

# La Trompette

Newsletter of the Roanoke Chapter of the American Guild of Organists



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## Dean's Letter

Epiphany in the original Greek translates to "Manifestation," a reality that is among us. In this season of Epiphany following a busy Advent and Christmastide, the work of our Guild Chapter resumes to an active position. 2010 promises many rich and good manifestations among our chapter:

- We welcome new members: Pat Mabery, Charlotte Gregory, Andrew Cochran.
- We celebrate the retirement of Marie Davis Huff after 35 years of service from Belmont Baptist Church.
- Congratulations and all best to St. James Episcopal Church on the appointment of their new Organist-Choirmaster, Andrew Cochran. Andrew played his opening recital on January 22 to a capacity crowd celebrating the 60th anniversary of St. James Church.

We anticipate the installation and related celebrations of three significant and important new organs to the Roanoke Valley in 2010:

- Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church- Hagerstown Organ Company 4-76.
- St. Andrew's Catholic Church- Allen Elite Custom 4-95.
- St. John's Episcopal Church - Restoration and additions of the Aeolian-Skinner 4-74 organ, Michael Quimby Inc.

Our Chapter has four Board positions open for nominations to serve the 2010-2012 term.

- Dean, Sub-Dean, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer.

All four of the above positions are open for nominations and/or to serve another term. Elections will take place at the Annual Banquet May 21, 2010 at St. John's Episcopal Church.

The current Board consists of:

- Dean, David Charles Campbell
- Sub-Dean, Judith Snyder
- Corresponding Secretary, Kelly Wheelbarger
- Treasurer, Wallace Sutphin
- Placements/Substitutes, (appointed) David Tate
- Summer Recital Series, (appointed) Sharon Capps
- Members at Large, (appointed) Nancy Delany, Karen-Harwood Jones
- Phyllis Wampler is serving as Nominating Committee Chair. Working with Phyllis are David Tate and Nancy Delany. Suggestions for leadership may be directed to Phyllis 344-7575 no later than February 28. The nominating Committee will present a slate to the Board at the March Board meeting; the slate will then be published to the Guild. Nominations from the floor at the May Banquet are acceptable only if a nominee has agreed to accept a nomination in writing prior to the meeting.

Manifestations in our Chapter community continue throughout the coming season. I commend to your calendar, our upcoming spring events found on page 3. Do get your reservations in for the Spring Bus Day Trip. Also important and a gift to us—AGO National Convention in Washington D.C. July 4-9. This convention has a wonderful schedule, is beautifully planned and is only 3 hours from us. I hope to see many of our chapter in attendance. All best for Epiphany manifestations and gifts, a Holy Lent and a joyous Eastertide.

Abiding JOY!

David Charles Campbell

## Positions Available

### Thraser Memorial United Methodist Church

Organist. 3 Manual Moller

Contact Interim Director of Music, Judy Barger

Phone: 563-4782

Email: Jbarger1123@verizon.net

### Belmont Baptist Church

Organist

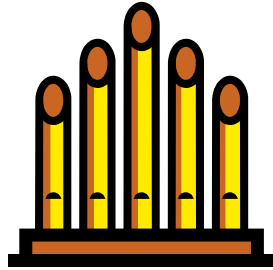
Contact Kristen Wray

Church: 343-5539

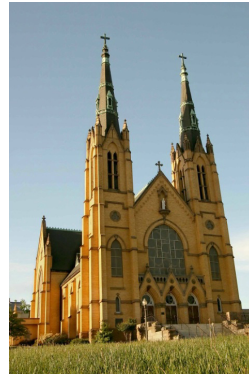
Cellphone: 797-0512

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## St. Andrew's Catholic Church Acquires New Organ



A very generous bequest has enabled St. Andrew's Catholic Church to acquire a new organ.

The Dorothy Virginia Garmin Blankenship Laurie Memorial Organ will be built by the Allen Organ Company of Macungie, PA.

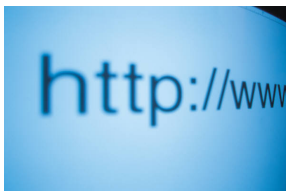
This comprehensive instrument will be Opus VII of Allen's

'Elite' custom organs and is, to date, their magnum 'Elite' opus. The custom 4 manual instrument will consist of 89 speaking stops and 95 ranks.

Mr. Rudy Lucente, Music and Liturgy Consultant from St. Rose Catholic Church in North Wales, PA and assistant organist to the world famous 'Wanamaker' organ in Philadelphia is serving as consultant to this project.

Installation is expected late fall 2010.

## New Roanoke AGO Website

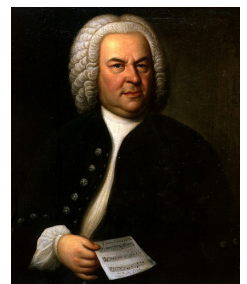


Be sure to visit the new website for the Roanoke Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. You can find all of the latest events and information

about the Guild and other organ related events in the area. The new web address is **<http://www.roanokeago.org>**.

