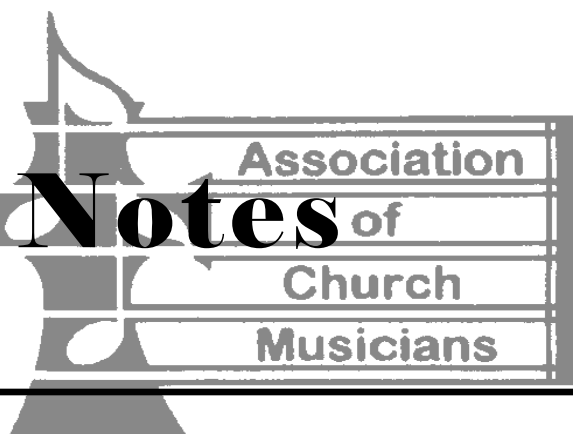


Church Music Notes

JANUARY, 2006



Pictured above is the newly installed pipe organ at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Monona, Dennis Douglas, Music Director, Charles Thomley, Adult Choir Director.
Photo by Dave Dohler, Chairperson of the St. Stephen's Organ Committee.

Church Music Appreciation Dinner & Member Recital—January 15, 2006

Please plan to join us for the annual Church Music Appreciation Dinner and Member Recital, which will be held this year on Sunday, January 15, 2006, at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Monona. We have arranged for the Casbah Restaurant, which specializes in Middle-East and Mediterranean cuisine, to cater our meal. The menu will include appetizers (hummus, falafel, feta cheese & olives), tabouli salad and Tunisian Chicken (chicken breasts in a tomato sauce with sweet red and green peppers, served on wheat semolina), Beef Shish Kebab (beef tenderloin grilled with vegetables, served with rice and hummus) or Spanakotiropita (spinach, feta cheese, onions and walnuts layered and baked in thin phyllo dough). Dessert will be served following the program, which will feature a recital by ACM member musicians and possibly a presentation by Parsons Pipe Organ Builders—the builder of St. Stephen's new pipe organ (see photo at left). Cost for the meal is \$12.00 for ACM member church attendees or non-member guests. Registration and payment must be received by January 11th, so please use the registration form included on the insert of this newsletter.

Feel free to copy this form as needed to register for both upcoming events.

Be sure to join us for a festive evening of fellowship celebrating church music. This event is for all clergy and *everyone* involved in church music – choir members, instrumentalists, accompanists, and directors. Plan on joining us, and be sure to invite all who are involved in your music ministries.

President's Letter

Dear Friends, I hope this issue of Church Music Notes finds everyone enjoying a wonderful Christmas season celebrating Christ's birth. May the beautiful reflections of His love found in our churches and homes during this special time continue with us throughout the year. As a new year begins, ACM invites you to attend these exceptional events:

On **January 15**, please join us for the Church Music Appreciation Dinner and Member Recital. This event is intended for clergy and *everyone* involved in your music ministry (choir members, directors, instrumentalists, etc.). Please take a moment to help us extend this invitation to your church musicians. We warmly welcome all to attend this wonderful evening of food, fellowship and music. Dinner is at 5:00pm and the recital will follow at 6:30pm. Reservations are required for the dinner by Thursday, January 11. A reservation form is included with this newsletter for your convenience.

On **February 12**, 2:30pm, plan to attend ACM's Ecumenical Hymn Festival at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Madison. The event will feature the adult and children's festival choruses organized last Fall, Madison Area Concert Handbells, Jared Stellmacher, organist, and more! A variety of choral anthems and congregational hymns celebrating the church year will be included. A free-will offering will be appreciated.

On **March 18 and 19**, ACM is honored to bring concert organist Gail Archer to the Madison community. Ms. Archer will be leading our hands-on pipe organ experience on Saturday, March 18 at Central Madison churches and offer a recital at St. James Catholic, Madison, on Sunday, March 19, 2:30pm. ACM needs your financial support of these events featuring Ms. Archer. A ticket order/donation form is included with this newsletter. All size gifts are appreciated. Looking forward to your presence at these upcoming events. Your support and involvement with ACM is greatly appreciated—thank you!

Blessings, Mark Bloedow, ACM President/AGO Dean

Upcoming Events of Interest

Ongoing: **Wednesday noon organ recitals** by Director of Music Bruce Bengston at Luther Memorial Church, 1021 University Avenue, Madison; for information on schedule, parking and repertoire, go to www.luthermem.org.

Ongoing: **Friday noon musicales** at the First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay, Drive, Madison: The Meeting House hosts some of the area's most talented musical artists every Friday, October through May, from 12:15 to 1:00 p.m. Bring your bag lunch and enjoy complimentary coffee while you enjoy a wide variety of live musical offerings. For more information, go to www.fusmadison.org.

