



The Coupler

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American Guild of Organists
Washington, DC Chapter

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2010 AGO NATIONAL CONVENTION, WASHINGTON, DC

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The American Guild of Organists Convention 2010 will be a resounding success with the help of dedicated volunteers. Join the team for one day or the entire week. Whether your interest is in assisting an artist, ushering a concert, giving directions to events, or serving at the hospitality desk, our convention has many rewarding volunteer opportunities. Volunteers will have a pre-convention wine and cheese party and access to the hospitality room during the convention.

Name _____ **Church Home** _____

Cell (home) Phone _____ **E-mail** _____

I want to volunteer for the categories I have indicated below:

- _____ Work BEFORE the convention: July 1, July 2, July 3
by stuffing packets or providing assistance where needed.
- _____ Work DURING the convention: July 4, July 5, July 6, July 7, July 8
- _____ Give directional assistance to event locations
- _____ Help at the hospitality desk
- _____ Drive/assist an Artist (provide transportation to the airport, rehearsals, and concerts)
- _____ Usher/assist at a concert or workshop venue

(You will be asked to help at a concert/workshop that you are registered to attend)

_____ Provide assistance where needed

Volunteers working together will ensure
a successful AGO Convention 2010. Thank you !

To be contacted as a volunteer please send this completed form to Barbara Collins
National City Christian Church, 5 Thomas Circle, Washington D.C. 20005,
703-323-1187, or e-mail volunteers@ago2010.org

**(NOTE: You may find it easier to either call or write to Ms. Collins with an
indication of your interest. Editor)**



TriChapter Mailing List is available in Electronic File

Ready to print

Single Chapter: \$15.00; Complete TriChapter List: \$35.00

Contact Carol Guglielm, cgug@loc.gov or 301-699-8765

Make check payable to TriChapter Committee, AGO

Mail to Gerald Piercey

c/o Lewis & Hitchcock

Bacon Drive, Beltsville, MD 20705



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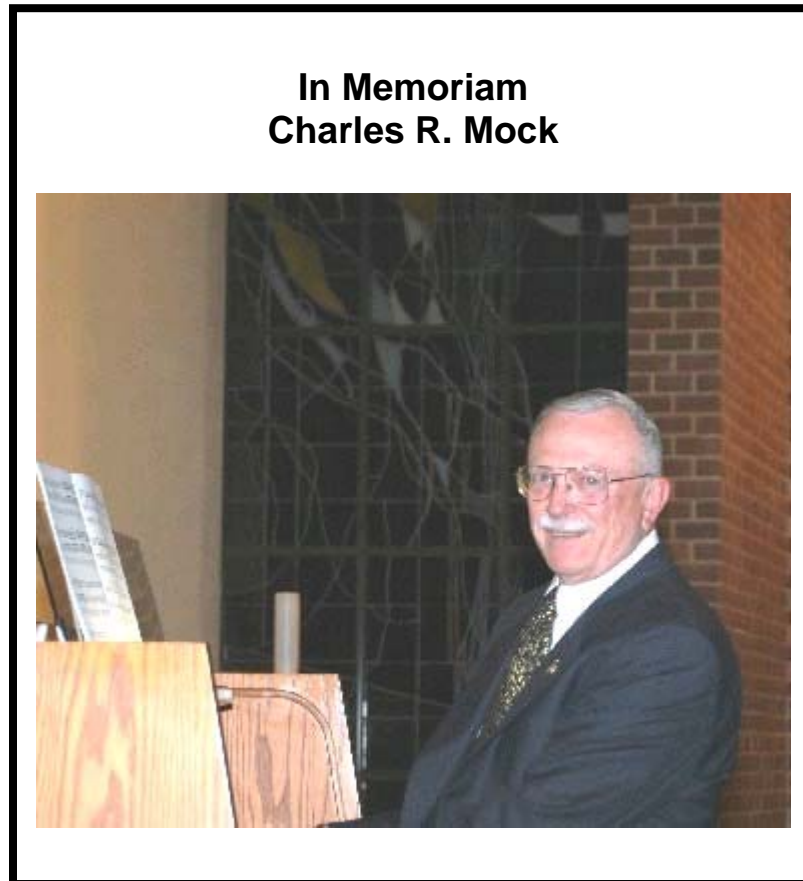
Looking for a great way to advertise your next program, event, etc. to a local, targeted audience? Consider DCAGO email blasts. For a fee of \$5.00, Dean Tom Cowan will see that your message is delivered via email to each DCAGO member. The fee for a one-time “blast” is \$5.00. Contact Tom Cowan for more information at tgcowan@aim.com.



