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"The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historical and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members."

ATLANTA CHAPTER AGO
PRESENTS

WILMA JENSEN

organist

at

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PHILIP
Peachtree Road NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30305
404.365.1050

Hosts: Dale Adlemann, David Fishburn & Timothy Gunter

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2011

Punchbowl: 6:00 pm

Dinner & Meeting: 6:30 pm

Recital: 8:00 pm

The cost for dinners & lunches for this season will be \$14

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS WILL BE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2010



Wilma Jensen has been heralded as one of the most outstanding recitalists, church musicians and teachers of our age. As Professor of Organ at Indiana University, Oklahoma City University, Scarritt Graduate School and the Blair School of Music at Vanderbilt, she has shaped a generation of outstanding organists, teachers and church musicians. Her own extensive concert career has taken her throughout the U.S. and around the world, including tours of Norway, Sweden, Denmark, West Germany, France, Poland, England and The Netherlands. Dr Jensen recently played at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris for the fourth time.

A graduate of the Eastman School of Music, she was a pupil of Catharine Crozier and Harold Gleason. Jensen is the choirmaster/organist Emerita at St. George's Episcopal Church in Nashville, Tennessee where she served as Choirmaster/Organist for nineteen years. She has made critically acclaimed recordings, both as an organ soloist and in the role of conductor with the St. George's Choir. Wilma Jensen worked on building the choir to a musical level which included an invitation to sing for the National Convention of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) and an extended tour in Europe. Ms. Jensen served as Dean of the Nashville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists for the 2006-2007 season.

ATLANTA CHAPTER - AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS 2010-2011 PROGRAMS

Unless listed otherwise, programs are at 8:00 PM, preceded by 6:00 punchbowl & 6:30 dinner.

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Organ Recital - Wilma Jensen
The Cathedral of St. Philip
2744 Peachtree Road, NW - Atlanta, GA 30305
Hosts: Dale Adelman, David Fishburn and Timothy Gunter

Tuesday, October 12, 2010

Workshops - Improvisation, AGO Certification and
The Life and Works of Dudley Buck
Clinicians: Albert Ahlstrom, Herbert Buffington,
Jeffrey McIntyre and Lee Orr
Saint Mark United Methodist Church
781 Peachtree Street, NE - Atlanta, GA 30308
Host: John Richardson

Tuesday, November 9, 2010

Organ Recital - Cherry Rhodes
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church
2855 Briarcliff Road, NE - Atlanta, GA 30329
Hosts: Jeff Bush
and the A. E. Schlueter Pipe Organ Company

Tuesday, December 28, 2010

Christmas Party
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Whitney Residence
3463 Valley Road - Atlanta, GA 30305
Hosts: Mr. and Mrs. John Whitney

Tuesday, January 11, 2011

Organ Recital - Douglas Cleveland
Peachtree Road United Methodist Church
3180 Peachtree Road, NW - Atlanta, GA 30305
Hosts: Scott Atchison and Nicole Marane

Saturday, February 12, 2011

Annual Student Organ Recital
Recital - 11:00 am followed by lunch
Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
731 Peachtree Road, NE - Atlanta, GA 30308
Host: Sarah Hawbecker

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Handbell Program
Central Presbyterian Church
201 Washington Street, SW - Atlanta, GA 30303
Hosts: David VanderMeer and Michael Morgan

April 2011

No program - Lent/Easter

Sunday, May 15, 2011

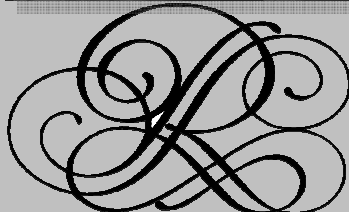
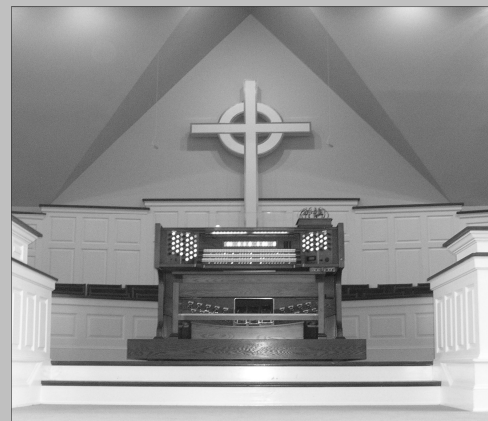
Annual Guild Service
Punchbowl: 6pm - Dinner: 6:30pm - Service: 7:30pm
St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
1790 LaVista Road, NE - Atlanta, GA, 30329
Host: Brad Hughley

