

**September 2023**

## **From the Dean**

Greetings fellow AGO members and past members,

I hope this newsletter finds you doing well and that your fall programs are starting back and running! We have an exciting year planned for the Aiken Augusta area and you can read about that in the schedule that is with this newsletter.

If you missed the August meal, meeting and program at the Temple, Congregation Children of Israel – you missed a nice lasagna dinner, some fun recalling the convention and a really lovely program and presentation of Jewish music for High Holy Days. Thank you Mark for that program!

This month, our September event is the Hymn Festival with David Cherwien. There is a blurb with this newsletter that you can put in your church newsletter encouraging your members to come and sing with us on Saturday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> at the 4 pm Hymn Festival. We need 4 – 5 members to come help serve refreshments at the Reception, so please contact me if you can help with that. *Contact me asap if you are sending choir members – I need to know how many and get information to you about the hymn festival to share with them.*

Please promote this and any concert events in the schedule – let's get people out listening, talking and promoting excellent music as we did during the convention.

Our October Event is another special time together – we will meet at Grace United Methodist Church in North Augusta and after dinner, our program will be the North Augusta High School Choir doing their usual Fall expo – a short program where we can be the audience to affirm these students and encourage them to continue singing and making music.

Check out the newsletter and please send your events to our Editor, Mark Dickens so we can support each other and get the word out about all of our events and concerts.

*Soli Deo Gloria!*  
*Kathleen*

## September Birthdays



21st - Brad Cunningham

### 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

### Substitute

Melinda East - 803-257-4979

### Pipings:

Organist Laura Doss presented a concert with orchestra under the direction of Stan Pylant at Christ Church Presbyterian on Wednesday, August 23rd. In addition to several hymn arrangements, the program featured Handel's Concerto for Organ, Op. 4 and Alexander Guilmant's Organ Symphony.

## Saturday, September 30th - Hymn Festival, "The Faith We Sing" with David Cherwien, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Augusta

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>  
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.

**(Please help publicize the hymn festival at your church with the  
information below)**

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

You are invited to join us for “The Faith We Sing” hymn festival  
being held in Augusta, Georgia on Saturday, September 30, 2023  
at 4 PM. It will be hosted by St. Paul’s Episcopal Church on  
Reynolds Street in downtown Augusta.

This hymn festival will be led by organist David Cherwien, who is known for his creative hymn accompaniments and improvisations.

He will lead all of the people gathered for this festival in the congregational singing of ten great hymns of faith. Singing praise to the glory of our almighty God is the purpose of this event! We hope that you can spread the word about this hymn festival, and join with many other friends from across the CSRA to share the music of the church. Feel free to copy the enclosed poster for any publicity you want to use to invite more participation. Let’s fill St. Paul’s Church with glorious music, and encourage one another in our common faith in the Triune God!

Soli Deo Gloria! To God Alone Be the Glory!

**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.**



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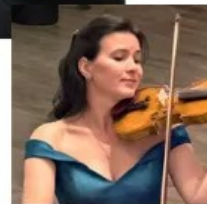
# Concerts with a Cause



**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**



## STUDENT COMPOSITION PROJECT DEADLINE APPROACHING

The AGO Student Commissioning Project is the AGO's most recent new music initiative. Each year, four grants of \$1,000 each are awarded to collaborative student composer-and-organist teams for the creation and performance of new works for the organ. **Proposals are now being accepted through Sept. 15 for the 2024 awards. For guidelines and the application form, [click here](#).**

Congratulations to Sue Mitchell-Wallace, our Southeast Regional Councillor for becoming a lifetime member of the AGO! [Click Here](#) to learn how you can become a lifetime member too.



# St Paul Celebration Concert Series



## with Casavant Opus 3728

### St Paul Lutheran Church

961 Trail Ridge Rd, Aiken, South Carolina 29803

[www.stpaulc.net](http://www.stpaulc.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.

**Hymn Festival “The Faith We Sing”  
with David Cherwien, St Paul’s Church Augusta  
Sept. 30, 2023 at 4 pm, with Reception to follow in the River Room**

Join us for a grand Hymn Festival led and accompanied by David Cherwien!



