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## November Program:

### *Preventing Injury: Artistry through Understanding Core Body Principles*

**November 23, 2019**

**10:00am to Noon**

Morning Star Lutheran Church  
12509 Idlewild Rd,  
Matthews, NC 28105



Barbara Lister-Sink of Salem College and expert on injury-free keyboard technique will present a program on Preventing Injury, entitled "Artistry through Understanding Core Body Principles." Please invite organ and piano students and teachers.

All are welcome at this event! If you know or think you will be attending, please let Sub-dean Kathy Alexander know by emailing [kattails@windstream.net](mailto:kattails@windstream.net) so we may have enough chairs and information for all. Thank you so much. If you cannot send a message, come anyway.

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## **From the Dean's Corner**

We have every right to be proud of our AGO chapter here in Charlotte! Here's why:

- Did you happen to notice that our Charlotte chapter produced 3 certifications that were the only ones successfully taken in all of North Carolina? Check page 49 in the October TAO. (The American Organist magazine) Garrett Law passed the full Associate Exam, Kathie Riebe is now a Colleague (and has study materials she's willing to share), and Danielle Little now has her Service Playing credentials. Danielle was a Stigall Scholar.
- We have produced many organ majors through our Stigall Scholarship program. Summer recitals by those students have been recorded professionally, and will soon be on the national AGO site. This project is called the Legacy Project. (It was begun when Jane Cain was dean.)
- Our chapter has ordered an Orgelkids Kit, (also begun when Jane was dean) which will be delivered in the next few months, and we will demonstrate it at an AGO meeting in Spring 2020. (Please check programming and plan to attend.) With this kit we can teach children (or anyone) how an organ works. The small organ can be taken apart and reassembled and then played. (I had a class in organ maintenance and design, and never had that opportunity. So I intend to learn too!)
- Keep your eyes open for improvements in our AGO website that are coming soon.

Please do yourself a favor and attend our next meeting, Saturday morning, November 23 with Barbara Lister-Sink at Morning Star Lutheran Church in Matthews from 10:00 to 1:00.

"As a teacher, Lister-Sink is acknowledged as a global leader in injury-preventive keyboard technique. Her video/DVD Freeing the Caged Bird- Developing Well-Coordinated, Injury-Preventive Piano Technique won the distinguished 2002 Music Teachers National Association-Frances Clark Keyboard Pedagogy Award and was praised as "A monumental work!" by pianist Vladimir Ashkenazy." From her biography found on the internet.

Barbara is also an organist, having studied with John Mueller. Barbara says "the more the merrier", and be prepared to be on the floor. She has exercises to help us. Please bring organ students, piano students, piano teachers, and anyone who may need this workshop. All are welcome! I look forward to greeting you there.

Nancy Watson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Watson". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and elegant.

## Your Board at work . . . .

The board of the Charlotte AGO Chapter met on Monday, October 7. Highlights of the meeting were:

- Finalized plans for upcoming October program
- Discussed Legacy project
- Discussed improvements to the Web site

## AGO Programs for 2019-2020

Saturday November 23, 2019: 10:00 AM –1:00 PM

- Morning Star Lutheran Church, 12509 Idlewild Rd, Matthews, NC 28105
- Barbara Lister-Sink of Salem College will present a program on Preventing Injury, or “Artistry Through Understanding Core Body Principles”. Please invite organ and piano students and teachers.

December 2019: No meeting

Friday January 10, 2020 6:30 PM

- The Cypress Retirement Community, 3442 Cypress Club Dr, Charlotte, NC 28210
- Annual Epiphany Dinner

Saturday and Sunday February 8-9, 2020:

- Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1000 E Morehead St, Charlotte, NC 28204
- Peek Weekend
- Robert Hobby, guest clinician
- Saturday workshop from 10:00 to Noon, on Service Playing
- Sunday Hymn Sing at 3:00 PM

Monday March 9, 2020: 7:30 PM

- Providence Baptist Church, 4921 Randolph Rd, Charlotte, NC 2821
- Introducing our new Orgelkids Kit, which demonstrates the inner workings of the organ. We will be able to see and explore this instrument for teaching anyone, young and old, about the organ.

