



# The Charlotte En Chamade Charlotte Chapter AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

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## *Pappin's Prelude*



Gay Pappin

Over the past few months our chapter members have traveled all over the world! Some have changed jobs or celebrated milestones at church jobs. On Friday, September 18, we will gather for the start of our year as the Charlotte Chapter AGO with our annual progressive dinner.

***This year I would love to have  
100 people present at this dinner!***

It is always lots of fun to talk to your fellow organists about their summer activities as well as their fall music plans. Come and find out who went to Africa on a safari this summer, who took a riverboat cruise on three different rivers of Europe, who spent a week or two at Montreat Conference Center, who vacationed on an island in the Caribbean, who attended the Edinburgh Music Festival, who went to Canada for organ conferences and conventions, who went to a conference on piano pedagogy, who went to Croatia for a music conference, and who simply went to Arkansas for a high school reunion!

*Gay Pappin, dean*

## *September Chapter Meeting*

The progressive dinner schedule will be:

**6:00 Appetizer:** *Providence United Methodist Church,  
Adam Ward, recitalist*

**7:15 Entrée:** *Myers Park United Methodist Church,  
Les Ackerman, recitalist*

**8:45 Dessert:** *Myers Park Presbyterian Church,  
Rob Frazier, recitalist*

***This evening always promises interesting  
conversations, delicious food,  
and excellent organ music! Come and join us!***

Please send your dinner reservation to:

**Pat Williams**

**1914-6 East 7th Street, Charlotte, NC 28204.**

The deadline for reservations is September 10, 2009 and the cost of the dinner is \$10.00 per person.

Checks should be made payable to the Charlotte Chapter AGO.

***Invite your friends and family to attend.***

***We would love to see 100 people at this event!***

***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.***



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***Newsletter deadline 10th of each month.***



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# Charlotte Chapter AGO

## Summer Recital Series

**All programs are at 7:30 PM. Please note the two extra recitals.**

### August

- 23 - Adam Ward**  
Sardis Presbyterian Church  
6100 Sardis Rd., 28270
- 30 - Sacred Choral Festival**  
*Featuring the combined choirs of:  
Covenant, Myers Park, Sardis and  
Trinity Presbyterian Churches*  
Myers Park Presbyterian Church  
2501 Oxford Pl., 28207

### September

- 6 - Leon Couch**  
Covenant Presbyterian Church  
1000 E. Morehead St., 28204  
*(Rescheduled from June 21)*
- 13 - Br. Jonathan Ryan, SJC**  
Covenant Presbyterian Church  
1000 E. Morehead St., 28204  
*(Rescheduled from August 2)*

For further information, please contact Katie Ann McCarty,  
Summer Series Coordinator, at [kmccarty@davidsonumc.org](mailto:kmccarty@davidsonumc.org) or visit [www.charlotteago.org](http://www.charlotteago.org).

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### Our Dean's Website of the Month

<http://www.nzorgan.com/>

Visit this website of the pipe organ in the Christchurch Townhall, New Zealand. It has more than 170 pages of photos, articles, reviews, links, MP3 sound files, screensavers, and desktop pictures. Try the challenging online jigsaw puzzles of organs from all over the world!

# *Charlotte Chapter AGO*

## *2009-2010 Chapter Programs*

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- September 18, 2009*** ***Progressive Dinner and Recitals***  
6:00 Appetizer: Providence United Methodist Church  
7:15 Entrée: Myers Park United Methodist Church  
8:45 Dessert: Myers Park Presbyterian Church
- October 17-18, 2009*** ***Gregorian Chant Workshop with Jim DiPiante***  
St. Patrick's Cathedral  
Saturday workshop: 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
Sunday concert: 4:00 PM
- November 17, 2009*** ***G. F. Handel 250th Year Anniversary Celebration***  
First United Methodist Church  
Program: 7:30 PM
- January 15, 2010*** ***Epiphany Party***  
Home of Gay Pappin, Charlotte, NC
- February 6-7, 2010*** ***Dr. Raymond Weidner***  
Sardis Presbyterian Church  
Saturday workshop: 10:00 AM  
Sunday recital: 4:00 PM
- March 13-14, 2010*** ***Peek Weekend with Dame Gillian Weir***  
Covenant Presbyterian Church  
Saturday masterclass: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
Sunday recital: 3:00 PM
- May 11, 2010*** ***Annual Guild Dinner and Installation***  
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church  
Dinner: 6:00 PM  
Service of Installation: 7:30 PM

