

The Richmond STOPLIST

December 2014

The Official Newsletter of the Richmond, Virginia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

**Wishing all of our members and friends a very Merry Christmas
and a Joyous Holiday Season.**



PLEASE RESERVE THE DATE FOR OUR NEXT CHAPTER PROGRAM

Dupré You Can Play



The famous organist of St. Sulpice, Marcel Dupré (1886-1971), was renowned for his magnificent and virtuosic concert pieces. "Awesome," "breathtaking" are fitting descriptions. He was a prolific composer with 39 published opera for solo organ and several unpublished works, most of which range from moderately to extremely difficult.

Dupré also taught less accomplished organists, composed for them, and published a number of pedagogical works including an organ method; volumes on fugue, counterpoint, harmonic analysis, chant accompaniment and improvisation; and edited the organ works of Bach, Handel, Mozart, Liszt, Mendelssohn, Schumann, César Franck, and Alexander Glazunov.



In our session Ardyth will introduce many of these "approachable" pieces -- music you can readily play. You'll be able to look at many scores, hear excerpts, and will leave with a list of sources for your further exploration.

Our presenter, Ardyth Lohuis, is a VCU Professor Emerita and a "musical grand-daughter" of Marcel Dupré.

**The January program will be hosted by
St. Benedict Catholic Church, home of recently installed Martin Pasi Opus V**

January 20, 2015

St. Benedict Parochial School
St. Anselm Center (Alley Ramp Entrance)
3100 Grove Avenue, Richmond, VA 23221

Parking available in the church lot at the corner of Belmont and Hanover.

Schedule:

6:00 PM Gathering
6:30 PM Dinner (\$12)
7:00 PM Meeting
7:30 PM Program.

More information will be available in the January issue of the "Stoplist". Remember that reservations are required for dinner meetings. Please contact Paul Honaker (paul.honaker@comcast.net) at least one week prior to meeting date to place your dinner reservations.

DEAN'S MESSAGE

November and December is a busy time for many of us in the AGO, and the 2017 AGO Mid-Atlantic Regional Convention, which will be held in Richmond, is perhaps the last thing on your mind right now. Understandably so! However, I wanted to feature an introductory note from Kenna Payne, our Regional Convention Coordinator. Here is Kenna's letter to the Richmond AGO:

2017 MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL CONVENTION NEWS

I hope this is finding all of you well-rested and ready for the Holiday Season, no matter what your plans may be!

As you may already know, the Richmond Chapter applied for and was awarded the privilege of **hosting the 2017 Regional Convention** and I volunteered to lead the charge! I am currently the Chapter Treasurer, and I know that everyone in the chapter will be willing and excited to assist in this great undertaking.

At its meeting on November 10, 2014, the Executive Committee set the **tentative dates for the Regional convention as Sunday, June 25, 2017, through Wednesday, June 28, 2017**. There are a few community events calendars we need to check before we finalize these dates, but we believe they will not need to be changed. So please mark your calendar now!

The Steering Committee and its work committees will be formed in the next few weeks, and we hope that all chapter members will be able to serve in some capacity when asked. Any ideas about programs, logistics, fund-raising, etc., will always be welcome, as well as general feedback and comments.

Each month for the next two-plus years, I will provide more details on various aspects of the planning and the work of the Committees. We have a lot of work ahead of us, but I know we'll offer a wonderful opportunity for attendees and guests to hear many of the marvelous instruments we have in the city, and that our renowned Southern Charm will shine through.

Kenna Payne

Phone 272-9656 (Richmond / home)

As we approach Hanukkah, Advent, and Christmas, we are reminded of the many gifts we are able to share with countless numbers of people through our music. On behalf of our dedicated Richmond AGO officers and committee chairs, I extend best wishes to you and your families for a blessed holiday, filled with joy and inspiring music.

Chris Martin

Dean, Richmond AGO

Dean's Lunch

There will be no Dean's Lunches in either November or December. Dean's Lunches will resume in January 2015.

REMEMBER THAT THE CHAPTER EVENTS CALENDAR IS NOW ON LINE

The Richmond AGO's Chapter Events Calendar is now available to advertise programs of our members, and of interest to the musical community. Be sure to include the calendar in your regular list of publicity outreach contacts. To access the calendar, simply visit the Richmond AGO Chapter web site at www.richmondago.org and follow the link to "Area Events." The direct link for the calendar is: <http://richmondago.org/area-events>.



Stay connected with Richmond AGO members and notices of meetings, recitals, and other events through the chapter's official Facebook page. Look for us on Facebook: Richmond Chapter - American Guild of Organists, or go to the Richmond AGO webpage www.richmondago.org and click on the Facebook icon.

The Churches Of Richmond and Central Virginia

A site featuring detailed photographs of historic churches, organs and organ specifications in Central Virginia. Take a virtual tour of your favorite house of worship, or check out the specifications and background of our area's historic organs, as compiled by Donald Traser and John DeMajo.