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St. Paul’s Church 605 Reynolds Street, Augusta, GA 30901 Saturday, September 30, 2023, at 4 pm with a 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.**

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organists who lead and accompany us in The Faith We Sing.  
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time and support to make this event happen.*

## Upcoming Events

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**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 21<sup>st</sup> - 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*)



## **Sunday, October 22nd - 6pm**

### **Choral Evensong**

Evensong with the Good Shepherd Choir directed by James Nord. The service is offered at the close of the Summerville Neighborhood Association's annual Tour of Homes and will include music of Stanford, Ayleward, Bainton, and Thalban-Ball. The liturgy will come from the 1789 Book of Common Prayer, which was in use at the founding of Good Shepherd and the neighborhood.

Church of the Good Shepherd, 2230 Walton Way, Augusta

## **Monday, October 23rd - 7pm Dinner/ 8pm Program**

### **North Augusta High School Concert Choir Expo**

Our October meeting will take place at Grace United Methodist Church with host Chris Leysath. Chris is the music director at Grace and also teaches at North Augusta High School. The program will feature music from the North Augusta High School Concert Choir. Dinner begins at 7pm and the cost is \$15. Please RSVP to Mark Dickens, markdickens81@icloud.com

Grace United Methodist Church - 639 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta

## **Thursday, October 26th - 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

## **Monday, November 13th - 7pm Dinner/ 8pm Program**

### **Dr. Don E. Saliers, Guest Speaker**

Former National Chaplain of the American Guild of Organists, Don Saliers will be our guest speaker for the November AGO meeting. Don is a theologian and former distinguished Professor of Theology and Worship at Candler School of Theology where he directed the Master of Sacred Music Program at Emory. He was organist and Choirmaster at Cannon Chapel for 35 years. Prior to Candler, he taught at Yale Divinity School and is an accomplished musician, theologian and scholar of liturgies. He is the author of 15 books on the relationship between theology and worship practices. Dinner begins at 7pm and the cost is \$15. Church of the Good Shepherd, 2230 Walton Way, Augusta

**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 5<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm**

**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 17<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm  
A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**

The Good Shepherd and St. Gregory Choirs directed by James Nord.

2230 Walton Way, Augusta

**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> - 7pm**  
**Bach Magnificat**

Choirs & Orchestra

Jose Reyes-Ortiz, Conductor

Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church - 720 Telfair Street Augusta

