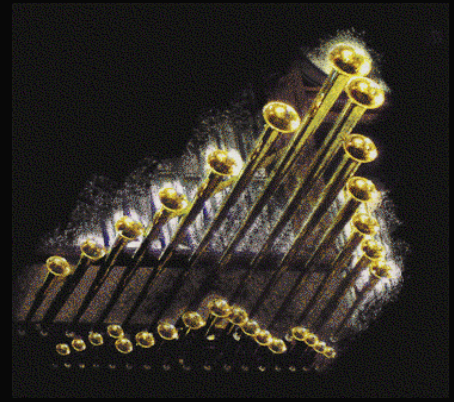


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MAY 2010

Pappin's Prelude

*May is What You Make It **

You have heard it said, "May is the new December." But I say unto you, "You choose how you live."

You have heard it called, "May Madness." But I say unto you, "May Is What You Make It."

This time of the year has become particularly busy... It is time to pay the piper - or should we say, celebrate with the piper - in every single activity that has crossed your calendar in the past nine months. I think we need to be purposeful about changing this thinking. May can be a time of intentional self care and renewal, rather than an experience of trying with all your might just to slide into home plate. After all, this is a time to celebrate. We are saying goodbye to a whole year of school, activities, and - well, winter. We are saying hello to a time of rest, vacation, self preservation.

You don't have to have a kid in school to feel the ebb and flow of this season. The church marks this as the season of Easter, and conveniently for our



Gay Pappin, dean

May theme, this season ends with Pentecost on May 23. The season of Easter is marked as a time to celebrate resurrection - not just Jesus' but OURS. It isn't supposed to be a time of wearing yourself out, but a time of great joy and celebration.

So, how, pray tell, do we change our mindsets? How might we even begin to change our schedules? After all, there are things that really must be done, whether we like it or not.

We start by changing our minds.

We create our calendars, and there is nothing that says we have to attend every function. Maybe it feels like more of a celebration to cross out an entire day for ourselves before May ends. Or, maybe just a few hours, if that is really all our anxious souls and date books can stand. We could play catch up on work and feel accomplished. We could sit down and have a meaningful conversation with a friend. We could sit outside and read a book. The point is, we have a choice. Every day is a possibility, every minute good fortune. Let's concentrate on resurrection, on resurrecting our spirits - rather than crushing them. What will it take for you to have a few minutes, a few hours,

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Newsletter deadline 10th of each month.

Employment Opportunities

Listings may also be found on our chapter website at 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 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.

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.*

Organist/Accompanist Prospect Presbyterian Church, 9425 WNC 152 Hwy., Mooresville, NC 28115
PH: 704-664-1514 FAX: 664-9612 www.prospectpres.org Contact: Rev. Joanne Hull
joanne.hull@prospectpres.org or at above number. 15 hours a week or less (1+ service, 1+ rehearsal),
Salary: negotiable. Additional fee for weddings, sometimes for funerals. 7 extra services per year on
traditional Christian Holidays. Congregation size: 400 members. 3 manual Allen organ (2002) and Kawai
grand piano. Music degree preferred, but not required. Position open: April 26, 2010. Application
deadline: as soon as possible. Please contact church for detailed job description.

Organist Bethel Presbyterian Church, 19920 Bethel Church Rd., Cornelius, NC 28031 PH: 704-892-0546
www.bethel-pc.org Contact: Leesa Gray lgray@bethel-pc.org PH: 704-322-5084 Part time, (2 services, 1
rehearsal), Salary: \$17,500. Additional fee for weddings and funerals. 3 extra services per year: Christmas
Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday. Congregation size: 1000 members. 3 manual Ahlborn-Galanti
organ (1999). Yearly contract and evaluation. Position available April 1, 2010.

Is your choir *The Best Church Choir in AMERICA?!?*

How Sweet the Sound, a Verizon experience, is a nationwide search for the best church choir in America. The goal of the program is to celebrate music and create a lasting impact on churches and communities across the country. Any choir that is affiliated with a religious organization with a tax-exempt ID number and a mailing address within the zip codes of the Charlotte region may apply.

Registration deadline: May 17, 2010.