McDonough Presbyterian Church



We are proud to announce the installation and dedication of the new custom 3-manual, 56-stop Rodgers Masterpiece Signature Series organ at McDonough Presbyterian Church. The dedication service on August 22 featured international concert organist Hector Olivera.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN ~

Giving Thanks For Our Past - Looking Forward to Our Future

As most of you well know, the Atlanta Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, founded in 1914, has a rich, wonderful history. Chapter Historian Dan Pruitt recently reminded us via the Listserv that an archive of our chapter's almost 100 year history is housed at the Atlanta History Center in Buckhead. This summer, we sadly bid farewell to three of our colleagues whose contributions played a part in making that history great. I would like to briefly pay tribute to these individuals.

Dr. Robert Wolfersteig was Professor Emeritus of Music and Department of Music Chair at Georgia College in Milledgeville. He was a member of the school's faculty from 1965 until his retirement in 1991 and served several churches in the Milledgeville area. A former Dean of the Macon Chapter, Dr. Bob and his wife Eloise were regular faces at Atlanta Chapter meetings for many years. He was an extremely popular instructor at our Pipe Organ Encounters in 2000 and 2004.

Bill Weaver came to Atlanta in 1953 to serve as organist and choirmaster at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Decatur. In 1960, he was appointed organist and choirmaster of the newly formed St. Anne's Episcopal Church where he was responsible for the installation of the magnificent Flentrop pipe organ. He served as Dean of our chapter from 1962 to 1964 and was Chairman for the 1966 National Convention held here in Atlanta. Bill and his longtime partner Doug Johnson have been pillars of the Atlanta Chapter for over half a century. It's hard to imagine where we would be today without the dedication of these two fine gentlemen.

Elizabeth Pearson was organist of the Park Street United Methodist Church in West End for thirty years. When I was just a boy, I heard Mrs. Pearson accompany the Park Street choir every summer at the Mt. Gilead Campground in Ben Hill. Well-known Atlanta weatherman Guy Sharpe was director of the Park Street choir during those years. The Atlanta Chapter has a long history with the Park Street Church. Mrs. Pearson's predecessor, Viola Aiken, was the first woman elected Dean of our chapter, way back in 1923. In fact, Mrs. Pearson and Mrs. Aiken collectively served the Park Street Church for almost 90 years!

Let us give thanks for the lives of these three talented individuals and the many contributions that they have made both to our Chapter and to the cause of quality sacred music here in Atlanta over the years. They will surely be missed. *Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

As we remember and give thanks for the rich heritage that has been passed on to us, we have much to be excited about as we look to the future. At the National Convention in Washington, D. C., in July, it was announced that the Report of the Long-Range Planning Task Force would soon be available for all to see. It has since been posted on the AGO national website: www.agohq.org. I encourage you to read this document and think how it might relate to our chapter. Also, while attending the convention, I participated in a workshop with Executive Director James Thomashower titled "AGO Relevance in the Twenty First Century." I plan to share ideas presented at this session in future columns. Here in Atlanta, we have much to look forward to in the coming year. I hope that you will be as pleased with our offerings for 2010-2011 as I am. I think we have put together an excellent, well-balanced variety of programs for the coming season, beginning with the legendary Wilma Jensen on the Aeolian-Skinner organ at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Philip in September. My thanks goes out to all those in our Chapter who have agreed to either host a meeting or present a program. Special thanks also to new Sub-Dean Tim Young for his hard work over the past several months.

