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Fairfield West Chapter Events 2019-20

Saturday, April 25 at 11 AM **Conducting from the Console Workshop**

Featuring Dr. Andrew Henderson, from Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church, NYC, and the new Klais organ at Saugatuck Congregational Church Westport.

Important!

Given the nature of the program, in order for Dr. Henderson to demonstrate his methods, we will need a good representation from the chapter if not from some of your choir members as well to form a choir.

June 7, 2020 – Time TBA
Annual Business Meeting and Social
Please let me know if you prefer 4 or 6 PM
Bertucci's Restaurant, Darien

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OUR NEXT PROGRAM: Conducting from the Console

Calling All Singers!!!

The Fairfield West Chapter of the AGO is sponsoring a Conducting from the Console workshop led by Andrew Henderson, Director of Music & Organist at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church since July 2005.

Save the date: Saturday, April 25th, 2020 at 11 AM

Saugatuck Congregational Church
245 Post Rd. E,
Westport, CT 06880

We need conductors and singers. This means you! In order to test the techniques Dr. Henderson wants to teach, we need people willing to conduct and play to get feedback. We will also need a live choir, which means live singers. Please inform your choir members and singers and invite them to this event. Please pick a piece of music you want to play and conduct the choir on and bring copies for singers. We'll need a list of the pieces you plan to conduct, so please send that information to oyeniranoyedeji@immanueldanbury.org. Looking forward to seeing you in Westport!

Oyeniran Oyedeji
Sub-Dean, Fairfield West AGO

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Several Board members who have responded are split between being available at either 4 PM or 6PM. Please email me at Le73@optonline.net to let me know your preference.

CALENDAR - March 2020

Sunday, March 1 at 3 PM

The Fontenay Chamber Players -Music of Mozart, Ravel and Respighi. Concert is partially supported by The Suzanne LaFollette Culley Charitable Foundation. There will be a free-will offering. First Congregational Church, 103 Main St, Ridgefield. For more info: Kathleen Theisen, Interim Director of Music Ministries, FCC Ridgefield: KathleenT@firstcongregational.com

Wednesday, March 4 at Noon

Lenten Musical Moments – Comtemplative music sung by Chancel Choir section leader Diana Benton, soprano. Communion will be served. The Congregational Church, 23 Park Street, New Canaan. For more information, please contact Jody Blaine Davis at 203/966-2651 #827 or music@godsacre.org

Wednesday, March 4 at Noon

Lenten Organ Series – Daniel Brownell of First United Church of Christ, Milford. First Church Congregational, 148 Beach Rd, Fairfield.

Saturday, March 7 at 7:30PM

The King's Singers – Acclaimed for their exhilarating virtuosity and irresistible charm, the British vocal sextet sings a program entitled, Finding Harmony, which explores the power of music to bring people together and effect social change. Tickets at www.chtwestport.org/tickets. Reception follows in the Great Hall. Christ & Holy Trinity Church, 75 Church Lane, Westport. (203) 227-0827.

Wednesday, March 11 at Noon

Lenten Musical Moments – Comtemplative music sung by Chancel Choir section leader Hans Tashjian, bass. Communion will be served. The Congregational Church, 23 Park Street, New Canaan. For more information, please contact Jody Blaine Davis at 203/966-2651 #827 or music@godsacre.org

Wednesday, March 11 at Noon

Lenten Organ Series – Kevin Bailey of First Presbyterian Church, Stamford.
First Church Congregational, 148 Beach Rd, Fairfield.

Thursday, March 12 at 12:15-12:45 PM

Lenten Organ Recital – Leslie Smith, Director of Music, Round Hill Community Church.
First Congregational Church, 108 Sound Beach Ave, Old Greenwich. Following the recital, there will be a simple lunch of soup and a sandwich in the Auditorium, which is also free, with a basket on each table for anyone who wishes to make a donation to offset the cost of their meal.

