

September 2025

SEPTEMBER CHAPTER MEETING Friday, September 12

Chapter Dinner, Meeting, and Hymn Festival led by Grant Holcomb River Road Presbyterian Church (8960 River Road)

Dinner: 6:00 PM

Menu: Chicken Piccata, Caesar Salad, Buttered Fettucinni, Italian String Beans, Garlic Bread, Chocolate Pecan Triangles

Dinner reservations should be made by emailing Paul Honaker at paul.honaker@comcast.net or cell phone at 804-467-6441. <u>Deadline for Reservations: September 10.</u>

Program: 7:00 PM

A Hymn Festival: Let Songs of Praises Ring

Alongside the Commonwealth Brass Quintet and River Road Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir, Grant Holcomb will lead us in a Hymn Festival, titled *Let Songs of Praises Ring*.

An offshoot of worship, the hymn festival will include a variety of congregational hymns, choral anthems, solo organ repertoire, and readings that carry us through seasons of life. Showing a fullness of Heaven and Earth, joy and lament, and the expansive breadth of life and God.

2025-2026 CHAPTER EVENTS

All meals are \$20 unless otherwise noted.

Tuesday, October 7

Chapter dinner, ORRS Recital: Tom Sheehan

Dinner: 6:00 p.m. location tbd

Recital: 7:30 p.m. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Friday, November 7

Chapter dinner, Organ Repertoire Reading Session

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Ginter Park Presbyterian Church

Dinner: 6:00 p.m. Program: 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Daniel Sáñez Improvisation Presentation and Workshop

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Program: 7:00 p.m.

Members gather separately for dinner on-your-own at Edo's Squid

RSVP for separate dinner deadline to be announced

Monday, February 9

Presentation on the Renovation of the Casavant organ at First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Program: 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 13

ORRS Recital: Monica Czausz Berney

Cannon Memorial Chapel, University of Richmond

Recital: 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 22

Dong-Ill Shin Masterclass
Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

Program: 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 24

ORRS Recital: Doug-Ill Shin Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

Recital: 7:30 p.m.

Monday, May 18

Chapter dinner and Scholarship Recital

Saint Bridget Catholic Church

Dinner: 6:00 p.m. Program: 7:00 p.m.

DEAN'S LETTER TO MEMBERS



September is upon us, and with it the start of a new program year! Our first program of the season will be a hymn festival on Friday, September 12 at 7:00 PM at River Road Presbyterian Church, led by RRPC's Traditional Music Director, Grant Holcomb. We'll meet for dinner at 6:00 PM, and the evening will also include the installation of this year's Chapter officers. This year's programs include an organ repertoire reading session, presentations on improvisation and the work currently being done on the organ at First Baptist Church, and a masterclass with Dong-Il Shin in conjunction with his Recital Series appearance in April.

Speaking of the Recital Series, its 2025-26 season opens with Tom Sheehan at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Tuesday, October 7 at 7:30 PM. Tom was recently appointed Director of Music at Christ Church Cathedral in Montreal and was previously Organist and then Interim Director of Music at Washington National Cathedral in DC. Before that, he was at Harvard Memorial Chapel, and before that, he was the assistant organist and choirmaster at St. Mark's, Locust Street in Philadelphia back when we lived there and my wife sang in that choir! He was already an impressive musician then, so I'm really looking forward to hearing him play next month. Looking ahead, one important note - the next Recital Series concert, Monica Czausz Berney at Cannon Chapel at the University of Richmond, has been rescheduled to Friday, March 13, 2026 at 7:30 PM, from its previous April date.

Over the summer, we had three "Dean's Happy Hours", which were enough of a success that I think we'll keep them rolling, maybe in alternation with a Dean's Lunch, for a while. So, let's plan on another happy hour on Tuesday, September 30, from 4-6pm at Stone Brewing Tap Room (4300 Williamsburg Avenue, Richmond, VA 23231).

I hope you all had restful summers (and that your summers felt longer than mine did!) and I look forward to seeing you at a Chapter event this fall!

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AROUND THE TOWN

St. Peter's Episcopal Church in New Kent anticipates the installation of a 3-manual RODGERS Digital-voiced organ with drawknob console in early August. Purchased in preparation for the church's 350th anniversary celebration in 2029, the organ will be commissioned on Restoration **Sunday, September 21**, during 11:00 am worship. The church also commissioned a set of three pieces, 'Suite' from German organist/composer Paul Fey suitable for concert or prelude, offertory, and postlude in a liturgical setting which will be premiered on Sept. 21. A dedication concert will be presented on **Sunday, Nov. 2, at 4:00 pm** featuring organist Randall Sheets. The church is located at 8400 St. Peter's Lane, New Kent, VA.