***For the most up to date information  
on the meetings and events of the  
Charlotte Chapter, please visit:  
[www.charlotteago.org](http://www.charlotteago.org)***



## Employment Opportunities

Listings may also be found on our chapter website at [www.charlotteago.org/Employment.htm](http://www.charlotteago.org/Employment.htm) or the AGO national website at <http://www.agohq.org/profession/indexjobs.html>. Deadline for inclusion in the newsletter is the 10th of each month and are run free of charge for one month. To have a position listed, please visit [www.charlotteago.org/employment.htm](http://www.charlotteago.org/employment.htm) for further information. Due to the deadline for inclusion in the newsletter, jobs may be listed on the website before they appear in the newsletter, so remember to check the website often [www.charlotteago.org/Employment.htm](http://www.charlotteago.org/Employment.htm).

**As of December 15, 2008 listings on the AGO national website are now available only to voting members of the AGO. You will be asked to enter your ID number listed on the mailing label of The American Organist magazine to view details of advertised positions. Please note:** *Inclusion of information in the Employment Listings does not imply endorsement by the Charlotte Chapter AGO. Nor does the Chapter accept responsibility for the accuracy of material provided for these listings. Salaries listed do not necessarily represent current compensation expectations of either the national AGO or the Charlotte AGO chapter.*

**Music Director, Organist, Choir Director** Peace Moravian Church, 4418 Rea Rd., Charlotte, NC 28226  
PH: 704-759-9939 [www.peacemoravian.com](http://www.peacemoravian.com) Contact: Allen Lamb 704-759-9939 or [allen@videosystems.com](mailto:allen@videosystems.com). 11 hours per week (1 service, 1 rehearsal), salary: \$11,000-\$12,000 per year. 5 extra services per year: Holy Week, 3 Christmas Eve Lovefeasts. Additional fee for weddings. 3 Continuing Education days and 5 Vacation days per year, Sick Days as needed. Congregation size: 150. 3 ensembles: Adult and Children's Choirs, Brass Band (lead and directed by others). 2 manual W. Zimmer mechanical action organ (1970), 18 stops, 26 ranks. Position open June 1, 2009, Application deadline: August 2009. "Looking for a director who enjoys traditional music and a great choir."

**Organist/Accompanist** Unity Presbyterian Church, 8210 Unity Church Rd., Denver, NC 28037  
PH: 704-483-5266 FAX: 704-483-9320 [www.unitypres.org](http://www.unitypres.org) Contact: Janeen Dishman at the above number or [janeen@unitypres.org](mailto:janeen@unitypres.org). 10 hours per week (2 services, 1 rehearsal), salary: \$8,000-\$12,000 per year, depending on experience. 4 extra services per year: Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, 2 Christmas Eve. Additional fee for weddings and funerals. 2 Continuing Education days and 2 Vacation days per year. Congregation size: 500. 2 manual digital organ. No contract, but yearly evaluation. Educational requirements: High School graduate, prefer college-level musical education. Position currently open. "We do hire professional musicians from the Charlotte Symphony to add to our worship about once a month and you would be accompanying them on their music as well. We have blended services and cover a wide range of music."

### Royal Canadian College of Organists 100th Anniversary

Submitted by Susan Talley

Steve and Susan Talley were among the 360 fortunate participants in the Royal Canadian College of Organists' 100th anniversary celebration, held in Toronto from June 28 through July 2, 2009. Each day contained an inspiring mixture of workshops, reading sessions, and choral and organ concerts with several notable occasions. Monday's opening Festival Service featured exquisite singing by the Elmer Iseler Singers and wonderful service playing by Cathedral Church of St. James' organist Paul Halley. Tuesday's highlights included James David Christie's performance on a smaller Casavant tracker and a gala concert featuring Rachel Laurin and Dame