Sunday, March 15 at 3 PM

Lenten Choral Concert - Adult choirs from three Greenwich churches will gather at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Riverside for a free Lenten Choral Concert. Concert features Vesperae solennes de confessore (Solemn Vespers for a Confessor) by Mozart. Accompanied by a chamber orchestra and the professional section leaders from each church will be the soloists. Also included are "Ave verum corpus" by Mozart, and "Bless the Lord, my soul" by Mikail Ippolitov-Ivanov, and "Bogoroditse Devo" by Sergei Rachmaninoff. Violinist Chie Yoshinaka will be soloist in Concerto for Violin and Strings by Johann Sebastian Bach. The choirs participating are from St. Catherine/St. Agnes Catholic Church, Riverside (Liya Petrides, Director of Music) First Congregational Church (Craig Scott Symons, Minister of Music), and St. Paul's Episcopal, Riverside (David Johnson, Director of Music). There will be a free-will offering received to help defray costs of the program. For more information, contact Craig Symons at 203-637-1791 extension 822, or email him at craigs@fccog.org.

Sunday, March 15 at 5 PM

Evensong - featuring the Rose responses and works by Thomas Morley.
Christ Church, 254 E Putnam Ave, Greenwich.

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Organ Recital - Dr. Balint Karosi, guest concert organist
Richard, Fowkes, Opus 5, St. John's Lutheran Church,
884 Newfield Avenue, Stamford, CT
<https://www.joyfulnoiseoffairfieldcounty.com/>

Wednesday, March 18 at Noon

Lenten Musical Moments – Comtemplative music sung by Chancel Choir section leader Dimitrie Lazich, baritone. Communion will be served. The Congregational Church, 23 Park Street, New Canaan. For more information, please contact Jody Blaine Davis at 203/966-2651 #827 or music@godsacre.org

Wednesday, March 18 at Noon

Lenten Organ Series - Victoria Shields of First Presbyterian Church, New Canaan.
First Church Congregational, 148 Beach Rd, Fairfield,

Thursday, March 19 at 12:15-12:45 PM

Lenten Organ Recital - David Johnson, Director of Music, St. Paul's, Riverside.

First Congregational Church, 108 Sound Beach Ave, Old Greenwich. Following the recital, there will be a simple lunch of soup and a sandwich in the Auditorium, which is also free, with a basket on each table for anyone who wishes to make a donation to offset the cost of their meal.

Sunday March 22 at 3 PM

Organ-Vocal Recital - "Sweet Solitude" - Liya Petrides, Soprano, Lyudmila German, Organ Music by Henry Purcell and Lyudmila German. Admission \$20, children up to 17 free.

St. Catherine of Siena Concerts in the Chapel, 4 Riverside Ave, Riverside, CT 06878

music.director@stc-sta.org

Wednesday, March 25 at Noon

Lenten Musical Moments – Comtemplative music sung by Chancel Choir section leader Aram Tchobanian, tenor. Communion will be served. The Congregational Church, 23 Park Street, New Canaan. For more information, please contact Jody Blaine Davis at 203/966-2651 #827 or

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Wednesday, March 25 at Noon

Lenten Organ Series - Bryan Campbell of Orange Congregational.

First Church Congregational, 148 Beach Rd, Fairfield,

Thursday, March 26 at 12:15-12:45 PM

Lenten Organ Recital - Dr. Liya Petrides, Director of Music, St. Catherine Church, Riverside.

First Congregational Church, 108 Sound Beach Ave, Old Greenwich. Following the recital, there will be a simple lunch of soup and a sandwich in the Auditorium, which is also free, with a basket on each table for anyone who wishes to make a donation to offset the cost of their meal.

Friday, March 27 at 7:30 PM

The Canadian Brass - For tickets, see trinitysouthport.org/tickets. Trinity Episcopal Church, 651 Pequot Ave, Southport.

Saturday, March 28 at 4 PM

Hymn Festival – led by Amanda Page Smith. Hymns, anthems and readings led by young singers. Youth Choirs from Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansdale, PA, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Fairfield and First Congregational Church, Fairfield. First Congregational Church, 148 Beach Road, Fairfield, CT. Admission is free – donations accepted.

Sunday, March 29 at 5 PM

Choral Evensong - sung by the St. Paul's Choir, John Abdenour, director, Jonathan Vaughn, organ. Repertoire includes the Evening Service in b minor by Hugh Blair, responses by Anthony Piccolo, and *Jehovah quam multi sunt hostes mei* by Henry Purcell. English Tea precedes at 4 PM. No admission charge (freewill offering accepted). St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 661 Old Post Road, Fairfield. Free on-street and Town Hall lot parking. www.stpaulsfairfield.org.

