

February 2024

From the Dean

Dear Chapter Members and Friends,

I hope you are doing well. Many thanks to Bill Dolen and his wife Carolyn for hosting our Epiphany party! It was a lovely setting - great food and time together. We missed those of you who could not attend.

Have you marked February 17th at 3 pm on your calendars? I hope the answer is yes as this will be our February event for 2024. Right now is the time to advertise this concert through word of mouth, using social media, bulletin boards, choir newsletters, and church communications and newsletters (if they allow) to get out the word about the Abigail Crafton Concert on February 17th at 3 pm, St. John United Methodist Church on Greene Street in Augusta. (Many thanks to Jamie who is hosting this and providing ushers and greeters.). There will be a light reception - 4 Guild Members are needed to help set up and clean up - please contact me at kathleencartledge@gmail.com or 706-495-4855 (text or call) and let me know that you can help.

Abigail won the Quimby Southeast Region Young Artist Competition this past June, here in Augusta. And she is excited to return and perform for us. This is a unique opportunity to invite others to hear and see a young artist bring the king of instruments to life! I would not only invite piano students, but anyone of any age who loves music to see how the organ is still a viable and wonderful option for students. They will experience a young artist who has a true passion for this art form. Please join me in spreading the word about this concert, and I look forward to fellowship time with you afterwards at the reception. Mark Dickens sent a flier out recently, if you need it again - let one of us know.

I pray the rest of your Epiphany Season is bright, and look forward to seeing you soon!

Kathleen

AGO/ Quincy Competition Winner in Concert

Abigail Crafton



The American Guild of Organists, Augusta Chapter (AGO Augusta) presents Ms. Abigail Crafton in concert at St. John United Methodist Church, 736 Greene Street, Augusta, Ga on Saturday, February 17th at 3 pm, with a reception to follow. Admission is free.

Ms. Crafton is the winner of the Southeast AGO/Quimby Regional Competition for Organists in June, 2023 held in Augusta. She is a high school junior and has studied piano since the age of three, singing since the age of four, and began studying the trumpet in elementary school. At the age of ten she began the organ, which she requested when she was three.

Abigail has played principal trumpet in the Armstrong Youth Orchestra, and has been first chair Georgia All-State in 2021, 2022, and 2023. Abigail is the Organ Scholar at the Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist in Savannah, where she also sings soprano. Abigail studies organ with Dr. Paul Thornock, and was one of the top three competitors in the Baylor University High School Organ Competition this past November. Please join us on the 17th of February with this amazing musician as she inspires our hearts and shares her love of music on the Dobson Organ, Opus 78 at St. John Methodist, Augusta.

For more information about the instrument, go to:

<https://www.stjohnaugusta.org/the-organ/> or

http://www.dobsonorgan.com/html/instruments/op78_augusta.html



THIRD ANNUAL Religious Arts Festival

FEBRUARY 2-3, 2024

Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, SC

Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC

REGISTRATION

Registration is \$125 per person and includes Friday evening recital and receptions, all workshops and masterclass, and Saturday's continental breakfast and catered lunch.

For the recital only, the charge is \$10 per person at the door; LTSS students are free.

lr.edu/religious-arts-festival



Janette Fishell



Michael Boney



Edmund Tompkins

Join us February 2-3, 2024 for our third annual Religious Arts Festival. This two-day event is designed for both part-time and full-time church musicians seeking to broaden their knowledge and practical skills. We welcome:

Janette Fishell, Organ recitalist and Organ clinician
Organ Professor at Indiana University Jacobs School of Music

Michael Boney, Organ recitalist and Choral clinician
Director of Music at St. John's Cathedral in Denver, CO

Edmund Tompkins, Handbell clinician
Minister of Music at Morning Star Lutheran Church, Matthews, NC

This event is sponsored in part by Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (The Anna Fisher Endowment) in collaboration with The SC Chapter of the Fellowship of Worship Artists, Greater Columbia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC.

