



## From the Dean

Wow! Congratulations and many thanks to our Convention Team for their fine work for our AGO Southeast Region Convention!

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Thank you to everyone in our chapter for your support! Thank you to our chapter officer and members, venue hosts, churches, (leaders, volunteers and staff) donors, and grant providers who attended and supported in so many ways. This was a great success and we will celebrate that in our first meeting this year. I also thank our Executive Board and Planning Team for your work this year - both groups met this summer and continue to support our chapter in great ways. Part of this year's schedule will include opportunities to be out with the community at some of our events, as well as dinners and meetings for the fellowship and collegial support that nourishes us all. Please look for information on the first 2 upcoming events in this newsletter. We will have the full year's schedule at our first dinner-meeting and program on August 28th at 7pm.

Whether you've kept up with your dues, or not - you are appreciated, welcome, and wanted in this chapter. I encourage you to come to the August 28th dinner and program - if you can't make the dinner portion, please try to be there by 7:30 when we meet and celebrate! As always, if you have questions, feedback or want to talk - you can call an officer or reach me at 706-495-4855 or at [kathleencartledge@gmail.com](mailto:kathleencartledge@gmail.com).

- Deacon Kathleen Cartledge



10th - David Salter

13th - David Brandyberry

18th - Mark Dickens

22nd - Barbara Seaborn

24th - Rita Rostron

26th - David Williamson

(Want to be added to the Birthday calendar?  
Please let us know.)

## Chapter Officers and board members:

Dean - Deacon Kathleen Cartledge

Treasurer - Dr. Hubert van Tuyl

Membership - David Salter

Past Dean - Keith Shafer

Newsletter Editor - Mark Dickens

Member-at-Large - Don Dupee

Chaplain - Rev. Dr. William Dolen

## Substitutes and Job Listings:

These lists are being updated for the new year. If you're interested in subbing, or know of church openings let us know.

## Hymn Festival “The Faith We Sing” with David Cherwien, St Paul’s Church Augusta - Sept. 30, 2023

Come and join us as we sing together in a Hymn Festival led and accompanied by David Cherwien, with the American Guild of Organists and the family of Dale Hesse.

David Cherwien serves as Cantor at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN and recently retired after 21 years as Artistic Director for the National Lutheran Choir. He completed the Doctor of Musical Arts Degree in organ performance and the Master of Arts degree in Theory and Composition from the University of Minnesota; with undergraduate work in organ performance and choral music education at Augsburg College, Minneapolis. Studying at the Berlin Church Music School in Germany in improvisation with Renate Zimmermann and other fine teachers, he also studied organ with Christian Baude in Aix-en-Provence, France, with Paul Manz and other distinguished American Music Professors.

A Prolific composer with over 150 publications of choral and organ music, he is the 2007 winner of the Raabe Prize for Excellence in Sacred Composition for his piece “The Souls of the Righteous”. David is a founding member of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians and is active in the American Guild of Organists and Choristers Guild. He is well known for bringing creativity to hymn accompaniment and singing, utilizing many styles that engage the participants and provide a deep and authentic faith that lifts up our hearts and glorifies God.

Hymn Festival “The Faith We Sing” is at St. Paul’s Church  
605 Reynolds Street, Augusta, GA 30901

Saturday, September 30, 2023 at 4 pm  
Mass Choir including Area Church Choir Members  
Reception follows at 5 pm in the River Room at St. Paul’s

All are welcome, attendance is free.

*Provided and supported by the family of Dale Hesse, in his memory and by the American Guild of Organists, Augusta Chapter – celebrating Dale and all organists who lead and accompany us in The Faith We Sing.  
Many thanks to the Hesse Family and David Cherwien for your generosity of time and support to make this event happen.*

**Hymn Festival “The Faith We Sing”  
with David Cherwien, St Paul’s Augusta - Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>**

Our Chapter has agreed to co-sponsor this with Dale Hesse's family. Chapter members are asked to recruit some of their choir members to make up the mass choir and advertise this event in your church.

**Hymn Festival Schedule Saturday, September 30, 2023**

1:15 pm – Call time for Mass Choir

3 pm – Rehearsal ends – break with snacks and place to sit.

3:45 pm – Mass Choir is robed and in position

4 pm – Hymn Festival Starts

5 pm – Festival concludes – Reception in the St Paul River Room

We ask our Chapter members or anyone recruiting to let us know how many singers and what parts by August 17th. Please bring your robes or wear what you normally wear in church.

