

## Chiff Chat Spring-2020

### *The Dean's Message*



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Easter Season Greetings from the Springfield Chapter. I hope you are all staying healthy and safe in this unprecedented time in our country's history.

Kudos to Dianne Rechel for a wonderful February event, "88 Keys/Transitioning from Piano to Organ". 20 eager people got hands on experience at St. John's Episcopal Church in Northampton on the "King of Instruments". Many thanks to Past Dean and St. John's Music Director Grant Moss, for hosting this very successful day. Thank you also to Marjorie and William Ness, Scott Lamelin(Dianne's teacher), and Grant for serving as instructors. All in all, an awesome day. Thanks again to everyone involved.

Due to Covid-19, Bobbie unfortunately had to suspend the Silent Movie, " Peter Pan", at United Congregational Church in Holyoke. In addition our Members Recital on June 6 has likewise been post phoned and will hopefully take place during a healthier and happier time down the road. We wish to thank Karen Banta and Bobbie Morkin for orchestrating these chapter events. May all their efforts bear fruit at a latter

date. Let's pray for a quick solution, so we can once again gather as a group, and not have to practice Social Distancing.

Finally, I offer these beautiful words of Psalm 46.

Be Still my love, know that I am God.

The mountains shake, the waters roar, the valleys tremble with fear; And yet our strength, our refuge sure, whispers in our ear.

Behold the works our Lord has done. to change these hearts of stone. God breaks our arrows, God breaks our bows, God calls us chosen, calls us God's own.

May the good Lord hold us in his gentle and loving arms as we try to get through this tough time.

PEACE!!!!/JOE!!!

**Position Available:** The First Congregational Church in East Longmeadow, MA is searching for an organist/choir director beginning Sept 1, 2020. We have a Southfield 2 manual pipe organ, a Yamaha Baby Grand piano in the sanctuary, and an adult choir of about 15 voices. The position is for Sunday Service, Sunday am rehearsal, mid-week rehearsal, and Christmas and Easter extras. Availability for funerals and weddings is also desired. Salary is competitive with other Western MA churches. If interested please send a letter of interest and resume to: Music Search Committee, First Congregational Church, 7 Somers Road, East Longmeadow, MA 01028 - or - email letter and resume to: [office@churchontherotary.org](mailto:office@churchontherotary.org).

### **Welcome New Members:**

A Friendly hello to Dan Fitzgerald who has joined as a friend of the chapter.

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