

La Trompette

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From the Dean

Spring has sprung! After a long winter it is refreshing to see trees and flowers blooming and to enjoy the return of warmer weather. Of course, many of us are busy indoors right now preparing special music for Holy Week and Easter services. I hope that all of you enjoy the fruits of your labor with inspiring and meaningful worship services. After Easter, I encourage you to attend our April AGO program where you will have time to socialize, hear and play a new instrument, and pick up some new music ideas. Join us on April 25th at 7:00 pm at Windsor Hills United Methodist Church. For more information see the announcement later in this newsletter.

This spring brings a new improvement in the AGO membership renewal process. The National organization has successfully instituted an online system for membership called ONCARD. If the National office has an email on file for you they should have sent you an email about how to access this new system to keep your contact information up-to-date and in April they will send an email about how to renew your membership. If they do not have an email address for you, they will notify you by mail about how to renew your membership through the mail. Anyone who does not want to renew online using a credit card will still have the option to send a check by mail. The difference now will be that you will send the check to the National office instead of to our Chapter treasurer. The new ONCARD system will relieve chapter volunteers of time-consuming effort processing membership renewals, will allow members to easily keep their contact information up-to-date, and will make the renewal process easier for those of us who are now accustomed to doing most of our business online. The other big change this new system brings is that now your annual membership will expire one year from whenever you pay your membership dues. If you do not receive any email or letter about membership renewal from the National office during April or you have any questions about this new process, please feel free to contact me. I encourage you to go online and check out your contact information to make sure it is up-to-date.

Musically yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra LeBrun". To the right of the signature is a small, stylized musical note.

Debra LeBrun

Dean

Roanoke AGO Upcoming Events



SUMMER “KING OF INSTRUMENTS” RECITAL SERIES

Our traditional summer recital series will be happening in June again this year. All recitals will be at 4:00 on Sunday. One of our recitals this year will be a “Family-Friendly” Organ recital. This series is a wonderful outreach to the Roanoke community and fulfills an important aspect of the guild’s mission by promoting the organ. We are still in need of organists to perform during this series, so if you are interested or want to recommend someone we should invite to perform, please contact Debra LeBrun at debra@rcumc.org or 540-344-6011. Performers donate their services for this series which allows us to use money collected at the recitals to support our scholarship fund and other programs.

APRIL PROGRAM

“Prelude and Postlude Discovery and Music Sharing Session”

Demonstrate your favorite Prelude and/or Postlude and bring along any organ music you want to give away.

Friday, April 25, 7:00 PM

Windsor Hills United Methodist Church

3591 Windsor Rd

Roanoke, VA 24018

540-774-4730



Bring a favorite Prelude and/or Postlude to play for fellow AGO members on the new Allen/Moller organ at Windsor Hills United Methodist Church. We will all come away with some new ideas for pieces to add to our Prelude and Postlude repertoire and we will have an opportunity to play and hear the new organ at Windsor Hills United Methodist Church and see their new renovated sanctuary. Karen Jones Harwood will be there to share information about the new instrument. You are also invited to bring along any organ music you want to get rid of. We already know of a couple of members who have some excess organ music to share. We will all have a chance to browse through music and pick up things we can use. Dessert will be served, so don’t miss this fun, useful gathering with fellow organists!

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MAY PROGRAM

ANNUAL BANQUET

Friday, May 23

South Roanoke United Methodist Church

2330 S. Jefferson St., Roanoke, 24014

You will be receiving an invitation in the mail for this event which will also include the ballot for new Chapter officers.

6:00 Social Hour with hors d'oeuvres

6:30 Dinner

7:30 Program – **Zach Bowyer**, our chapter's scholarship recipient for the past two years will play a short program for us. Zach has been accepted into the Hayes School of Music at Appalachian State University where he will be a Sacred Music/Organ Major.

Roanoke AGO Scholarship Application

The Roanoke Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

Guidelines for Scholarship Application

(This form may be duplicated)

2014-2015

Scholarship applications for the **Jeryl Powell Organ Scholarships** will be accepted until **April 30, 2014**. The competition time and location will be arranged with the applicants and announced after the deadline.

1. Each applicant must be a student in grades 9-12.
2. Each applicant must be studying or intend to begin studying the organ.
3. Each applicant will be required to play one hymn and two short pieces of contrasting styles. Sight-reading a simple hymn will be required. It is suggested that a third piece be prepared in case of a tie. Students who have not yet studied the organ may play on the piano.
4. Applications must be received by **April 30, 2014**.
5. Each application must be accompanied by two letters of recommendation; one from the student's primary music teacher.
6. Auditions must be in person.
7. Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision after the audition. Their decision will be final.
8. The award must be used for expenses relating to organ study (music, workshops, private lessons, etc.). Recipients are required to write a brief letter to the scholarship committee by December 31, 2014, stating how the award was used.
9. No recipient can receive the award for more than two consecutive years.
10. First Prize: **\$600** Second Prize: **\$350**
11. The committee reserves the right to make no award at all, or to give only one award.

