



Chiff Chat

October 2022

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Todd Beckham

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Rev. William H. Wallis

Dean's Message: On September 17, 2022 our chapter installation of officers during the Evensong service celebrating Holy Cross day was held at Christ Church Cathedral in Springfield. The installation service was led by our Chaplain Richard Wallis and the preacher for the service was the Rev. Dr. Barbara Headley.

Music for the evensong was Preces and Responses of Richard Ayleward, Magnificat by Betty Pulkingham, Nunc Dimittis by Queen Lili'uokalani, office hymn was Jerusalem (In honor of Queen Elizabeth II and the Anthem was O Savior of the World by Arthur Somervell. The Diocesan Choir from area parishes and Christ Church Cathedral provided choral leadership. Thanks to all who attended to support this event, especially our board members. Also thanks to Lad Pfeifer for acting as photographer.

Recently, when I was singing the wonderful motet of J.S. Bach, Komm, Jesu Komm, I thought about how lucky we are as organists to have the brilliant music of Bach as the greatest example of repertoire for our instrument and with the recent International Bach Organ Playing Competition finishing in Boston, we learn of many young organists who have taken on the mantle of continuing a tradition that goes back to the 18th century. His music is a staple for us and I am always amazed at how his mind created this music but also how he wrote it down for generations to admire and enjoy playing.

We have several opportunities to hear great organists playing fantastic organ music coming up in October and I encourage all to attend our Chapter Programs as well as the Hartford Symphony featuring the organ.

Happy Pipings! Todd Beckham

Our Opening Event



Well September 17th was a very pleasant afternoon and for those attending Evensong at Christ Church Cathedral the day was made all the more enriching. Our new dean, Todd Beckham, oversaw the organization and direction of Evensong in the Anglican tradition. Todd directed The Diocesan Choir with choir members from Christ Church, St. Phillips, Church of the Atonement, St. Andrew's, and Grace Church. Besides Todd Beckham five chapter members also participated. They were Scott Baily, Karen Banta, Jim Barnes, Kell Julliard, and Larry Picard. After the homily on the Light of Christ delivered by The Rev. Dr. Barbara Headley, our chaplain, Father William Wallis installed our slate of seven officers as listed on the Chiff Chat banner.

Musically with the recent events in the United Kingdom there were some poignant moments that made connections with the late Queen Elizabeth. The very unusual office hymn "Jerusalem" by Charles Parry was a rare gem using a text by Wm. Blake from 1804 envisioning Christ presence on the British Isles building up Jerusalem. For myself I could not help but to think of Elizabeth who seemed to have made it to church every Sunday by car or driving a jeep. In addition there was The Sovereign's Fanfare by Arthur Bliss for the final voluntary. Again something relatively unknown to most, yet so very English and invoking sentiment for their late Queen.

Following Evensong there was a very nice reception and it proved a great time to catch up with friends and make a few new acquaintances. Thank you Todd Beckham and to the Cathedral Dean, Tom Callard, who is always so very welcoming. A sincere Thank You to everyone at Christ Church who helped host our opening event.



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New hymn for Veterans Day now available

Choral planners for the services, ceremonies, and observances of Veterans Day 2022 now have a new resource to consider: a new hymn entitled, “Ever Faithful to the Call.”

The hymn can be reviewed and downloaded free for nonprofit use at

www.everfaithfultothecall.com.

Composer Tom Lough turned to chaplains, veterans, family members, widows, and church music professionals for their ideas and suggestions in the hymn’s development. Field testing of the hymn in late 2021 provided additional feedback for the final revisions.

The four-verse hymn was sung recently as part of an organ recital in the West Point Cadet Chapel at the United States Military Academy. Craig Williams, chapel organist, said, “I feel this hymn has the potential for widespread use in military and civilian settings for Veterans Day and other occasions as well.” Lough invites university and church choral leaders to consider incorporating this hymn into their Veterans Day 2022 observances.

This could be a fun time for you!