## Free Bach Music Downloads

The complete organ works of Johann Sebastian Bach, recorded by James Kibbie on original baroque organs in Germany, are now available as free internet downloads. The University of Michigan's Block M Records label is offering free downloads of all 270 Bach works in MP3 and



high audio-quality formats at [www.blockmrecords.org/bach](http://www.blockmrecords.org/bach). James Kibbie recorded the series on seven historic organs by Silbermann, Schnitger, Trost, Bielfeldt, and Hildebrandt. To date, there have been approximately half a million downloads from the site.

# Upcoming Spring/ Summer Events



**Friday, March 5, 2010 7:00 p.m.**

Tres délicieux – A Feast of French Organ Music  
Tom Baugh hosts an update on the beautiful music of the Franck Chorales,  
plus the first performance of a new transcription of Ravel's Daphnis and Chloe Suite No. 2.  
The Roanoke Fisk sports its new 16' Contrebasse.

**Friday, April 23, 2010**

Organist "Play Day" Spring Fun on our second road trip  
RESERVATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED NOW through April 1, 2010  
**Chartered Bus Trip to Martinsville and Bassett**  
\$25.00 for round trip and \$8.50 lunch donation to Broad Street Christian Church  
Contact: Judy Snyder at jsnyder@hollins.edu or call 362-6543

## **Four great organs played in four mini recital venues:**

7:30 a.m.	Meet at St. John's Episcopal Church	1 Mountain Ave. at Jefferson & Elm Ave.
9:15 – 10:15 a.m.	First United Methodist Church	Rebecca Smith - Hostess and Recitalist
10:40 – 11:45 a.m.	First Presbyterian Church	Cynthia Dobrinski - Hostess and Recitalist
12:00 – 1:45 p.m.	Broad Street Christian Church	Robert Chapman - Host and Recitalist
2:00 – 2:30 p.m.		Drive to Bassett
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Pocahontas Baptist Church	Peter Ramsey- Host and Recitalist
3:45 – 5:00 p.m.	Return to Roanoke at St. John's Episcopal Church	

**Friday, May 21, 2010**

Annual Banquet  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
Cocktails: 6:00 p.m. Dinner: 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$15.00  
Double Harpsichord Recital: 7:30 p.m. Recitalists: Judy Bevans and Karen Jones Harwood  
Champagne, strawberries and chocolate following the recital in the garden

## **2010 King of Instruments Summer Series**

**Sunday, June 6, 2010 4:00 p.m.**

Female (musicians) versus Male (composers)  
First United Methodist Church  
125 West Main Street  
Salem, VA

**Sunday, June 13, 2010 4:00 p.m.**

Dr. John Lowe  
First Presbyterian Church  
2101 S. Jefferson St.  
Roanoke, VA

**Sunday, June 20, 2010 4:00 p.m.**

Andy Cochran  
Calvary Baptist Church  
608 Campbell Avenue SW  
Roanoke, VA

**Sunday, June 27, 2010 4:00 p.m.**

Judith Clark  
South Roanoke United Methodist Church  
S. Jefferson St. and 24th St. SW  
Roanoke, VA

## Summer Festival of Organ Music in July

Christ Episcopal Church 7:30 p.m.  
July 6, 2010 Mark Laubach Wilkes-Barre, PA  
July 13, 2010 Mark Nelson Gloucester, MA  
July 20, 2010 Ben Outen Charlotte, NC  
July 27, 2010 Robert Parrish Macon, GA

**August 2010** Martinsville Summer Organ Recital Series

### Other Calendar Events:

**Monday, April 26 7:30 p.m.**

Roanoke Valley Choral Society Spring Program  
First Presbyterian Church  
2101 S. Jefferson St.  
Roanoke, VA

**Friday, September 17 7:30 p.m. Opening Festival and Dedication of the Aeolin Skinner/Quinby Organ  
St. John's Episcopal Church**

St. John's Choir, C. H. Parry "I was Glad"  
Dr. Gerre Hancock  
Ken Cowan Opening Recital

**Sunday, September 19 Consecration and Dedication of the St. John's Organ**

9:00 a.m. Consecration of the St. John's Organ  
10:15 – 10:50 a.m. Extended Voluntaries  
11:00 a.m. Festival Choral Eucharist, St. John's Choir,  
Service Improvisations, Dr. Gerre Hancock

**Sunday, November 7, 2010 5:00 p.m.**

All Saints Festival and Choral Evensong - Rite I Dr. Gerre Hancock and St. John's Choir  
Stanford in A, Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis  
Choral Music Stanford, Bainton, Gardiner, and Fauré



## Substitute List

**Sally Goff**, Organ  
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**Joe Kennedy**, Organ for Sundays, Funerals, and Weddings  
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