Gillian Weir playing works by Jacques Hetu and Joseph Jongen. July 1 is a national Canadian holiday, and our morning musical treat was geared to attracting young families with narrated organ solo works "Mr. Majeika and the Magic Organ" by Bob Chilcott and "A Sweet for Mother Goose" by George Ackerley. Later that day the Nathaniel Dett Chorale inspired us with choral works from Africa as well as African-American spirituals. Thursday brought the celebration to a rousing conclusion with marvelous playing and improvisation by Thierry Escaich at St. Paul's Anglican Church and an evening of virtuosity, courtesy of Ken Cowan playing a brand-new Casavant. All in all, we 50 or so "border crossers" were honored to join our Canadian colleagues in a rich and memorable musical experience.

# Concert and Event Calendar

August 21, 2009 7:30 PM  
Ethos Chamber Singers  
Myers Park Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC  
www.carolinatix.org, www.ethosarts.net or  
704-554-0058

September 11, 2009 7:30 PM  
Corey Candler and Josh Dumbleton  
Edenton Street UMC, Raleigh, NC  
jdumbleton@esumc.org

September 15, 2009 7:30 PM  
Robert Parris  
Davidson College Presbyterian Church,  
Davidson, NC www.dpc.org or 704-892-5641

September 18-19, 2009  
NCACDA Conference featuring Bob Chilcott  
UNC-Greensboro, www.ncacdaonline.org or  
704-948-4363

September 20, 2009 4:00 PM  
Hector Olivera, dedicatory recital  
Trinity United Methodist Church, Sumter, SC  
www.dafferorgans.com

September 27, 2009 3:00 PM  
R. Monty Bennett, dedicatory recital  
Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church,  
Charlotte, NC www.hlumc.org

October 9, 2009 7:30 PM  
Ron Davis, Edenton Street UMC, Raleigh, NC  
jdumbleton@esumc.org

November 13, 2009 7:30 PM  
Tom Fielding, Edenton Street UMC, Raleigh, NC  
jdumbleton@esumc.org

## 2010 Concerts

February 12, 2010 7:30 PM  
Peter Conte, Edenton Street UMC, Raleigh, NC  
jdumbleton@esumc.org

February 21, 2010 4:00 PM  
Felix Hell  
Trinity United Methodist Church, Sumter, SC  
www.dafferorgans.com

March 12, 2010 7:30 PM  
William Weiser, Edenton Street UMC, Raleigh, NC  
jdumbleton@esumc.org

April 2, 2010 7:30 PM  
Josh Dumbleton, Edenton Street UMC, Raleigh, NC  
jdumbleton@esumc.org

July 30, 2010 7:30 PM  
Dorothy Papadakos  
Edenton Street UMC, Raleigh, NC  
jdumbleton@esumc.org

### *Emergency/Cancellation Policy*

We will make every effort to contact every chapter member by e-mail when a summer recital or regular program is cancelled. Please be sure we have your most current e-mail address, cell phone number, and home phone. ***Also, it is a good idea before a program to check the website to be sure the program has not been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.***

[www.charlotteago.org](http://www.charlotteago.org)

***The deadline for submissions to the calendar is the 10th of each month.  
Please check our chapter website for the most recent calendar additions and updates.***

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### **Internet Reminder**

**Please remember that your postings, messages, and pictures on Facebook, My Space, Twitter, and similar websites and personal blogs should be kept professional. Whether you already have a job or are seeking a new job, personnel committees may check your postings. For example, some teachers in Charlotte recently lost their jobs due to information they had posted on their Facebook pages. Remember that anything you send via email or post on a website can be copied or forwarded very easily, whether accidentally or intentionally. Please do not put anything on the Internet unless you want it to become common knowledge.**

## Charlotte Chapter Pippings

In this new column, we will feature highlights from chapter members' professional lives. If you have recently changed positions, retired, been honored by your church for reaching a professional milestone, or won an award, please submit your information to Monty Bennett, newsletter editor at [newsletterinfo@charlotteago.org](mailto:newsletterinfo@charlotteago.org) by the 10th of the month.

