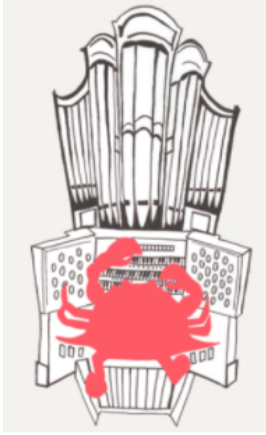


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*News from the Annapolis Chapter  
of the  
American Guild of Organists*

**May 2024**



Dear Colleagues,

Perhaps more than any other month of the year, May always seems to be full of so much to do! Mothers Day is just around the corner, followed closely by Pentecost and Memorial Day soon after.

Just browsing through this month's newsletter may cause you to agree that our chapter of the AGO is (although it isn't quite June) likewise 'busting out all over' as well: A chapter social event that includes a chapter meeting and good food; elections for the Executive Board; concerts and other events; a new member joining us: it's very exciting to see so much happening, and I hope you will be able to engage with some of these events/activities. Please take note of what might pique your interest and make plans to support your fellow musicians.

We all know that it's not only useful to be in touch with colleagues; it is sometimes a pillar of strength to get us through a particularly busy or stressful time. Making music is a central part of life for many of us, and sharing our passion with others can truly be a gift to both giver and receiver. As we near the summer, when things may be a bit less crowded, take some time to relax and consider what the AGO can be with you and for you.

--Isaac Borocz  
Co-Dean

## CHAPTER MEETING & CATERED DINNER

Come join us on Saturday May 18, 4:00 -6:00 pm at St. Martin's in-the-Field Episcopal Church, 375 Benfield Rd. in Severna Park. If the weather is nice, we will enjoy an outside picnic, provided by Mission BBQ. Please come and plan to contribute \$5 per person to the cost. Also, bring your own drink. Bring guests too!

Our host HyeSung Hwang invites you to see the church's 25-rank Schantz organ and play something for fun. We will also have a short chapter meeting.

So that we can order enough food, please RSVP to Betsy Lord with your plans to attend and the number of people. Please e-mail her at [betsy.lord@icloud.com](mailto:betsy.lord@icloud.com) before May 17.



## NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

On April 19 Chapter members were notified via email of the slate of officers and members-at-large nominated for the coming year. We wish to thank outgoing Co-Dean David Beatty for his service, and also thank you Hye Sung Hwang and Brendan Walls, whose terms as Members-at-Large are expiring. Here is the slate of nominees:

Dean: Isaac Borocz

Sub-Dean: Paul Griffin

Secretary: Cindy Carlton

Treasurer: Scott Romanoski

Members-at-Large for the class of 2027: Kerry Heyes and Betsy Lord

Additional nominations are welcome from chapter members. Nominations may be made by petition if each petition is signed by three voting members of the Chapter in good standing and submitted to the Chapter Secretary within fourteen days of the announcement of the slate to the Chapter membership. Those whose membership category is "Chapter Friend" do not have voting privileges and may not hold office. If you wish to send in an additional nomination, please send it to the chapter secretary, Cindy Carlton, at [clcarlton1@gmail.com](mailto:clcarlton1@gmail.com). The deadline for additional nominations is Friday May 3.

Complete biographies of the candidates will be included in the ballot, which will be sent out by email to chapter members on May 25.

## CONCERTS AND EVENTS

May 3, 7:00 pm: **Hymn Sing**. Come enjoy an old fashioned hymn sing at the Naval Academy Chapel. Monte Maxwell, Chapel Organist and Director of Chapel Music, will accompany hymns, requested by the audience, on the organ and the piano. No tickets required. Those with DOD stickers or permits, or with handicap parking permits, may drive into the USNA Campus via Gate 1 or Gate 8. Gate 1, near the City Dock, and the pedestrian gate at the end of Maryland Avenue will be open for pedestrians. Government-issued ID required.

