



From the Dean:

Dear colleagues and friends,

Happy fall!

A reminder that we have an event on Fri., Nov. 16, at 7 pm. Professor of Law Jean Volk will be speaking about Contract Considerations for Church Organists. Whether you are starting a new job, staying in your current position, or just want to be prepared for the future, this could be useful information! She will not offer personal legal advice, but we will devote time for general questions.

I've heard from several churches over the last couple weeks about newly open positions, both temporary and permanent. Check below for more information!

Your dean, Emily Sensenbach-Gopal

For your calendar

Lunchtime Recital with Heather Gardner (soprano) and Lee Hagon-Kerr (piano) – Wed., Nov. 7, 12:15 pm. First Reformed Church of New Brunswick, 9 Bayard Street. Free admission, free lunch, free parking.

After Noon Concert: Mark Laubach – Thurs., Nov. 8, 12:30 pm. Princeton University Chapel. Free admission.

After Noon Concert: Jeffrey Clearman – Thurs., Nov. 15, 12:30 pm. Princeton University Chapel. Free admission.

Contract Considerations for Church Organists, presented by law professor Jean Volk– Fri., Nov. 16, 7 pm. St. Paul's Church sanctuary, 62 South Main St., Milltown, NJ 08850. Free admission.

Organist Eric Plutz playing "A French Potpourri" – Fri., Nov. 16, 8 pm. Princeton University Chapel. Free admission.

After Noon Concert: Jason Roberts – Thurs., Nov. 29, 12:30 pm. Princeton University Chapel. Free admission.

Registration opens for AGO June 30 – July 3, 2019 Regional Convention in Atlantic City – Sat., Dec. 1. See <https://www.agosouthjersey2019.org>.

Messiah and More, conducted by chapter member Steven Russell featuring the Garden State Philharmonic and GSP Chorus -- Sun., Dec. 16, 4 pm. Christ Episcopal Church, Toms River. Tickets available at www.gardenstatephilharmonic.org.

Queens Chorale Winter Concert, conducted by chapter member Emily Sensenbach-Gopal – Sun., Dec. 16, 4 pm. Kirkpatrick Chapel , 85 Somerset St., New Brunswick. Admission \$10.

Organ Study Grant

Our AGO chapter is pleased to offer a monetary grant to a deserving young (age 18 or under) piano student who has expressed an interest in learning to play the organ. The grant would be for \$500 to cover the cost of 10 to 15 introductory organ lessons. For more information, see <http://www.mcano.org/OSG.pdf>

Area employment

Bishop Janes United Methodist Church, 22 S. Finley Ave., Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 (updated)

Director of Music Ministries / Organist-Pianist

Weekly hours: 20 part-time

Blended service (Traditional/Contemporary)

Directs Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, and Praise Choir/Band

Oversees Children's and Youth Choirs

PJM 2-manual, 17 rank pipe organ, Opus 49 (2007); Yamaha Grand Piano – C6; Baldwin Grand Piano – R

Minimum education: Bachelors degree or higher preferred

Salary range: \$20,000 - \$24,000

For complete job description and to submit resume, contact Ron Schinbeckler, Chair, Search Committee at from1@aol.com by November 30, 2018.

The Church of St. Martha, a vibrant Catholic faith community in Point Pleasant, NJ is seeking a highly qualified individual to lead the parish music ministry. The successful candidate will be responsible for the ongoing development of our music ministry which includes three choirs (Traditional, Contemporary, Children) and volunteer cantors and musicians. Reporting directly to the Pastor, the music director is an important staff member regarding liturgical planning.

Ideal candidate will possess BA degree in Music or Choral Direction from an accredited college or university, and have a minimum of 5 years experience developing liturgical music ministries in Catholic parishes. Experienced and highly skilled performer on pipe organ and piano required.

This is a permanent full time position with a competitive starting salary and benefit package that we anticipate will be filled within 4-6 weeks. If qualified, please submit curriculum vitae to www.jtwsvdp@msn.com or mail to Search Committee, Church of St. Martha, [3800 Herbertsville Rd., Point Pleasant, NJ 08742](http://www.jtwsvdp@msn.com).

First Presbyterian Church of Woodbridge

We need help finding a substitute for Sunday November 4, a wedding at 4:30pm on Saturday, November 10 and our two Christmas Eve Services at 5:30pm and 10pm (at least the 10pm service as we can hire a pianist for the early service). We have a small adult choir of about 10 that rehearses at 8pm on Thursdays, but if no one can rehearse them at that time, we could work out an alternative. Our fee is \$200 per Sunday and for weddings.

Many thanks,
Mindy Campbell, Pastor
First Presbyterian Church of Woodbridge
600 Rahway Avenue
Woodbridge, NJ 07095

Do you have an upcoming concert? Were you recently honored in some way? We would love to include your events / news in our newsletter. Please send any information you would like to share to Emily Sensenbach-Gopal at esensenb@hotmail.com.

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