**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 - 8pm**

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

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



# *Winter Nocturne*

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



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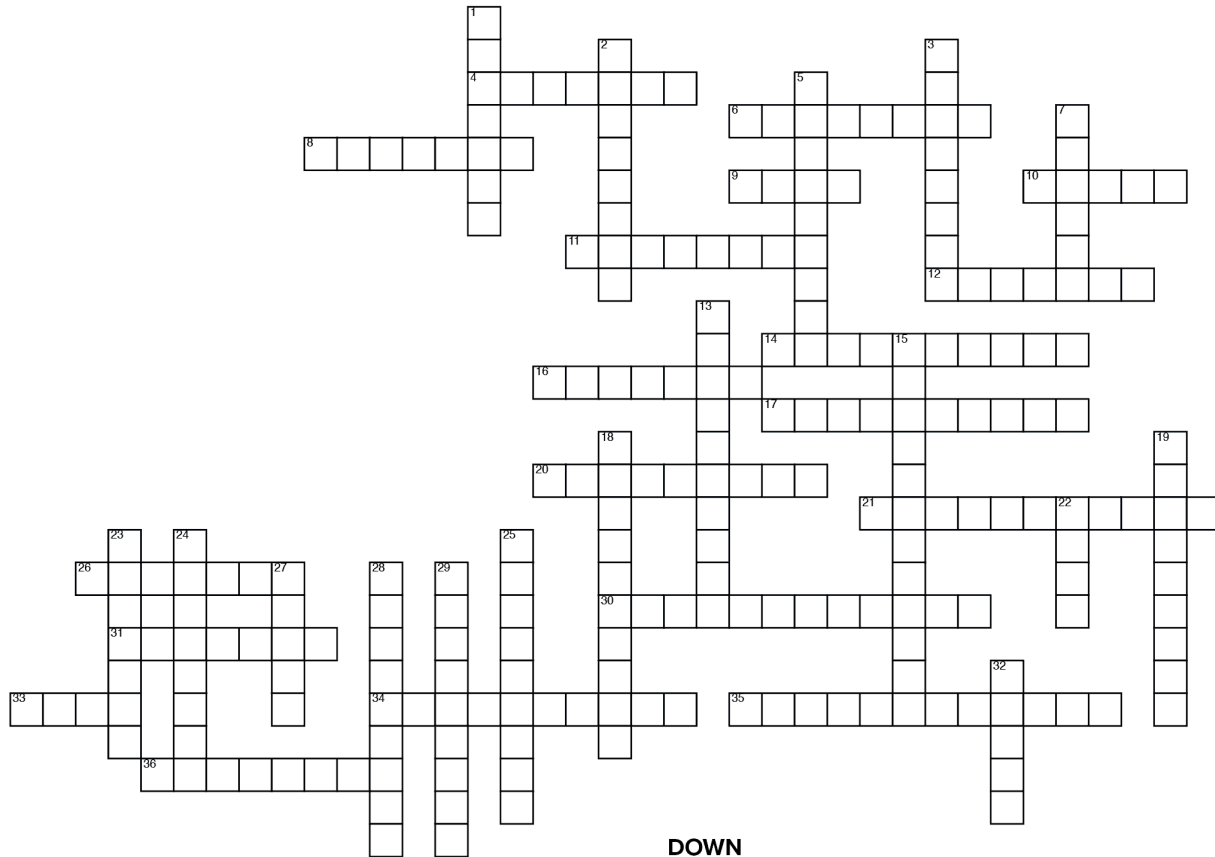
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# CHOIR CROSSWORD

## FROM MUSICNOTES



### ACROSS

- 4 A mass sung for the deceased.
- 6 The voice in between the highest and lowest male voices.
- 8 A common word for "enunciation" used in the vocal setting.
- 9 The lowest male voice.
- 10 Another term for "second soprano."
- 11 A vocal exercise or etude, sung to vowels or syllables.
- 12 A syllable system used for sight-reading.
- 14 A style of singing in which there is only one melody line and no accompaniment.
- 16 A slight shaking or pulsating in a pitch.
- 17 The famous composer behind "Magnificat."
- 20 When a note is hit aggressively, then backed away from.
- 21 The title of the pianist who plays for the choir.
- 26 A high, ornamental voice part often above the melody and sung by a few voices.
- 30 The art of combining different melodic lines in a musical composition. When 2 or 3 melodic lines are happening at the same time.
- 31 The highest female voice.
- 33 A long, lyrical song for solo voice, typically found in an opera.
- 34 To slow down gradually.
- 35 A modern composer known for clashing harmonies and virtual choirs.
- 36 A secular vocal music composition of the Renaissance and early Baroque eras, typically sung unaccompanied by a small ensemble.

### DOWN

- 1 2 or more vocal parts sounding at once create this.
- 2 The one who leads the choir.
- 3 Piano, mezzo forte, and forte are examples of this.
- 5 To gradually sing louder.
- 7 The clef higher voices sing on.
- 13 The accuracy of pitch.
- 15 A person is said to have this if they can name any note without a reference tone.
- 18 Moving a hand or baton to keep tempo.
- 19 The range of a vocal part.
- 22 The lower female voice.
- 23 The oratorio the famous "Hallelujah Chorus" is from.
- 24 To sing unaccompanied.
- 25 Where singers are supposed to breathe from.
- 27 The highest male voice.
- 28 The lowest possible alto voice, reaching into the tenor range.
- 29 A sound formed by the combination of two vowels.
- 32 A single melody begun by one part, then repeated by another part at staggering times.