



Antiphon

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



May 2026

Dear Colleagues,

The beautiful spring month of May is finally here; time to plant your gardens and flowers as temperatures start warming up. I hope everyone had a nice Easter and have taken some time to unwind and relax. This is the month for the Kentucky Derby; Cinco de Mayo; Mother's Day; Memorial Day and the Indianapolis 500 race. Some notable events taking place this month: Hymn Sing at the United States Naval Academy (1 MAY); Chesapeake Chorale Concert (3 MAY) and the Potomac AGO Chapter Member's Recital (3 MAY). Additional information on these events is posted below in this month's antiphon.

April was a quiet month for the Annapolis AGO chapter. We sent out the \$500 checks to our two scholarship winners, finalized our slate of officers for the 2026-2027 term of office, and completed our workshop on the "Approachable Works of the Canonical Composers", presented by David Beatty. Expect to see the proposed ballot of chapter officers for you to vote on in early May. The chapter sent a \$100 donation to AGO National for financial support of the many educational programs they produce and sponsor. The program committee met in April and proposed the following events for the upcoming fiscal year: Installation of Officers (27 SEP 26), America 250 Concert (TBD OCT 26), Organ Maintenance Workshop (8 NOV 26), Sharing Choral Repertoire (23 JAN 27), Informal Gathering and Social (6 MAR 27), and a Member Recital (23 APR 27). If there is an event you wish see added, please let us know and we'll work to get it scheduled.

Musical birthdays this month include Organist Leo Sowery (1 MAY 1895), Johannes Brahms (7 MAY 1833), Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (7 MAY 1840), Gabriel Faure (12 MAY 1845), Organist Walter Wanderly (12 MAY 1930), Arthur Sullivan (13 MAY 1842), Richard Wagner (22 MAY 1813) and Organist Diane Bish (25 MAY 1941).

Warm Regards,
Bill

EVENTS

May 1, 7pm: USNA Hymn Sing. Led by, Mr. Monte Maxwell, USNA's Chapel Organist and Director of Chapel Music, this is a "good ol' fashion" hymn sing! Bring a list of your favorite hymns and get ready to sing your heart out! No Tickets Required! (Just your voices!) *Due to current events and increased security, everyone who attends a USNA concert is required to have either a CAC or DBIDS Card for base access or be escorted by a CAC or DBIDS Card holder.*

May 3, 3pm: The Chesapeake Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Iain Sturrock, presents a concert **celebrating peace, joy, hope and the beauty of spring.** Although the Chesapeake Chorale is based in Bowie, MD, this concert will take place at St. Martin's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1120 Spa Rd., Annapolis. Admission is free, and a free-will offering will be accepted. Featured composers include Mendelssohn, Bob Dylan, and Moira Smiley. Questions? Contact Betsy Lord (betsy.lord@icloud.com)



May 3, 4pm: Potomac Chapter Members' Recital at All Saints Episcopal Church, Chevy Chase. 3 Chevy Chase Cir, Chevy Chase Village, MD 20815. The program will feature music by J. S. Bach, Nadia Boulanger, Gerald Near, Wilbur Held, John Ferguson, Alexandre Guilmant, Johann Bernhard Bach, Walford Davies, Percy Whitlock, John Stanley, Dan Locklair and Johann Ernst Eberlin. Performers include Ann Bartlow, Deborah Hess, Jeffrey Pannebaker, Brenda Weiser, Peter Crisafulli and Carl Schwartz. The delightful program of shorter works will showcase the many colors and moods of the historic Lewis & Hitchcock organ, originally built in 1922, enlarged over the years and totally rebuilt by Lewis & Hitchcock in 2023. A light reception will follow.

May 9, 2pm: Playing from the Heart without Worrying about Wrong Notes: A Practice Framework for Retention, Efficiency and Artistry. Sponsored by the Mid-Shore Chapter of the AGO. Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 502 S. Morris St., Oxford, MD. The church is home to a new Walker Digital Organ.



Presenter is Chris Prestia from Lancaster, Pennsylvania. For more information, see <https://www.thewellpracticedmusician.com/> or email Richard Stratton at strattanrichardb@gmail.com.

May 16, 7pm: The Chesapeake Chorale under the direction of Dr. Iain Sturrock, presents **Bird Song**, a vocal celebration of nature's original musicians. Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 16501 Annapolis Rd, Bowie. Featuring works by Sarah Quartel, Eleanor Daly, Eric Whitacre, among others. Tickets: \$20 (adults); \$15 (seniors & military); \$5 (students). For more information visit <http://www.chesapeakechorale.org> or call 443-252-3219.



May 19, 8pm: USNA Commissioning Week Concert, Men's Glee Club, Women's Glee Club, Gospel Choir. In honor of the Class of 2026, join us for this memorable 90-minute concert featuring Patriotic favorites, Sea Chanties, Broadway, and sacred songs in the beautiful setting of the Naval Academy Chapel! *See Security note at May 1st event. Tickets: <https://navyperforms.showare.com/>*

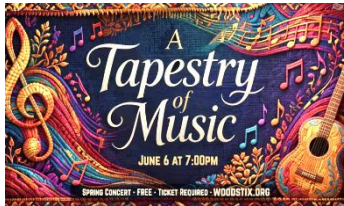
May 20, 4pm: Organ Concert. Immediately following the Blue Angels, join us in the beautiful Naval Academy Chapel as world-class organist, Mr. Monte Maxwell, demonstrates the incredible power and sound of one of the finest organs in the world. Ample air-conditioning included! *See Security note at May 1st event. Tickets: <https://navyperforms.showare.com/>*

