

Church Music Notes

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MARCH 2006

ACM Members and Guests Shine in “We Gather in Song” Hymn Festival

ACM’s Ecumenical Hymn Festival, “We Gather in Song,” was held on Sunday, February 12, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Madison. Featured in the program was the Adult Festival Chorus, directed by Mark Bloedow and Ann Edahl with Charles Thomley, accompanist; the Children’s Festival Chorus, directed by Sarah Holtz and Ken Stancer with Dennis Douglas, accompanist; and Jared Stellmacher, organist. Special guests included Madison Area Concert Handbells, directed by Dr. Susan Udell; Kris Becker, flutist; Jim Reichling, trumpeter; and James Waldo, cellist. Pastor Brent Campbell, Lead Pastor from Good Shepherd, offered the welcome and benediction and served as reader for the festival. Good Shepherd’s Friends of Music ushered and organized and hosted ACM’s reception following the event. The joyful spirit of all those participating in the festival and the audience’s enthusiastic participation made for an uplifting and spirited celebration of the church’s song.

Thank you to all those who made the festival a wonderful success...your gifts of time and talent were appreciated!



Pictured are ensembles from the Hymn Festival:



Top: the Adult Festival Chorus, directed by Mark Bloedow and Ann Edahl with Charles Thomley, accompanist.

Middle: the Children’s Festival Chorus, directed by Sarah Holtz and Ken Stancer with Dennis Douglas, accompanist.

Bottom: the Madison Area Concert Handbells, directed by Dr. Susan Udell.



President's Letter

Dear ACM Members & Friends,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to you in one word this month...thank you!

Thank you for supporting ACM by...attending events, participating in events, sharing news of events with others, including notices in your bulletins and newsletters, hanging up posters for events, offering financial gifts when needed, serving on the board or committees, and the list could go on... All of these very important tasks help us achieve our worthy goals—every task is valued and needed. We could not reach out and support area churches and church musicians without your help. ACM is you! YOU make it happen!

Thank you for the privilege of serving with you as we continue to make a difference in our community through church music. May God continue to bless ACM in all we do in service to Him through this great organization.

Blessings, Mark Bloedow, ACM President/AGO Dean

Gail Archer Fundraiser a Success!

Congratulations and thank you to the following ACM members and friends for supporting the fundraiser to bring Concert Organist Gail Archer to Madison. With your help we not only made our goal to raise \$1000...we surpassed it! This allows us to pay expenses and use most if not all of the ticket proceeds from Ms. Archer's recital for the Ruth Pilger Andrews Fund which supports organ instruction for young organists in our local community—including the hands-on pipe organ experience with Gail Archer in March.

Anonymous (5), Lyle Anderson, Ellouise Beatty, Bruce Bengtson, Mark Bloedow, Michael Brannan, Dennis Douglas, Joanne Einersen, Arlyn Fuerst, Tom Garver, Ann Uresk Herr, Tom and Carol Lee Iverson, Constance Kilmark, Patricia M. King, John Krueger, Audrae Kurowski, Marlys Mittelstadt, Peter and Mary Monkmeyer, William and Susan Mueller, Margaret Saager, Glenn Schuster, Phillip Sillman, Glenn and Diane Smeaton, Deborah Krauss Smith, Ken Sosinski, Ken Stancer, Charles Thomley, Linda Warren, and Karl and Ellen Westlund.

The ACM Board is very grateful and extends a sincere thank you to all who supported this important fundraising effort.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Handbell Auditions Announced

Madison Area Concert Handbells is holding auditions for experienced ringers who would like to learn and perform challenging and enjoyable music. The group rings over six octaves of handbells and seven octaves of handchimes. Rehearsals are held on Mondays from 5:30 to 7:30pm at Asbury United Methodist Church, as well as once or twice a month on weekends.

For more information, see their website madisonhandbells.org. To schedule an audition, please contact Music Director Dr. Susan Udell at 608.271.3514.

Organ Substitute List

In next month's newsletter, we will publish the current ACM Organ Substitute List. We have been contacting those persons currently listed and updating phone and e-mail information. If you would like to be included on the list, please feel free to contact Karen or Linda Warren (see information on next page) and we will be glad to add your name. If you have already been contacted and have not responded, we will assume you are no longer interested and take your name off the listing.

