

Chiff Chat

MAY 2014

DEAN'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

With the Easter season over I hope that all your services went well and you are now planning for your summer vacation. I hope that you will find time to spend it with your families. With May just around the corner and the start of graduations, I hope that you have saved the date May 10th as this is the next event our chapter will have for its members.

On May 10th, at 7:00pm, there will be a silent movie entitled "It" starring Clara Bow with pipe organ accompaniment by Peter Edwin Krasinski. This movie made Clara Bow famous, making her known as the "It girl". The movie is a silent romantic comedy film telling the story of a shop girl who sets her sights on the handsome and wealthy boss of the department store where she works. The chapter is Co-sponsoring this event with Experience Music at United. It will take place at United Congregational Church of Holyoke in the main sanctuary.

Everyone should have received a ballot for the election of your board for the coming 2014/2015 year and I hope that you mailed it back to Mary Jeanne Tash in time to be counted. If you would like to help with any chapter events please call me or email me at dehoot@verizon.net.

Our last event for the chapter is the Annual Meeting and End of Year

Banquet on Friday June 13th, 2014 at the home of Charles Page. His address is 1 Bridges Road, Enfield, CT. There will be a half hour mini recital given by Justin Murphy-Mancini, one of our young members who is graduating from college.

I look forward to seeing you at the silent film "It" and hearing organist, Peter Krasinski who plays the whole film with out any music. Bring a friend to see the film and hear the Skinner Organ.

Think Spring,

Don Hooton, chapter dean

Silent Film: "It"

starring Clara Bow
Peter Krasinski, Organ



Saturday May 10th, 7:00pm

\$10 suggested donation,
\$5 for students

Co-sponsored with
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May Events

4 Sun. at 3:00pm,
Trinity Methodist Church in Springfield will host "Dudes Day", featuring Anthony Tracek-King, internationally known conductor and Artistic Director of the Boston Children's Chorus (BCC). Choir directors and/or male singers (dudes) in grades 2 - 12 in their programs are welcome. Mr. Tracek-King will bring 50 singers from the BCC to share an afternoon of singing with local male singers.
\$5 per person at the door. Call 733-3033 or e-mail vsbmusic@comcast.net to sign up or ask questions.

4 Sun. at 3:00pm,
The Worcester Chapter AGO will present a concert of local organists and composers to celebrate the 150th anniversary year of the Mechanics Hall Hook Organ. Free admission.

9 Fri. at 7:30pm,
Carson Cooman, organist at The Memorial Church at Harvard University, will present a free organ concert at Edwards Church, 297 Main Street, Northampton, MA. The program will consist entirely of organ music by living composers.

10 Sat. at 7:00pm,
Chapter Event
 Silent Movie "It" with organist **Peter Krasinski**. United Congregational Church of Holyoke, UCC, 300 Appleton St. \$10 suggested donation, \$5 for students.

11 Sun. at 3:00pm,
 Hartford AGO/Quimby Competition Winner **Justin Murphy-Mancini** in recital at the United Methodist Church, 571 Farmington Ave., Hartford, CT.

17 Sat. at 1:00pm,
The Estey Organ Museum will host a tour of Estey Organs in Brattleboro, VT. The tour will begin at the Methodist Church and conclude at the museum. Free admission but donations to the museum will be accepted.

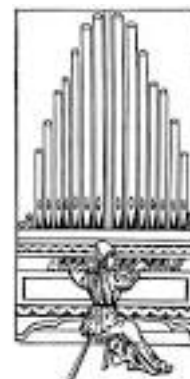
17 Sat. at 7:00pm,
Trinity Methodist Church, Springfield will host the **Children's Chorus of Springfield 7th Annual Spring Concert**, featuring songs in four languages and a sing-along tribute to Pete Seeger. Conductors participating include Wayne Abercrombie, Carol Forward, Esther Rhoades, and Heather Krasner. Tickets \$10 at the door or in advance through Eventbrite. Call 733-3033 or e-mail vsbmusic@comcast.net for more information.

