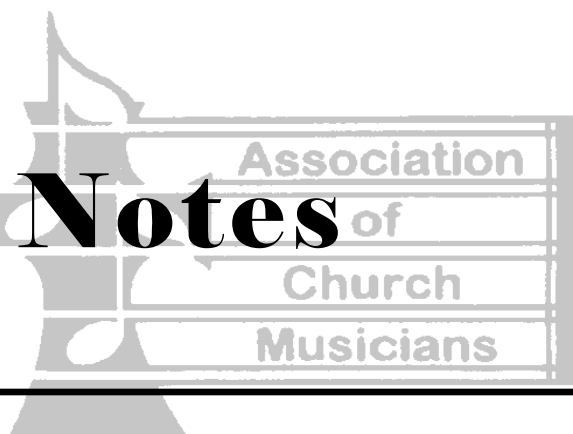


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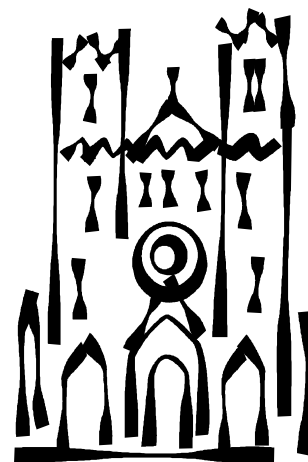
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Church Music Appreciation Dinner & Member Recital—January 15, 2006

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. 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

During this season of thanksgiving, I invite you to join me in thanking all the volunteers who continue working to achieve ACM's worthy goals in church music. The diversity of our organization, and the enthusiasm of our volunteers, unites our passion and appreciation for quality music ministry in our houses of worship. We are grateful.

In church music there is often much that goes into a service, concert, or recital that is never seen by our members or guests—sometimes called "invisible hours." ACM is no different in this regard. Three individuals come to mind that regularly contribute to the success of ACM through these not so invisible hours. They are Linda Warren who produces our newsletter, Deborah Krauss Smith who manages and updates our website, and Rebecca Oliphant who manages ACM's membership and produces the Membership Directory recently mailed. To all of you, a very special thank you for keeping things running so smoothly throughout the year.

We are also very grateful for the dedication of our talented and committed board members: John Krueger, Vice President/AGO Sub-Dean; Ann Uresk Herr, Secretary; Charles Thomley, Treasurer; Dennis Douglas, Ann Edahl, and Rebecca Whelpley, all board members-at-large, and Ken Sosinski, Past President. The board meets most months and is in contact as needed concerning the ongoing operations of ACM. In addition, some of the board members volunteer their time serving on other ACM committees.

We also thank those who serve in other leadership capacities with ACM including: Anita Frey, Choristers Guild President; Linda Krueger, Education; Don DeBruin, Professional Concerns; Ken Stancer, Scholarship; Jean Boehler, Substitute List; Marlys Mittelstadt, Archivist; and Rev. Bob Boehler, Chaplain.

And finally, a great BIG thank you to our membership for your continued loving support of ACM. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

May your Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas services reflect the wonder and beauty of all God has given us through His Son, Jesus Christ.

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; for information on schedule, parking and repertoire, go to www.luthermem.org.

Wednesdays Nov. 30, Dec. 7 & 14, 11:30am, Advent Luncheons & Organ Recitals, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Central Campus, 5701 Raymond Rd., Madison. FREE soup luncheon at 11:30am, call 271-6633, ext. 118 or e-mail music@gslcwi.com for FREE tickets for the luncheons. Recitals 12:15-12:45pm: Nov. 30, Mark Bloedow, organist, Kris Becker, flutist; Dec. 7, Diane Madsen, organist, Elixir Trio; Dec. 14, Jared Stellmacher, organist. A free-will offering is appreciated. All are welcome!

Friday, December 2, 7:00pm, The Fayrfax Ensemble, Madison's early music vocal quartet, will be performing its annual concert of medieval and renaissance Christmas music and readings at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 326 S. Segoe Road, Madison, free will offering. Performers include Ann Edahl and Jane Ferris, Stephen Johnson and Mike Peterson.

Saturday, December 10, 7:30pm, Madison Area Concert Handbells Christmas Concert, Asbury United Methodist Church, 6101 University Ave., Madison, call 608.845.2476 or go to www.madisonhandbells.org for ticket information.

Sunday, December 11, 2:00pm, Our Savior's Lutheran Church (Sun Prairie) Senior Choir Christmas Concert at Oakwood Village East Chapel, 5565 Tancho Drive, Madison, free and open to the public, offering for Sun Prairie Food Pantry.

Sunday, December 11, 3:00pm, Madison Area Concert Handbells Christmas Concert, First Congregational United Church of Christ, 1609 University Ave., Madison, call 608.845.2476 or go to www.madisonhandbells.org for ticket information.

Sunday, December 11, 7:00pm, Advent and Christmas Music Concert, with a candlelight processional with choirs and instruments, including chancel ringers, recorders, harpsichord, strings and organ, dessert and coffee reception follows, offering will be taken for the Sun Prairie Food Pantry — at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 550 Lincoln Drive, Sun Prairie.

Sunday, December 11, 7:00pm, Third Annual Christmas Festival Concert, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 5701 Raymond Rd., Madison, featuring choirs, bells and strings, presenting Hal Hopson's carol service, Sing Noel! Mark Bloedow, director, Jared Stellmacher, organist. Includes an audience carol sing. A free-will offering is appreciated. All are welcome!

Sunday, December 19, 4:00pm, Lessons and Carols with the Madison Diocesan Choir at the Bishop O'Connor Center, open to the public, free admission.

Wednesday, December 21, Organ Concert by Max Yount, First Congregational Church, 801 Bushnell Str., Beloit, including major organ works by J.S. Bach and other hymns and Christmas carols, admission is \$10, \$15 for families, free for students, call the church at 608.362.4821 for more information.

ACM Events planned for 2006, Save these dates!

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!

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Gail Archer Event—March 2006—Can you help?

We are very pleased to welcome concert organist Gail Archer in a return engagement to the Madison community. She 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. A response form is included in this newsletter on an insert. All size gifts will be 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.

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 and visit often!



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Overture Concert Organ Open House

Thank you to Sam Hutchison and the Madison Symphony Orchestra for arranging our private tour of the Overture Concert Organ on November 19. Over 50 ACM/AGO members enjoyed seeing the organ up close and it was great to hear so many of our members play. Mr. Hutchison, who is the organ curator, provided assistance for the 20 organists who tried the organ, offering suggestions for registrations and keeping things running smoothly throughout the morning. He hinted that this could become an ongoing event for area organists, so watch for more news on this in the future.



At left, ACM/AGO member organists filled the stage of the Overture Center at the recent Open House.



At right, Sam Hutchison, organ curator, assists the day's youngest performer, Nathan Madson of Okauchee, WI.

Photos by ACM Treasurer Chuck Thomley



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
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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