WWW.CHURCHESOFVIRGINIA.ORG

EDUCATIONAL CONCERNS

We are coming into our busy holiday season with practicing, rehearsing with our choirs, and finishing the fine points of our preparation of music we will be presenting on the organ. Please take time to think of the less fortunate. Also, think for a bit about taking one of our AGO exams. The website for National, www.agohq.org will have the information for each posted. If you want a closer person, I am glad for you to come to my home where you may look at the samples of the repertoire I have to see if you think you can get it all together. SPC candidates need to get their finished applications in by Feb 1, 2015 and complete the playing by March 31, 2015 (a date change over previous years). CAGO candidates need to get their applications in by March 1, 2015 for the May 15, 2015 test date.

If you are traveling be safe and enjoy the folks at your destination!
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Mary Elizabeth Campbell, SPC
(804) 288-4098

DEDICATION CONCERT WITH GRAMMY-WINNING ARTIST PAUL JACOBS

PERFORMING ON A 73 STOP CUSTOM ORGAN BY ALLEN
DECEMBER 7, 2014 3PM
GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
4200 DOVER ROAD, RICHMOND, VA 23221

CALL FOR 2015-16 CHAPTER PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

Believe it or not. . .the 2015-2016 programs will be here before you know it! Please send your suggestions for programs to Cheryl Van Ornam (ago_stoplist_cvo@yahoo.com), Sub-Dean before January 15. These suggestions will be taken to the Program Committee in late January. Thank you in advance for your ideas!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Marty Barstow
Amos Goldie
David Mathers
David Starzer

Brandon Dumas
Elizabeth Goodwin
David Pate
Marvin Stovall

Jack Fox
Paige Martindale
Richard Stafford

MEMBER CONCERNS

We are sad to report the death of James Erb, who was a longtime choral conductor in the Richmond area. Below is a link to an article by Clarke Bustard on James Erb's legacy. <http://letterv.blogspot.com/2014/11/james-erb-1926-2014.html>

A celebration of the life of James Erb will take place 11 a.m. Saturday, December 20, at the University of Richmond Cannon Memorial Chapel. This celebration will include singing and quiet time for reflection, with music provided for those who may wish to participate in the singing. There will be a reception immediately following at River Road Church Baptist. Dr. Erb passed away November 11, 2014 at the age of 88.

PAID ADVERTISING IN THE STOPLIST

The "STOPLIST" is now accepting paid advertising. Quarter, half, and full page ads are available, and ads may be run by the month, or for the entire season. Yearly rates are: Full-page- \$135, Half-page- \$75, Quarter-page- \$40. Ad content is restricted to products or services which would be of interest to musicians and their churches. For more information, please contact John DeMajo (jdemajo@demajo.net).



Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Christmas Concerts

On Monday, December 1 at 7:00 P.M., there will be a concert at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. The Richmond Symphony, Patrick Carlin, conducting, with the Choir of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Vocal soloists Anne O'Byrne, Michele Orr, and Rev. Michael Renninger, & flutist Anthony Smith will present a Benefit Christmas Concert for Catholic Charities, featuring popular works by Handel, Mozart, and Adam, as well as traditional carols. For ticket information, please call 285-5900. The Cathedral is located at Laurel Street and Floyd Avenue, across from Monroe Park. The program may be viewed on the music page of www.richmondcathedral.org.

Saturday, December 6 at 7:00 P.M., the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart will present its free Annual Christmas Concert in commemoration of World AIDS Day, featuring The Cathedral Choir, Amy Grant Hruska & Patrick Carlin, directing; vocal soloists Michele Orr & Father Michael Renninger; trumpeter Dr. Michael Davison; & flutist Anthony Smith. The Cathedral is located at Laurel Street and Floyd Avenue, across from Monroe Park. 359-5651. The program may be viewed on the music page of www.richmondcathedral.org.

On Monday, December 15, at 11:00 A.M., the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart will present a free one-hour concert of Solo Vocal Christmas Music, featuring vocal soloists of The Cathedral, including Anne O'Byrne and Lisa Edwards Burrs, with pianist Patrick Carlin. Following the concert a free lunch will be served. Reservations for the free lunch are not required. The Cathedral is located at Laurel Street and Floyd Avenue, across from Monroe Park. On-street parking is available, as well as the VCU Parking Decks. 359-5651. The program may be viewed on the music page of www.richmondcathedral.org.

On Wednesday, December 24, at 9:00 P.M., the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart will present a free one-hour Pre-Mass Concert, featuring The Cathedral Choir and vocal soloists. The Christmas Mass During the Night follows at 10:00 PM. The Cathedral is located at Laurel Street and Floyd Avenue, across from Monroe Park. 359-5651

AROUND THE TOWN

Please note: To insure inclusion, all articles for Around The Town must be received no later than the 16th of the month before the month of publication.

