

Reverberations

The Newsletter of the Northern NJ Chapter
American Guild of Organists

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Dear Colleagues:

Welcome Back from summer time's change of pace! I'm hoping September finds you renewed, rested and recharged.

I was pleased that a good number of our members attended the **AGO Mid-Atlantic Convention** or other AGO Conventions during the summer. There was so much fine music, grand instruments and great musicians and fascinating programing. There was even the Philadelphia Organ Quartet and the truly amazing sound of the restored Historic Atlantic City Pipe Organ. Making time to attend, we help build a diverse and interesting community for the duration of the convention, opening the opportunity to meet like minded people from around our newly expanded Mid-Atlantic Region. It's an honor to be part of an event that is so well organized specifically for us.

Our Northern NJ Chapter has put together a Calendar of Programs for the coming 2019-2020 year to keep us motivated, connected and inspired. We'll start the season out with a **Potluck Supper and Advent & Christmas Anthem Reading** at the Second Reformed Church in Hackensack, coordinated by our Sub-Dean, June Marano-Murray. We look forward to having you there with us. You don't have to be a 'regular' to participate. Come when your schedule permits. You are always welcomed.

The mission for all of us as members in the AGO is "to foster a thriving community of musicians who share their knowledge and inspire passion for the organ."



Wishing you a very good year,
Cathie Ruppí, Dean

Northern NJ & METRO Chapters gather
together for dinner on the final night of the
2019 Regional Convention in Cherry Hill

NNJ CHAPTER MEETINGS

Our September Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPT 10, 2019 - 6:00

POTLUCK SUPPER / ANTHEM READING

SECOND REFORMED CHURCH, 436 UNION, STREET, HACKENSACK

OUR "KICKOFF THE SEASON" EVENT will focus on **ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS ANTHEMS!** Bring your best selections to share with your colleagues.

What do you bring to share? Hors d'oeuvre, a green or pasta salad, or a main dish. Chapter will provide dessert. BYOB or drink.

Directions to Second reformed:

Take Route 4 E to Hackensack Ave S exit. Continue on Hackensack Ave (Rt 503), which turns into River Street. Turn right onto E Anderson St. (Johnson Park is on your left at this corner). Then turn left onto Union Street. The Church is on your left.

Our October Meeting

TUESDAY, OCT 7 or 21

MUSIC THAT MAKES COMMUNITY

OLD PARAMUS REFORMED CHURCH, RIDGEWOOD, NJ

Looking for ways to invigorate congregational singing? As I write this newsletter we are in the process of confirming a presenter for "**Music that Makes Community**". This wonderful approach is simply a new model for to making music in the church. Check out this you-tube clip about this nation-wide approach to making music for small groups – in and out of church.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=atdATR3sdFw&feature=youtu.be>

Music that Makes Community, Inc., is a not-for-profit organization. It connects a worldwide network of practitioners and leaders who share a practice of paperless song leading. They partner with hosts to produce conferences and workshops to teach the practice and create resources for making connections and building a repertoire of songs for paperless song leading. Similar workshop on MMC have been received with acclamations across the country!

Further details will be sent out shortly to our membership as well as to surrounding church inviting non-members to attend this seminar.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday, Sept. 16 at 7pm at June Marano-Murray's home, 65 Lakeview Street, River Edge, NJ

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: Monday, January 27, 2020 at 7:00pm at Old Paramus Church, Ridgewood.

Our November Meeting

FRIDAY, NOV 15 A WEEKEND OF IMPROVISATION West Side Presbyterian Church

On November 15 and November 16, Jason Roberts, Music director of the Blessed Sacrament in New York City, and immediate past associate organist of St. Bartholomew's on Park Avenue, will be spending time with us for a fun weekend based on improvisation.

Friday, November 15 at 7:30 PM, he will accompany the silent film SAFETY LAST starring Henry Lloyd-- this will be open to the public and held at the West Side Presbyterian Church of Ridgewood, NJ

On Saturday, November 16, 9:30 AM, Dr Roberts, will lead us in an Improvisation Workshop, which will include our members playing with his instruction. Practical topics such as hymn interludes, alternate hymn introductions, and many more topics will be discussed. Lots more info coming in the future. Be sure to save this weekend!!

