – and many include dues payment as a contract perk! Positions available are listed for 6 months in Crescendo; the on-line list may include older postings.
Positions Available
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Organist, Director of Adult and Bell Choirs (Part-Time)
Allegheny Evangelical Lutheran Church (AELC)
Mohnton, PA
610.777.2520 www.aelc.org
Posted 4/3/2020

Allegheny Evangelical Lutheran Church seeks an Organist/Choir Director to oversee the traditional music ministries of the church in cooperation with the pastor. This individual will organize the adult choir, three bell choirs, and special music to engage and inspire Christian faith beliefs through music. The Organist/Choir Director will also work with the Praise Team leader and other staff members to support the music life of the congregation.

Allegheny Evangelical Lutheran Church is searching for a dynamic, experienced professional. Key regular responsibilities include preparing/performing worship music and leading/organizing voice and bell choirs. There is one traditional Sunday service, one adult choir rehearsal and three bell choir rehearsals per week. All rehearsals are currently scheduled on the same day each week. On occasion, the Organist/Choir Director will also organize special music events, facilitate fund raising and schedule special musicians including but not limited to the AELC Recorder Choir. The church is looking for an individual with the ability to organize and inspire a strong group of existing volunteers while activating new music interest and talent.

This is a part-time position (approximately 20 hours per week). Compensation is based upon experience. For more information please see the church’s website at www.aelc.org. Please email resumes to the attention of the Personnel Team at office@aelc.org.

Director of Music – Part-Time
St. Luke’s United Church of Christ
Trappe, PA
610.489.4933
Posted 3/1/2020

St. Luke’s UCC is searching for a Director of Music to accompany a blended 9:30 AM service comprised of traditional and praise music on Sunday mornings. The Director of Music must be proficient on pipe organ and piano and is responsible for directing and accompanying the adult choir from September through June. Rehearsals are held following the worship service. Other responsibilities include but are not limited to providing music for special services such as Ash Wednesday, Christmas Eve, etc., attending Worship Committee Meetings (6-8 per year) and selecting preludes, offertories, postludes, praise songs, choir anthems and occasional special music. Salary is based on experience and includes 4 weeks of vacation. Please submit letter of interest and resume to: administrator@stlukesstrappe.org.

Director of Music
St. Luke’s Lutheran Church
Zieglerville, PA
610-754-7762 stlukeslutheran.church
Posted 2/7/20

St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, a medium-sized church near Zieglerville (Montgomery County), PA, is seeking a part-time Director of Music. Applicants must be proficient in organ and piano, skilled at directing adult, children’s, and bell choirs, willing to support and work with a praise band and be comfortable in a variety of worship styles. Applicants should have good leadership and communication skills and be comfortable working with people of all ages. Responsibilities include providing music for all Sunday services and additional worship services as required. To submit a resume or for more information please contact Pastor Paul Chapman at pastorpaul@stlukeslutheran.church or 610-754-7762 (leave a message).

Organist/Choir Director
St. James Episcopal Church
330 S. Bellevue Ave., Langhorne, PA 19047
215.757.3766 stjameslanghorne.org
Posted 1/12/20

St. James is a small church looking for someone to play the organ for the 10:15 am Sunday service and either organ or piano at the 5 pm Saturday contemporary Eucharist. Additional services include Christmas Eve (2 services), Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil evening services. There is a very small choir that only sings at Christmas Eve, Holy Week and Easter services, and occasionally Pentecost and Confirmation. It rehearses during Advent and Lent on Sundays following the 10:15 service. The organist would be responsible for selecting appropriate music and rehearsing the choir.

The successful candidate should be familiar with Episcopal liturgies, pointing the psalms for simple chant tunes, be familiar with the range of musical resources of the Episcopal Church and be sensitive to the existing style of music for the Saturday evening service. Although the task of choosing hymnody is part of the responsibility of this position, the rector has final authority in the administration of all matters pertaining to music. The rector expects to work collaboratively with the church musician in preparing for meaningful worship.

Compensation is $16,000-18,000/year commensurate with experience with four paid vacation weekends per year.