Notice Informing Membership of Case in Progress

On August 17, 2009, an AGO Member filed a formal complaint against the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for wrongful termination of employment. The Guild is investigating the matter according to the AGO's Procedures for Dealing with Complaints about Termination. No determination has been made at this time.

Although Guild Members may provide substitute or interim services, no Member may seek or accept regular or permanent employment with the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception while these Procedures are pending. See the AGO's website for the current status of this case.



Dr. Charles R. Mock, Capt. USN (Ret.), 71, a Bowie resident for 40 years, died at his home on Oct. 19 of cancer.

He graduated from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in 1963, and spent twenty-six years serving in the U.S. Navy. He specialized as a Diving Medical Officer, Flight Surgeon, Pediatrician, Family Practitioner, and an Administrator.

After internship in 1964, he attended flight school in Pensacola, Fla., and was the lead Diving Medical Officer during the construction of the Newport-Jamestown bridge in R.I. in 1967. In 1968, Chuck transferred to Quonset Point Naval Station, R.I., where he was the Senior Medical Officer on the carrier USS Essex (CVS-9). One mission of the Essex was to retrieve the Apollo 7 space capsule which landed in the Atlantic, and Chuck attended to the three astronauts aboard the capsule.

The family returned to Maryland in 1969, where Chuck was Senior Medical Officer of the Naval Air Facility, Washington, DC, serving until 1972. Relocation to the National Naval Medical Center in Pediatrics preceded an assignment to the Naval Health Sciences Education and Training Command, and he retired as Commanding Officer of this Armed Services training facility in 1984.

Awards and medals received during military duty included Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and Expert Pistol Shot Medal.

A second career began when Chuck joined the Johns Hopkins Health System in 1985, first as a practicing physician, then as an administrator. He used his teaching skills to hire and train physicians, and used his management skills to plan and build satellite clinics throughout the state of Maryland.

In 1990, he was appointed Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Johns Hopkins University, and was often consulted as the expert in hearing disorders of children. When he retired 10 years later, he was Vice President for Medical Affairs of the Johns Hopkins Health System.

Twice retired, Chuck started his own business, Medical Consulting Services, in 1995. In this capacity, he worked with numerous medical practices in their hiring and training of physicians, as well as organization of their medical practices. He also helped them establish new practices from the ground up, including Nighttime Pediatrics of Annapolis, where he was its Medical Director. Since he did not want to lose touch with patients, he continued to see patients part-time as well as perform quality assurance, and physician hiring and training. He was also instrumental in planning and developing new site locations for Nighttime Pediatrics.

In the 1970's, Chuck became an advocate for children with hearing, speech and language disabilities, and for their parents. He helped found the organization CHILDD (Children Handicapped in Language Development), and was president for several years. He was also Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 1249. One of many community awards he received during this time was the Bowie Outstanding Young Man of the Year 1972.

Chuck was an accomplished pianist and organist. He participated in numerous recitals, and substituted as organist for many local churches. He was a member of the American Guild of Organists, and an active member of the Washington, DC trichapter, having served simultaneously as registrar, treasurer, and newsletter editor. He also participated in the Annapolis chapter of AGO. He was a member of St. Matthew's United Methodist choir, and was the choir's piano accompanist and assistant organist and choir director.

Chuck was an avid bicyclist. Each year he was an invitational participant in the American Lung Association's Wine Country Ride through the hills of Western Maryland and their bike tour of the flatlands from Salisbury to Assateague. Chuck was also a runner. He traveled numerous times to San Francisco to participate in the Bay-To-Breakers race, running from the San Francisco Bay to the Pacific Ocean. Another favorite was the annual Annapolis 10-mile run. Chuck was a surf angler, an expert sharpshooter, and a Chesapeake Bay boater. He was Vice Commodore for the Chesapeake Mainship Group, and constructed and maintained the group's website.

He leaves behind his wife of 49 years, Bette; three children Steven, Douglas and Katherine; daughter-in-law Angela and granddaughter Marisa.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Hospice of the Chesapeake, 8724 Jericho City Drive, Landover, MD 20785.



From the Web

(Not an endorsement; for informational purposes only)

Dutch street organ, Residence of Italian Ambassador, Washington, DC, Summer 2009

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i6bJZ9to7Uw>



St. Cecilia, Peeter Sion (1649-1695)



CALENDAR

To include information about your program in “The Coupler,” send it to rsaladini@gmail.com with an indication that you would like it listed in “The Coupler” and in the following form: date, time, what, who, where, and contact information. If you have any descriptive information about the program and/or an image, send that along for consideration as well. Note that we are only able to list information about programs that occur two months in advance (E.g., April Coupler lists info about April and May events).