If you are a church or organist looking for a substitute, you can have the list sent to you by mail or e-mail.

Thank you!

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Deadline for newsletter submissions is March 15 for the April issue.

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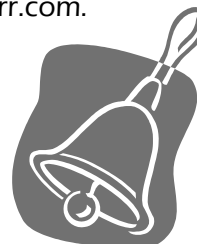
For complete and up-to-date information, check the ACM website: www.madisonacm.org.

Temporary Organist: The Lake Mills Moravian Church, **Lake Mills, WI** is seeking a temporary organist for two Sunday (8 & 10:30am) services and choir rehearsal on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 PM. The services are traditional liturgical with choir anthems and responses. Salary to be determined. For more information, call 920-648-5412.

Minister of Music: Immanuel Lutheran Church, **Madison, WI** seeks a part-time organist and choir director to musically lead two Sunday morning traditional worship services. The position also includes leading Wednesday evening worship skills for youth program and rehearsing the adult choir. Compensation commensurate with experience. Send resumé to the church at 1021 Spaight St., Madison, WI 53703 or email immanluth@juno.com.

Assistant Organist: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, **Madison, WI** seeks assistant organist with opportunities to serve as a choir accompanist, available Aug. or Sept. 2006. Send cover letter and resumé to the church at 5701 Raymond Rd., Madison, WI 53711, call 608.271.6633, ext. 112, or e-mail mbloedow@gslcwi.com.

Music/Choir Director: Atonement Lutheran Church, **Green Bay, WI** is in need of a permanent part-time music/choir director, including Wednesday evening rehearsals, special music throughout the year and directing a contemporary music group. Call 920.468.0713 or e-mail Ken Nimmer at knimmer@new.rr.com.



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Upcoming Events of Interest (ACM events in bold)

Friday, March 10, 9:30am, Sister Anita Smisek will direct the Benton High School choir as they sing Fr. Mazzuchelli's life story as composed by Sister Cecil Steffen, at Sinsinawa Mound Center in southwest Wisconsin. For more information and directions, go to www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter.

Sunday, March 12, 4:00pm, "Solemn Lenten Vespers with Choral Meditations" will be held in the Queen of the Rosary Chapel, at Sinsinawa Mound Center in southwest Wisconsin, with choirs from Sinsinawa and churches in Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois. For more information and directions, go to 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.

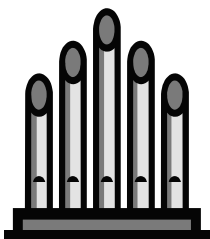
Saturday, March 18, 7:30pm, St. Olaf College Viking Male Chorus from Northfield, MN, a seventy voice chorus directed by Dr. Christopher Aspaas, will appear in concert at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Monona. No admission charge, free-will offering will be taken. More information is available from Chuck Thomley at 608.838.8091 or charles@thomley.com.

Sunday, March 19, 7:55am and 9:15am, the St. Olaf College Viking Male Chorus (see above) will participate in Sunday morning worship services at Bethel Lutheran Church, Madison, WI.

Sunday, March 19, 2:30pm, Gail Archer Recital* (Ruth Pilger Andrews Fundraiser), St. James Catholic Church, Madison.
**Ticketed recital, please see insert for details. Please also note: Students and parents involved in the Saturday Hands-On Pipe Organ Experience will receive complimentary tickets to the recital.*

Friday, April 7, 7:30pm, Nidaros Cathedral Girls Choir, First United Methodist Church, Madison, sponsored by Madison Youth Choirs, call them for more information at 608.238.7464. Suggested donation of \$5.00 at the door.

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.



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 or Linda Krueger, 238.5656 or lkrueger@molconline.org

Name _____
Address _____ City _____ Wi _____
Email _____ Phone _____
Grade in School _____
Years of Piano Study _____ Teacher's Name _____
Years of Organ Study _____ Teacher's Name _____

- 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.

Mail this registration form to:
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Attn: Charles Thomley
P.O. Box 5321
Madison, WI 53705

Please photocopy this form as needed or print additional copies at www.madisonacm.org.

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2:30 p.m.



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and payment to Association of Church Musicians,
P.O. Box 5321, Madison, WI, 53705.

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