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Little Falls United Methodist Church, 139 Main St., Little Falls, NJ 07424 Organist/Choir Director: This is a part time position, approx 10 hours per week. One Sunday service, small adult choir rehearses weekly. Three manual Allen organ installed 2007, grand piano. Church website has further information: littlefallsumc.org. Or contact Pastor Ericksen 973-256-0993

Naurashaun Presbyterian Church, 51 Sickletown Rd, Pearl River, NY is seeking a part-time organist/pianist. Requirements include experience planning and playing for worship services, sacred music repertoire, professional contacts and creative ideas about liturgical music; support for the choir and collaboration with the choir director; planning special music with guests, instrumental or vocal, for Christmas, Easter and other holy days in the church year; overseeing care of the instruments. Back-to-back choir rehearsal and worship service on Sunday mornings. Eleven-rank Wicks pipe organ. Four weeks' vacation and competitive salary. Send cover letter and resume to the church: npcpearl@verizon.net or 51 Sickletown Road, Pearl River NY 10965.

CONCERTS and PROGRAMS COMING UP

Friday, October 25, 2019, 8:00 p.m. Glen Ridge Community Concerts presents Pipe Organ

Spooktacular: *Silent Movie – Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*. Tom Mustachio, organist. The 1920 Silent Film Classic starring John Barrymore, with an atmospheric pipe organ soundtrack improvised by Tom Mustachio on the sanctuary's pipe organ. Popcorn will be available. Glen Ridge Congregational Church, 195 Ridgewood Ave., Glen Ridge, NJ 07028.

www.glenridgeconcerts.org. 973-743-5596 x26. Admission: \$20 Adults; \$15 Seniors; \$10 Students

Sunday, December 15, 2019, 3:00 p.m. Glen Ridge Community Concerts presents Welcome

Christmas!, the annual Christmas Concert & Carol Sing. Glen Ridge Choral Society, Gramercy Brass, Handbells, Percussion, Piano & Organ, conducted by Thomas Mustachio. Sacred and secular music of the season with favorite carols for all to sing in a glorious candlelit space. Glen Ridge Congregational Church 195 Ridgewood Ave., Glen Ridge, NJ 07028. www.glenridgeconcerts.org. 973-743-5596 x26. *Free-will offering.*

Sunday, March 8, 2020, 3:00 p.m. Glen Ridge Community Concerts presents the Harp/Violin Duo,

Merynda Adams and Christopher Collins Lee. Christopher Lee has long been a favorite at the Marlboro, Aspen, Mozarteum, Maggio Musicale and other celebrated music festivals around the world. *The New York Times* termed Christopher Lee "an impressive, stylish violinist with something special to say." *Musical America* twice listed him on their annual "Ten Young Musicians to Watch." Described by the *Newark Star Ledger* as having "played the harp with color and great facility," Merynda Adams is in great demand as a soloist and chamber musician throughout the United States, Belgium, France, the Netherlands, and Canada. She has performed with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra and many others. Their ensemble performance is stellar. Glen Ridge Congregational Church, 195 Ridgewood Ave., Glen Ridge, NJ 07028. www.glenridgeconcerts.org. 973-743-5596 x26.

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Sunday, April 26, 2020, 3:00 p.m. Glen Ridge Choral Society & Chamber Orchestra: Happy Birthday, Beethoven Glen Ridge Community Concerts presents Happy Birthday, Beethoven.

Join us to celebrate Beethoven's 250th birthday! Be there to blow out the candles in honor of this magnificent creative genius who was influential, innovative and inspirational. Featured will be the glorious *Mass in C*, as well as some of his most beautiful melodies performed by voices and instruments. Enjoy post-concert birthday cake!

