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2019 PROGRAMS

Thank You

Many thanks to Alma Hamilton for her presentation last Saturday on blended, or “convergence” worship. Many of us came away with the realization that convergence worship has been with the church throughout its history. Special thanks to Joseph Esposito, guitarist and Father Robert Balan, priest and musician.

Sunday, March 17, 2019.

ROAD TRIP TO WEST POINT

We will be joined by the West Chester Chapter on March 17th at the West Point Cadet Chapel for an organ recital by Craig Williams, Cadet Chapel organist and choirmaster. We expect to arrive around 1:45 pm, at which time Craig will explain to us the history of the chapel and the organ. The recital will begin at 2:30. After the recital, Craig says he would be open to showing us some of the downstairs organ shop and organ controls. That would be followed by dinner at a local restaurant. The Cadet Chapel is located at 722 Derussy Rd, West Point, NY. Due to time constraints, some of you may be going directly to the Chapel. **Please make sure you and any passengers have photo ID (driver’s license counts), and tell security that you are going to the Cadet Chapel.** If you would like to car pool, we will be meeting at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 18 Clapboard Ridge Rd, Danbury and leaving at 12:30 p.m. Please contact Oyeniran Oyedeji at 678-478-1909 or oyeniranojedeji@immanueldanbury.org if you are interested in joining us for a meal following the recital. The suggested restaurant (details later) is about a mile from the Chapel. We would like to have an estimate for the restaurant. It promises to be a fun and exciting time of music and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 4 PM

Annual Business Meeting/Social at Bertucci’s in Darien.
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CALENDAR –March 2019

Sunday, March 3 at 4 PM

Sunday Afternoons Live - 'Scape Trio - Versatile and dynamic, 'Scape Trio engages the senses on the concert stage, NYC's finest art galleries, and adds musical flair to private events. Enjoy the variety of their performances with music from Baroque to Contemporary! Refreshments are included in your \$25 admission. School-age children are free. First Congregational Church of Greenwich, 108 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich, CT

Sunday, March 3 - 4 PM

Concert - Charis Chamber Voices will present a program of 17th and 18th century works from the heart of the Baroque period, including Handel's acrobatic Dixit Dominus featuring soloists and a 12-piece orchestra playing period instruments. The concert will be followed by wine and cheese receptions. Tickets are \$25 (\$20 for seniors and \$15 for students). First Presbyterian Church, 178 Oenoke Rd, New Canaan, CT

Sunday, March 3 at 5 PM

Choral Evensong and Mardi Gras Celebration – The choirs of Trinity, Southport, St. Paul's, Fairfield, and Christ & Holy Trinity, Westport combine to present choral music of Helvey, Lehman, Kelly, and Wood. Evensong is free; tickets for the Mardi Gras party at: www.chtwestport.org/tickets. Christ & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 75 Church Lane, Westport. (203) 227-0827.

Sunday, March 10 at 4 PM

Sunday Afternoons Live - Off Sounders with special guests The Grace Notes -The Off Sounders is a men's a cappella singing group that has been performing in the Greenwich area and beyond since 1956. The group's repertoire includes traditional, contemporary, spiritual, classical, jazz, pop, show tunes, good old rock and roll, country western and seasonal music. Refreshments are included in your \$25 admission. School-age children are free. First Congregational Church of Greenwich, 108 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich, CT

Wednesday, March 13 at 12:15 PM

Lenten Organ Recital Series~ Michael Burnette,
Christ & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Westport
First Church Congregational, 148 Beach Road • Fairfield, CT
203-259-8396. www.firstchurchfairfield.org

Saturday, March 16, 9 AM -1 PM

Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza - Teachers from the New Haven AGO will give the children a practical learning experience. We will start at the Seymour St. John Chapel at Choate Rosemary Hall, walk to First Congregational Church (23 S Main St) and end at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (65 N Main St).with a pizza lunch together. Sign up required by Friday, March 15 at: info@sacredmusicct.org. Use this link to spread the word: <http://www.sacredmusicct.org/pedal-pipes-pizza/> Call 203-671-9393 for information

March 16 at 8 PM

Ridgefield Symphony concert –Fairfield West AGO members Kathleen Theisen and Andrew Gordon will be performing in the symphony in this program that features works by Webern, Respighi, and Haydn. Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 E Ridge Rd, Ridgefield <http://ridgefieldsymphony.org/>

Monday, March 18 at 7:30 PM

Concert- Kathleen Theisen, Piano. . Program includes works by Bach, Mozart, Chopin, Schubert, Brahms, Theisen, Confrey, Gershwin, Harrison, Glass, Ashforth, and Thomson. Free Admission. Auditorium at Meadow Ridge Senior Living, Redding, CT.