For more information please see:

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

Also visit their sister site: <http://www.sendahymn.com/>

Organist's definition of hymns:

There are
two kinds,
long and
short.

They are bound together in volumes that are either too big or too small. Both kinds are sensitive to the pull of gravity at solemn moments.



Pappin's Prelude, continued...

a few days of relief? What might require your "no" in May?

May is what you make it. It is up to you to take charge of your sanity. You can choose stress or you can choose celebration. Resurrection is not just a little theological buzzword about Jesus a couple of thousand years ago... it is a noun, a verb, an adjective, all giving meaning to our everyday lives.

Gay Pappin

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The Official Guide to Your Charlotte Chapter

Need information about our AGO chapter, or who you should contact?

- If you want your name added to or removed from the substitute list, e-mail Nancy Watson: watsonndh@carolina.rr.com
- If your address, phone number, job, or address changes, e-mail Lance Burnette: lance.burnette@duke-energy.com
- If you would like more information about a chapter program, e-mail Larry Stratemeyer: LStratemeyer@StPatricks.org
- If you would like an event or other information included in the newsletter, e-mail Monty Bennett: RMB10@aol.com (deadline is the 10th of the preceding month)
- If you have a question about the website, e-mail webmaster Adam Ward: award@providenceumc.org (please submit all calendar listings to the Newsletter Editor)
- If you would like to play on the 2010 summer series, e-mail Katie Ann McCarty: kmccarty@davidsonumc.org
- If you would like information about taking an AGO examination, e-mail Jane Cain: jpcain2@bellsouth.net
- If you would like information about the Stigall Scholarship, e-mail Michael Lehtinen: spkmusicschool@aol.com
- If you know of someone who needs membership information, e-mail Nancy Watson: watsonndh@carolina.rr.com
- If your church would like to post a job opportunity, e-mail Monty Bennett: RMB10@aol.com
- If you are a substitute looking for more opportunities to play, attend as many meetings and meet as many people as possible.
- *If you would like to continue receiving **The American Organist** with no skipped issues, be sure your dues are paid to Lance Burnette by **June 1 of each year**.* If you are a new member or renewed late, your magazine subscription will begin with the December issue.
- If you need a substitute, check our website: <http://www.charlotteago.org/Substitutes.htm>
- To see what jobs are available in our area click here: <http://www.charlotteago.org/Employment.htm>

Charlotte Chapter Website: www.charlotteago.org

AGO Region IV blog: <http://agoregion4.blogspot.com/>

American Guild of Organists National Website: www.agohq.org

Yearbook Member Updates

Please update your yearbook with the following address change.

Ivey, Robert A., BM, MM

Residence

3738 Cypress Club Dr., #D506

Charlotte, NC 28210

**Note: Email and phone numbers are the same.

Our mailing list is available for purchase for only \$40. If you would like to use our address list to publicize your musical event, please contact Lance Burnette at

Lance.Burnette@duke-energy.com.

Please let us know if your contact information changes. Email Lance Burnette with any address or email changes.

Charlotte AGO Election Results

62 members voted in the 2010 Charlotte AGO chapter election.

Thank you to the Nominating Committee for their hard work and to our chapter Auditor and Counting Committee for totaling the results.

Congratulations to our new board members!



Maureen Howell and Adam Ward



Charlotte Chapter Officers:

Dean: Dr. Gay G. Pappin

Sub-Dean: Dr. Larry R. Stratemeyer

Secretary: Darwin E. Shaver

Treasurer: R. Lance Burnette

Executive Committee

Class of 2010-2011:

Florence Jowers and Alan Reed

Class of 2011-2012:

Matthew Manwarren and Nancy Watson

Class of 2012-2013:

Maureen Howell and Adam Ward



Don't forget to vote for AGO national officers!

See the April 2010 TAO for more information and how to vote online.

