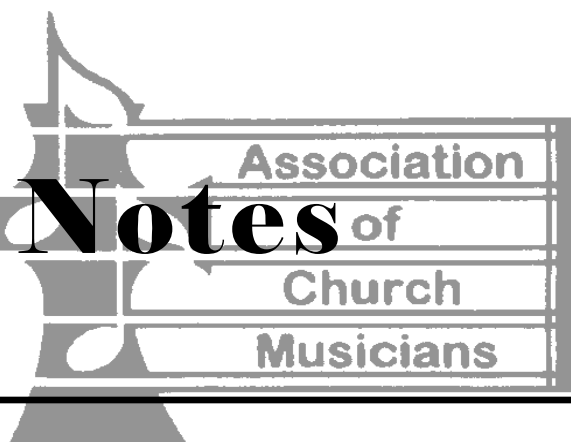
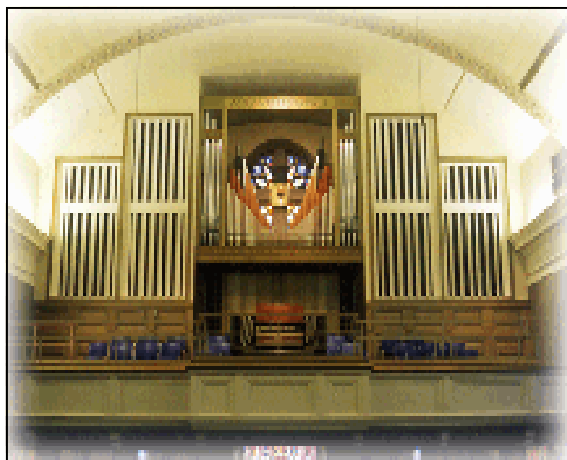


Church Music Notes

NOVEMBER 2008



Plan to Join us on ACM's East Madison Organ Crawl November 15



Our morning will begin as we gather at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1904 Winnebago Street on the near east side, at 8:30am, to hear their 1964 Schantz Pipe Organ with hosts Wendy Ward and Ann Edahl (organ is pictured at left, see <http://www.merr.com/users/tlcmns/instruments.htm> for organ specs). From there we will travel to St. Bernard Catholic Church, 2450 Atwood Avenue, with our host Ken Sosinski. Next we will stop at Lake Edge Lutheran Church, 4032 Monona Drive, to see and hear their organ with host Patrick Christians. Finally, we will enjoy the new Parsons-Rosales organ at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 5700 Pleasant Hill Road, Monona with our host Dennis Douglas (see http://www.ststephensmonona.com/index_files/Pipe_Organ.htm for pictures and specs). We will plan to conclude our morning with lunch together at the local Monona Garden restaurant.

Please join us for a morning of music and fellowship together with your colleagues!

And here's a quick look at highlights of upcoming ACM programs — We hope you'll plan to join us!

Friday, January 23, 6:00pm, Church Music Appreciation Dinner

We will gather at the First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Drive with hosts Dan Broner and Linda Warren. Plan to join us at this National Historic Landmark building designed by Frank Lloyd Wright for dinner and a special program by harpsichordist Trevor Stephenson, founder of Madison Bach Musicians.

Sunday, February 15, 3:00pm, ACM's Annual Hymn Festival, Great Hymns and Choruses

Please watch your mail and the ACM web site for details on this year's hymn festival, to be held at Asbury United Methodist Church in Madison (6101 University Avenue). Rehearsals will be held on February 1 & 8 from 2:00-3:30pm, also at Asbury. Mark Bloedow and Sonja Kremer will be co-directing the festival chorus, and Linda Warren will direct the festival chime choir. Singers and ringers are needed for both and we look forward to your participation. Watch for details about this annual event for ACM and the community. If you have questions about the chorus or would like to participate, contact Mark Bloedow (mbloedow@gslcwi.com). For chimes questions, contact Linda Warren (linda.warren@tds.net).

Saturday, March 7, 9:00am, Breakfast at Fresco, Overture Organ Community Hymn Sing

Join us for a reprise of this popular event—excellent food, good company and the Overture Organ!

Wells Competition for Young Organists

First United Methodist Church of Lubbock, Texas, announces the 2009 Wells Competition for Young Organists. This national competition, for organists born in or between 1984 and 1991, offers a \$2,500 Grand Prize, a \$1,200 Second Prize, and an \$800 Third Prize. Preliminary recorded round entries must be received in Lubbock by January 30, 2009, and the final round will be on Saturday, April 18, 2009. For additional information, please contact John Krueger (j.krueger@att.net).

The Ruth Pilger Andrews Organ Scholarship Fund

The Ruth Pilger Andrews Organ Scholarship Fund was established with a gift given from the estate of Ruth Andrews. Its purpose was to establish an endowment for scholarships to eligible applicants for organ study. The funds from that gift, along with general program funds of ACM have been invested in Certificates of Deposit over the years with the interest accumulating to the principal of the fund. An administration process for both the Andrews fund and general ACM monies is established in ACM's procedures and guidelines documents.

