

Church Music Notes

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Annual Membership Meeting planned for Sunday, May 18

The annual membership meeting will be Sunday, May 18, 2014, at St. Mary's of Pine Bluff Catholic Church. ACM Chaplain Fr. Michael Vanderhoef will speak about chant in the east and west.

Check the ACM website for additional information about the time and location.

Report: Pedals, Pipes & Pizza 2014

On Saturday, March 29, three young pianists had the opportunity to meet the King of Instruments, the pipe organ! This event, entitled *Pedals, Pipes & Pizza 2014*, was sponsored by the Association of Church Musicians/Madison chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Pedals, Pipes & Pizza 2014 began at 9:00 a.m. at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 1609 University Avenue, Madison. The opening session, led by ACM/AGO member John Krueger, featured a video from the American Guild of Organists entitled *Pulling Out All the Stops*. Then students were able to see, hear, and play the three-manual Holtkamp pipe organ, installed in 1980. Our host was ACM/AGO member and Director of Music, Don DeBruin. Don even took us through the attic of the church and to see the echo division of an earlier pipe organ which had been installed above the ceiling of the nave.



After lunch at Extreme Pizza on Monroe Street, we walked to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1833 Regent Street, Madison. Students then had the opportunity to see, hear, and play the Taylor & Boody two-manual pipe organ, installed in 2000. Talk about up close and personal! ACM/AGO member Ken Stancer, Director of Music at St. Andrew's, was our host.

We then travelled to St. James Catholic Church, 1128 St. James Court, Madison and had the opportunity to see, hear, and play the Wadsworth three-manual pipe organ, originally built in 1863. Our host was ACM/AGO member and Director of Music, Mark Miller. We experienced a mighty sound in a reverberant room.



Enthusiasm was high throughout the day and students, though few in number, were totally engaged, asked many questions, and had a great time playing the three pipe organs. Parents and a grandparent who accompanied us had the opportunity to ask questions as well. Many thanks to our hosts, Don, Ken, and Mark, for their excellent help and to each of the three congregations for allowing us to visit. (see page five of this newsletter for additional photos).

Positions Available (For listings from previous newsletters, visit our website : MadisonAcm.org.)

Submissions for job postings should be made to linda.warren@tds.net and ACM@MadisonACM.org.

Organist: St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Cottage Grove, WI has immediate openings for an organist at two Masses – 5:00 p.m. Saturdays and 10:00 a.m. Sundays. This year-round position requires meeting 30 minutes before Mass to rehearse with the cantor. The ideal candidate would be willing to play at a few additional Masses, such as Feast Days and Holy Communions. Please send a letter of interest and resume to Katie, Music Director, at stpatparishmusic@gmail.com

Associate for Music Ministries: St. Mark's Episcopal Church (Evanston, Illinois) seeks an Associate for Music Ministries (20 hours per week) to lead the song of this congregation. St. Mark's music program currently includes a small adult choir and an intergenerational hand bell choir. Experience in choral direction and organ / piano skills essential. Knowledge of / experience with liturgical music highly preferred. The position requires attending weekly staff and liturgy planning meetings in addition to Sunday services and weekly rehearsals. The Associate for Music Ministries will be responsible for collaborative musical planning of all liturgies and have first right of refusal for weddings and funerals. For more information and to apply, please contact The Rev. Debra Bullock, rector@stmarksevanston.org or download application materials from our website at <http://www.stmarksevanston.org/openposition/>. Deadline is June 1.

Adult Choir Director: Zwingli United Church of Christ, located about 1/2 hour south of Madison in **Monticello, WI**, is seeking a Senior (adult) Choir Director for its 20-member choir upon the retirement of its current director. We are searching for an energetic and motivated person of faith to lead the choir, which includes selecting music, conducting rehearsals, attending committee meetings and worship services. The desired qualifications include experience in reading and directing church choral music, knowledge of various musical styles, and excellent communication, organizational and relationship skills. The ability to work jointly with the Pastor towards excellence in worship is a must. The position will begin **September 2014**. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter with resumé and references to Zwingli UCC; Administration Committee; PO Box 97; Monticello WI 53570.

AGO Membership for 2014-2015 & ONCARD

The American Guild of Organists is implementing a new method of dues payment beginning with the 2014/2015 membership year. Information about the new system, entitled ONCARD, as well as reasons for it, can be found in the May, 2014, issue of *The American Organist*.

In short, the new system reverses the direction of payment of AGO dues. All dues, both the "national" and "local" or "chapter," can be paid by credit card to the national office. The national office will then send the local/chapter portion back to the chapter by direct deposit to the chapter's bank account. Up to this time chapters had collected all dues and forwarded the national portion to AGO headquarters.

The Association of Church Musicians has member churches as well as individual members not associated with a church. The dues for the Association of Church Musicians as a church membership substitutes for the "local" portion of the AGO dues and allows churches to list more people than one as members of ACM. (The current membership form allows for five names.) If a church has an AGO member, the Association of Church Musicians then also collects the "national" portion of the dues and forwards it, along with required membership data, to AGO headquarters. Approximately 33% of the churches currently in the Association of Church Musicians have no one who is a member of the AGO.

