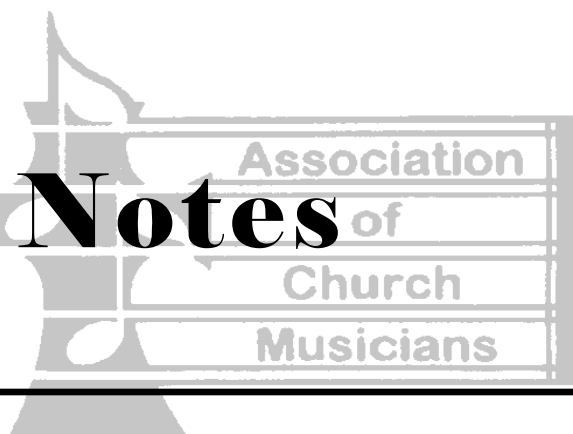


# Church Music Notes

FEBRUARY 2006



## Ecumenical Hymn Festival, February 12, 2006



ACM will present “We Gather in Song,” an Ecumenical Hymn Festival featuring audience hymn singing and choral selections of the Church Year presented by singers from area church choirs, on Sunday, February 12, 2:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 5701 Raymond Road, Madison. Musical leadership for the festival includes an Adult Festival Chorus directed by Mark Bloedow and Ann Edahl, accompanied by Charles Thomley; a Children’s Festival Chorus directed by Sarah Holtz and Ken Stancer, accompanied by Dennis Douglas; Madison Area Concert Handbells directed by Dr. Susan Udell, and organist Jared Stellmacher. Pastor Brent Campbell from Good Shepherd will also participate in the service.

A free will offering is appreciated. All are welcome!

## Concert Organist Gail Archer, March 18 & 19—Donations Needed

On Saturday, March 18, Concert Organist Gail Archer will lead our annual hands-on pipe organ experience for young organists. This year the event will take place at Central Madison Churches including Grace Episcopal, St. James Catholic, and St. Andrews Episcopal. Each church offers a different and unique experience for young organists from our community.

On Sunday, March 19, 2:30 p.m., it is our honor to present Ms. Archer in a recital at St. James—words like “powerful” and “brilliant” have been used to describe her playing.

Each year ACM plans at least one event to serve as a fundraiser for ACM’s Ruth Pilger Andrews Fund which supports organ instruction for young organists. Can you help us meet our goal to cover the artist expenses for these events, so that the ticket sales from the recital can benefit this important fund? Your help is all we ask. A reply form is included on page two for your convenience.

Thank you in advance for your support . . . it is greatly appreciated!

# President's Letter

Dear Friends,

A wonderful time was enjoyed at our Church Music Appreciation Event in January. About 80 people attended the event which included a fabulous meal catered by the Casbah Restaurant with dinner music provided by the Elixir Trio (Faye Bruggink, clarinet; Tracy Comer, cello; and Diane Madsen, piano). Pastor Bruce Burnside from St. Stephen's offered the dinner prayer and Jane Dohler and the confirmation students and parents from St. Stephen's served the meal. A delightful program followed dinner featuring the beautiful new organ at St. Stephen's played by Dennis Douglas, Music Director at St. Stephen's; Dr. John Chappell Stowe, consultant for the new organ, and Duanne Prill of Parsons Pipe Organ Builders, Canandaigua, New York. Other participating musicians included Jim Reichling, trumpet; Heide Powers, mezzo soprano, with Chuck Thomley, pianist; and Flutessence (a flute quartet from Good Shepherd, Madison, including Betty Cerniglia, Julie Johnson, Debbie Olmstead, and Joanne Berg, with Jeff Darwin, pianist). Following the musical part of the program, Ric Parsons, President of Parsons Pipe Organ Builders, and Duanne Prill, Tonal Director, gave a presentation about the new organ with a question and answer period with the audience. Although the organ has yet to be completed, it's already a fine sounding instrument...congratulations St. Stephen's! The evening concluded with fellowship and dessert in the churches Koinonia Place. A sincere thank you to everyone who assisted in making the event a great success. Special appreciation to Dennis Douglas and St. Stephen's for the wonderful hospitality. Thank you all!

Our next major event is the Ecumenical Hymn Festival, "We Gather in Song," at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Madison, on Sunday, February 12, at 2:30 p.m. If you're not singing in the festival choruses, plan to invite a few friends and bring your best singing voice to join the audience! Hymns and choral selections of the Church Year will be featured, as well as, ACM member Jared Stellmacher, organist, and special guests the Madison Area Concert Handbells.

Thank you for your continued support of ACM—it is needed, and appreciated!

Blessings, Mark Bloedow, ACM President/AGO Dean



Concert Organist Gail Archer

Hands-on pipe organ experience for young organists and recital.  
March 18 & 19, 2006 \* Madison, Wisconsin

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I/we want to support ACM in bringing Concert Organist Gail Archer to the Madison Community.

Enclosed, please find my gift of:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10      \_\_\_\_\_ \$20      \_\_\_\_\_ \$30      \_\_\_\_\_ \$40  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$50\*      \_\_\_\_\_ \$ (please fill in amount)

\* Includes two complimentary tickets to the recital on March 19 and a Gail Archer CD.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

May we recognize your gift in the program?