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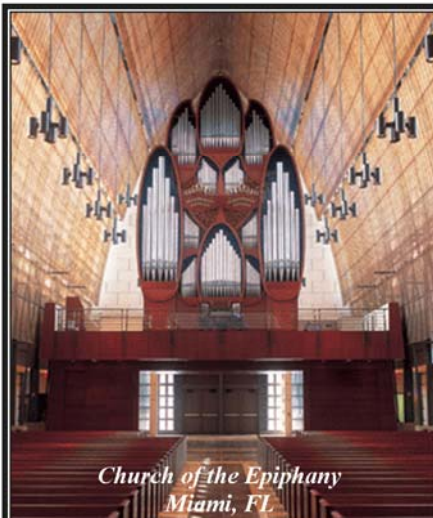
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The Charlotte Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is proud to offer **Robert and Ann Stigall Scholarship** (established in 2004), in honor of their many years of beautiful and inspiring music at Myers Park Presbyterian Church and in the Charlotte community.

The Stigall Scholarship is for **students in (rising) grades 6-12**. No organ experience is necessary, although a piano background is required.

The **amount** of the Scholarship will vary, depending on the number of winners. Once an award has been received, lessons may begin as of June 1, and no later than September 1. The award may be renewed for a second term, based on the student's progress. The first semester's lessons must be completed by January 15; the second by May 31. The money will be paid directly to the teacher.

Winners will be encouraged to play on the **Charlotte AGO Summer Series** recital featuring young artists.

With this application, please include a **Letter of Introduction** from the student's music teacher(s), with a brief history of the student's musical background, and any other pertinent information.

At the interview, the candidate will play the following at either the piano or organ:
2 contrasting pieces (memory optional)
major and minor scales (two octaves)
chords and arpeggios
read a hymn at sight

The candidate will be asked the following questions:

What has inspired you to learn to play the organ?
Where will you practice?
How will you get there?
Does the organ have a full pedal board?

Previous winners may reapply for the scholarship. **The teacher** must be a member of the Charlotte Chapter AGO, and must live in Mecklenburg or an adjoining county. AGO membership shall be provided to each scholarship winner.

Interviews will be on **May 8, 2010** at St. John's Baptist Church, 300 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, NC, 28204.

Application **deadline**: May 1, 2010.

For more information, contact Michael Lehtinen at SPkMusicSchool@aol.com or 704-806-6924.

Application for the Robert and Ann Stigall Scholarship

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date of birth: _____

Grade: _____

Piano experience (years): _____

Organ experience (if any): _____

Repertoire to be played at the interview:

1. _____

2. _____

Please copy this form and send to:

Michael Lehtinen
Southern Park Music School
4805 Park Rd, Ste 230
Charlotte NC 28209

Gillian Weir Masterclass



Many thanks to Monty Bennett, Jane Cain, Brennan Szafron, and Margaret Walsh Monroe for preparing difficult works and sharing them with us at the amazing masterclass on March 13!

In case you missed it, here are a few tips from Dame Gillian Weir which you may find useful in your organ practice:

“Rubato is about reinforcing what is already there.”

“Practice with your eyes closed as much as possible.”

Re. the works of Messiaen: “Meter and rhythm are opposites.”

“Rhythm is alive! A metronome is dead!”

“Sing! Sing! Sing! Everything is a song!”

“Practicing backwards is a hugely useful technique for something difficult.”

This is done by practicing the last measure first, all over the keyboard, faster and faster until it is learned. Then practice from the penultimate measure to the end. Then take the third to last measure and practice from there to the end. Continue this process until the entire piece is learned. The principle here is going from what you don't know into what you do know.

When learning a piece, ask yourself this question: “If I met this piece coming down the street, who would it be?” The same can be applied to a piece with several sections.

Charlotte Chapter AGO
2009-2010 Chapter Programs
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May 11, 2010

Annual Guild Dinner and Installation

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

Registration: 6:00 PM

Dinner: 6:30 PM

Service of Installation: 7:30 PM

Featuring the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Choir and R. Monty Bennett, organist.

Please RSVP to Pat Williams by May 4.

trumpat@carolina.rr.com or 704-375-8304 or 1914-6 E. 7th St., Charlotte, NC 28204

Dinner \$5.00 per person

Menu

Green Salad

Baked Chicken

Vegetable Medley Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Rolls and Butter

Strawberry Punchbowl Cake

The 2010-2011 Membership Renewal Drive will be under way soon. Consistent with last year, the renewal form will be emailed to the account you provided on last year's form. The form will also be available for download from the Chapter Website once final.