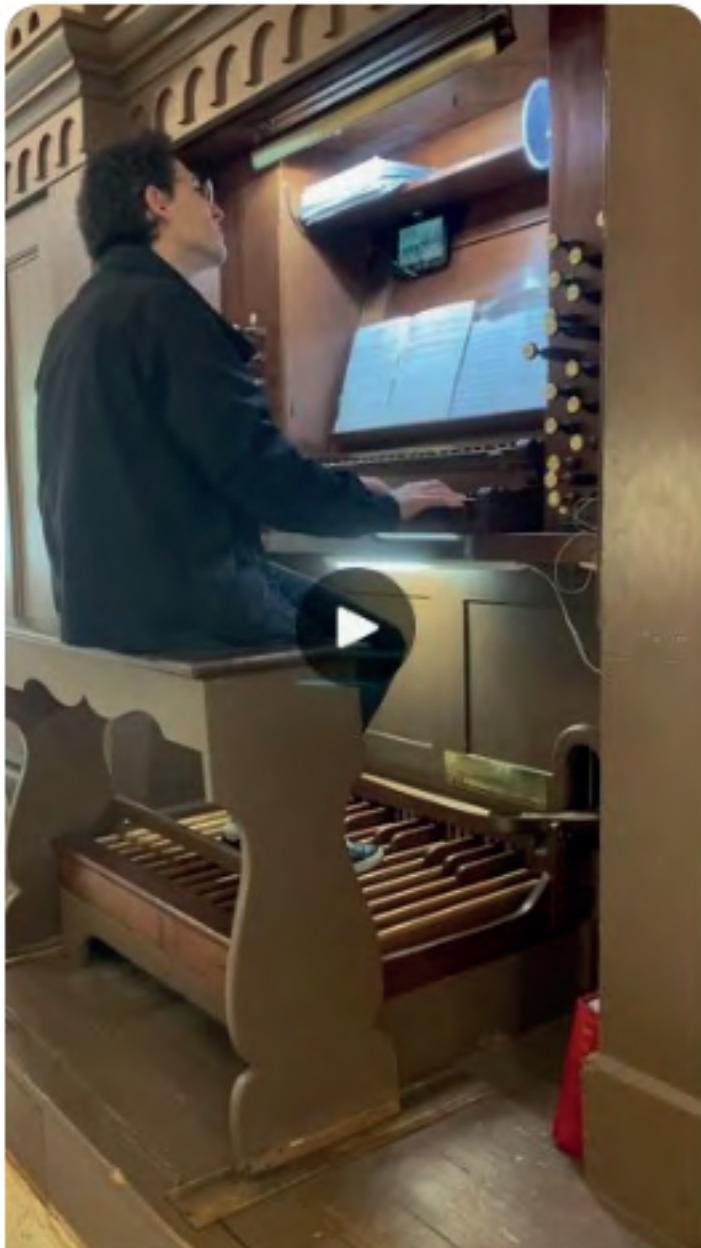
For questions, contact:

Patrick Hawkins, DMA, at **803.404.3805**
Kim Heindl, at **kim.heindl@lr.edu**



Convention Flashback....

Vincent Dubois, Organist of Notre Dame in Paris giving an impromptu performance during Mass at Most Holy Trinity. Click pictures to open videos.



**Monsieur Vincent Dubois, Organist titulaire at Notre-Dame de Paris was our guest Organist for daily Mass today at Most Holy...
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**Enjoy Monsieur Vincent Dubois' improvisation for Mass postlude today at Most Holy Trinity. | By Most Holy Trinity Pari...
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Substitute Organists Available

Melinda East BM, MA 803-257-4979
jmeast1949@gmail.com

February Birthdays

20th - Wilma Franz

23rd - William Jones, Jr.

Upcoming Events

Friday, February 2nd - 7pm Janette Fishell Organ Recital

The chair of the Organ Department at Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music will be presenting a concert as part of the Religious Arts Festival at Christ Chapel on the campus of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. \$10 Admission.

