



## Antiphon

*News from the Annapolis Chapter  
of the  
American Guild of Organists*



### September 2021

Dear Colleagues,

I hope things are going well for all of you and your choirs and congregations. I feel like we all had a taste of “almost normal:” at my church no masks were required for the month of June. Since then, we are all wearing masks and I imagine folks at your churches are doing the same. It’s interesting to note that people are singing in some churches but not in others. I hope you know that the music you offer on organ or piano is more appreciated than ever. We pray that we can continue to make progress in getting this pandemic behind us!

When you attend our fall meetings, please come prepared to wear a mask, even if you have been fully vaccinated. That may change, but let’s be prepared to do our best to keep each other healthy!

Our three summer social events were well attended and appreciated by all. Several of us enjoyed the Wednesday evening prayer service in Bowie on July 14; then in August a group of 8 of us gathered for lunch in Annapolis. I enjoyed having the time to get better acquainted with some of our members. This past Sunday we had a gathering of nine members at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Crofton, and a few of us really enjoyed trying out the two-manual Schlicker at the church. Thank you to chapter member Asher Hammond for tuning the organ just prior to our visit. We also had a music exchange, and enjoyed the chance to get some free music that was no longer needed by previous owners!

I am very excited by the program year ahead of us: all in-person events! Besides the ones noted below, Sub Dean Henry Wroblewski and I are still firming up plans for a member recital at the end of March and a Pedals, Pipes and Pizza at the US Naval Academy Chapel in May. Please give careful consideration to our upcoming events, and we hope to see you there!

With warm regards,  
Betsy Lord, Dean  
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Here is a picture of the Casavant Freres organ at St. Matthew’s Methodist Church in Bowie, where we will hold our next meeting. (See the next page.)



## Installation of Officers and Reception

We are fortunate to have a dedicated group of individuals who support our chapter by serving on the Executive Committee. We will gather at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Bowie on Sunday, September 25 at 7:00 to hold an Installation Service for our Chapter Officers and Executive Committee Members-at-Large. Our host Isaac Borocz is planning a short worship service, which will include a few music selections. Several singers from his choir have volunteered to provide music! Members of the church are providing refreshments for us to share following the service. Please join us. The address for the church is 14900 Annapolis Rd., Bowie, MD 20715.

## Creative Hymn Playing: The Hymnal Is but a Sketch.

How many times have you wished you could do something to make a hymn more inspirational for your congregation? Maybe you like to use free harmonizations but you can't find one or don't have time to learn it. Tom Sheehan, organist at the National Cathedral, will help us learn how to make creative changes and additions to what is printed on the page of the hymnal, so that the accompaniment becomes more engaging for the singers.



Come to this chapter master class on Saturday, October 16, 10:00 – Noon. Be ready to play a hymn and get creative with it. You may also bring something you have written for the hymn, such as an introduction, interlude, free harmonization or improvisation. Please do not perform music composed by someone else. We would like to have five designated performers ready to perform and learn during the master class. To sign up, please contact Sub Dean Henry Wroblewski at [b20715@aol.com](mailto:b20715@aol.com) with the name of the hymn that you would like to play, along with its tune name.

The workshop will take place at St. Martin's in-the-Field Episcopal Church, 375 Benfield Rd., Severna Park. The organ is a 2-manual, 25 rank Schantz. Our host is Hyesung Hwang. There will be a reception following the workshop. If you would like to help by providing food, please contact Cindy Carlton at [ccarlton1@gmail.com](mailto:ccarlton1@gmail.com).

## Organ Concerts

Monte Maxwell, organist at the US Naval Academy Chapel, will present a concert at Calvary United Methodist Church in Annapolis at 3:00 on November 14.

On February 6, 2022, at 4:00 PM, Michael Britt will be accompanying a silent movie at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Annapolis. A reception will follow.

## STOPS AND MIXTURES

Congratulations to Carolene Winter on the occasion of her retirement. She became organist emerita at St. Anne's Church in Annapolis on August 1. You might still see her there playing for weddings or funerals! Her successor on Sundays is Larry Molinaro.



We are pleased to welcome two new members. Carolyn Sonnen is organist and accompanist at Cape St. Clair United Methodist Church in Annapolis. She is a board certified music therapist and also plays flute. Hayes Classen is an 18-year-old student who lives in Towson. Growing up at Second Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, he has grown to love the pipe organ and is starting to play piano and organ. He loves to visit organs at different churches. We enjoyed getting to know Hayes and his parents at our August 29 gathering in Crofton, and he had fun playing the Schlicker organ.

Thank you to these members for recently renewing their membership: David Beatty, Isaac Borocz, Ken Brown, Kathy Hiatt, Warren Hood, and Michael Clarke. Don't forget, if you are faced with financial difficulties due to the pandemic, AGO has funds available to cover the cost of your dues. Email Elizabeth George at [elizabeth.george@agohq.org](mailto:elizabeth.george@agohq.org).

### **CHAPTER OFFICERS**

Dean: Betsy Lord  
Sub-Dean: Henry Wroblewski  
Secretary: Cindy Carlton  
Treasurer: Scott Romanoski

### **MEMBERS-AT-LARGE**

Class of 2022: Jim Douglas, Jennifer Lewis  
Class of 2023: David Beatty, Isaac Borocz  
Class of 2024: HyeSung Hwang, Brendan Walls

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