CHRIST ASCENSION EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Tuesday, December 2, 2014, at 7:00 P.M. and Wednesday, December 3 at 10:00 A.M. Tenth Annual Community Christmas Concerts featuring Ed Schutt, organ, Becky Perlstein, soprano, and carols for all to sing. Christ Ascension Episcopal Church, 1704 W. Laburnum Avenue (Hermitage and Laburnum). Free with ample parking on church lot & surrounding streets.

SAINT BEDE CHURCH, WILLIAMSBURG

Wednesday, December 3, 2014, Noon. Trinity Organ Concert with Erich Graf, flutist, and Aaron Renninger, organist performing works by Bach, Gluck, Manz, Woodman, and others. The one-hour concert is free and open to the public which is invited to bring lunch and eat with the artists afterward. Saint Bede Catholic Church, 3686 Ironbound Road in Williamsburg. For information, please call (757) 229-3631, or visit www.bede.org/concerts.

LESSONS AND CAROLS AT ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, December 7th, 5:00 PM, Advent Service of Lessons and Carols. The Prelude Recital will be played by Daniel Stipe, beginning at 4:30 PM. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 8706 Quaker Lane, Richmond, VA, 23235, Ph. 804-272-0992, www.stmichaelsbonair.org

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL FOR CHILDREN

Sunday, December 7, 2014 at 3:00 P.M. Christmas Musical for Children and Their Families, Mark Burrows' "Room for Christmas." Mt. Pisgah UMC, 1100 Mt. Pisgah Dr., Midlothian. Free admission.

THE VIENNA BOYS CHOIR

Thursday, December 18, 2014 and Friday, December 19th, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. both evenings St. Mary's Catholic Church presents The Vienna Boys Choir. Ticket Price: \$40.00 if purchased at St. Mary's Parish Office or \$45.00 if purchased on line at www.stmarysrichmond.org. St. Mary's Catholic Church 9505 Gayton Road, Richmond Va. 23229 Phone- (804) 740-4044

THE SALVATION ARMY CONCERT AND SING-ALONG

Saturday December 6, 2014 at 2:00 PM Christmas Concert and Sing-Along with The National Capital Brass Band. St. Mary's Catholic Church 9505 Gayton Road, Richmond Va. 23229 Church Phone- (804) 740-4044

CANTONI CHORAL ENSEMBLE

Cantoni Choral Ensemble's 2014 Christmas Concert, "Light Came Down," will be held on Sunday, December 7, at 5:00 PM in the sanctuary of Walnut Hills Baptist Church, 1014 Jamestown Road in Williamsburg, just off Route 199. This year's concert will be held on the same day as Grand Illumination in Colonial Williamsburg, and will focus on the coming of light into the world in the form of the Christ Child. The all-sacred program includes old and new texts set by Stephen Main, Eleanor Daley, Matthew Oltman, Stephen Caracciolo, Andrew Carter, and John Rutter. Cantoni is an auditioned concert choral ensemble, currently numbering twelve experienced singers, many of whom are music professionals. It is under the direction of Richmond AGO member Agnes French. Mary Stutz and Marty Barstow, also Richmond AGO members, are singers in the ensemble. The accompanist for this concert will be Rebecca Davy. Admission is free, but an offering will be received in support of Cantoni. Ample parking is available at the church.

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ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL ANNUAL SECOND FRIDAY CHRISTMAS CONCERT & CAROL SING

Friday, December 12 at 6:00 P.M. Christmas Organ & Vocal Music with Audience Carol Singing. Abbie Haynes, soprano, Charles Lindsey, Jr., organ & piano. Wine & Cheese Reception Following. St Paul's Episcopal Church, 110 North Union Street, Petersburg, VA 23803. Freewill Offering will be taken for St. Paul's Music & Arts Fund Parking on street on North Union Street or in back lot via North Market Street behind the church

MOUNT PISGAH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 14, 2014 . Joseph Martin's "Canticles in Candlelight" presented by the Chancel Choirs of St. Luke's UMC, 11:00 A.M., 4101 Fordham Rd., North Chesterfield; and Mt. Pisgah UMC, 3:00 P.M., 1100 Mt. Pisgah Dr., Midlothian. Contact: (804) 794-5856. No admission charge. A reception will follow the afternoon performance.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Sunday, December 14 at 5:00 P.M. The Gallery Choir of the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer presents their annual service of Lessons and Carols performing works by Stephen Caracciolo, Raymond Haan, Philip Ledger, Michael Praetorius, Margaret Sandresky, and Peter Warlock. Donald Anderson, organist / director of music will be joined by harpist, Anastasia Jellison performing music for harp and organ by Carl Philip Emmanuel Bach. Reception to follow. The church is located at 2341 Winterfield Rd., Midlothian VA 23113. PHONE: (804) 379-8899

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

December 14, Sunday, 7:00 P.M. Advent Lessons & Carols. Church of the Epiphany, 11000 Smoketree Dr., Richmond VA 23236, 804-794-0222

ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, December 14: The single 10:00 A.M. service at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Hawthorne and Walton in Ginter Park, will include Vivaldi's Magnificat with instrumental ensemble.