Christ Chapel - Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary - 4201 N Main St. Columbia, SC

Sunday, February 4th - 3pm Matthew Peterson Piano Recital

Matthew Peterson, a Good Shepherd youth, will be traveling to Paris next week to audition as a piano major. He will be presenting his audition recital at Good Shepherd Sunday, February 4th at 3pm. Please come to hear this outstanding young Augusta talent!

Church of the Good Shepherd - 2230 Walton Way, Augusta



Sunday, February 4th - 4pm Trois Amours - Valentines Concert

Concert featuring singers Christopher Moore, Yasmin Bradshaw, and LaDeija Bittle. Wesley Center - Grace United Methodist Church - 639 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta

Sunday, February 4th - 5:30pm Choral Evensong

The St. Paul's choir will present music by Heathcote Statham, John Stainer, and Edward Bairstow under the direction of Keith Shafer. The Reverend Dr. Eric Biddy, officiating, and Mark Dickens, guest organist. A reception follows the service and the public is invited.

Saint Paul's Church - 6th & Reynolds at the Riverwalk, Augusta

Sunday, February 4th - 7pm Sacred Music Through the Ages

The Most Holy Trinity Parish Choir, Children's Choir, and Chamber Orchestra will present a concert to benefit the stained glass window restoration campaign. Works from Gregorian Chant to the Romantic Era will be directed by Jose Reyes-Ortiz. \$20 Suggested Donation.
Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church - 720 Telfair Street, Augusta

Thursday, February 8th - 7pm Winter Nocturne Piano Recital

Awadagin Pratt in concert at the University of South Carolina - Aiken Campus
Etherredge Center Main Stage - 571 University Parkway, Aiken

Friday, February 9th - 7pm Keith Shafer Organ Recital

St. Paul's Lutheran celebrates the 25th anniversary of their Casavant Organ with a concert featuring Keith Shafer. Free Admission.
St. Paul's Lutheran Church - 961 Trail Ridge Road, Aiken

Saturday, February 17th - 3pm Abigail Crafton in recital

First Prize Winner of the AGO Quimby Southeast Regional Competition for Young Organists in concert. This Concert is our February AGO meeting. Please plan to attend and invite your friends.
Reception follows Concert.

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

Sunday, March 3rd - 7pm Concerts with a Cause: The Georgia State University Singers

Hear the award-winning Georgia State Singers with Augusta's beloved Davidson Chorale and Harmonix.

The Cause: ReStart Augusta
St. John United Methodist Church - 736 Greene Street, Augusta

Sunday, March 9th - 8pm Paul Jacobs in recital

Organ professor of the Juilliard School in concert as part of the Joye in Aiken Festival.
Tickets \$50. Visit joyeinaiken.com for ticket information.
St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church - 125 Pendleton Street, SW, Aiken

Sunday, March 10th Youth Choir Festival

A choir festival featuring the youth choirs of First Baptist, Trinity on the Hill Methodist, and the Augusta Youth Chorale under the direction of Dr. Ryan Heritage, Kevin Pollack, and Dr. Stan Pylant.
Free Admission.

First Baptist Church - 3500 Walton Way Extension, Augusta

Sunday, March 17th - 4pm
Georgia Spiritual Ensemble in Concert

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

Saturday, March 23rd
Augusta Choral Society Concert

Dr. Joel Scraper leads the choral society in music for royal occasions.
Music by Elgar, Handel, Parry, Vaughan Williams, and Willan. Tickets \$15-\$35.
Sacred Heart Cultural Center - 1301 Greene Street, Augusta

Sunday, April 21st - 7pm
Haydn's Coronation Mass

The Most Holy Trinity Parish Choir and 15 piece orchestra will present Haydn's Coronation Mass under the direction of Jose-Reyes-Ortiz. Free Admission
Most Holy Trinity - 720 Telfair Street, Augusta

Tuesday, May 14th - 7pm
North Augusta High School Choir Concert

A concert featuring the premier choir of North Augusta High School under the direction of Chris Leysath.
Sanctuary - Grace United Methodist Church - 639 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta

Please remember to submit your events to the Newsletter Editor

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Bring the world of Dutch organ building into your home with this Flentrop organ being offered for sale
by Dr. Patrick Hawkins of Columbia, SC. \$12,500



Dr. Robert Leftwich, PhD 1940-2024

Born on July 2, 1940, Dr. Robert Eugene Leftwich, PhD passed away peacefully on January 13, 2024, due to covid complications. A Texas native, he grew up in Longmont, Colorado.