I hope to see you on Tuesday evening, September 14th!

Jeff Harbin, Dean

**PICK UP YOUR
2010-2011
ATLANTA CHAPTER
YEARBOOK
AT OUR
FIRST MEETING,
TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 14TH**



THIS IS THE YEAR to get your AGO Certificate! On Tuesday, September 21, The Atlanta AGO Chapter presents its annual information session on the AGO Certification process. The session will be at the Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, and conducted by Jeffrey McIntyre, CAGO, Director of Music Ministries at the Shrine. At this session, you will hear the details of preparing for certification, you will see past exams, and all of the music through the Associateship level will be available for you to examine.

There is no charge for the class, and free parking is available next to the church.

Here are the details:

Tuesday, September 21
7:00 PM - parking next to the church building (access off Central Avenue)
48 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive **404-521-1866 est. 110**

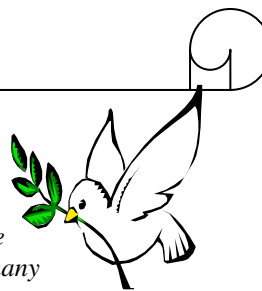
PLEASE RSVP using the number above so that there will be enough handout materials available

In Memoriam . . .

William (Bill) J. Weaver, b. 30 March 1931 d. 23 June 2010
The Episcopal Burial Office (Rite Two) and Celebration of his life was held at 2 p.m. on June 11th at Episcopal Church of the Epiphany Atlanta, Georgia. Interment was in the church Prayer Garden

Elizabeth Anderson Pearson, b. Feb.9, 1918 d. July 29, 2010, a long time member of the Atlanta Chapter and served as the church organist for Park Street United Methodist Church in Atlanta for 30 years. A memorial service was held on August 10th at Spring Hill Chapel, H.M. Patterson & Sons Funeral Home.

“Rest eternal grant them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.”

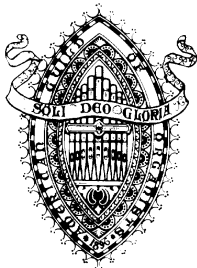


A Birthday Tribute
 to
 Virginia Smith Freeman

who will celebrate her
 90th birthday
 on September 10th.
 Virginia has also been
 a member of the Guild
 for fifty years!

Timothy Albrecht, Atlanta AGO Guild Member

Our own Atlanta chapter member, **Dr. Timothy Albrecht**, spent the summer teaching and performing in Vienna and Innsbruck, made two CDs (a Bach recording and an organ/brass recording of Sir David Willcocks Christmas arrangements of carols), conducted *Well-Tempered Clavier* research at the Bach Archive in Leipzig, and prepared for fall recitals and master classes in many cities (Iowa State University, Emory University, Young Harris College, Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee, Concordia University in Chicago) and a September 28th World Premiere of *Testaments of the Heart*, a September 28 concert at Emory Schwartz Center that features a never-before performed compositions (the finale includes organ) written in a concentration camp in World War II.



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September 2010 Calendar of Events