Friday, September 26, 7:30 PM

Saint Bede Catholic Church 3686 Ironbound Road, Williamsburg

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Thomas Sheehan

Cathedral Organist and Interim Director of Music The National Cathedral, Washington, D.C.

Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 7:30 p.m.
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church • 6000 Grove Avenue

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Monica Czausz Berney

International concert organist and Director of Music and Organist St. Paul's Parish, K Street, Washington, D.C.

Friday, March 13, 2026, 7:30 p.m. Cannon Memorial Chapel • University of Richmond

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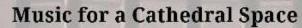
Dong-Ill Shin

International organ concert virtuoso. Winner of the Grand Prix de Chartres, the St. Albans International Organ Competition, and three other international organ competitions. Professor of Organ at Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea

Friday, April 24, 2026, 7:30 p.m.
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2025-2026 Concert Season

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Robert Gallagher September 19, 2025 | 7:30 p.m.

Bálint Karosi November 21, 2025 | 7:30 p.m.

Commonwealth Catholic Charities Holiday Festival of Music

December 1, 2025 | 7:00 p.m. Purchase tickets at <u>cccofva.org</u>

Advent Lessons & Carols

December 12, 2025 7:00 p.m. Organ Prelude 7:30 p.m. Liturgy

Dong-III Shin April 24, 2026 | 7:30 p.m.

Alyssa Santos May 22, 2026 | 7:30 p.m.

Nathan Laube June 26, 2026 | 7:30 p.m.

Tree concerts are generously made possible by the E. Rhodes and Leona Carpenter Foundation.

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart | 823 Cathedral Place, Richmond, VA 23220 | (804) 359-5651

Concert details and updates: www.richmondcathedral.org/concerts



Candlelight Concerts & Historic Organ Recitals September 2025

Candlelight Concerts in Bruton Parish

Thursday, September 4 @ 8:00 pm

Organ Recital

Dr. Stephen Henley, Jr., Organist from Richmond, Virginia

Saturday, September 6 @ 8:00 pm

Organ Recital

Agnes French, Organist from Williamsburg, Virginia

Thursday, September 11 @ 8:00 pm

Organ & Harpsichord Recital

Rebecca Davy, Music Director & Organist at Bruton Parish

Saturday, September 13 @ 8:00 pm

Organ Recital

Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Thursday, September 18 @ 8:00 pm

Organ Recital

Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Saturday, September 20 @ 8:00 pm

Flute, Organ & Harpsichord Recital

Suzanne Daniel, Flute & Rebecca Davy, Organ & Harpsichord

Thursday, September 25 @ 8:00 pm

Organ Recital

Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Saturday, September 27 @ 7:00 pm

Early Music Concert: "Dawn of the 18th Century," Music from 1700-1725 Williamsburg Baroque, opening season concert, "On the Road to 1776"

Ticketed event: \$25 per person, \$10 youth and students

Tickets available at the door or in advance on the Bruton Parish website,

www.brutonparish.org

Historic Organ Recitals in the W & M Wren Chapel

Saturday, September 6 @ 10:00 am – Rebecca Davy, Organist Saturday, September 13 @ 10:00 am – Rebecca Davy, Organist Saturday, September 20 @ 10:00 am – Norman Elton, Organist

Freewill offerings ore gratefully received.

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Contact: bdavy@brutonparish.org or (757-645-3431) Website: www.brutonparish.org





EXCITING NEWS FOR 2025-2026!

Cantori is 20 years old this year!

As Cantori celebrates its 20th season of music-making, we are thrilled to announce our 2025 Christmas and 2026 Spring Concerts!

Our Christmas Concerts will be held:

Sunday, November 30, 2025 - 5:00 PM - Walnut Hills Baptist Church, Williamsburg Sunday, December 7, 2025 - 5:00 PM - Abingdon Episcopal Church, White Marsh

Repertoire for both concerts will consist of some of our favorite pieces from the past 19 years, including the music of John Rutter, Morten Lauridsen, Harold Darke, and Norman Luboff. Some of the music will be accompanied by a professional string quintet, and some will be sung a cappella.