Please submit a resume and three references to: The Rev. Barbara Kelley, St. James Church, 330 S. Bellevue Ave., Langhorne, PA 19047 or email to: revbkelly@aol.com.
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We would like our substitute lists to be a valuable, reliable and up to date resource for the community and for our members. We want to include everyone who wishes to be listed and to do so as accurately as possible. Please take a moment to let us know if you wish to be listed and are not, if your information has changed, or if you no longer wish to be listed. We will be trying to ensure that only current chapter members are listed, and as such will be removing names of non-renewed members. If your name has been removed in error, or if you need corrections, please contact Tom Lever as indicated above.
OTHER SUBSTITUTES

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We would like our substitute lists to be a valuable, reliable and up to date resource for the community and for our members. We want to include everyone who wishes to be listed and to do so as accurately as possible. Please take a moment to let us know if you wish to be listed and are not, if your information has changed, or if you no longer wish to be listed. We will be trying to ensure that only current chapter members are listed, and as such will be removing names of non-renewed members. If your name has been removed in error, or if you need corrections, please contact Tom Lever as indicated above.

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St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Bridgeport, PA
Congregation Adath Jeshurun, Ekins Park
American Record Guide

Roy Harker
Church of Saint Asaph
Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania
One of my prayers in this tumultuous year is that we as a society can find our way back to civil discourse, even when we don’t agree on every issue. And that we can grow profoundly in understanding how we need to end hateful practices and build community and opportunity for all. We as musicians have a wonderful tool at our disposal, which can help bring people together, and provide healing. After the 2016 election I happened to be playing a November Tuesday noon recital and I chose, rather deliberately, three settings of the 23rd Psalm for part of the program. This beloved psalm has been a comfort to countless people through the centuries - I would like to share my introduction of these three pieces (plus a few details), and recommend them for your consideration!

Prelude on ‘Brother James Air’ by Searle Wright

The tune ‘Brother James Air’ is one of several that the 23rd Psalm is paired with, and is said to have been written by James Leith Macbeth Bain (1840-1925), a Scottish mystic who came to be known as Brother James. He knew the healing power of music – he is credited with founding ‘The Brotherhood of Healers,’ and they included singing to patients in their work. He worked among the poor and needy and is remembered as a being a very giving, if eccentric, man. This tune has been set in various ways, and this particular arrangement is gentle and lovely. Searle Wright, AAGO, FAGO (1918-2004) was a remarkable American composer, originally from Susquehanna, PA. He went on to have a stellar career in New York, including the teaching at Columbia University and the School of Sacred Music at Union Theological Seminary. He was very involved in the AGO, and served a term as National President. There is a wonderful tribute to him from The Diapason available on line.

Chorale Prelude on Dominus Regit Me – The King of Love My Shepherd Is, from ‘Three Miniatures for Organ’ by Robert Elmore

I know that many of our chapter members knew Robert Elmore (1913-1985), and he was certainly a remarkable part of the Philadelphia music community. Dr. Elmore was born in India where his parents were missionaries. Once back in this country they lived in Nebraska for a time, and in 1925 moved to Wayne, PA – Dr. Wilber Elmore then taught at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and his son Bob studied music with Pietro Yon, commuting to NYC for lessons. Robert Elmore played for Central Baptist Church in Wayne, and for various theaters. He studied composition at the University of Pennsylvania, and was organist at Arch Street Methodist Church (1933-1938.) He went on to join the music faculty at Penn, was organist with Holy Trinity Episcopal Church (1938-1955,) and was the official organist for the Philadelphia Orchestra. He served the Central Moravian Church in Bethlehem, PA (1955-1968,) and then in 1969 accepted the position at Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia until his passing. He had a truly remarkable career, and for more information I recommend a website dedicated to his memory: https://robertelmore.org

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need, from ‘Reflections on Southern Hymn Tunes’ by Louie L. White

Louie White (1921-1979) had ties to our area in that he taught composition, conducting, orchestration and opera workshops at Rutgers University. Prior to that he taught at Syracuse University and Union Theological Seminary. He was born in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and completed a BA in Music at Converse College, although his studies were interrupted by service in the Air Force during WW II. He then earned an MM at Syracuse University, and was widely known as a talented bass soloist.

Answer to last month’s puzzle

Unscrambled words
Falsetto, Alla Breve, Scherzo, Chorale, Tutti, Cadence

Letters to solve the riddle
S T T A B S H E O U I C D

“The frustrated organists realized that during this current and challenging time they must think OUTSIDE THE BACHS!”