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS AT MANAKIN EPISCOPAL CHURCH

December 14, 2014 at 4:00 P.M. Manakin Episcopal Church will present Advent Lessons and Carols. The church is located at 985 Huguenot Trail, Midlothian, Va. 23113. For more information call 804-794-6401.

MORAVIAN LOVE FEAST AT GINTER PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ginter Park Presbyterian Church will celebrate Christmas with the traditional Moravian Love Feast on Sunday, December 14, at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. The Love Feast includes serving hot chocolate and sweet buns to the congregation while they are seated in the pews. The choirs will sing works by John Rutter; organ transcriptions from The Nutcracker Suite will be played during the feast. All are welcome!

RICHMOND CONCERT BAND HOLIDAY CONCERT

Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. Holiday Concert by the Richmond Concert Band. Mt. Pisgah UMC, 1100 Mt. Pisgah Dr., Midlothian. Free admission. Refreshments follow.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT PROVIDENCE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 21st Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols Services will be at 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. Services will include music from the Adult Chancel Choir, Bells of Providence, SonRise Sisters, Children's Choir, Youth Choir and Youth Bells. Lots of congregational singing with hymns accompanied by organ and orchestra. Come and join in a service of scripture and music telling the coming of Christ!

Christmas Eve Services: 5:00 P.M. Family Friendly Service The ABC's of Christmas - an Interactive Christmas Eve service with Communion. There will be a 15 minute prelude of special music from our Providence children and youth.

11:00 P.M. Traditional Service Candlelight service and Communion. Organ and piano duets, handbells, and congregational singing. Providence United Methodist Church is located at 901 South Providence Road Richmond VA 23236

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY PRESENTS "FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS"

John Leavitt's "Festival Of Lessons And Carols" will be presented at Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on Sunday, December 21 at 11:00 A.M. The worship service, sung by the Adult, Children's, and Youth Choirs, will include carol arrangements and new settings of traditional texts accompanied by a chamber orchestra. The church is located at 8 North Laurel Street. For information, call the church office at (804) 359-5628.

MT. PISGAH CONTEMPORARY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Sunday, December 23, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. A Contemporary Christmas Celebration led by the church's Arise! Praise Band. Features include candlelight and Holy Communion. A time of refreshments and fellowship precede the service at 5:45. Mt. Pisgah UMC, 1100 Mt. Pisgah Dr., Midlothian.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 24, 2014 at 8:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 7757 Chippenham Parkway, Richmond VA 23225. Deb Saidel, flute; Marian Kshetrapal, violin, and Vanessa Naghdi, soprano.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RICHMOND

Sunday, December 7 at 5:00 P.M. An Advent Procession with Lessons and Carols. Sung among candles in a darkened church, this service looks expectantly toward the birth of Christ with Advent carols and hymns. Music by Elizabeth Poston, John Gardner, Peter Hallock, and Zachary Wadsworth.

December 24 at 8:00 P.M. A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve. Based on the service first held at Truro Cathedral, the whole story of Christmas is told in a candlelit church through a traditional sequence of short Biblical readings and a wide variety of carols and hymns.

SUBSTITUTES

The persons listed below have indicated a desire to be called for substituting at church services. No specific qualifications are implied by their inclusion on this list.

The employer is responsible for determining that a substitute will adequately meet the needs of the church.

Questions should be addressed to Betty Girardeau. If you no longer wish to be included on the substitute list, please ask that your name be removed from the list by emailing Betty Girardeau at bettyg@redfamiliar.com or by phone at 804-647-0825.

Substitutes Available for Sundays

Beck, Susan	804-353-3022	smillerbeck@hotmail.com
Branch, Ada Andrews	804-862-4480	abranche@aol.com
Melvin (Mel) Burton	804 744-2325 or Cell 804 347-4673	
Crafton, Coleen	804-334-8094	pipesnposaune@gmail.com
Dersch, Bruce	804-861-0210	bedersch@gmail.com
Jack Fox	home 804-447-3863 cell 317-313-6233	jack_fox_1998@yahoo.com
French, Agnes	757-345-6355 (Williamsburg, VA)	jpk.alf@cox.net
Freude, Sharon	804-353-4683	freudemusic@earthlink.net
Gay, Esther	757-253-0391 (Williamsburg/Tidewater)	esthergay@cox.net
Grant, Cathy	434-293-0617 (Charlottesville, VA)	mclgrant@centurylink.net
Kerschbaumer, Evelyn	804-744-3147	ekersch@aol.com
Loftus, Stephen	804-317-1234 (May to August only)	
Martin, Liz	804-559-0898 (Summer only)	
Don Moro	804-652-9311	donmoro@gmail.com
Neff, Joan	804-248-2522 (June-August only)	jneff@richmond.edu
Nowowieski, Adella	804-288-0917	delnow@yahoo.com
Suerken, Ernest A.	804-272-5545	
Van Ornam, Karen	240-731-2406	teacherlady114@aol.com
Yates, Elizabeth	804-965-6214	Eay143@yahoo.com