November 1 at 3:00 PM – Organ Recital: Thomas Bara (organ instructor at the Interlochen Arts Academy) will be performing on the newly rebuilt (October 2008) Reuter/Colby organ works from his last CD titled “Pageant.” Fredericksburg United Methodist Church, Fredericksburg, VA, 308 Hanover St. For more information: Bill McCoy, wfm@fumcva.org or Tel: 373-9021 ext. 12

November 1 at 5:00 PM – Religious service: Requiem in F Minor, Heinrich Biber by St. Mary's Choir, orchestra and soloists. St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 2609 N. Glebe Rd., Arlington, VA 22207, 703-527-6800. www.stmarysarlington.org

November 1 at 5:00 PM – Religious service and organ dedication: In the context of the traditional Anglican service of Evensong, our new Lively-Fulcher Organ will be dedicated and officially set apart to serve all of its functions for our worshiping community: to support congregational singing, to accompany choral music, and to interpret many styles of organ repertoire. Builders Mark Lively and Paul Fulcher will be on hand, and, playing the organ and leading the music, we will have much assistance from St. John's organists and directors of music past and current: Marti Rideout, William Bradley Roberts, Benjamin Hutto, and Michael Lodico. Since most of the music will be presented in liturgical context, the service and recital will last only about one hour, with a reception to follow in the Church Parlors. The music for Evensong will include works by Herbert Howells, Henry Balfour-Gardiner, and Malcolm Boyle. Please plan to be at St. John's next Sunday afternoon at five, and invite your friends to this musical “family reunion.” St. John's, Lafayette Square.

November 1 at 5:00 PM – Religious Service: Choral Evensong for the Feast of All Saints, Martin Neary (former Organist & Master of the Choristers at Westminster Abbey, London) leads Redeemer's Adult and Youth choirs in singing works by Bainton, Brewer, Neary, and Victoria. The service is preceded by an extended prelude of choral and organ works by Felix Mendelssohn (Martin Neary, *organ*). Free-will offering. Reception to follow. The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 6201 Dunrobbin Drive, Bethesda, MD 20816, *phone* 301.229.3770; *fax* 301.320.8037; *e-mail* music.redeemer@verizon.net; *website* www.redeemberbethesda.org

November 1 at 5:15 PM – Organ recital: Ronald Stolk, (St. Patrick Catholic Church, DC), Washington National Cathedral www.nationalcathedral.org

November 14 at 7:30 PM – Concert: Vocalist Ruth Cunningham will present "Light and Shadow," music from Western and Eastern traditions including original compositions and

improvisations with accompaniments on piano, Medieval harp, Renaissance flute, recorder and shruti box, Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd, Bethesda. The concert is free with donations accepted. www.bradleyhillchurch.org

November 15 at 4:00 PM – Concert: Sacred Classics for Men's Voices. The National Men's Chorus performs works including Lili Boulanger's *Psalm 24*, Franz Liszt's *Te Deum*, and Charles Gounod's *Messe des Orpheonistes*. Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean VA. Tickets \$15, students under 18 free. 202.244.7191
www.nationmenschorus.org

“Led by conductor Thoms Beveridge, a powerful force in Washington's cultural community, the chorus is accompanied by organist Paul Skevington, acclaimed for his skill in guiding choral voices.” “The chorus sang with vigor, well-blended tone and fine dynamic nuance” - *The Washington Post*.

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November 22 at 5:15 PM – Organ recital: Jeremy Filsell, (Old St. Paul's Church, Baltimore), Washington National Cathedral www.nationalcathedral.org

November 27 – DEADLINE for the December 2009 issue of The Coupler. Send your information to Rsaladini@gmail.com

December 4 at 7:30 PM – Religious Service: Festival Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent. Hosted by Georgetown University Chapel Choir, Russell Weismann, Director/Organist. Featuring music of the season with Choir, Organ and Brass. Holy Trinity Church, Georgetown (36th and O Streets, NW). Russell J. Weismann, Director of Music and Liturgy, Georgetown University, rjw48@georgetown.edu, russell.weismann@aya.yale.edu

December 5 at 7:00 PM – Concert: Georgetown University Concert Choir presents, "Divine Image". Winter concert featuring J.S. Bach's "Jesu Meine Fruede" motet. C. Paul Heins, Director, Russell Weismann, organist, Dahlgren Chapel of the Sacred Heart, Georgetown University. Russell J. Weismann, Director of Music and Liturgy, Georgetown University, rjw48@georgetown.edu, russell.weismann@aya.yale.edu