APRIL 2020

Wednesday, April 1 at Noon

Lenten Musical Moments – Comtemplative music sung by Chancel Choir section leader Anne Maguire, mezzo-soprano. Communion will be served. The Congregational Church, 23 Park Street, New Canaan. For more information, please contact Jody Blaine Davis at 203/966-2651 #827 or music@godsacre.org

Wednesday, April 1 at Noon

Lenten Organ Series - Paul Jacobson of First Church Congregational, Fairfield.
First Church Congregational, 148 Beach Rd, Fairfield,

Thursday, April 2 at 12:15-12:45 PM

Lenten Organ Recital - Dr. Craig Scott Symons, Minister of Music, First Congregational Church. First Congregational Church, 108 Sound Beach Ave, Old Greenwich. Following the recital, there will be a simple lunch of soup and a sandwich in the Auditorium, which is also free, with a basket on each table for anyone who wishes to make a donation to offset the cost of their meal.

Sunday, April 5 at 5 PM

Stainer's *Crucifixion* - sung by the Christ Church Singers.
Christ Church, 254 E Putnam Ave, Greenwich

Wednesday, April 8 at Noon

Lenten Musical Moments – Comtemplative music sung by Chancel Choir section leader Antonio Abate, tenor. Communion will be served. The Congregational Church, 23 Park Street, New Canaan. For more information, please contact Jody Blaine Davis at 203/966-2651 #827 or music@godsacre.org

OTHER NEWS

2021 UK Choir Trip

St. John's Parish Choir (Stamford) is going to Peterborough Cathedral in the UK in August 2021 under the direction of Nathan Lively and organist Janet Yieh. Guest singers are welcome! The all-inclusive price of \$2,500 will cover air, food, lodging, and land travel. You only pay for souvenirs. Please email Nathan at NathanKLively@gmail.com for a brochure and more details of the trip. If you cannot make this trip with our choir, please consider making a gift to support the cost of the trip by writing a check to St. John's Lutheran Church and putting "England 2021" in the memo line. Thank you for the support.

OTHER EVENTS

The Waterbury Chapter AGO would like to invite AGO members from adjacent chapters to participate in our Youth Choir Festival with Gabriel Lovfall on **March 14, 2020**.

Repertoire list – Waterbury Chapter American Guild of Organists Youth Choir Festival – March 14, 2020

Gabriel Lovfall, director

Trinity Episcopal Church, Torrington

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above – Jodi Lindh (Chorister's Guild CGA583) (Unison and optional handbells)

Everywhere I Go – Natalie Sleeth – (Chorister's Guild CGA171) (2 pt.)

Pie Jesu – Mary Lynn Lightfoot (Heritage Choral Series 15/1227H) (2 pt.)

Tumefurahi – Dave and Jean Perry – (Chorister's Guild CGA1462)

This Little Light of Mine – Mark Patterson – (Chorister's Guild CGA1108) (2 pt.)

God Is Always There – Toni Sullivan – (Chorister's Guild CGA1590) (Unison)

How Can I Keep From Singing? – Paul Halley – (Pelagos PEL2034) (SSA) You may contact Bill Degan to get this music (dbopen32@gmail.com) since there is a 40 copy minimum when ordering from Pelagos. Please contact Toni Sullivan (sullivantt@gmail.com) to express your interest in the festival

OPEN POSITIONS

There are TWO positions are open in Stamford, start date July 2020.

1. Choir Director/Music Director
2. Pianist/Organist

<http://www.unionmemorialchurch.com/>

Church: Union Memorial Church, 58 Church Street, Stamford, Ct 06906

10:00am Sunday Services/ Communion on First Sunday of each Month

Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir

Affiliated with the United Church of Christ and the CT Conference of the United Church of Christ

Start Date: July

Instruments: Upright Steinway and an Austin Electric pneumatic pipe organ. The organ is serviced regularly.

CONTACT: Lisa Edele at unionmemorialchurch@gmail.com / 203-359-9416 or 203-324-6715