Our Spring Concerts will be held:

Saturday, April 25, 2026 - 4:00 - Historic Christ Church, Weems

This will be an a cappella concert sponsored by Historic Christ Church, including some of our favorite a cappella pieces from past spring concerts. A wine and cheese reception will follow the concert.

Sunday, May 3, 2026 - 5:00 PM - Walnut Hills Baptist Church, Williamsburg

This concert will include some of our favorite accompanied repertoire from past spring concerts, along with several a cappella pieces from the concert at Historic Christ Church. A gala celebration for present and past singers will follow at Ford's Colony Country Club. Contributor, Sponsor, and Benefactor Donors to Cantori will be eligible to purchase a special combination ticket to the concert and gala.

We are sure you will want to attend both the Christmas and Spring Concerts! Do mark your calendars now! We look forward to seeing you there.

In honor of the 20th Anniversary, we invite you to make a special contribution to assist in marking this special year. We suggest a donation with 20 in its amount - \$120, \$200, \$220 or the like! You may send your donation to Cantori Choral Ensemble, Agnes French, Conductor, 3341 Derby Lane Williamsburg, 23185. As always, all monies received are used for the expenses of the organization.

LIST AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 2025-2026

The Executive Committee has decided to include the names and contact information for all of the officers, auditors, and at-large members of the Committee in each issue of the newsletter. Please contact any of them with questions or concerns you might have about the AGO and the Richmond chapter.

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CHAPTER LIFE

Please contact Kenna Payne (<u>kennajohnp@aol.com</u> 804-512-5804) if you want to participate in this <u>2025 summer project about planning your own funeral</u> or to request a copy of the 2024 summer project, a collection of hymn reharmonizations.

And please check out <u>this article</u> from Kenna about her exciting trip to Cambridge earlier this summer!

SEPTEMBER RICHMOND AGO BIRTHDAYS

Joel Kumro 5-Sep

Cathy Armistead 7-Sep

Karen Areheart 14-Sep

Judy Fiske 14-Sep

Elizabeth Chenault 15-Sep

Jerry Field 15-Sep

Evelyn Kerschbaumer 17-Sep

Casey Dunaway 18-Sep

Patricia Schrock 18-Sep

Stephen Trumbull 18-Sep

James Kosnik 23-Sep

Harold Rohrs 23-Sep

David Mathers 24-Sep

Anita Williams 24-Sep

LaVern Moffat 30-Sep

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, please contact our Referral Service Director, Betty Girardeau, at bettyg@redfamiliar.com and phone 804-647-0825

Providence Presbyterian Church

3388 Three Chopt Road, Gum Spring

Seeking organist/pianist only to accompany 1 Sunday service, 3 times per month. There are no choirs. There ia a budget for guest vocalists and/or instrumentalists. Special services Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter. Allen Protege two manual organ as well as a Technics keyboard. Interested candidates should have a knowledge of Protestant worship and the Presbyterian hymnal. Salary range \$5400 - \$6000. Interested candidates should contact the Rev Susan Steinberg vis email at pastorsusanppc@gmail.com or via cell phone at 919-539-0001.

Christ the King Lutheran Church

9800 West Huguenot Road Richmond, VA 23235

Seeking part-time Organist/Choir Director. The Director will serve both as organist and choir director for one weekly Sunday morning service and one weekly adult choir rehearsal, as well as providing music for major feast days and other occasions as designated. The organ is a Casavant Opus 3108 rebuilt pipe organ, expanded and installed at Christ the King in 2010. It has 24 ranks of pipes playing through 23 stops. The Organist/Choir Director provides oversight to the music ministry, which includes a handbell choir. Knowledge of, and appreciation for contemporary music is a plus. Anticipated pay range is \$24K - \$27K annually, commensurate with experience and education. Background check required. The full job description will be made available upon request. Interested candidates shall submit a cover letter and resumé to Joan Golden at personnel@CTKRVA.org

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.

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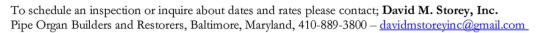
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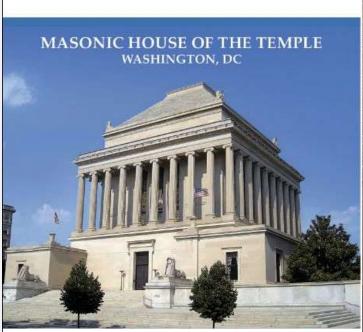






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