\_\_\_\_\_ Please list my name(s) as above.  
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Your reply by February 15 would be greatly appreciated.  
A donation receipt will be mailed to you for tax purposes.  
*Thank you for supporting ACM!*

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\* The Madison area **Association of Church Musicians** is a local nonprofit organization providing education, programming, and support services for area churches and church musicians.  
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\* The organization is affiliated nationally with the American Guild of Organists and Choristers Guild.  
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\* New members are welcome to join the organization by visiting "About ACM" on the ACM website for a printable membership form.  
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Deadline for newsletter submissions is February 15 for the March issue.

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## Housing needed for recitalist Gail Archer

ACM is in need of two nights of housing for recitalist Gail Archer on the weekend of March 17-19. Gail will be arriving in Madison on Friday, March 17 and will need a room for Friday and Saturday nights. A location in the vicinity of St. James Catholic Church would be ideal, as it would assist us in getting Gail to the church more easily for practice. Gail is a delightful house guest. Also, anyone interested in treating Gail to lunch or supper, please contact Ken Stancer at 608.628.7031. Thank you!

## Positions Available

For complete and up-to-date information, as well as listings from previous newsletters, check the ACM website: [www.madisonacm.org](http://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 and visit often!

Also available on the website: printable registration forms for ACM events, including the upcoming Hands-On Pipe Organ Experience, and viewable/printable copies of recent newsletters. Thanks as always to Deb Krauss Smith for keeping the website current.

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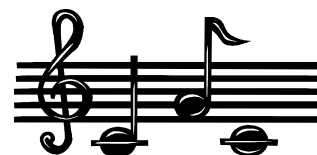
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## Upcoming Events of Interest (ACM events in bold)

**Monday, February 6, 6:30-8:00pm, Ecumenical Hymn Festival Dress Rehearsal, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church-Central Campus (Raymond Road & Whitney Way), Adult Festival Chorus and Children's Festival Chorus.**

**Sunday, February 12, 2:30pm, Ecumenical Hymn Festival, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church-Central Campus (Raymond Rd. & Whitney Way), Festival Choruses, Madison Area Concert Handbells and more! A freewill offering will be appreciated.**

Tuesday, February 14, 7:00pm, "The River's Voice," the acoustic duo of professional touring musicians and songwriters Trish and Richard Bruxvoort Colligan from Strawberry Point, Iowa, will perform at Sinsinawa Mound, optional dinner at 5:45pm. Concert tickets are \$8/single, \$15/couple; dinner and concert tickets are \$15/single, \$25/couple, deadline for dinner reservations is Tuesday, Feb. 7. Call 608.748.4411 for more information or go to [www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter](http://www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter).

Friday, March 17, 7:00pm, College of Wooster Chorus Concert, John Russell, director, St. Patrick Parish, Madison, free.

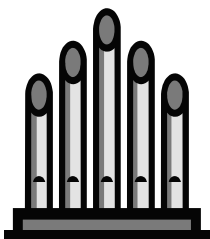
**Saturday, March 18, 8:15am—noon, Hands-On Pipe Organ Experience with Gail Archer at three central Madison churches, see additional information, schedule and registration form on an insert in this newsletter. Organists and Music Directors are asked to help identify youth for this event. Contact coordinators Ken Stancer or Linda Krueger for more information.**

**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 and Taize Service, St. Bernard Catholic Church, Madison.**  
12:30pm lunch, 1:00pm meeting followed by Taize Service.

Please see the ACM website at [www.madisonacm.org](http://www.madisonacm.org) for more information or contact one of the ACM board members for more details. Your participation is important to us!

Save the date! The American Guild of Organists, National Convention will be held in Chicago July 2-6, [www.agohq.org](http://www.agohq.org).



Association of Church Musicians  
**HANDS-ON PIPE ORGAN EXPERIENCE**  
Saturday, March 18, 2006  
8:15 a.m. – 12 noon at three Madison downtown churches

**SCHEDULE**

- 8:15-8:30 a.m. Registration and Light Breakfast at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (1833 Regent Street)  
**8:30-9:15 a.m. Session I** [2 manual Taylor and Boody organ]  
9:15-9:30 a.m. Travel to Grace Episcopal (on the Capitol Square, W. Washington)  
**9:30-10:15 a.m. Session II** [3 manual Casavant organ]  
10:15-10:30 a.m. Travel to St. James Catholic (1128 St. James Court)  
**10:30-11:30 a.m. Master Class w/ concert organist Gail Archer** [3 manual Wadsworth organ]  
11:30-12 noon Summary, questions, wrap-up, optional music purchase  
12 noon Lunch (on your own or with the artist and staff, "Dutch Treat")

There is no cost to attend the event. The board of the Association of Church Musicians has approved the use of funds from the Ruth Pilger Andrews Scholarship Fund which will be joined with donations from ACM members to bring New York concert organist, Gail Archer to Madison. Organ method books and accessible music will be available for purchase from *Madison Music*. (Checks or cash only.)

**Please bring a piece or two of piano or organ music that you know well.  
You will be playing this on the organs that we visit.**

Questions may be directed to coordinators Ken Stancer, 628.7031 or [lanstan@charter.net](mailto:lanstan@charter.net) or Linda Krueger, 238.5656 or [lkrueger@molconline.org](mailto:lkrueger@molconline.org)

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- I / We plan to attend lunch with the artist and staff. Number of persons? \_\_\_\_\_  
 I wish to be included on ACM's mailing/emailing list for notification of future events.

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