Substitutes Available for Special Non-Sunday Morning Events

Bailey, Tom	804-221-7549	Froberger@aol.com
Candler-White, Laura	804-360-5754	lauracwhite@verizon.net
Edwards, Beverly	804-794-6025 (available also for 11:00 AM Sundays)	music.edwards@gmail.com
Ferrell, Lia	513-687-3329	liaruhi9@yahoo.com
Goldie, Amos,	770-286-8345	amosgold@gmail.com
Hargrove, Elizabeth	804-798-1776 or 804-339-5701	f.hargrovejr@comcast.net
Jonkman, Crystal	804-330-9976 (home) 804-301-9976 (cell) 804-272-0992 x104 (church)	crystal.jonkman@verizon.net crjonkman@stmicaelsbonair.org
Lindsey, Charles	804-370-7374	charleslindsey15@gmail.com
Moro, Don	804-652-9311	donmoro@gmail.com www.donmoroorganist.com
Norfrey, Lisa	434-806-2322	lisa.norfrey@gmail.com
Sachs, David	804-222-2494	Psalm100Pesach@comcast.net
Schutt, Ed	804-564-4887	e.schutt@comcast.net
Taylor, Margaret	717-419-4309 (cell)	m.e.taylor003@gmail.com
Van Ornam, Cheryl	804-814-6677	ago_stoplist_cvo@yahoo.com

DEATH OF PROLIFIC AMERICAN COMPOSER STEPHEN PAULUS .

American composer Stephen Paulus passed away on October 19, 2014. He suffered a massive stroke in July 2013 and spent the last months of his life in a care home. He was 65. A Minnesotan for almost all his life, he wrote 10 operas, 60 orchestral scores and more than 150 works for chorus, many of them widely performed. He is probably best known outside the US for the 1982 opera, "The Postman Always Rings Twice." He was co-founder of the American Composer's Forum and a generous mentor to many younger colleagues.

See more at: <http://slippedisc.com/2014/10/an-eminant-american-composer-has-died/#sthash.6Qvn1j8f.dpuf>

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Listings in this column appear for a maximum of 90 days and then are removed unless an extension is requested. When a listing is removed, therefore, it does not necessarily mean that the position has been filled. To submit a listing, contact our Referral Service Director, Betty Girardeau

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

8100 Shady Grove Rd. Mechanicsville, Va. 23111

Seeking a part-time organist for weekly Sunday morning services, weekly choir rehearsals and special services primarily during Lent and Advent. Choir does not sing during June, July, August. Upon request and availability would provide music for weddings and funerals. Instrument is a Rogers 2 manual organ of 34 stops. Salary approximately \$11,000.00 per year DOE. Familiarity with liturgical service preferred. Submit resumes to Organist Search Committee at the church address, e-mail bitelyre@cavtel.net or phone 804-427-7500.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

P.O. Box 40, 6807 Northumberland Hwy, Heathsville, Va 22473

A simple country church in the Northern Neck seeking part-time organist/ choir director for one Sunday service. Directing a choir rehearsal before the service is preferred but not required. Two manual Rodgers electronic organ (2010). \$155-\$175 per service including brief before service choir rehearsal, or \$125 -\$145 per service without choir rehearsal. Special services Christmas Eve, Good Friday, Easter Vigil. 4 weeks paid vacation. Interested candidates should contact the Rev. Lucia Lloyd at lucia@ststephensheathsville.org or 804-445-3888.

LEBANON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8492 Peaks Road, Hanover, VA 23069

Seeking part-time organist/director for one Sunday morning service and one choir rehearsal weekly. Some special services during the year. This position oversees a part-time accompanist as well as the music programming throughout the church, a mid-sized church with a very active congregation of all ages. Rodgers two-manual organ and Baldwin baby grand piano. Salary is approximately \$17,000 annually with two weeks paid vacation. Specific compensation and weekly schedule are open to negotiation during the hiring process. For further information see the church website at www.lebanonumc.org. Interested candidates are asked to send a resume to SPRC@lebanonumc.org or to call the church office at 804-746-0980.

INDEPENDENCE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

14023 Independence Road, Ashland, VA 23005

Seeking part-time organist for one Sunday morning service plus additional services during the year on Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Thanksgiving, and a 3 night annual Revival. No choir rehearsal or choir duties. Rodgers 2 manual electronic organ. Salary \$8,700 per annum with additional remuneration for the extra services during the year at \$87 per service. Two weeks paid vacation. Interested candidates should contact Sandra Gilman days and evenings at 804-798-5856.

WESTHAMPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6100 Patterson Avenue, Richmond, VA, 23226

Seeking part-time organist director for one traditional Sunday morning service and to direct the Sanctuary Adult Choir, seasonal handbell choir, and seasonal children's choir for an active congregation with a growing children's and youth ministries. Special services at Easter, Lent, Holy Week, and Christmas. The church is seeking some new creative energy to grow it's music ministry. Allen (ADC-7300) 3-manual digital organ, Yamaha grand piano, and three octaves of Malmark handbells. Average annual salary approximately \$16,000 depending on experience and qualifications. Two weeks paid vacation. Book and music allowance. Interested candidates should submit a resume with cover letter to the Music Search Committee, Westhampton UMC, at the church address above or via email to sprc@westhamptonumc.org.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

9601 Hull Street Road, North Chesterfield, VA 23236

Seeking part-time accompanist for traditional liturgical church. Position is available October 1, 2014. One Sunday morning worship service and one weekly choir rehearsal. Piano and digital piano used for worship and rehearsals. Salary range \$7,500 - \$10,000. Those interested may contact Jennifer Ripley, Director of Music, at 804-276-4271 or musicdirector@LCOSVA.org.

GAYTON ROAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC),

12050 Ridgefield Parkway, Henrico, VA, 23233. Seeking part-time organist/choir director for small church with one Sunday morning service and one weekly choir rehearsal. Special services during Lent, Easter and Christmas, as well as weddings and funerals. Allen Protege 2 manual electronic organ. Salary range \$150-\$175 per week with four weeks paid vacation. Applicant should be proficient in playing the piano and organ and be experienced in accompanying and directing groups and solos. Applicant should be familiar and comfortable with a variety of musical styles including spirituals, contemporary, and classical. While not required, it would be nice if the applicant had the ability to play other instruments and sing in front of the congregation. Interested candidates should contact Diann Borden days at 804-402-5726, evenings at 804-374-0388 or via email at revdiann@verizon.net.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1009 W. Princess Anne Road, Norfolk, VA, 23507. Seeking part-time organist/choir director for one Sunday morning service, to rehearse and direct the adult choir, and work with staff and volunteers to coordinate the Handbell and Junior choirs and other musical opportunities. 1978 Moller pipe organ, upgraded in 2012 to feature solid state technology. Salary and benefits range from \$30,000 to \$40,000. Please send resume and references to The Rev. John Rohrs, Rector via email at jrohrs.staec@verizon.net or to the church address above. If those interested have questions or would like to see a full job description they may call the church at 757-622-5530 or visit the church website at www.standrewsnorfolk.org.

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

8787 River Road, Richmond Va, 23229. Seeking full-time interim Director of Music for one year, with a preferred starting date of January 1, 2015. One Sunday morning service, 4 weekly choir rehearsals (Boys Choir, small group; Boys Choir, regular group; Choir of Men and Boys; Adult Choir). Work alongside the paid organist. Be able to lead simplified Anglican Chant. The church has a long history of high level music that enhances the rich liturgical life of the Episcopal tradition. Salary range \$35,000 to \$40,000 per year, with four weeks paid vacation, health insurance, sick leave. Additional information may be found on the church website at www.allsaintsrichmond.org as well as information on how to apply for the position. Those interested may also contact The Rev. Brent Melton, days at 804-288-7811 or evenings at 804-972-1689.

MORE LISTINGS CAN BE FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE

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WELBORNE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

920 Maybeury Drive, Richmond, VA, 23229

Seeking half-time Director of Music Ministries to join staff and volunteers in a growing music program. Two worship services on Sunday include contemporary and traditional church music. Currently there is one adult vocal choir, bell choir, and a praise band to support these services. Interested candidates should display strong organizational and relational skills. Three manual, 55 rank Andrews pipe organ and a Yamaha 7 foot conservatory grand piano. Salary range is \$18,000 to \$20,000 per year. To inquire and/or receive a full job description, contact SPRC@welbornechurch.org.

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

8400 St. Peter's Lane, New Kent, VA, 23124

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Directed by Bruce Stevens and Bill Van Pelt, the tour will be led by Dutch organist Sietze de Vries. For more information, please contact Bruce Stevens at bbstevens@erols.com or 804-355-5876.



Bruton Candlelight Concerts

December, 2014 *Candlelight Concerts at* *Bruton Parish Church*

Tuesday, December 2 @ 8:00 pm

Holiday Handbell & Organ Concert

Bruton Parish Tarpley Ringers, Rebecca Davy, Director
with JanEl Will, Organist

Thursday, December 4 @ 8:00 pm

Holiday Choral Concert

Manassas Community Chorale, from
Manassas, Virginia, Becky Verner, Director

Friday, December 5 @ 8:00 pm

Holiday Choral Concert

Chancel Choir from First Presbyterian Church in
Winchester, Virginia, Josh O'Dell, Director

Saturday, December 6 @ 8:00 pm

Holiday Choral Concert

Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church Choir
from Vinton, Virginia, Brandon Mock, Director

Tuesday, December 9 @ 8:00 pm

Holiday Choral Concert

Douglas Freeman High School Festival Choir from
Virginia, Amy Hruska, Director Richmond,

Thursday, December 11 @ 8:00 pm

Holiday Choral Concert

St. Gertrude High School Honors Ensemble from
Richmond, Virginia, Lisa Fusco, Director