The renewal period ends June 1, 2010.

Make plans now to be a part of the AGO in 2010-2011

Please direct any questions to Lance Burnette, Treasurer. lance.burnette@duke-energy.com

Have you visited any AGO websites lately? Find the most up to date information at:

www.charlotteago.org

<http://agoregion4.blogspot.com/>

www.agohq.org

High School Organ Program

The Organ Program at Interlochen is the only one of its kind in the country, offering serious organ students an intensive and inspiring six-week immersion experience, June 26 to August 9, 2010, in the scenic backwoods of northwest Michigan. The organ department is led by Mr. Thomas Bara, former Assistant Organist at St. Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue, NYC, and the recipient of the Performer's Certificate from the Eastman School of Music. The focus is not only on organ repertoire, but basic church music skills as well. Scholarships are available and more information can be found at <http://camp.interlochen.org/content/high-school-organ>.

Looking for a Bargain?

Don't miss our annual dinner on May 11 for only \$5 this year! Come enjoy a delicious dinner with friends and then hear a fantastic organ and a fabulous choir at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. It's not too late to send in your reservations. Questions? E-mail Monty Bennett at rmb10@aol.com or call 704-391-6618.

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Our Dean recommends...

Interesting websites of the month

Need to print a specific type of staff paper in a hurry? The web site www.blanksheetmusic.net provides the ability to print your own blank sheet music. There are a variety of options that allow you to customize and print your own staff paper. For example, you can add treble, bass, or alto clefs, key signatures, time signatures, and choral designations such as SATB. The web site is really easy to use! There's a short video tutorial on the site that demonstrates all the different ways in which the sheet music can be customized. And best of all, it's FREE!

Looking for free music? Visit this huge website: <http://www.icking-music-archive.org/index.php>. The Werner Icking Music Archive (WIMA) contains a miscellany of subject-specific musical material. This site contains music for a wide range of instruments — including arrangements for brass and woodwind — as well as a considerable amount of vocal, choral, organ, and early keyboard music. Organists will find a wealth of music by early and not-so-early German, French, Dutch, English, and Italian composers, as well as composers of other nationalities, of much more interest than the music one finds in the usual published anthologies. And the next time a bride wants Pachelbel's Canon arranged for string orchestra, you might be surprised at how easy it is to find the music!

Do you know how a 400-year old organ is restored? Check out this fascinating video of a historical restoration of a 16th century organ from Valletta, Malta, by Fratelli-Ruffati:
http://www.dafferorgans.com/media/Flash/A_Jewel_Reborn.html

Concert and Event Calendar

April 20, 2010 7:00 PM
Hector Olivera, St. Gabriel Church, Charlotte, NC
amurrell@dafferorgans.com

April 20, 2010 7:30 PM
Andris Rozulkans, Davidson College Presbyterian Church, Davidson, NC www.dpc.org

April 25, 2010 3:00 PM
The Five Cantors, Temple Israel, Charlotte, NC
www.templeisraelnc.com

April 25, 2010 7:00 PM
Requiem, W. A. Mozart,
Providence United Methodist Church, Charlotte, NC
www.providenceumc.org

May 2, 2010 4:00 PM
For Those We Love, First United Methodist Church,
Salisbury, NC

May 8, 2010 8:00 PM
Renaissance, Dilworth United Methodist Church,
Charlotte, NC www.singers-renaissance.org

May 15, 2010 8:00 PM and May 16, 2010 4:00 PM
Nova Voce, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Charlotte, NC
www.novavoce.org

June 6, 2010 5:00 PM
Choral Evensong, First United Methodist Church,
Salisbury, NC

July 18-30, 2010
Carolina Kodaly Institute, Lenoir-Rhyne University,
Hickory, NC <http://mus.lr.edu/special/kodaly>

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

The deadline for submissions to the calendar is the 10th of each month. Send all calendar submissions to: newsletterinfo@charlotteago.org.

Please check our chapter website for the most recent calendar additions and updates.
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It's not too late to register for the national convention in Washington, DC, July 4-8.

