



May 2024

## From the Dean

Greetings - I hope your spring season is going well! We took a break in April and are looking at our last seasonal meeting and dinner on May 13th to be at First Presbyterian Church, 642 Telfair St, Augusta. We will meet for dinner at 7 pm, our host is Leigh Fleury, Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church. At 7:45 pm, we will finish our dinner with a short chapter meeting and go to our Guild Service in the Sanctuary around 8 pm.

As our Operating Procedures say we elect officers every 2 years no later than April in odd numbered years, we would normally install officers for the next season at the Guild Service. However, our chapter last elected officers in 2022 - so we have moved to electing in even numbered years - which is actually what AGO prefers in the model Operating Procedures. So, I'm putting together a nominating committee, and we hope to have names for the ballots by Tuesday, 4/30. If you are currently a voting chapter member, my hope is you'll receive an email ballot by this coming Tuesday evening, April 30th. We will ask you to vote by responding to the email by May 6th. We will install those officers on May 13th at the Guild Service at First Presbyterian Church, Augusta.

Finally, it's been an honor to serve with all of you these past 2 years as Dean. We have done so much! Starting with the wonderful Southeast Region Convention last June of 2023, the fantastic job our chapter, but especially our Convention Team (and their fearless leader Keith Shafer) did for that! It was followed by an August meeting at the Temple on Walton Way and Music for high Holy days in the Jewish Tradition, then the Hymn Festival with David Cherwien at St Paul's Augusta in memory of Dale Hesse. In October we met at Grace UMC in North Augusta with a program from North Augusta High School Choirs, in November at Church of the Good Shepherd and a program by Theologian and Musician Dr. Don E. Saliers. We had our Epiphany party at Rev. Bill Dolen's house in January, and sponsored the Southeast Region Young Artist Organ Competition Winner Abigail Crafton in concert with reception at St John's UMC, Augusta. In March some of us met for dinner at Mi Rancho's in Clearwater, SC and some went to St. Thaddeus in Aiken to hear Paul Jacobs in Concert. Wow - think about what happened during the pandemic and see how far we have come!

You are to be thanked for your dedication and support of our craft, our communities, and this chapter.

Please consider whether you can contribute in planning our next season or by serving as or supporting one of our officers (elected or appointed) or a particular event. Each of you is welcome and needed. Everyone contributes to make us who and what we are. If you have not renewed your membership, please do so now. Our Membership Coordinator, David Salter is at the UMC General Conference, so if you have questions, please reach out to him, but copy me also. If I am able, I will respond as David won't be able to do so very much for a few more days.

This years officers - thank you for serving! Here are the positions we are building a slate for:

**Balloted slots:**

Dean  
Sub-Dean  
Secretary  
Treasurer

**Board Appointed slots:**

Membership Coordinator  
Member-at-large (Currently Don Dupee)  
Hospitality Officer/Historian  
Newsletter Editor (Currently Mark Dickens)  
Education/Professional Concerns  
Chaplain (Currently Rev. Dr. William Dolen)

Please consider where your gifts might support our chapter and our mission. Feel free to contact me with questions about how that might work.

Soli Deo Gloria!  
Kathleen

# *May Meeting & Guild Service*

Monday, May 13th

First Presbyterian Church, Augusta

642 Telfair Street

Dr. Leigh Fleury, host (rsvp [wlfleury@gmail.com](mailto:wlfleury@gmail.com) by May 6th, \$15 for meal)

7pm Meal, 7:45pm Meeting, 8pm Service

## April in Review



Dean Kathleen played an organ concert, Sunday April 28th celebrating 25 years of Casavant Opus 3728 at St. Paul's Lutheran in Aiken. The program also featured the Aiken Civic Orchestra's string quartet led by Adam DePriest. The audience enjoyed an eclectic program featuring works by Sibelius, Sigurd Øgaard, Vivaldi, Handel, PDQ Bach, Cary John Franklin, and Boëllmann. Kathleen is in her 27th year serving St. Paul's. Congratulations to Kathleen!



Jose Reyes-Ortiz, music director and organist of Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Augusta directed a concert in "Praise to the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus" on April 21st at 7pm. The varied program began with Jose at the historic Jardine organ playing Gigout's "Grand Chœur Dialogué" with brass ensemble. A cappella choral works of Palestrina, Scarlatti, Pierre de la Rue, Byrd, and Victoria followed. The program concluded with the orchestra performing Mozart's Symphony in G minor No. 25 (KV 183), and the Most Holy Trinity Parish Choir and Children's Choir performing Mozart's Coronation Mass (KV 317).



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## May Birthdays

9th - Melinda East

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## Events Calendar

**Monday, May 13th - 7pm**

### May Meeting and Guild Service

Annual Guild Service. Please RSVP to Leigh Fleury by May 6th for the 7pm meal which costs \$15.  
First Presbyterian Church - 642 Telfair Street, Augusta, GA

**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

**Sunday, October 27th - 3pm**

### Dr. Bradley Welch performs the Durufle Requiem with St. John United Methodist Church

Concert organist Bradley Welch will return to accompany the St. John choir under the direction of Jamie Garvey in the virtuosic solo organ and choir Requiem of the great French organist Maurice Durufle. The program will also feature several solo organ pieces to show off St. John's Dobson Opus 78. Save the date for what is sure to be a high point of the 2024-2025 music season.



Please remember to submit your events to the Newsletter Editor

### 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](#)

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