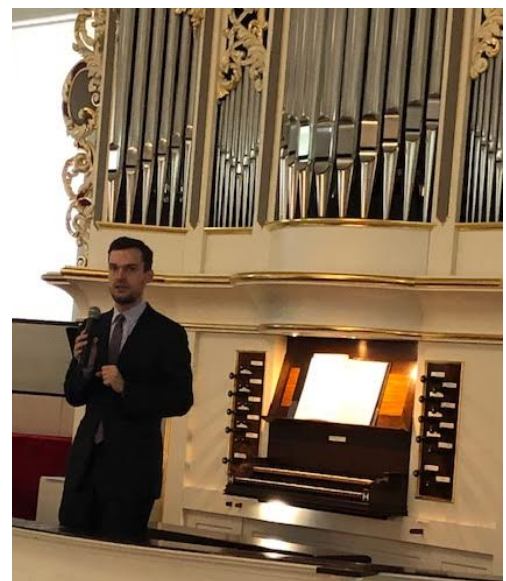
You're invited to an Organist Jamboree on Oct. 15th at United Congregational Church in Holyoke! I'm Dorothy Claire Glover, the new director of music at UCC Holyoke. Every October, the city of Holyoke, MA has an event called Doors Open Holyoke where the city offers free tours showcasing the city's arts, culture, industry, and entertainment. We want to showcase the organ at the church that day to any people who happen to walk through on a tour. Unfortunately, this year I'll be attending a friend's wedding that Saturday and can't play the organ. I need your help! If you're interested in playing one of the two beautiful Skinner organs and talking about the historical and cultural significance of the instrument to folks who come to see the building, please reach out to me at 601-421-5032 or gloverpianostudio@gmail.com. The date is Saturday, Oct. 15th from 9 am - 3pm. I am open to one person playing the whole time, or several people taking shifts. The church will offer a small stipend as well as provide lunch.

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Nathan Laube Review

William Wordsworth once said that poetry was best “written in tranquility” so the emotion could be rekindled with greater clarity and experienced anew. Writing a review of the magnificent Nathan Laube concert in the “tranquility” of mid-week is just such an experience... a “wow” all over again. Last Sunday, Sept. 25 at 3 pm, in the Brick church of Old Deerfield, a large crowd of music lovers was immersed in an exciting master class of history and performance surrounding J. S. Bach, presented by Nathan Laube, a delightful young organ professor from Eastman School, who entertained his audience with interesting back stories of each musical selection. The program consisted of works from Bach's contemporaries that INFLUENCED BACH (Bohm, Muffat) followed by works of the masters who in turn were influenced BY BACH (Mendelssohn, Mozart). For comparison purposes, each was followed by a Bach

composition demonstrating the connection culminating in one of Bach's finest works composed in his most prolific period: the great *Passacaglia BWV 582*. It was a fabulous concert filled with passion and technical skill.



The Brick Church Music series, managed by Jean Turner, is audience

friendly, providing a large screen which transmits images of the organ, zooming in on the organists' feet or hands by an unseen camera operator. Members of the audience who decline to climb the stairs to the balcony actually have a better view of the action than those who make the trek. At the conclusion of the concert, a delightful reception was held next door in the lovely paneled library of Deerfield Academy. The Series will present three more events this season, one of which is AGO sponsored organ concert by

Nathaniel Gumbs on March 26, 2023. Hope you can make it.
<http://www.firstchurchofdeerfield.org/the-brick-church-music-series-2022-2023-programming/>

M. Sienkiewicz

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### *News from Our Colleagues Across the pond*

There are two attachments to our newsletter from our friends from the Northampton Organ District in the UK which give nice insights into their organ world. Of particular note is an organ recital on an organ built by an English immigrant to the U.S. in Detroit, Michigan in 1897 for the good folks back home. My only hint is that it's in the NE 1022 attachment! You may be surprised.

Secondly, our colleagues are hoping to do a joint virtual tour of the Austin Organ Co. of Hartford, CT with us in the future. Their new president (dean), Glyn Hughes has a personal interest since he plays an 1866 Austin at Denton. So go open the attachments!

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### *Next Chapter Events*

**Sun 10/16 at 3 pm.** MONICA CZAUSZ BERNEY CONCERT, The First Church of Monson, Monson MA on **5 High Street**, will host organist **Monica Czausz Berney** in a recital to celebrate the restoration of the **Johnson & Son Organ, Opus 781, 1892**. The concert is scheduled for **Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**, at 3 P.M. Monica, a native of Western MA enrolled in the **Springfield Chapter of American Organists Organ Academy** at an early age. She holds a **Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Organ Performance** from Rice University and a diploma in organ study from Curtis Institute. She has performed world-

wide and is presently interim organist at St. Paul's Cathedral in Washington D.C. The concert is underwritten by the Monson Cultural Council, the AGO Springfield Chapter, the Music Committee of First Church and many angel sponsors from local communities. First Church feels privileged and honored to welcome Monica to Monson and hopes that all you wonderful people of the Springfield AGO will join us for a glorious afternoon.