The Convention program features 25 organs, 17 renowned recitalists, 14 choral and instrumental ensembles, 74 workshops, eight worship services and 12 commissioned works, and still plenty of time to visit exhibits and to socialize with colleagues old and new!

Visit the convention website here: <http://www.ago2010.org/>

2010 Charlotte Chapter AGO

Summer Recital Series

All programs are at 7:00 PM unless noted.



June

- 6 - Matthew Noonan**
First Baptist Church
185 S. Trade, Matthews, NC 28105
- 13 - Patrick Pope**
St John's Baptist Church
300 Hawthorne Lane, 28204
- 20 - Susan and Stephen Talley**
Covenant Presbyterian Church
1000 E. Morehead St., 28204
- 27 - Alvin Blount**
Sub-dean, Augusta, GA Chapter AGO
St. Patrick's Cathedral
1621 Dilworth Rd. East, 28203

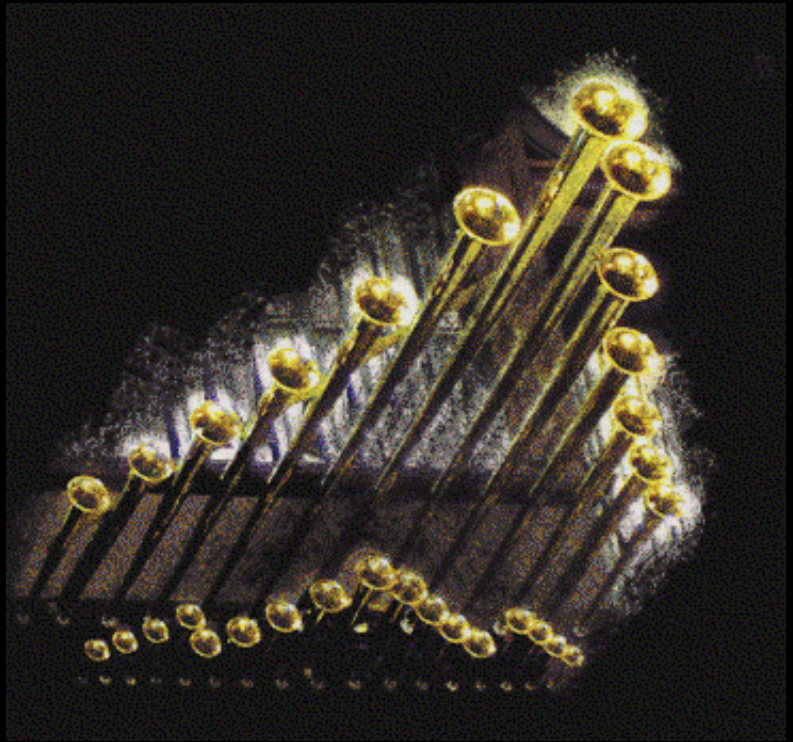
August

- 1 - Timothy Belk**
First Presbyterian Church
1621 E. Garrison Blvd.
Gastonia, NC 28054
- 8 - Patricia Parker**
Byrnes Auditorium
Winthrop University
Rock Hill, SC 29733
- 15 - John Apple**
Grace Covenant Church
1800 South Blvd., 28203
- 22 - Lester Ackerman**
Covenant Presbyterian Church
1000 E. Morehead St., 28204
- 29 - Larry Stratemeyer**
St. Patrick's Cathedral
1621 Dilworth Rd. East, 28203

July

- 4 - Thomas Fielding**
Dean, Raleigh Chapter AGO
St John's Episcopal Church
1623 Carmel Rd., 28226
- 11 - Student Recital**
Myers Park Presbyterian Church
2501 Oxford Place, 28207
- 18 - Ken and Sharon DeBoer**
Sardis Presbyterian Church
6100 Sardis Rd., 28270
- 25 - RSCM Evensong (4:00 PM)**
Richard Webster, director
John Cummins, organist
Myers Park Baptist Church
1900 Queens Ave., 28207

For further information, please contact
Katie Ann McCarty, Summer Series Coordinator,
at kmccarty@davidsonumc.org
or visit www.charlotteago.org.



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