**Robert Kennedy**, former Charlotte Chapter AGO Sub-Dean, recently was appointed to serve as the Minister of Music at Central United Methodist Church, Charlotte, NC. At CUMC, he will develop an enhanced choral program and do musical outreach to the community through guest musicians and ensembles.

**Leon Couch** was recently in Zagreb, Croatia, for 10 days where he attended the College Music Society 2009

International Conference. He presented a lecture entitled "Narrative and Rhetorical Strategies to the Interpretation of Buxtehude's Fugues." The abstract can be found here:

<http://www.music.org/pdf/conf/intl/2009/abstracts.pdf>.

CMS International Conferences routinely attract between 75-100 faculty, administrators, graduate students, independent scholars, performers, and composers who share a common interest and dedication to the improvement of music and its relationship to the other academic disciplines of higher education.



A mother had an eight-year-old boy who didn't talk. She took him to specialist after specialist. "The boy is healthy and intelligent. I can't understand what is wrong with him," said the doctors. Finally, one of the specialists said, "Take the lad to church." "Well," said the mom. "We hardly ever go to church, but I'm willing to try anything." So off they went to church. They arrived nice and early. When the organist began the prelude, the boy turned to his mother and said, "Mom, I have lots of things to say to you!" He talked and talked. The mother was stunned. After church she went home and phoned the doctor. "How did you know that going to church would help?" "Easy," said the doctor. "Everyone talks during the prelude!"

## Plan Ahead to the 2010 Mid-Winter Conclave



**REGION IV: Sarasota/Manatee Chapter**

**January 17-20, 2010 Sarasota, FL**

**Co-coordinators: Roy Roberts and Jack Levick**

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Keep up with the planning of our regional convention by visiting

<http://www.psalmsandpalms.org/criers.html>

# Photos from the 2009 Summer Recital Series

The Royal School of Church Music Charlotte Course presented their annual Evensong at Myers Park Baptist Church on July 12. The conductor was Malcolm Archer and former Charlotte Chapter member, Patrick Pope, served as accompanist.

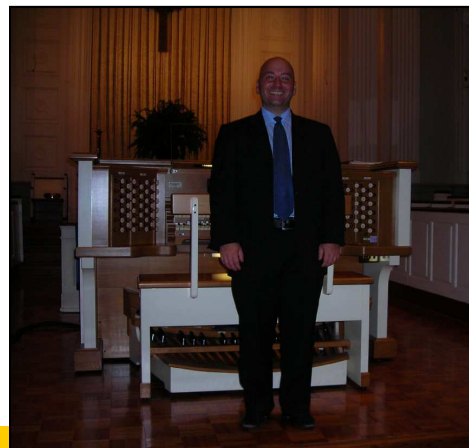


L to R: Paul Thomas, David Anderson, Kevin Neel, Pat Graham Crowe

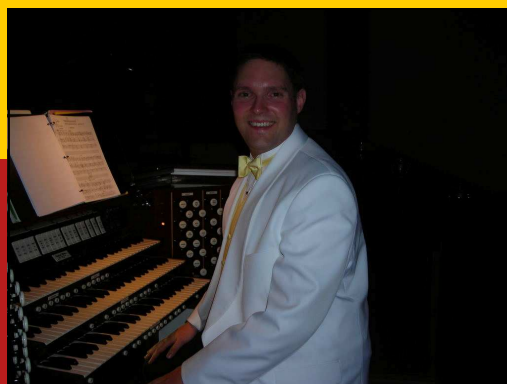
Student members of the Charlotte Chapter AGO and former Stigall Scholarship winners presented a varied program at Myers Park Baptist Church on July 19. Works by Mendelssohn, Buxtehude, Pachelbel, Conte, Dupre, and Bach were performed to an appreciative audience.



Br. Jonathan Ryan, SJC, performed on the Aeolian-Skinner and Schlicker organs of Covenant Presbyterian on August 2.



On July 26, Dr. Thomas Fielding, Dean of the Raleigh, NC chapter performed at Davidson College Presbyterian Church on the church's 3 manual Wicks organ.



Brennan Szafron at the console of the Casavant organ of First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, NC, where he played on August 9.