Gifts to this fund are welcome and we gratefully acknowledge gifts received from the following since July 1, 2007. Ellen Westlund, Linda Krueger, Deborah Krauss Smith, Mary Kurtz Monkmeyer, Susan Udell, Marlys Mittelstadt, Max Yount. These monies will continue to give in the spirit of the Andrews gift and the total mission of ACM.

For further information on this fund contact ACM Treasurer Charles Thomley at charlest5713@charter.net or write to

ACM, PO Box 5321, Madison, WI 53705.

Positions Open

As always, go to our website at www.madisonacm.org for the latest postings and to see positions listed from previous newsletters.

International Year of the Organ (IYO) Continues

The world's largest organ recital (held on October 19) is now history but the IYO continues. "If you play the organ; compose for the organ; teach organ in a private studio; administer an academic organ program; build, repair, or maintain an organ; critique organ recitals, record organ music; study and document the history of the organ; maintain organ archives; or just enjoy listening to organ music at recitals or at home on the radio, you need to share your enthusiasm for the King of Instruments during this International Year of the Organ." (James Thomashower in *The American Organist*, October 2009).

Talk up the King of Instruments!
Share your enthusiasm!



President's Letter

The Association of Church Musicians wishes to support you in your calling as a church musician. Whether you lead worship at the piano, at the organ, by playing guitar or drums, as a cantor, as a choir or handbell director, we wish to help you in your endeavor. But to do that, we need to know what you need. Is it ideas for leading your congregation in singing? Is it strategies for working with a difficult staff member? Is it finding sources for music? Ideas for recruiting new choir members? Fellowship? Money? OK, we can't just send you money, but ACM does have resources to help support young keyboard students and we can offer salary guidelines. SO, let us know. Contact me. Contact another board member. To paraphrase Garrison Keillor, "Be well, do good work and STAY IN TOUCH." To paraphrase UPS, "What can ACM do for you?"

Blessings,

John

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Upcoming Area Performances and Events

Sunday, November 9, 7:00pm, Volodymyr Koshuba of Kiev, Ukraine, will present an organ recital at First Congregational Church in Beloit (801 Bushnell Str., 608.362.4821). Freewill offering gratefully accepted.

Sunday, November 23, 3:00pm, 17th annual Messiah Concert at Sinsinawa Mound in the Queen of the Rosary Chapel. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for senior citizens and students. For more information on this and other activities at the Mound, call 608.748.4411 or see www.sinsinawa.org.

Sunday, November 23, 7:00pm, Max H. Yount will present an organ recital at First Congregational Church in Beloit (801 Bushnell Str., 608.362.4821). Freewill offering gratefully accepted..

Sunday, November 30, 2:00pm, Messiah Sing-A-Long at Sun Prairie United Methodist Church, 702 North Street, Sun Prairie. Rehearsals are available starting Sunday, November 2 at 6:00pm. Use of your own score is suggested; however, some scores will be made available. Admission is a suggested donation of \$5 or more and proceeds will go towards local natural disaster relief. There will be a dessert reception following. Visit www.sunprairieumc.org for more information or call 608.237.1481 or by sending an email to mwhillestad@sunprairieumc.org.

Sunday, November 30, 3:00pm, Hymn Festival at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1021 Spaight Street, Madison, featuring organist John Chappell Stowe. This is a fundraiser to assist with longtime ACM member Roger Hanson's medical expenses, with matching money from Thrivent.

January 2009: An RSCM Church Music SUMMER School "down under" will be held in January. Escape the northern winter and head to Brisbane, Australia, for the International Festival of Sacred Music to be held in January 2009. This festival includes seven separate courses all within the one festival, guaranteeing something for everyone regardless of standard or experience. Details and registration forms are available at www.rscm.com.au

Ongoing:

Wednesday Noon Organ Recitals at Luther Memorial Church, 1021 University Avenue, Madison, presented each Wednesday from 12:00-12:30pm during the school year. More information, as well as the week's program, is available at www.luthermem.org/music/wednesdays.html.

Friday Noon Musicales at the First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Drive, Madison, presented each Friday from 12:15-1:00pm. From October to May the Meeting House hosts some of the area's most talented musical artists each Friday. Bring your lunch while you enjoy a variety of live musical offerings.



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Scenes from ACM's Church Musicians' Day, Day of Renewal, held at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Middleton on September 20 (thank you to Rosemary Collingwood for the photos):

At upper right, ACM President John Krueger presents a Sacred Piano Reading Session, along with ACM Vice President and St. Luke's organist Mark Brampton Smith.

At lower right, Jonathan Orwig presents New Service and Concert Music.

Below, members of the St. Luke's Choir prepare to sing in the closing session.