**Monday, August 28th - 7pm**

**AGO meeting - Convention Celebration & Jewish Holy Days in Song**

The first meeting of the fall season will take place at Congregation Children of Israel at 3005 Walton Way. We'll gather at 7pm for a meal of homemade lasagna, salad, bread, and dessert (\$10 per person. RSVP to [markdickens81@icloud.com](mailto:markdickens81@icloud.com)). During this time we'll celebrate the successful summer AGO convention.

Following dinner a program of music for the upcoming Jewish High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur will be presented by soprano, Melissa Schultz and Mark Dickens. Soprano Melissa Schultz's voice has been hailed as "shimmering and strong". Her local appearances include performing as the soprano soloist in Schubert's *Mass in G*, Hasse's *Laudate Pueri*, Brahms' *Requiem* and Dan Forrest's *Requiem for the Living* with USC Aiken (2018-2021), the Augusta Choral Society in Handel's *Messiah* (2017), the Augusta Opera's Holiday Concert (2012) and as a chorus member with the Augusta Symphony for Beethoven's 9th Symphony, Bach's *Mass in B Minor*, Faure's *Requiem*, and Mozart's *Requiem*. Additional oratorio appearances as a soloist include Handel's *Messiah*, Haydn's *Creation*, Vivaldi's *Gloria* and *Magnificat*, Bach's *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, Faure's *Requiem* and Brahms' *Requiem*.



Operatic performances include Contessa (*Le Nozze di Figaro*), both First and Second Lady (*Die Zauberflöte*) in multiple productions, Kate (*The Ballad of Baby Doe*), Salud (*La Vida Breve*), Yum Yum (*The Mikado*), and Monica (*The Medium*).

Ms. Schultz holds degrees in music from The University of Lethbridge (Bachelor of Music) and UNC-Greensboro (Master of Music/Vocal Performance). She currently lives in Augusta, GA where she teaches private voice lessons, conducts the children's choir at First Presbyterian Church, and maintains an active performing schedule as an oratorio soloist.

## St Paul Celebration Concert Series



### with Casavant Opus 3728

#### St Paul Lutheran Church

961 Trail Ridge Rd, Aiken, South Carolina 29803

[www.stpaullc.net](http://www.stpaullc.net)

**Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> - 3:30 pm**

#### Opening Series Concert - The King of Instruments

*With Deacon Kathleen O. Cartledge and Local Artists*

*Celebrating the versatility of the Organ as a solo & ensemble instrument*

**Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7 pm**

#### Remembering our Veterans and the Saints

*With the St Paul Lutheran Church Choirs and Ensembles*

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 pm**

#### Traditional Christmas Eve Worship with candle-lighting

*Organ selections from Bach, Buxtehude, and more*

**Casavant Opus 3728 was installed at St Paul Lutheran Church, December 20, 1998  
And Dedicated to the Glory of God on February 14, 1999.**

Free Admission to Concerts. All are Welcome!  
Love offering may be taken up, but not required.

August 2023

**Gracenotes**

**presents**

# **KLAVIERABEND**

**A piano recital  
featuring**



**&**



**Todd Gillespie Jr.**

**Thomas Lloyd**

**Sunday, September 17th, 2023**

**Grace United Methodist Church**

**Wesley Center**

**4:00 p.m.**

## Upcoming Events

August 2023

### Monday, August 28th - 7pm

#### **AGO meeting - Convention Celebration & Jewish Holy Days in Song**

The first meeting of the fall season will be a time to celebrate the successful summer AGO convention. Following dinner a program of music for the upcoming Jewish High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur will be presented by soprano, Melissa Schultz and Mark Dickens. Come hear and play the recently repaired Moller pipe organ (opus 3648) which is 100 years old this year. Congregation Children of Israel - 3005 Walton Way

**Dinner:** Lasagna, Salad, Bread, and Dessert - \$10 - RSVP to [markdickens81@icloud.com](mailto:markdickens81@icloud.com) by August 26th.

### Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> - 7pm

#### **Under the Steeple: Appalachian Spring Suite (original version)**

and other chamber orchestral works

Orchestra of St. John's

Dr. Matt Caine, Conductor

St. John's United Methodist Church - 104 Newberry St. NW Aiken

### Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> - 4pm

#### **Gracenotes: "Klavierabend"**

pianists Todd Gillespie and Thomas Lloyd perform a program of Bach, Liszt, Debussy, and Bartok.

Wesley Center

Grace United Methodist Church - 639 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta

### Thursday, September 21st - 7pm

#### **Silent Movie Night**

Theater organist Ron Carter will accompany the silent movie "Steamboat Bill Jr." starring Buster Keaton at the Sacred Heart Cultural Center - 1301 Greene Street.

### Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> - 3 pm

#### **Concerts with a Cause: Seasons and Queens**

Vivaldi's The Four Seasons with a delightful bonus: Songs from Queen and Abba

Anastasia Petrunia, Violin - Thomas Lakubek, violin - Craig Mumm, viola - Daniel Mumm, cello

The Cause: The Family Counseling Center of the CSRA

St. John United Methodist Church - 736 Greene Street, Augusta

## **Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> - 3:30 pm**

### **The King of Instruments**

Deacon Kathleen O. Cartledge and Local Artists

Celebrating the versatility of the Organ as a solo & ensemble instrument. This series celebrates the 25th anniversary of Casavant Opus 3728 being installed at St. Paul's Lutheran in Aiken.

961 Trail Ridge Road, Aiken

## **Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> - 1pm rehearsal, 4pm hymn festival**

### **David Cherwien Hymn Festival “The Faith We Sing”**

A special event co-sponsored by the Hesse family and Augusta AGO featuring guest organist David Cherwien presented in memory of Dale Hesse. The mass choir rehearsal begins at 1:15pm in the Sanctuary of St. Paul's Episcopal Church - 605 Reynolds Street, Augusta (more details below)

## **Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> - 7pm**

### **Under the Steeple: Music for Brass Quintet and Organ**

Brandywine Brass

Christopher Nash, organ

St. John's United Methodist Church - 104 Newberry St. NW Aiken

## **Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> - 4pm**

### **Gracenotes: Hidden Gems, Music of the Black Experience**

Johnnie Felder, tenor

Christopher Leysath, piano

Grace United Methodist Church Sanctuary - 639 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta

## **Friday, November 3rd - 7pm**

### **Remembering our Veterans and the Saints**

St. Paul's Church Choirs and Ensembles

St. Paul Lutheran Church - 961 Trail Ridge Road, Aiken

## **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> - 3pm**

### **Under the Steeple: Scratch (Sing-a-long) Messiah**

Highlights from Parts I, II, and III

Chancel Choir, Guests, Soloists, Orchestra

Dr. Matt Caine, Conductor

St. John's United Methodist Church - 104 Newberry St. NW Aiken

**Tuesday, December 5th - 7:30pm**

August 2023

**A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**

Guest Choirs & Organ

Keith Shafer, Conductor

Sacred Heart Cultural Center - 1301 Greene Street

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> - 8:30am & 11am**

**John Rutter's Magnificat and other works**

Chancel Choir & Orchestra

Dr. Matt Caine, conductor

St. John's United Methodist Church - 104 Newberry St. NW Aiken

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> - 4:30pm & 6:30pm**

**Lessons and Carols**

Choirs & Orchestra

Dr. Leigh Fleury, conductor

First Presbyterian Church - 642 Telfair St. Augusta

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> - 6pm**

**Christmas at First**

Choir & Orchestra

Dr. Ryan Heritage, conductor

First Baptist Church - 3500 Walton Way Ext. Augusta

**Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> -7pm**

**Aiken Singers Holiday Concert**

Josh Edwards, conductor

St. John's United Methodist Church - 104 Newberry St. NW Aiken

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> -7:30pm**

**Traditional Christmas Eve Worship with candle-lighting**

Organ selections from Bach, Buxtehude, and more

St. Paul Lutheran Church - 961 Trail Ridge Road, Aiken

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> -10:30pm**

**Concerts with a Cause: Christmas Eve Concert and Lessons and Carols**

St. John Choirs and Orchestra directed by Jamie Council Garvey

St. John United Methodist Church - 736 Greene Street, Augusta



**Saturday, February 17, 2024 - 3pm**

*Abigail Crafton in recital*  
*St. John United Methodist Church*  
*Augusta*

Abigail is the first prize winner of the AGO Quimby Southeast Regional Competition for Young Organists



**Sunday, March 9th, 2024**

*Paul Jacobs in recital*  
*St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church*  
*Aiken*

Paul is the organ professor at the Juilliard School. Limited Seating



## Organist's Prayer

**L**ord, help me as I work to make my organ playing something that You can use for Your glory. Remove from me any pride about my abilities. Be with me as I select even the smallest piece of music for the service. Guide me to choose the right one. Give me new and exciting ideas: help me to have variety and joy and majesty and a sense of ministering to my congregation, and help me to meet their musical needs and desires, but at the same time let me lovingly share with them the beauty of the music I hold dear.

And, having spent the necessary long hours of preparation, and having committed my playing to You, I pray that You will fill me with Your love, help me to play better than ever before, and reward my efforts with Your peace and joy in my life.

I play, and I pray . . . in Your name, and for the sake of bringing You closer to all who worship You! Amen.