

Dean's Message: Dear Springfield Chapter AGO Members and Friends: Happy Post-Easter! I hope all went well, whether you were directing, participating in, or listening to great music of the season. I hope you are also taking it relatively easy now that it's over, although, if you're like me, you're probably on to the next major project. Oh well, it's good to be employed.

The handbell workshop in March was a great success and Becky Isaacson led the session expertly and with humor. I believe a number of our members and other visitors learned a lot about the art of ringing, and also about how great the food is when you attend an event at Trinity Methodist Springfield that is hosted by Becky. Thanks for a great morning, Becky!

Looking ahead to our last event of the year, the banquet will happen on Saturday, June 2 at 5:30 p.m. again at Trinity Methodist Church in Springfield.

This is not your average AGO year-end banquet, however. We are combining it with our very popular pastor-organist dinner format, because I guarantee you that your clergy will love the program. We will gather at 5:30 p.m. in Asbury Hall for a social time and dinner will begin at 6 p.m. The 7 p.m. program in the chapel will feature musicians and clergy from Old South Church, Boston, where a wonderful jazz service happens every Thursday evening. Saxophonist Willie Sordillo will lead the group in presenting a jazz worship that feels like a theater piece in its intensity and flow. I REALLY, REALLY encourage you to come to this!

It will not be just a bunch of guys with jazz instruments sitting around jamming on hymn tunes.

This is a really well thought-out worship experience and you'll want to invite anyone you know who wants to experience a new way of worshipping. More information about reserving a spot for you and your clergy (and anyone else) will appear in the May issue of Chiff Chat.

And, at that time, I hope to be telling you a little about next year's programming as well as introducing the new members of the board, including my successor to the Deanship. Why will I be doing this? Because I just KNOW one of you is going to come forward and express your desire to lead this chapter for the next two years. I can just feel it in my bones! I hope to talk to one of you soon.

Enjoy the warmer weather that is to come (soon, I hope).

Larry



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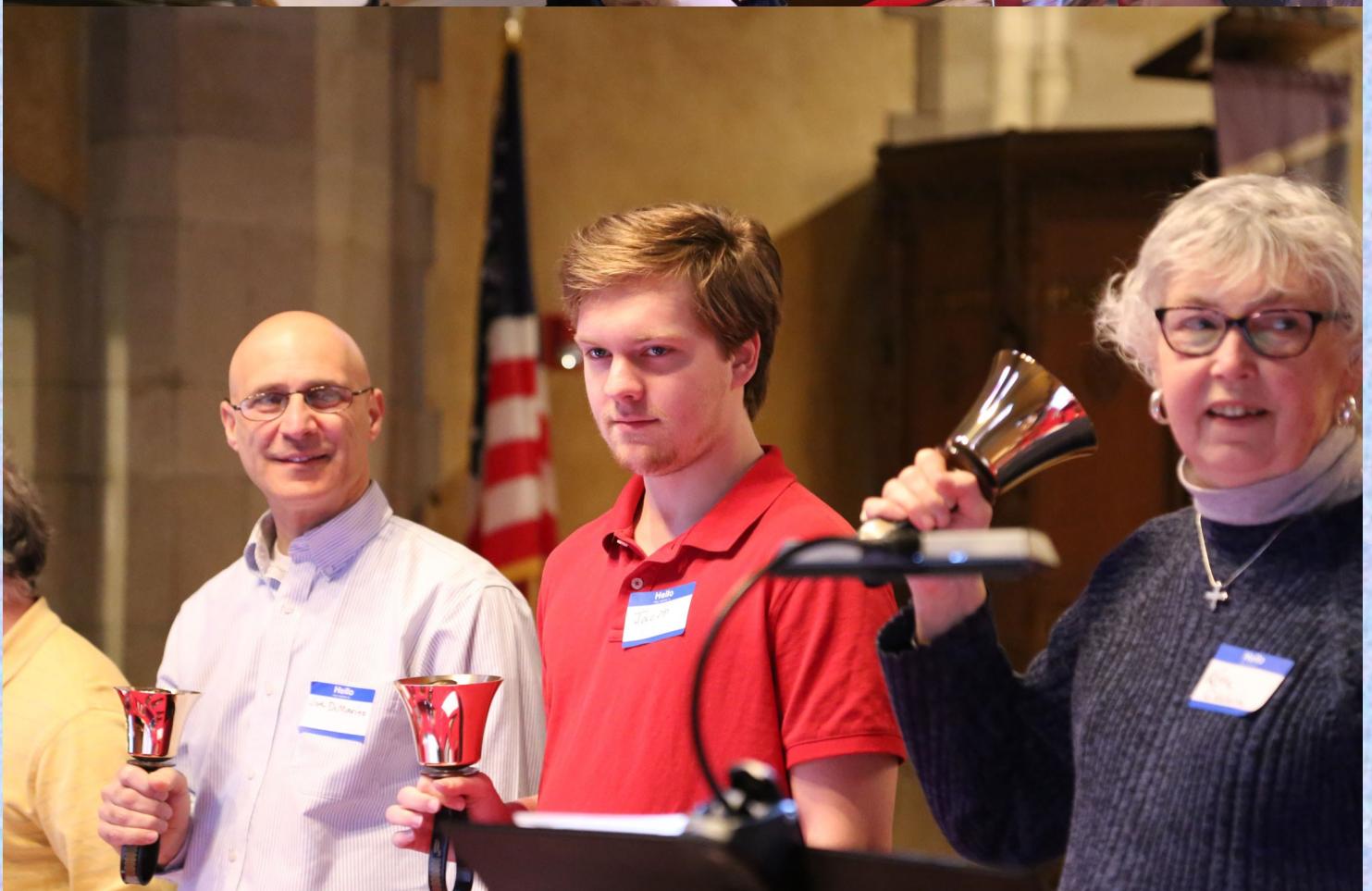
Happy Easter!



*Trinity Methodist Church—Handbell Workshop with
Becky Issacson*















The Twenty-Fifth Annual
L. CAMERON JOHNSON MEMORIAL
ORGAN COMPETITION FOR:
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Is scheduled to be held on
May 19, 2018 at 11:00 am.

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DEADLINE for application is March 16. The rules and application form can be found on the Northeastern Connecticut's Chapter website:

—First Church of Monson MA seeks a Director of Music Ministry. This part-time position will be available in September, 2018. Responsibilities include playing for one Sunday service, directing one adult choir, leading a Thursday evening rehearsal, and coordinating the music program of the church with the liturgical year. The instruments available are a three manual 1891 Johnson pipe organ as well as a Yamaha grand piano. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. Send resume or inquiries by April 15, 2018, to Mary Newland or contact her at 413-267-3219.

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Thank you.

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