Friday, December 12 @ 8:00 pm

Choral Concert: Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah

Bruton Parish Choirs & Orchestra
Rebecca Davy, Director

Saturday, December 13 @ 8:00 pm

Holiday Choral Concert

New Dominion Choraliers from Prince William County,
Virginia, Katherine Nelson-Tracey, Director

Sunday, December 14 @ 3:00 pm

Choral Concert: Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah

Bruton Parish Choirs & Orchestra
Rebecca Davy, Director

Tuesday, December 16 @ 8:00 pm

Holiday Choral Concert

One Accord from First Baptist Church in Richmond,
Virginia, Philip Mitchell, Director

Thursday, December 18 @ 8:00 pm

Holiday Trombone Quartet Concert

The James River Trombones from Richmond, Virginia

Saturday, December 20 @ 8:00 pm

Holiday Choral Concert

Tabernacle Baptist Church Choir from Richmond,
Virginia, Judy Fiske, Director

Tuesday, December 23 @ 8:00 pm

Holiday Organ Recital

Dr. JanEl Will & Rebecca Davy,
Organists at Bruton Parish

Saturday, December 27 @ 8:00 pm

Christmas Organ Recital

Nathan Kyle Lively, Organist from Trinity United Presbyterian Church in
Uniontown, Pennsylvania

Tuesday, December 30 @ 8:00 pm

Christmas Organ Recital

Nathan Kyle Lively, Organist from Trinity United Presbyterian Church in
Uniontown, Pennsylvania

Thursday, January 1, 2015 @ 8:00 pm

Holiday Harpsichord Recital

Jennifer Bell, Harpsichordist from Dublin, Ohio

Historic Organ Recitals - Wren Chapel, College of William & Mary *(Concerts begin at 10 A.M.)*

Monday, December 1 – Rebecca Davy

Thursday, December 4 – Thomas Marshall

Friday, December 5 – Rebecca Davy

Saturday, December 6 – Rebecca Davy

Monday, December 8 – Rebecca Davy

Tuesday, December 9 – Sarah Bland

Thursday, December 11 – Thomas Marshall

Friday, December 12 – Rebecca Davy

Saturday, December 13 – Rebecca Davy

Monday, December 15 – Rebecca Davy

Tuesday, December 16 – Thomas Marshall

Thursday, December 18 – Rebecca Davy

Friday, December 19 – Sarah Bland

Saturday, December 20 – Rebecca Davy

Monday, December 22 – Rebecca Davy

Tuesday, December 23 – Thomas Marshall

Wednesday, December 24 – Rebecca Davy

Friday, December 26 – Sarah Bland

Saturday, December 27 – Rebecca Davy

Monday, December 29 – Thomas Marshall

Tuesday, December 30 – Sarah Bland

Wednesday, December 31 – Rebecca Davy

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HYMNS WRITTEN IN RICHMOND AND BY RICHMONDERS

The final installment in a multi-part feature article by Donald Traser

An equally prolific clergyman and hymn poet was the Reverend Harmon B. Ramsey (1907-1996), an Arkansas native. He attended Arkansas College, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, and received a Doctor of Theology degree from Richmond's Union Theological Seminary. Mr. Ramsey served churches in Arkansas, West Virginia, and Georgia before coming to Richmond in 1961. Here he served as an associate minister at Grace Covenant Church until his retirement in 1977.



Harmon B. Ramsey

Mrs. Ramsey related that her husband played no musical instrument but loved the hymns of the church. "Ferncliff," written in 1939, was probably his first attempt at hymn writing and was written in an automobile while driving to a youth meeting at a conference center in Ferncliff, Arkansas. Each year Mr. Ramsey would write something in the style of a hymn which would be used on their family Christmas card.

Mr. Ramsey would rise early in the morning and work in his study. He would say little as he worked on something, but would soon say to his wife, "I've got something I want you to read," and then submit his text for her comments or suggestions. A former organist of Grace Covenant, Jacqueline Calder, observed that his hymns were inclusive without being obviously so. Mrs. Ramsey agreed, and noted that some of his texts were revised as that issue came to the forefront.

Other occasions for which Ramsey wrote hymns were the installation of a new senior minister at Grace Covenant; a commemorative service by the Old Dominion Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution; a service celebrating the reunion of various Presbyterian bodies as the Presbyterian Church (USA); and the 200th anniversary of Grace Covenant, reprinted here. As a surprise to Mr. Ramsey, 21 of his hymns were collected and printed under the title "Let Us Now Sing Out With Gladness."

Eternal God, your people's home
And strength through all the years,
Your spirit brings new life and hope,
Subdues our doubts and fears,
Unites us in our common faith,
Makes all your people one,
Gives promise of the life complete
When earthly days are done.

You call us, Lord, to be your own,
To witness to your grace
And carry on your saving work
In every age and place;
Each generation has its task,
Its mission to fulfill,
To glorify your holy name,
To carry out your will

The city calls for souls that care,
Our world cries out in need;
Help us, your people, make response
With saving word and deed;
Equip us with the mind of Christ,
Grant us your Spirit's power
To help all those whose hopes grow dim
Find some bright, shining hour.