May 17, 7:30 pm and May 19, 3:00 pm: Arundel Vocal Arts Society and the choirs at Anne Arundel Community College will be performing **Considering Matthew Shepard** at the Kauffman Center - Paschal Theater on the campus of Anne Arundel Community College. Chapter member Carolyn Sonnen, who sings with AVAS, tells us that "[We singers] find ourselves continually drawn into this piece - both through the text and through the music." Diane Kinsley is the piano accompanist for AVAS.

**Considering Matthew Shepherd** is a Grammy-nominated three-part oratorio composed by Craig Hella Johnson, telling the story of a 21-year-old student who was killed for being gay. Its message of equality and inclusion is an important one for today. For tickets, see

<https://arundelvocalarts.org/upcoming-concerts-performances/purchase-tickets/>

May 19, 3:00 pm: **The Song Within**, the final concert of the Chesapeake Chorale's 2023-2024 season. The featured work will be W.A. Mozart's *Solemn Vespers*, a masterpiece from 1778 for chorus, soloists, and chamber orchestra. The second half of the program features works by modern masters such as Gwyneth Walker, Eric Whitacre, and Libby Larsen. Audience members are invited to a reception following the concert. Donations will be accepted for the Bowie Food Pantry. St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 14900 Annapolis Drive, Bowie, MD 20715. Tickets: \$18 (adults), \$12 military/ (seniors 60+), \$5 (students). Advance ticket sales available at [www.chesapeakechorale.org](http://www.chesapeakechorale.org), or call (443) 292-2176.

May 22, 4:00 pm: **Commissioning Week Organ Concert** presented by Monte Maxwell. US Naval Academy Chapel. Admission \$20; \$10 for children age 11 and under. Advance ticket purchase recommended. Buy online at <https://navyperforms.showare.com/>

May 27, 5:00 pm: **Wesleyan Youth Choir** from Athens First United Methodist Church in Athens, Georgia presents a concert at Calvary United Methodist Church, 301 Rowe Blvd, Annapolis. The concert is part of their East Coast Tour 2024 and will feature sacred choral favorites. Directed by Janis Maxwell, accompanied by Ben Pazo.

## STOPS AND MIXTURES

We welcome new member Matthew Lockerman. He was asked to tell us about himself, and here is his enthusiastic reply:

When I was four, I quickly discovered that I had a gift for playing the piano by ear. My parents signed me up for piano lessons in 3rd grade from an excellent piano teacher, Elaine Boyle. However, she studied organ in college and easily persuaded me to learn the organ also. I played both piano and organ during the church services at Chestertown Baptist Church all through high school. In 2011, I ventured to Pensacola Christian College to study Business Administration, but I continued to play the piano and organ for college choir and ensemble groups. I also sang in the Rejoice Choir for 4 years on the televised program Rejoice in the Lord for the Campus Church.



I graduated in 2015 and returned home to Maryland where I work for the University of Maryland Medical System in the Radiology Department. I currently serve as the pianist and assistant organist at Kennedyville United Methodist Church, and I also sing tenor in the choir. I have been married to my beautiful wife Jennifer for 6 years on April 7th. We love living in Chestertown with our beagle Copper and cat Todd.

So, welcome, Matthew, and we hope to meet you soon!

## JOB POSTING

Capitol Hill United Methodist Church in Washington DC is seeking a new Music Director. A detailed job description is posted here: <https://www.chumc.net/employmentopp> The church is located at 421 Seward Square SE in Washington DC. The organ is a 1939 Whitelegg/Möller organ, moved in 1967 from National Presbyterian Church. It has four manuals, 60 ranks, and was restored in 2009 by David Story. The sanctuary also has an Estonia grand piano.

### CHAPTER OFFICERS

Co-Deans: David Beatty, Isaac Borocz  
 Sub-Dean: Betsy Lord  
 Secretary: Cindy Carlton  
 Treasurer: Scott Romanoski

### MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Class of 2024:  
 HyeSung Hwang, Brendan Walls  
 Class of 2025:  
 Kathi Hielt, Monte Maxwell  
 Class of 2026:  
 Ben Garcia, Bill Gilligan

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