December 6 at 5:00 PM - Religious Service: Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols by St. Mary's Choirs. St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 2609 N. Glebe Rd., Arlington, VA 22207, 703-527-6800. www.stmarysarlington.org



Lively-Fulcher Organ (1998), St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Arlington



POSITIONS AVAILABLE

For information on how to list your position vacancy in “The Coupler” or on the DCAGO website, contact: Donald W. Frazier, Tel: 703-368-0936; email: dfrazier@ieee.org

MARYLAND

MUSIC DIRECTOR (Originally listed 07/11/09)

Trinity Lutheran Church (Congregation size: 300), 11200 Old Georgetown Rd., North Bethesda, MD 20852; Phone: 301-881-7275; fax: 301-881-9057; website: www.trinityelca.org

Direct 1 adult choir (15-20 members); avg. hrs/week: 10, II/28 pipe organ, rebuilt in 2000; Yamaha piano, 12 yrs old, Salary commensurate with experience and in accordance with AGO guidelines, 4 weeks' paid vacation and 2 weeks' continuing education, negotiable with salary.

“We are seeking a quarter-time Director to lead the choir and support/expand the music ministries of the congregation (an organist/pianist position has recently been filled), which appreciates and supports quality music in worship. The Director reports to and works closely with the Pastors and also works with the Worship & Music Committee. A minimum of a bachelor's degree in music and one year's choral conducting experience are required. Keyboard skills are desirable.”

A detailed position announcement and job description have been posted on the above-indicated website. Contact Nancy Nielsen at TNiel4@verizon.net.



CHOIR DIRECTOR (Originally listed 7/31/09)

Riverdale Presbyterian Church, 6513 Queens Chapel Road, University Park, MD 20782, 301-927-0477; www.riverdalepresbyterian.org. Salary: \$13-15,000 depending on education and experience; quarter/one-third time position, approximately 10-15 hours per week, September through June. Under direct supervision of head-of-staff (Pastor). Large music library; music allowance available; sick leave and 2 weeks' paid vacation. Formation of a youth choir is desirable; Director also serves on the Music-at- Riverdale Committee to plan concert series. "Rehearsals must be challenging, but pleasurable". Submit resumes to rivpres@msn.com.

ORGANIST/DIRECTOR (Listed 9/9/09)

Epiphany Lutheran Church, 4411 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, MD 20866, Quarter-time position to direct an adult choir and possibly a children's choir; play one Sunday morning service and special services during church holidays; attend monthly planning meetings. 10-

rank Zimmer organ (with 7 registers) installed less than 20 years, good condition; A newly reconditioned baby grand piano is also available. Salary: \$12,000-16,000 with four Sundays off per year. Send resume to Lynn Burkart at Ldburkart@aol.com or to Church, Attn: Organist Committee.



NORTHERN VIRGINIA

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC (Originally listed 8/30/09) – Avail. November 1, 2009 (negotiable)

Emmaus UCC (Congregation size: 288); www.emmausucc.org, 900 Maple Ave. East, Vienna, VA 22180, Organist/Director for one adult choir (15 members): Support children’s choir as necessary (currently directed by a volunteer). Avg. hours/week: 10-15; salary \$15-18k depending upon education & experience. Rodgers 1990 2-manual organ; Yamaha piano. Vacation & other benefits negotiable

“Emmaus UCC seeks to be a place where people come to be comforted, challenged & empowered by our liberal, progressive & spiritual tradition. We seek a director of music as a shared position with our current associate director, who leads the first Sunday of the month. Emmaus holds services at 10:30 Sundays with an avg. attendance of 75-100.

Responsibilities: provide appropriate worship service music on Sundays & for special services; lead Sunday a.m. choir rehearsals; coordinate music selection with Senior Minister; arrange for instrument maintenance; maintain music library; provide budget input. Salary is augmented by wedding/funeral fees. The congregation appreciates musical excellence and a diversity of styles, and is open to expanding the music programs.”

Contact: Jennifer Chamberlain, Music Committee Chair, 703-929-4224 or music4emmaus@yahoo.com



MUSIC ASSISTANT (Originally listed 8/31/09) Available: Sept. 24, 2009)

Immanuel Church On-the-Hill (Congregation size: 837), 3606 Seminary Rd., Alexandria, VA 22304; II/11 pipe organ; piano; Annual salary: \$10k; no benefits.



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Washington, DC Chapter
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