*Please Print n Post the attached concert flyer! ☺*

**Sun 10/30 at 6 pm. Halloween Concert** sponsored by Trinity United Methodist Church, South Congregational Church, and the Springfield Chapter of the American Guild of Organists invites you to a concert of music for pipe organ, voices and other instruments, on Sunday, October 30, 2022, at 6 p.m. The event will take place at Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Avenue, Springfield. AGO Members and other guest performers will play and sing scary-sounding works by Bach, Boellmann, Buxtehude, Mozart, Sondheim, John Williams, Andrew Lloyd Webber and others. There is no admission charge for the concert, and it will be preceded at 5:00 by an outdoor activity time for kids in the church parking area. Adults and children are encouraged to dress in their favorite Halloween costumes and there will be costume parade for the kids during the concert. More information can be had by calling Larry Picard at 413-348-3729.

**Sun 11/20 at 4 pm NEW MEMBERS RECEPTION AND ORGAN DEMONSTRATION:** Grace Episcopal Church, Amherst.

**Sun 3/19/2023 ALL SAINTS WORCESTER CHOIR EVENSONG:** Pre-service organ recital by Todd Beckham All Bach at Christ Church Cathedral.

**Sun 3/26/2023 NATHANIEL GUMBS CONCERT:** at 3 pm, Brick Church, Deerfield. We are co-sponsoring.

**Sun 4/30/2023 CHORAL FESTIVAL:** Time TBD at Trinity Methodist, Springfield. Chapter member composers with a Festival Choir of our choir singers.

# Other Events



## MUSIC AT THE RED DOOR

**St. John's Episcopal Church**, 679 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, CT  
860-523-5201 ext. 324

Please visit the following link for more details: <https://www.reddoormusic.org>

### **OCTOBER 14, 2022 @ 7:30 PM**

#### **[BOYD MEETS GIRL: LAURA METCALF, CELLO; RUPERT BOYD, GUITAR](#)**

Join us for a beautiful chamber music concert on Friday, October 14, 2022 at 7:30pm by Boyd Meets Girl: Laura Metcalf, cello; Rupert Boyd, guitar. Ms. Metcalf is no stranger to our series, having grown up at St. John's Church. We're very excited about this return engagement.

### **OCTOBER 16, 2022 @ 2:00 PM**

#### **[NEW WORLD TRIO: ENSEMBLE-IN-RESIDENCE AT THE RED DOOR](#)**

Join us on Sunday, October 16, at 2:00pm, for New World Trio, Ensemble-in-Residence at Music at the Red Door. These concerts are free admission, suggested donation \$20. Checks payable to New World Trio. Details at [www.newworldtrio.org](http://www.newworldtrio.org) Anhared Stowe, violin Peter Zay, cello David Ballena, piano

### **OCTOBER 23, 2022 @ 5:00 PM**

#### **[CHORAL EVENSONG – ST. JOHN'S CHOIR SCHOOL & ADULT CHOIR](#)**

The ancient and beautiful service of Choral Evensong is presented on the fourth Sunday of selected months at St. John's. Join us on October 23 at 5:00pm for this time of music and worship. Sung by the St. John's Choir School & Adult Choir; Scott Lamlein, organist/choirmaster. This event is free admission, donations welcomed.

### **NOVEMBER 6, 2022 @ 12:30 PM**

#### **[PIPES ALIVE! – ALAN MURCHIE, ORGANIST](#)**

The Pipes Alive! series opens with organist Alan Murchie playing the St. John's organ on Sunday, November 6, 2022, at 12:30pm. The concert is free admission – donations welcomed.

**DECEMBER 4, 2022 @ 12:30 PM**

**PIPES ALIVE! – SUSAN CARROLL, ORGANIST**

The Pipes Alive! series continues with organist Susan Carroll playing the St. John's organ on Sunday, December 4, 2022, at 12:30pm. The concert is free admission – donations welcomed.

**DECEMBER 11, 2022 @ 3:00 PM**

**CANDLELIGHT FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS**

A “must” to center your soul during the Advent season! In the tradition of King's College, Cambridge, prepare your soul for the Christmas miracle with carols for choir and organ. This event is a long-standing tradition at St. John's – arrive early to get a good seat!