Thursday, January 19, 8:00pm at Beloit College's Eaton Chapel, three compositions of Max Yount will be premiered: *Concerto on Hungarian Songs*, *Variations on a Theme by Bartok* and *Variations on "Personent hodie."* Performers include Lannette Calhoun on harpsichord, Brian Buckstead on violin, Paul Stanley on trumpet, and composer Max Yount on organ. A voluntary donation at the door of \$10 per person or \$15 per family is suggested, students are free. All are invited.

Sunday, January 22, 12:30pm, The *Concerto on Hungarian Songs* will also receive a performance on Wisconsin Public Radio. The program on *Sunday Afternoon Live* at the Chazen that day is presented by Beloit College musicians, and the Yount concerto will begin the program.

ACM Events planned for 2006

Sunday, January 15, 2006, Church Music Appreciation Dinner & Member Recital, St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Monona. 5:00pm dinner, 6:30pm recital. Music directors, choir members and clergy from ACM and guest churches are invited.

Reservations required...please see insert in this newsletter.

Mondays, January 23 & 30, Ecumenical Hymn Festival Rehearsals, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 5701 Raymond Rd., Madison, Adult Festival Chorus, 6:30-8:00pm and Children's Festival Chorus, 6:30-7:30pm. Singers still needed, contact Mark Bloedow (mbloedow@gslcwi.com) for the adult chorus, Sarah Holtz (sholtz@gslcwi.com) for the children's chorus.

Monday, February 6, Ecumenical Hymn Festival Dress Rehearsal, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 5701 Raymond Rd., Adult Festival Chorus and Children's Festival Chorus, 6:30-8:00pm.

Sunday, February 12, 2:30pm, Ecumenical Hymn Festival, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 5701 Raymond Rd., Adult and Children's Festival Choruses, Madison Area Concert Handbells, and more! *A freewill offering will be appreciated.*

Saturday, March 18, Hands-On Pipe Organ Experience with Gail Archer, Central Madison churches: Grace Episcopal, St. James Catholic and St. Andrew's Episcopal. *Specific locations & times to be announced.*

Sunday, March 19, 2:30pm, Gail Archer Recital* (Ruth Pilger Andrews Fundraiser), St. James Catholic Church, Madison.

**Ticketed recital. Please also note: Students and parents involved in the Saturday Hands-On Pipe Organ Experience will receive complimentary tickets to the recital.*

Sunday, April 30, 12:30pm, ACM Annual Meeting with Lunch & Taize Service, St. Bernard Catholic Church, Madison.

12:30pm lunch, 1:00pm meeting followed by Taize Service.

Should you have any additional questions about these exceptional events, please see the ACM website at:

www.madisonacm.org or contact one of the ACM board members for more details. Your participation is important to us!

Positions Available: For complete and up-to-date information, as well as listings from previous newsletters, check the ACM website: www.madisonacm.org. The website also contains listings of past, present and future programs, as well as a listing of member churches and much more, so bookmark the site & visit often!

Pianist/Organist: Seeking a pianist or organist to accompany an 8:00am worship service two Sundays per month, featuring a blended musical style of traditional and contemporary. Duties include general service playing, accompaniment of solos or small ensembles and could include additional service playing. Send resume and references to Christ Memorial Lutheran Church, 2833 Raritan Rd., Fitchburg, WI 53711, Attn: Heidi, e-mail to cmlhc@tds.net, or call 608.271.2811 x 26.

Music Director/Organist: The United Methodist Church of **Monroe, WI** seeks a Music Director/Organist. Duties include leading, promoting adult choirs, bell choir, and coordination of special music for three services on Sunday morning and one service on Wednesdays. Contemporary praise band could be added, if desired. Berghaus pipe organ of 3 manuals and 39 ranks. Contact: Search Committee, Monroe UMC, 2227 4th Street, Monroe, WI 53566, 608.325.6700.

Music Arts Director: Divine Savior UMC in **Madison, WI** is seeking a Music Arts Director. This newly-created, part-time position will develop and integrate music and other arts into worship as part of the core worship team. We are seeking an individual with music performance skills (including choir directing and accompanying), creativity, and good interpersonal skills. Send resumé and statement of interest in the position by e-mail to dsumc_music@charter.net or mail to Art Pratt, Staff Parish Relations Comm., Divine Savior United Methodist Church, 5702 South Hill Dr., Madison, WI 53705.