17 Sat. at 7:30pm,
The Hampshire Choral Society and the Pioneer Valley Symphony and Chorus will present Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Sea Symphony* at the UMASS Fine Arts Center. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$17 for seniors 65+, and \$6 for students. Visit www.hampshirechoral.org or www.pvsoc.org.

June Events

8 Sun. at 2:00pm,
Larry Schipull will present an organ recital as part of the "Music at United" concert series at the United Congregational Church of Holyoke, UCC, 300 Appleton St. in Holyoke, MA. \$10 Suggested donation, \$5 for students.

13 Fri. at 6:00pm,
Chapter Event
End of the year picnic and Annual Meeting, held at the home of Charles Page, 1 Bridges Rd., Enfield, CT 06082. Mini-recital to be given by **Justin Murphy-Mancini**.



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www.springfieldago.org

PROGRAMS FOR THE 2014-2015 CHAPTER YEAR

Do you have suggestions for programming for the upcoming chapter year? Is there an event that you would like to see the Springfield Chapter AGO present? The programming committee will be meeting this month to prepare for the next calendar year. If you wish to share your thoughts and ideas, please contact Don Hooton (dehoot@verizon.net), Scott Bailey (sbailey@westfield.ma.edu), or Joe Geehern (joegorganist@verizon.net).

AGO NATIONAL CONVENTION



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June 23-27, 2014*

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METHUEN MEMORIAL MUSIC HALL



Organ recitals presented every Wednesday evening at 8:00pm from May 21st to August 27th. For more information, go to www.mmmh.org.

JOB POSTINGS

The First Baptist Church, Agawam is looking for a choir director/pianist. It involves a Thursday evening rehearsal and Sunday morning service at 9:30 am. Contact Jeanne Webster, jeanneweb@gmail.com, by phone at 413-786-8609 or by mail at:
137 Leonard Street, Agawam, MA. 01001-3351.

Somers Congregational Church seeks part time (15-18 hours /week) Position for Organist/Choir Director. Duties include directing a music program with adult, children's and bell choirs and playing the organ at two Sunday services and special services. Church is looking for enthusiastic and personable candidate who can work well with people. Proficiency in piano, organ and choral conducting are essential. The church has a newly installed Richards, Fowkes tracker organ and a new sanctuary. Position is available August 2014. Interested candidates should contact William Kirkpatrick at wkirkpatrick1cox.net or by phone at 860-749-2369.

The Plainfield Congregational Church, UCC, Plainfield, MA seeks a Choir Director and Organist/Pianist for 10:30 Sunday services beginning September, 2014. Organ is two-manual Allen; piano is a 7' Baldwin. Salary negotiable, dependent on experience. Contact June Persing, 413-634-2214 or bnjpersing@verizon.net.

ORGANIST wanted for **First Lutheran Church of Holyoke, MA**. Position would entail: Playing for the weekly Sunday 9:00 am services; Playing for all special holy day services; Playing as accompanist for the first service choir; attending their Wednesday night rehearsals; Playing for Wednesday services during Advent and Lent. The successful candidate will have experience with church liturgy, with Christian music (both traditional and contemporary), and with the Christian message of salvation. The salary range will be commensurate with the amounts suggested on the Organist Guild Website. If interested, please send a resume and cover letter to: First Lutheran Church, 1810 Northampton St., Holyoke, MA 01040, ATTN: Susan Lastowski

Chiff Chat Newsletter

Springfield, Massachusetts Chapter of the American Guild of Organists Celebrating 64 years as a chapter.

To submit information regarding positions, upcoming concerts, recitals, or area events, please email Scott Bailey at sbailey@westfield.ma.edu. Submissions are due by the 20th of each month. Also, visit our website at www.springfieldago.org

**Next chapter event:
Silent Movie "It" with organist Peter Krasinski
Saturday May 10th, 2014 - 7:00pm
United Congregational Church of Holyoke, UCC
300 Appleton St., Holyoke MA**

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