Wednesday, March 20 at 12:15 PM

Lenten Organ Recital Series - Frank Zilinyi,

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, Milford
First Church Congregational, 148 Beach Road • Fairfield, CT
203-259-8396. www.firstchurchfairfield.org

Wednesday, March 27 at 12:15 PM

Lenten Organ Recital Series ~ Leslie C. Smith,

Round Hill Community Church, Greenwich
First Church Congregational, 148 Beach Road • Fairfield, CT
203-259-8396. www.firstchurchfairfield.org

Saturday, March 30 at 5 PM

Choir of New College, Oxford – The acclaimed choir of men and boys is celebrated for its distinctive and stylish performance of music from five centuries. Their program, “Treasures of New College,” includes Anglican cathedral favorites. Tickets at: www.chtwestport.org/tickets. Reception follows in the Great Hall. Christ & Holy Trinity Church, 75 Church Lane, Westport. (203) 227-0827.

April 2019

Wednesday, April 3 at 12:15 PM

Lenten Organ Recital Series ~ Rick Tripodi

Green's Farms Church, Westport
First Church Congregational, 148 Beach Road • Fairfield, CT
203-259-8396. www.firstchurchfairfield.org

Wednesday, April 10 at 12:15 PM

Lenten Organ Recital Series ~ Paul Jacobson,

First Church Congregational, Fairfield
First Church Congregational, 148 Beach Road • Fairfield, CT
203-259-8396. www.firstchurchfairfield.org

Opportunity for Singers

The Village Singers of Westchester, Kathleen Theisen, Music Director, welcomes new singers of all voice types. Rehearsals on Tuesdays from 7-9PM at Atria, King Street, Rye Brook, NY (across the street from St Paul's Catholic Church in Greenwich). Repertoire includes Faure Requiem, Franck Psalm 150, and other works by Bach, Palestrina, Vecchi, and Gastoldi, as well as a variety of music around the theme of 'dancing through spring' from Broadway, TV, and popular music. Performances are in early June. Contact kathleentheisen@icloud.com or 203-561-6623 for more info. <https://www.facebook.com/TheVillageSingersOfWestchester/>

Other Events

AGO 2019



Registration is now open for AGO Buffalo Niagara 2019, the Northeast Regional Convention of the American Guild of Organists! Please join us for an amazing week of world-class organs, organists, architecture and natural beauty.

Featured artists include **Nathan Laube** performing on the Hook & Hastings/Andover Centennial Organ at St. Joseph Cathedral, **Chelsea Chen** on the 151 Rank Möller/Parsons Organ at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, **Katelyn Emerson** on the C.B. Fisk Organ at the University at Buffalo and **David Higgs** on the 81 Rank Aeolian-Skinner Organ at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Additional performances include outstanding artists **Michael Hey, Bruce Neswick, Judy Congdon, Abigail Rockwood, Stephen Price, Roland Martin** and **Joshua Stafford** and the choral groups **Vocalis** and the **Harmonia Chamber Singers**. Convention-goers will also be able to hear the Wurlitzer Theater Organ at historic Shea's Theater in a performance by world-renowned theater organist, **Richard Hills**. A commissioned anthem for choir and organ by **Carson Cooman** will be also premiered at the opening service.

The very affordable early regular registration fee of just \$350 includes the transportation package for the entire week and three lunches. The AGOYO (young organists under 30 years of age) registration fee is only \$50 to encourage as many of our young organists to attend as possible!

You will not want to miss this convention in Buffalo, a city in the midst of an amazing cultural re-birth. Please come join us!

More information and a link to register are available at www.Buffalo2019.org. We look forward to seeing you in Buffalo from July 1-4, 2019.

PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTERS - 2019

The 2019 Pipe Organ Encounters are open for registration! Enrollment is starting to fill up, with one event already half full. Early registration deadlines range from March 1 to March 31 across six POE sites. Scholarships are available for all POEs offered in 2019.

This year, for the first time, one of the traditional POEs is taking place in Europe, hosted by the Finland Chapter in Helsinki. Three other POEs are in the Northeast, North Central, and West Regions of the USA: Cape Cod, Mass.; St. Louis, Mo.; and Seattle, Wash.

Go to: <https://www.agohq.org/education/poe/> for more information and to apply.