Our hearts are joined in praising you
For all your blessings past
And promise of your guiding hand
As long as time shall last.
Help us as faithful people walk
The paths our forebears trod,
As we live out our solemn vows
To serve their faithful God.

Eternal God, Your People's Home

Harmon Ramsey

Robert Calder

1. E - ter - nal God, your peo - ple's home and strength through all the years. Your
2. You call us, Lord, to be your own, to wit - ness to your grace And
3. The ci - ty calls for souls that care. Our world cries out in need: Help
4. Our hearts are joined in prais - ing you for all your bless - ings past And

Spir - rit brings new life and hope. Sub - dues our doubts and fears. U -
car - ry on your sav - ing work in ev - ery age and place; Each
us your peo - ple make re - sponse With sav - ing word and deed: E -
pro - mise of your guid - ing hand As long as time shall last. Help

unites us in our com - mon faith, Makes all your peo - ple one, Gives
gen - er - a - tion has its task, its mis - sion is ful - fill. To
quip us with the mind of Christ. Grant us your Spi - rit's power to
us as faith - ful peo - ple walk The paths our fore - bears trod. As

pro - mise of the life com - plete When earth - ly days are done.
glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name. To car - ry out your will.
help all those whose hopes grow dim Find some bright, shin - ing hour.
we live out our so - lemn vows To serve their faith - ful God.

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Ramsey's own notes on "Eternal God" survive. He wrote,

"The first stanza is an acknowledgement of God as the sustainer of life and the source of the new life that unites believers in a common faith and a future hope.

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“The second stanza is an affirmation of the distinctive mission of the faith community to serve God and glorify him in all times and places.

“The third stanza contains a recognition of the crying needs of the world and a prayer for divine help as efforts are made to deal with humanity’s pain.

“The fourth stanza contains an expression of gratitude for God’s past blessings and promised guidance, and a prayer that the church today may be faithful to its heritage.”



Dr. Robert Calder, then the church’s music director, wrote a new tune for this hymn. Calder was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1933. After attending public schools there he received degrees in music education from Temple University, University of Michigan, and Penn State. He then taught at Auburn University (Alabama), Queens College (North Carolina), Delta State University (Mississippi), and Sulross State University (Texas). In three of the four areas he directed choirs at local churches.

With his wife Jacqueline, Dr. Calder arrived in Richmond in the early 1970s to serve as choir director/administrator at Grace Covenant, where she became the organist, and their association with Harmon Ramsey began. Calder was inspired by the moving bass line in Ralph Vaughan Williams’ *Sine Nomine* and included a similar feature in *Eternal God, Your People’s Home*. He has penned few other compositions, but published a setting for SATB choir of Edna St. Vincent Millay’s poem “Pity Me Not.” He also wrote a setting of “Set Me as a Seal” for soprano solo, harp, and flute. It was sung for their daughter’s wedding at Grace Covenant. After a 21-year tenure at Grace Covenant the Calders went briefly to Bon Air Presbyterian Church, from which they retired. They then moved to the Atlanta area to be near their daughter. Mrs. Calder died in 2007.

Thus, our survey of almost 150 years of hymn writing concludes. As in most situations, some writers were inspired, others, less so. Some were the great minds of the day, others, just ordinary folks. Space has not permitted consideration of everything written by each author; additional writers will surely come to light. Nor have we considered the hymn tunes and many hymn books published here—thoughts for another day.

Dr. Robert Calder



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When Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Blackstone of Birmingham, Alabama wish for a little dinner music, they don't have to go very far to find it. You see, the dining room, kitchen, and for that matter almost every other room of the Blackstone residence, is home to a four manual, 68 rank residence organ.

Although the organ was heavily damaged in a 1995 tornado, it was restored by the Schneider Pipe Organ firm shortly thereafter. Since these photos were taken, however, the Blackstones have decided to relocate to Cleveland, Ohio, and the organ has been removed and placed in storage awaiting installation in their new residence.



In the photo to the right, the cantilevered Positiv Division; Swell (behind Expression louvers) and Cantilevered Great immediately to the right of the Expression louvers, with a portion of the Pedal Main Division are visible. The "Pedal Cantus" and a portion of the Pedal are hidden from view to the right of the corner of the window wall. This shot was taken from the Dining Room.

The photo above left shows Blackstone residence organ living room. The console is positioned appears beneath the Swell Louvers, the Great Division cantilevered immediately to the right, with Pedal "Cantus" Division cantilevered to far right. Pedal basses are beneath the Great and Pedal Cantus with the pipe resonators positioned behind these elevated, cantilevered divisions. The organ blowers and electronic system are in the closet immediately to the right of the console.

The photo to the right shows the Antiphonal Division from the Kitchen Exposed Principal 4' in front with the balance of the division behind the expression louvers.



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