Robert attended Baylor University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in 1963. He continued his education obtaining a Master's Degree at Northern Illinois University in 1970, and a Doctorate in Philosophy of Nursing Education in 1977 from Clayton University, St. Louis, Missouri.

Upon graduation, Robert worked as an oncology nurse at Baylor University Hospital in Dallas, Texas and taught at Governors State University. He was a respected and accomplished oncology nurse and teacher.

For many years Robert was known as a man of deep faith and a talented vocalist and church organist. Later in life he served as a full-time music director and organist before retiring in 2005 to Augusta, GA. He was a member of the Augusta Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and a longtime fan of classical opera.

An Air Force Veteran, Robert was interned at Westover Memorial Gardens in a private ceremony.





with Casavant Opus 3728

St. Paul Lutheran Church with Guest Artist Keith Shafer

To honor the 25th Anniversary of the Dedication of Opus 3728

Friday, Feb. 9, 2024 - 7 pm



A native of Connecticut where he grew up on a farm, Keith Shafer was educated at the Hartt College of Music at the University of Hartford; the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati; and the Meadows School of the Arts at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, where he was an organ student of Richard Fowler, John Holtz, and the renowned American concert artists Gerre Hancock and Robert Anderson. A finalist in all the major American organ playing competitions, Mr. Shafer has appeared in concert throughout the country.

We are blessed to have Keith Shafer bring his talents to this celebration for us with our unique and beloved King of Instruments! This concert is being offered in memory and honor of Larry White.

We will also recognize and remember the members of the Organ Committee who made this instrument possible through their passion, dedication, and leadership.

Organ Committee: Roy Jacobs – Chair, Fitz Lee, Everett Summerall, Art Lee, Jo Phibbs, Jean Shealy, Kathy Lee, Linda Ayres, Von P. Snelgrove – Fund-raising Chair, & Kathleen Cartledge – Director of Music

Come join us as we celebrate!



February 4 at
4PM in Wesley
Center -
“Trois Amours”
Valentine’s
Concert
featuring:



Christopher Moore



Yasmin Bradshaw



LaDeija Bittle

Grace Notes CONCERT SERIES



Mar. 17 at 4PM in
Sanctuary -
Georgia Spiritual
Ensemble in
Concert

May 14 at 7PM in
Sanctuary -
North Augusta
High School
Choirs’ Concert



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Concerts with a Cause

September 24 Seasons and Queens 3:00pm

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

December 24 Christmas Eve Concert and Lessons and Carols 10:30pm

The Saint John Choirs and Orchestra

The Cause: GAP Ministries

March 3 The Georgia State University Singers 7:00pm

Hear the award-winning Georgia State Singers
with Augusta's beloved Davidson Chorale and Harmonix.

The Cause: ReStart Augusta



Saint Paul's Church
6th & Reynolds at the Riverwalk
Downtown Augusta

EVENSONG
Sunday, 4 February 2024
at 5:30 p.m.

*Music of Heathcote Statham,
John Stainer
and Edward Bairstow*

*The Reverend Dr. Eric Biddy, Officiant
Keith Shafer, Director of Music
Mark Dickens, Guest Organist*

*A reception follows the service.
The public is invited*

**God at
Night**

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Winter Nocturne

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CONCERT
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Thursday, February 8, 7:00 PM • Etherredge Center Main Stage



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FEBRUARY 4 AT 4PM

TROIS AMOURS

A VALENTINE'S CONCERT

Featuring

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& LaDeija Bittle

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