May 23, 6pm: A Night on Broadway - Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church, Severna Park. Join us for an exciting evening of music and fine dining. Over a delicious Italian dinner, and accompanied by Jung-hoon Park, enjoy performances by local talented Musical Theater singers: Soprano - Sarah Kent, Soprano - Jenna Augustine, Tenor - Dillon McCarrick, Tenor - Lucas White, and Tenor - David Merrill as they serenade you with popular musical theater songs, and classical favorites. And this year we'll have a special guest appearance by



the Elysian Dance Theater. Dinner Menu: Pasta, Salad, New York Cheesecake. (Catered from local Squisito Pizza and Pasta) Gluten-Free available. Doors Open: 5:30pm; Dinner Begins: 6pm; Performance Starts: 6:30pm Tickets: \$30. To purchase tickets please visit www.woodstix.org. For questions please email David Merrill at dmerrill@woodschurch.org

June 6, 7pm: A Tapestry of Music - Spring Concert - Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church Severna Park



Featuring American Composers and the great masters that influenced them. Come and hear music by Aaron Copland, Leonard

Bernstein, John Williams, J.S. Bach, L. Beethoven, J. Brahms and more — it's a concert truly interwoven through time. This concert will include a full orchestra, the Woods' Adult choir, Elysian Dance Theater, Vocal and Instrumental solos, and a special piano solo by Jung-hoon Park. This concert is free but a ticket is required - space is limited. Please register at www.woodstix.org. For additional information please email David Merrill at dmerrill@woodschurch.org

A poster for Shenandoah University's Church Music Institute. The text includes: "SHENANDOAH UNIVERSITY'S CHURCH MUSIC INSTITUTE", "Week One: June 14-19, 2026 with Clinician Marianne Kim", "Week Two: June 21-26, 2026 with Clinician Jan Kraybill", "ORGAN & PIANO", "Plus other church music topics led by specialists and clinicians!", and "Dr. Wayne L. Wold, Director cmi@su.edu su.edu/cmi".

Shenandoah University's Church Music Institute continues with this summer's annual conference. Registrants may take for credit toward a Certificate in Church Music at either the grad or undergrad level, or they may choose to audit the sessions. Primary focus this year is on keyboard skills and repertoire, but topics including choral rep, handbells, worship planning, and philosophy of church music will also be covered. Guest clinician for Week One, June 14-19, is Marianne Kim, and for Week Two, June 21-16, we have Jan Kraybill. Bios of the clinicians, weekly schedule, registration info, and more info about CMI can be found at <https://www.su.edu/conservatory/conferences-institutes-2/church-music-institute/> Contact CMI Director Wayne L. Wold at wwold@su.edu for further information. Join us!

2026 ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH-HUPP FAMILY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

We're accepting applications for our annual music scholarship through May 15.

Any Anne Arundel county senior graduating this year with plans to major in music (any area) for college is encouraged to apply.

General Information:

<https://www.st-margarets.org/music-scholarship.html>

Online application is a Google Form and may be found here:

<https://forms.gle/SgxFhjbhQz7CTQSV7>

AGO CERTIFICATION '26 REMAINING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

May CAGO and Upper-Level Exams Study Groups at 7pm EST

Monday, May 4th, 2026 - Ear Tests (AAGO, FAGO, ChM) -

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/2J9Q25p8S4uhNh2l_2Mqsw

Tuesday, May 12th, 2026 - Compositional Techniques (AAGO, FAGO, ChM) -

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/k64-vtRkQ-iHW4_KDEE7nQ

JOB LISTINGS

This link brings you to detailed job descriptions for the job postings listed below.

<https://annapolisago.org/job-openings/>

St. James' Episcopal Parish in Lothian, MD seeks a gifted musician to serve as organist and choirmaster to plan, rehearse, and conduct the music for weekly liturgies and special services, with the assistance of regular volunteer musicians and instrumentalists hired for special liturgies.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Waldorf, MD seeks a part-time Director of Music to play piano and organ and direct a small all-volunteer choir.

Providence Presbyterian Church, in Fairfax, VA is seeking Organist and Accompanist.

<https://www.providencechurch.org/employment/>

Holy Family Catholic Church, in Randallstown, MD is seeking Director of Music.

https://www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/_files/ugd/76d452_1dc63885960d4905b4a93de874967523.pdf

Ginger Cove in Annapolis seeks organist. 11am Sunday non-denominational service includes prelude, postlude, three hymns, no choir, no rehearsals. Pay to be discussed. Applicants should send resume or questions to Fran Jackson, Religious Life Committee at Franjackson756@gmail.com.

(from Indeed) **Pop Children's Choir- Glee Club Director** for Naptown Sings and Plays!, Annapolis, \$40 an hour, Part-time. looking for an upbeat and dedicated teacher to direct the following Glee Club classes: Pre-Glee for 4-7 Year Olds, Elementary Glee Club for 7-11 Year Olds, Middle School Glee Club for 5th - 8th Graders. Classes are Tuesdays 5-5:45, and 5:45-7, to start this summer.

(from Indeed) **Church Organist for Wye Parish**, Wye Mills, MD. From \$1,500 a month - Contract.

(from Indeed) **Choir Director for Centreville Methodist Church**, 608 Church Hill Road, Centreville, MD 21617, \$10,000 - \$12,000 a year

(from Indeed) **Organist for Centreville Methodist Church**, 608 Church Hill Road, Centreville, MD 21617. \$20,000 a year

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Please send submissions for our next issue to Kerry Heyes, kadams61@yahoo.com by **May 20th**. Thanks!

AGO WEBSITE - agohq.org

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<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Welcome-to-our-new-website-.html?soid=1130570232331&aid=NRrPX8fKqLs>

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