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Saturday, October 12, 2019 at 10 a.m. – noon : Alan Morrison - Masterclass

The Presbyterian Church in Morristown, 57 E Park Pl, Morristown, NJ 07960 www.pcmorristown.org

No charge to chapter members.

Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 3 p.m. Alan Morrison - Recital

The Presbyterian Church in Morristown, No charge to chapter members.

**Membership
News**

*Drop our new
members a
welcome
email!*

- **Dr. Charles E. Brown** has become a lifetime member of the AGO.
 - Address: charles@charlesebrown.net
 - Phone: 201-967-9330
 - Cell: 201-913-6054
- **Kevin Harris** is a new member
 - Address: 2560 Route 22 East - #261, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076
 - Email: harr1s2harr1s@hotmail.com
- **Edward Hedlund**
 - Address: 15 Yeoman Dr., Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458
 - Email: ellenedhed@hotmail.com
 - Phone: 201-825-3546
- **David Tisbert** is now Director of Music and Organist at the Church of St. Joseph RC Church in Bronxville, NY.
 - We received a short note from him indicating that he will be playing a dedicatory recital there on Sunday, October 13, at 3pm.

- Here's a note we received from **Brad Ucci**.

Judy and I moved to Lewes, DE one year ago. We built a home in a multi generational community near the Southern DE Beaches. We have a lot of amenities here, three heated pools, one indoor pool, tennis, bocce, clubhouse, walking trails, small restaurant, musical events and activities, etc. etc. There is a lot to do in the community and in the area as well.

I sing in a choir and have been asked to help out with some masses during the months of June, July, August, and September. Because the church is one block from the beach and receives much tourism, there are 11 services each weekend!! I also come back to sub in my last church position in NJ, if I can, when asked.

I joined the Southern DE AGO and kept my membership in the NNJAGO. Last year I had intended to make at least two NNJAGO Meetings, but it didn't happen. Wasn't able to be in NJ for one meeting, and came to NJ for the February New York Meeting and got the flu and never made the meeting. I'm not sure if I'm going to join the NNJAGO this coming year, perhaps if I do make a meeting I'll come as a guest the first time, see what happens for the rest of the schedule and take it from there. Do hope to see you and other AGO friends! Have an enjoyable summer. Regards to all, Brad.

- **Alan Newman** has some music for you! Here's his note:

We need to make room in Old North Reformed Church, Dumont, so we are parting with music. Could you alert the AGO membership and if there is a church that could use the music, to contact me? Here is the list of music. Contact him if you're interested!

The Seven Words of Christ (Theodore Dubois) H.W.Gray Co. (27 copies)

The Seven Last Words of Christ (Theodore Dubois) G. Schirmer (21 copies)

Lamb of God (David Williams) H.W.Gray Co. (28 copies)

A Service of Darkness (Dale Wood) Harold Flammer (18 copies)

Gallia Motet (Charles Gounod) G. Schirmer (21 copies)

Olivet to Calvary (J. H. Maunder) G. Schirmer (14 copies)

Olivet to Calvary (J. H. Maunder) Novello (19 copies) poor condition

All are in excellent condition unless so indicated.

OUR ROSTER and SUBSTITUTE LIST

Our Chapter Roster will be printed in October. All information within that Roster will be gleamed from the AGO National's database. If you haven't checked it out for accuracy, it is strongly recommended that you do so.

Our Substitute list will be updated in October. Members can check to make sure their information is correct on our website: northernnjago.org

Deadline for the October issue of Reverberations is MONDAY, SEPT. 23! Get your concerts and events listed in our newsletter AND on our website! Send your news items to northernnjago@yahoo.com.

As is typical at this time of year, the website must be updated with all the information pertinent to the coming season. So, many of the links below will soon be updated with new information by the beginning of September.

As a reminder, here are some of the links you can check out at Northernjago.org

- Past newsletters
- The year's programs
- A Calendar with recital, meeting, and other important dates
- Photos of our events
- Substitute lists
- Positions available
- Links to contact us



The 2019 Regional Convention in Cherry Hill ... and Atlantic City!