Please visit the following link for more details: <https://www.reddoormusic.org>

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***The Illuminati* October 15, 7:30 pm, Our Lady of the Valley,  
33 Adams St. Easthampton** presenting J.S. Bach ‘Komm, Jesu komm’ & ‘Jesu, meine Freude’; Monteverdi, Missa ‘In illo tempore’ and Victoria, Missa ‘O quam gloriosum’  
**General Admission \$21.50 // Senior (65+) \$16.50 // Student \$11.50**  
**Season Pass: General \$60.00, Senior \$45.00, Student \$30.00**

**February 11, 2023, 7:30 PM**  
**Abbey Chapel, Mount Holyoke College**  
**South Hadley**

Lang, ‘[the little match girl passion](#)’  
Schütz, ‘[Musikalische Exequien](#)’  
world premiere by [Brandon Waddles](#)

**May 20, 2023, 7:30 PM**  
**Buckley Recital Hall, Amherst College**  
**Amherst**  
Howells [Requiem](#)  
Tavener, *Song for Athene & O do not move*  
Thompson *Odes of Horace*  
Whitacre *5 Hebrew Love Songs*  
Gjeilo *Ave Generosa* • Holst *I Love My Love*





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Stephen Tharp, organ



## Music for organ & orchestra October 22, 4:00 PM.

Rare special events happen once in a blue moon. A blue moon event is on the horizon for Saturday, October 22, 4:00 PM.

The 1929 Austin pipe organ, restored in 1989 in the Mortensen Hall at the Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts, 160 Capitol Avenue, Hartford Connecticut will be featured with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra! It is one of the finest instruments built by Austin. Grammy Award-winning organist, Paul Jacobs and Alexander Pattavina will be performing “Once Upon a Castle” by Michael Daugherty and “Symphony Number 3 in C minor” by Camille Saint-Saens.

The massive Bushnell organ is only rolled out in performance on special occasions, and this is one of them. You don’t want to miss this unique event.

AGO members receive 10% discount using code ASOFHSO. Student tickets are available for \$10.00 with the purchase of an adult ticket and valid student identification. Complete rules can be read at <https://hartfordsymphony.org/concerts-tickets/tickets/student-tickets>. Additional information may be obtained by emailing [HSOticketservices@hartfordsymphony.org](mailto:HSOticketservices@hartfordsymphony.org)

Ways to get *your* tickets include calling the Bushnell box office at 860-987-5900 or phoning HSO Ticket Services 860-249-5430

See you there!, Lori Bourret

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***Upcoming Brick Church Concerts @ 3:00 pm***

***71 Old Main St, Deerfield***

**Sirena Huang, violin Pi-Hsun Shih, piano Oct 30**

**Nathaniel Gumbs, organ March 26th**

**Frisson Wind Trio & Piano April 16<sup>th</sup>**



**Novi Cantori, Sunday, December 11, 2022 @ 2:00 pm**

**Ste. Rose de Lima Church, Chicopee, MA**

**Novi Cantori, Sunday, December 18, 2022 @ 2:00 pm**

**Granville Federated Church, Granville, MA**



***Positions Available***

**Organist/Choir director** wanted. Must be familiar with the Roman Catholic liturgy. Two weekend Masses (4pm Sat; 10:30 Sun) with brief choir rehearsal prior to the 10:30am Sun mass. Beautiful Cassavant organ and grand piano. \$250/week. Contact Fr. Michael Twohig, Pastor, St. Theresa Parish, South Hadley, MA, 413-262-3310/cell & text.



**Central Congregational Church of New Salem**

**Part-time Organist/Choir Director**

Central Congregational Church (UCC) of New Salem, MA, a small rural congregation in the North Quabbin area of Western Mass., seeks an experienced musician to play an historic 1860, one manual Tracker organ and piano for weekly Sunday morning worship services from Labor Day through the end of July; The Choir sings an Anthem two Sundays each month and for special seasonal worship services) and practices for 45 minutes prior to the worship service on those Sundays/Services when they sing This part-time position has a salary of up to \$10,000 depending on the candidates training and experience. Please submit a cover letter, resume and three references to: [nsccc22@gmail.com](mailto:nsccc22@gmail.com) or Central Cong. Church of New Salem, attn. Rev. Jim Ewen, 22 South Main Street, New Salem, MA 01355

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**Director of Music** Christ the King Epiphany Church (Lutheran/Episcopal) Wilbraham. The responsibilities of this part-time position include (but are not limited to): choosing and playing hymns and other music that are appropriate for church season and accompanying liturgy for Sunday worship services; coordinating and collaborating with other musicians to enhance worship including the redevelopment of a choir as possible.

Minimum Qualifications:

Mastery of piano and willingness to become proficient on the organ, Good written and oral communication skills; Ability to work individually and as part of a team; Choral experience.

Salary range: \$12,000-\$15,000 (~10 hours/week) commensurate with experience

If interested, please provide cover letter, resume and recordings/links as possible to the attention of Liz Tousignant at [music@ctkephany.org](mailto:music@ctkephany.org).