| Weekday | Date | Time | Event | Location | \$ |
|----------|------|-----------|---|--|----|
| Saturday | 9/11 | 6:00 pm | <i>Suite for the Coronation of the Sea Hag: Dr. Wanda Yang Temko, Narrator/Soprano; Christian Schoen, organist/composer</i> | Rock Springs Presbyterian | \$ |
| Sunday | 9/12 | 3:15 pm | Nicole Marane, organ | Cathedral of St. Philip | |
| | | 4:00 pm | Evensong, Cathedral Schola | Cathedral of St. Philip | |
| | | 4:00 pm | Timothy Albrecht, organ | Emory University (Schwartz Ctr) | |
| Tuesday | 9/14 | * 8:00 pm | Dr. Wilma Jensen, organ. (co-sponsored by Atlanta AGO) | Cathedral of St. Philip | |
| Thursday | 9/16 | 8:00 pm | Timothy Albrecht, organ | Young Harris College | |
| Friday | 9/17 | 8:00 pm | Choir of Clare College, | Emory University (Schwartz Ctr) | \$ |
| Sunday | 9/19 | 3:15 pm | Robert Gant, organ | Cathedral of St. Philip | |
| | | 4:00 pm | Evensong: Cathedral Schola | Cathedral of St. Philip | |
| Tuesday | 9/21 | 7:00 pm | Information session on the AGO Certification process. RSVP: Jeffrey McIntyre, 404-521-1866 ext. 110. | Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception | |
| Saturday | 9/25 | 9:00 am | LPM Session 1 (contact John Marsh, 713-206-8896 or marek2go@gmail.com) | TBA | |
| Sunday | 9/26 | 3:15 pm | Mitchell R. Weisiger, organ | Cathedral of St. Philip | |
| | | 4:00 pm | Evensong: Cathedral Schola | Cathedral of St. Philip | |
| Tuesday | 9/28 | 8:00 pm | <i>Testaments of the Heart: Photographic images and music written in the internment and concentration camps of World War II; music performed by Atlanta-based musicians with narration of the stories behind the music.</i> | Emory University (Schwartz Center) | |
| Friday | 10/1 | 7:30 pm | Emily Collette - Harpsichord Music from the French Baroque. Solo works by Rameau, Forqueray and Jacquet de La Guerre and with Roxanne Rea selections on two harpsichords by Francois Couperin le Grand. | Oglethorpe University Museum of Art | \$ |
| Sunday | 10/3 | 4:00 pm | Durufle: <i>Requie</i> , PRUMC Chancel Choir | Reinhardt College (Waleska) | |
| Saturday | 10/9 | 9 am - | Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta Adult Choir and Handbell | Cathedral of St. Philip | \$ |
| | | 4 pm | Festival. Dale Adelman and Dave VanderMeer, directors. RSVP Ingrid Siegret by 10/1 at 404-228-0753. | | \$ |

* Programme - Wilma Jensen

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| I. FRENCH COMPOSITIONS BASED ON PLAINSONG (Gregorian Chant) | |
| Méditations sur le mystère de la Sainte Trinité (1969) | Olivier Messiaen, 1908-1992 |
| Méditation VI | |
| Panis Angelic | Pierre Camonin, 1903-2003 |
| Hymne d'Actions de grâces "Te Deum" | Jean Langlais, 1907-1991 |
| II. ENGLISH | |
| Rhapsody, Op. 17, No. 1 (1915) | Herbert Howells, 1892-1983 |
| Aria | Andrew Carter, b. 1939 |
| Prelude | Gerald Finzi, 1901-1956 Arr. Alan Ridout |
| Variations on an Original Theme | Edward Elgar, 1857-1934 |
| Nimrod | Arr. Sir William H. Harris |
| III. AMERICAN | |
| Phoenix Processional | Dan Locklair, b. 1949 |
| Organ Preludes on Folk Songs | Aaron David Miller, b. 1972 |
| Resignation "My shepherd will supply my need" | |
| Afton Water "As rain from the clouds will your word come to earth" | |
| Nocturnes for Organ | Eric Delamarter, 1880-1953 |
| The Fountain | |
| King David's Dance | Stephen Paulus, b. 1949 |

The Connors' Crisis

From lawyer-organist-novelist Glenda Sutton, (our all-in-one, triple-threat friend in North Florida) comes book number four, which is the third part of Amanda Childs' story, an appealing heroine who is herself a lawyer and church organist. The early days of Amanda and Jon's marriage find them struggling against dangers from several sides, so much so that Amanda finds very little time for the organ. Thankfully, the murder victim is NOT Amanda, but gripping suspense and a race against time keeps us hanging on.

Glenda's friends and fans here in the Atlanta chapter will find this to be another admirable accomplishment. Now all four mystery novels are available from XLibris. A reminder about her second book is that it is set in Atlanta, and evokes many locations without actually naming them and is filled with references to organ literature and organs. It is "The Kreiser Affair" and is a very exciting read. A little hint for a future book might lead us to PARIS?!