I have read and agree to the terms of the Scholarship Guidelines.

_____ (Student Signature)

_____ (Parent Signature)

_____ (Teacher Signature)

After filling out both forms, please mail to:

Debra LeBrun
1706 Grandin Rd. SW
Roanoke VA 24015
540-344-6011

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Application Form for the 2014 Scholarships

(This form may be duplicated.)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Grade _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Years of study: Piano _____ Organ _____

I will audition on the (*circle one*) Piano Organ

Works to be performed:

Title _____ Composer _____

Title _____ Composer _____

Hymn Title _____ Tune _____

List other musical experiences

Write a paragraph stating how you became interested in studying the organ.

Job Opening



First United Methodist Church

146 E. Main Street
Martinsville, VA 24112
276.638.8733

www.fumcmartinsville.net
office@fumcmartinsville.net

We are seeking leadership to address our needs in areas of Music Ministry.

First Church is a 750 member congregation, averaging 150 during Sunday worship. We are searching for leadership in the area of music ministries to join our staff in the Fall/Winter, 2014.

Description of Needs for these Positions

Director of Music (Fulltime Salaried)

- Coordinate and be in charge of the total music program of the church including planning, developing, conducting, and evaluating a comprehensive music program at various levels. This includes the existing groups: Chancel Choir (adults), Children's Choir (K-5) and Sanctuary Ringers (adult). In addition to these choirs, the Director of Music works with preschool children from our daycare.
- Coordinate the Church Music Ministry with the calendar and emphasis of the church.
- Assist the pastor in planning congregational services of the church; be responsible for the selection of music, subject to the approval by the Senior Pastor.
- Enlist, train, and supervise the individual choir leaders and accompanists for the church music program.
- Recruit new members for all choirs and music program activities.
- Oversee periodic tuning and maintenance of all musical instruments.
- Prepare an annual budget to be recommended to the Finance Committee.
- Provide music for the 8:45 and 11:00 am Sunday services and any special services the congregation is expected to attend, including solos and instrumental music.
- Hold at least one rehearsal per week for the Chancel Choir and direct choirs at the 11:00 am Sunday worship. Additional rehearsals for the perfection of special and seasonal music may be required.
- Develop member gifts and talents as related to music
- Annually seek educational opportunities for professional and personal growth and development as budget constraints allow.
- Provide two major works per year of representative titles.
- Education minimum of BA/Music. Salary commensurate with experience.



Job Opening (continued)

Organist (Part-time Salaried)

- Provide special music for worship service each week, including prelude, offertory, and postlude.
- Submit a list of titles of the above mentioned music along with the composer's names by Thursday morning to the office manager for inclusion in the weekly bulletin.
- Provide musical accompaniment for extra services and performances as needed.
- Provide two major works per year of representative titles
- Education minimum of BA/Music. Salary commensurate with experience.

First Church has the following instruments:

- Four Manual Möhller Pipe Organ
- Randall Dyer Antiphonal Pipe Organ with Console
- Baldwin Grand Piano in Sanctuary
- Young Chang Grand Piano in choir room
- Harpsichord
- Four Octaves Malmark Handbells
- Yamaha Upright Piano in choir loft
- Orff Instruments
- Studio piano in the chapel

Compensation is competitive for churches in the Martinsville area and will include benefits for a full-time employee (over 30 hours per week). We will accept applications until the position is filled. However, to guarantee consideration applicants should submit materials by May 31, 2014. We hope to have this position filled no later than December 31, 2014.



To apply, please send (in pdf or Word), a letter of interest, resume, and references. Please email all responses to office@fumcmartinsville.net.

We invite you to visit our website for more information about our church, our staff, services and sermons. Organ specs are available upon request.



Substitute List

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Patricia (Pat) Mabery

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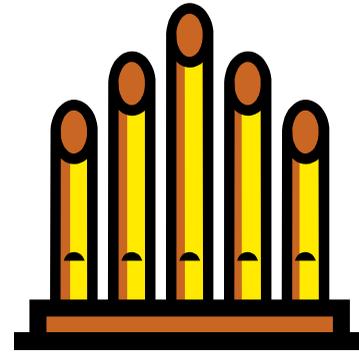
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Job Openings

First United Methodist Church in Galax, VA is desperately seeking an organist/accompanist (since September 2013). Salary is based upon experience. They have a nice pipe (2 manual) organ and medium size choir with a Director of Music. Please contact Jeannie Barbrow Staff PPR Chairwoman 276-233-3305 for more information.

St. John Lutheran Church, Oak Harbor OH is seeking to fill an Organist position. The instrument is a Schantz. St. John's website is www.oakharborchurch.com

Moseley Memorial United Methodist Church

Organist/Choir Director

601 Berryman Ave.

Danville, VA 24541

Duties:

To play for Sunday morning service – 9:30 AM

To hold choir practice

Organ:

M.P. Moller pipe organ

Installed in 1930

Rebuilt in 1985

Size – 18 ranks

2 manuals

Salary: to be negotiated based on experience

Contact person:

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