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 * "There's nothing remarkable about it. All one has to do is hit the right keys at the
 * right time and the instrument plays itself." Johann Sebastian Bach
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Scotland Organ Tour planned for October 1-14, 2006

Come spend two weeks in beautiful Scotland, seeing, hearing and playing many of the outstanding instruments of the country, built by some of the world's finest organ builders: Harrison and Harrison, JW Walker & Sons, Hill Norman & Beard, Rushworth & Dreaper, Kenneth Jones and many more. We will be staying in our own private castle, with amazing countryside and comfortable accommodations. The price \$3,595.00 (for AGO members, and \$3,845 for non-AGO members) includes return airfare (JFK-NYC), all castle accommodations, daily breakfast, entrance fees and donations to churches, all ground transportation, tour guide services of a former cathedral organist and historical/specification information for each instrument. There will be opportunities to play many of the instruments visited, and to hear a demonstration of the organ. Places are limited to 14 organists, to allow for as much playing time as possible at each instrument visited; non-playing guests, partners and enthusiasts are welcome, up to a total of 6 additional people. Contact Andrew Holtan by e-mail at andrew.holtan@gmail.com.



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Singers Needed for Hymn Festival

Singers in all voice parts (adult & children) are needed for the ACM Ecumenical Hymn Festival, *We Gather in Song*, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Madison, on Sunday, February 12, 2:30 p.m. Rehearsals for the festival choruses will be held on Mondays, January 23 & 30, for the Adult Festival Chorus, 6:30-8:00pm, and for the Children's Festival Chorus, 6:30-7:30pm. A dress rehearsal for both groups will be held on Monday, February 6, from 6:30-8:00pm. All rehearsals are also held at Good Shepherd. Please contact Mark Bloedow (mbloedow@gslcwi.com) for the adult chorus, Sarah Holtz (sholtz@gslcwi.com) for the children's chorus. Complete details available at www.madisonacm.org. All are welcome!

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## Gail Archer Event—March 2006—Can you help?

ACM is very pleased to bring concert organist Gail Archer to the Madison community. Ms. Archer has graciously agreed to lead our Hands-On Pipe Organ Experience on Saturday, March 18, at Central Madison churches including Grace Episcopal, St. James Catholic, and St. Andrew's Episcopal. On Sunday, March 19, she will give a recital at St. James. To make all this possible, your help is needed. Please consider supporting this event by making a gift to ACM to assist with expenses. Gifts of \$50 will receive two tickets and a complimentary Gail Archer CD. For your convenience, a response form is included on the enclosed insert. All size gifts are greatly appreciated. It is our hope that all proceeds from ticket sales for the recital will go to ACM's Ruth Pilger Andrews Fund which focuses on organ instruction for young organists.

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ACM will be hosting concert organist **Gail Archer** who will perform a recital on Sunday, March 19, 2006 @ St. James Catholic Church, 1128 St. James Court, Madison, WI. The music will begin at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children and youth college age or younger. Proceeds will benefit the Ruth Pilger Andrews Scholarship Fund.

Gail will also teach a master class which will be the concluding event in the Hands on Pipe Organ Experience for Madison area youth. The master class will also be held at St. James. We will appreciate gifts of **\$50.00** to underwrite the expenses for the recitalist so ticket sales can go to the scholarship fund. Please consider supporting this event. [see form below]

GAIL ARCHER RECITAL - Ticket Order / Contribution Form

Name _____
 Address _____
 Email: _____ Phone: _____

I (we) would like to:

_____ order _____ adult tickets @ \$10.00 **TOTAL ENCLOSED** _____
 _____ order _____ youth tickets @ \$5.00
 _____ support the recital with a gift of \$50.00
 (Donation includes 2 free tickets and Gail Archer's recent CD recording)

Mail this form and payment to ACM, P.O. Box 5321, Madison, WI 53705
 A confirmation letter will be sent to you acknowledging receipt of your donation.
 Ticket Orders and Contributions received through February 24, 2006 by mail.
 After this date, tickets available at the door.

Church Music Appreciation Dinner & Member Recital Reservation Form

Church Music Appreciation Dinner, January 15, 2006, St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 5700 Pleasant Hill Road, Monona, 5:00pm catered dinner, 6:30pm ACM member recital.
 Cost for the dinner is \$12.00 per person.

Please indicate the menu selection after each person's name:
 [C] for Tunisian Chicken, [B] for Beef Shish Kebab and [V] for Spanakotiropita.

REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 11, so please register early!

Names	Church	Menu Selection
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Contact person phone number _____ E-mail _____

Total amount enclosed: _____ how many @ \$12.00 = \$ _____

Make check payable to ACM and mail to: Association of Church Musicians/DINNER
 P.O. Box 5321
 Madison, WI 53705

Contact Dennis Douglas with questions at 608.222.1241, ext. 16, or e-mail douglas.ststephens@tds.net