Sue Goddard

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Sunday Organ Recitals are at 3:15 pm

Preceding Evensong at 4 pm

Other events as noted.

Sunday, September 12

Recital: Nicole Marane, *organ*
(from Peachtree Road United Methodist Church)
Evensong: Cathedral Schola

Tuesday, September 14 8 p.m.

Recital: Dr. Wilma Jensen, *organ*
(from Nashville, TN)

Sponsored by the Atlanta Chapter of
The American Guild of Organists

Sunday, September 19

Recital Robert Gant, *organ*
(from Charleston, SC)
Evensong: Cathedral Schola

Sunday, September 26

Recital: Mitchell R. Weisiger, *organ*
(from First United Methodist Church, Decatur, GA)
Evensong: Cathedral Schola

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The cost for dinners this season will be **\$14**. Reservations for monthly meeting dinners/luncheons are a **MUST** and should be made no later than the Thursday before the next weeks meeting. CHECKS are to be made payable to AGO Atlanta at the meeting check-in desk. If you pay by CASH, please bring exact change. If you make a reservation and are unable to keep it, you are responsible for canceling the reservation in advance on the Thursday prior to the dinner or luncheon date -OR- you will be expected to pay for it regardless of your attendance. *Thank you in advance for honoring these requests.*

For security reasons and when at all possible, we prefer that you always pay your reservations with

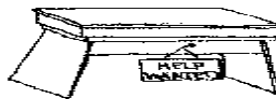
a **PERSONAL CHECK**

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To pay for a reservation that you didn't keep, mail a check to
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Positions Available



Complete details on these and other positions may be found at the Chapter's web-site: www.agoatlanta.org then click on "employment."

CARROLLTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA), 14 Maple St., Carrollton, GA 30117 (770) 832-6131. Organist. Send resume to church (address above) to the attention of the Rev. Jan Tolbert. cpc_office13@hotmail.com.

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - 2461 Peachtree Rd. NE, Atlanta GA 30305. <http://covenantpresbyterian.us> 404-237-0363 Interim Organist and Music director for 225 member church. Submit qualifications and references to Ernie@Covpresatl.org

CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA), 495 Terrell Mill Road, Marietta, GA, 30067, 770-956-7572. Part-time Interim Organist-Director of Music. Send resume or contact Pastor Legree Finch at the above address and phone #.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 510 S. Tibbs Rd., Dalton, GA 30720. www.firstpresdalton.org, is seeking a Part-time Organist/ Accompanist to work with the Director of Music. The church has 600 + members. Time required is Please reply to Wayne Wilson, Director of Music Ministries @wwilson@firstpresdalton.org or 1-706-278-8161.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Douglasville, GA (USA), 6167 Prestley Mill Road, Douglasville, GA 30134. 404-406-8984(cell). Organist for 1000 member suburban Atlanta church. 10 hours per week(which includes 2 hours of weekly planning and 3 hours of on-site personal practice time and 4 hrs on Sunday morning). Musical excellence is encouraged and expected. Please attach resume to danny.dfumc@gmail.com or hard mail to address above

ST. AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 13560 Cogburn Road, Alpharetta, Georgia. 770-521-0207. Organist and Choirmaster for 900 member church. Time required: 16 hrs per week. Contact the Rev. Rob Wood with resume and cover letter at fr.wood@earthlink.net.

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI 199 North Main Street, Jonesboro, GA 30236. Organist needed for the 10:00am Sunday Mass. Send resume to: Deborah Booth-Mitchell, Senior Warden at dmitchell081552@gmail.com or send to above address.

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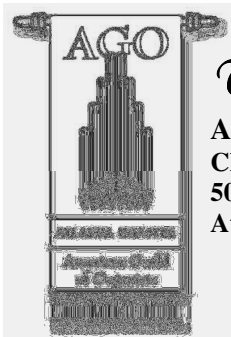
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Executive Board Meeting: September 25, 2010 130pm

Northside Drive Baptist Church





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Opening Meeting & Program
September 14, 2010

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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