Because our setup is different from that of the most AGO chapters, the ONCARD system will not work for us and we are not, at present, required to subscribe to it. For the coming year, all members of the Madison Chapter of the American Guild of Organists should submit all dues, as in years past, to the Association of Church Musicians.

For any questions, please contact ACM Treasurer John Krueger (phone 608.249.0679; e-mail j.krueger@att.net).

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**Deadline for newsletter submissions is June 15 for the
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Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 3, 3:00pm, Master's Degree Organ Recital by Robert Eversman at Luther Memorial Church, 1021 University Ave, Madison, featuring music by Bach, Frescobaldi, Buxtehude, Bolcom, & Widor. Admission is free.

Saturday, May 3, 4:00pm: MACH Joint Performance with Luther Ringers at Asbury Church, 6101 University Ave, Madison. Madison Area Concert Handbells will join forces with the Luther Ringers, the handbell choir of Luther College in Decorah, Iowa for a joint concert. The concert is free and open to the public. Each choir will present pieces from their respective spring programs before combining to present two massed-gin pieces together. The Luther Ringers are an auditioned ensemble, conducted by Dr. Gregory Peterson, who also serves as College Organist and Chair of the Music Department.

Sunday, May 4, 3:00pm, Heritage Congregational Church (3102 Prairie Rd, Madison) will present *Zephyr*, performing quintets for piano and winds by Mozart and Beethoven. Members of the group include David Newman, Marianna Werner, Sue Newman, John Wunderlin and Randy Zelinka. Admission is FREE.

Friday, May 9 at 7:30pm: organ recital by Kathrine Hanford, professor of organ at Lawrence University. Ms. Hanford will play St. Andrew's Taylor and Boody (Opus 33) tracker action pipe organ of 21 ranks of pipes, installed in 2000 (pictured at left). There is no admission charge. Free will offerings accepted. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is located at 1833 Regent St, Madison • 608.233.3249 • www.standrews-madison.org

MACH on the Move, Friday, May 9 at 7:30pm at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 326 S Segoe Road, Madison, and Saturday, May 10 at 7:30pm at Christ Presbyterian Church, 944 E Gorham Street, Madison. To commemorate the way handbell choirs get from place to place, and in celebration of their move to a new rehearsal home at Oakwood Village, the Madison Area Concert Handbells are excited to present **MACH on the MOVE**. **Tickets:** Advance: Adult is \$12; Student (16 & under) / Senior is \$9
At the door: Adult is \$15; Student (16 & under) / Senior is \$12. Advance tickets will be available at Cool Beans Coffee Café, Ward-Brodt Music, Metcalfe's Market at Hilldale, and Orange Tree Imports.

Saturday, May 31, 1:00pm: Church Music and the Carillon: ACM/AGO member Lyle Anderson, University of Wisconsin Carillonneur, will offer a presentation at the UW Carillon Tower on Bascom Hill along Observatory Drive. Parking is available along Observatory Drive one block west of the tower. Although the UW's carillon is in a secular setting, many carillons are in church towers and a considerable repertory has evolved which reflects a liturgical setting. There will also be an opportunity for participants to play the instrument.

Sunday, June 29, 3:00pm, Harpapalooza Concert event at First Unitarian Society of Madison, in the beautiful new Atrium Auditorium. Featuring area harpists and other special guests, playing music of local favorite Laura Zaerr. This concert is a benefit performance for First Unitarian, donations are gratefully accepted.



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Watch for your ACM and AGO renewals letters arriving soon!

Our membership year is July 1—June 30, and renewals are sent during May to give you time to get your memberships in. You may list up to five church music staff or clergy, or other church members for each church membership — remember that the first name listed will be the church's contact person in our records. AGO renewals and/or memberships may be sent with the church information or separately.

Please feel free to contact Treasurer John Krueger (phone 608.249.0679; e-mail j.krueger@att.net) or registrar Linda Warren (linda.warren@tds.net) if you have any questions about ACM membership. All of us who volunteer time for ACM are grateful for your support!

**For more information on the Association of Church Musicians,
Positions Open, Membership and Upcoming Program Highlights,
visit our website at www.MadisonAcm.org**

Scholarship Committee Report

The ACM recital is scheduled for **Friday evening, September 26, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sun Prairie.** Our theme this year is hymnody. We will not only have the opportunity to hear some great organ playing, but also join our voices in singing. With May board elections and possible committee member changes, please consider if you would be interested in serving on the scholarship committee. If interested, please contact one of the committee members below.

Donations and memorials to the fund are accepted throughout the year and at any ACM event. Or, you can mail your contribution to Association of Church Musicians/RPA Fund, Attn: John Krueger, Treasurer, PO Box 5321, Madison, WI 53705.

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Additional photos from 2014's Pedals, Pipes & Pizza