April 2020: No meeting

Monday May 18, 2020: 6:30/7:15 PM

- Myers Park Baptist Church, 1900 Queens Rd, Charlotte, NC 28207
- Dinner (6:30) and Installation Service (7:15)

# Report on the October Dinner and Business Meeting by Linda Liberty

Monday, October 14, 24 AGO members enjoyed a tasty meal, the first business meeting before chapter members in a very long time and a video presentation of how the Charlotte AGO chapter came to be and historical tidbits and interesting stories presented by chapter historian, John Apple.

After a wonderful catered dinner, each of the current officers and board members gave reports on their functions within the chapter as well as some exciting things happening with our chapter. Dean Nancy Watson



described the Legacy Project and how recordings of former Stigall Scholar's recitals would be posted on the National AGO website! Beth Harrison, chair of the Orgelkids project explained a little about what it was and how we could use it to engage the community's interest in the organ.

The highlight of the evening was a video produced by the chapter for its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 1997. Karen Jacob who was one of the producers of the video was present as well as Andre Lash whose playing was featured at the end of the video. We briefly discussed doing a similar

project to celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2022.

Those who attended really enjoyed the look back and how the AGO had a significant influence on the music scene in Charlotte in the middle of the last century.

Attendees were also asked to consider opportunities to serve in Communications, Hospitality, Membership, Publicity and as a Board Member. If you would like to serve your chapter, please contact any board member.



The Charlotte Chapter of the American Guild of Organists  
expresses sympathy Scott Foppiano and his family in the  
death of his father

David Joseph Foppiano, Jr.  
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## Concerts and More

**Sunday, November 3 at 4:00pm**, Danish organist Ulrick Spang-Hanssen will perform an organ recital on the new Lewtak mechanical organ. Shandon Presbyterian Church, 607 Woodrow Street, Columbia, SC. Admission is free.

**Sunday, November 3 at 5:00pm**, A Concert for All Saints' Sunday, featuring Patrick Pope, organ and Tadd Hoffman, trumpet. Music of Dupre, Proulx, Karg-Elert, Sandresky, and Locklair. Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, 2701 Park Road, Charlotte, NC 28209. A free-will offering will be received.

**Friday, November 8 at 7:00pm**, *Piano and Pie: Thomas Keesecker in Concert*, performing an inspirational hour of piano music, reflection, poetry, laughter, and hymn singing featuring the hymn tunes *Praise and Thanksgiving*, *Let All Things Now Living*, *Beautiful Savior*, *Over the River and Through the Wood*, and others. Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, 416 W. North Main Street, Waxhaw, NC.

**Monday, November 11 at 7:30pm**, Clara Gerdes, Graduate student at the Yale School of Sacred Music and AGO Rising Star, will perform an organ recital, Davidson College Presbyterian Church Sanctuary, 100 North Main Street, Davidson, NC. Free admission; Freewill offering received. For more information, visit [www.dcpcc.org](http://www.dcpcc.org).

**Sunday, November 17 at 5:00pm**, Choral Evensong sung by the Holy Comforter Evensong Choir. Patrick Pope, conductor; Jim Orr, organist. Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, 2701 Park Road, Charlotte, NC 28209. For more information, visit [www.choralevensongclt.org](http://www.choralevensongclt.org).

**Monday, November 18 at 3:00pm**, Formal Student Performances featuring Pfeiffer University Music Majors performing solo works for voice and instruments. Henry Pfeiffer Chapel on the Misenheimer campus of Pfeiffer University. Free Admission.

**Saturday, November 23, 10:00am to noon**, Organ Workshop on Colors of the Organ, taught by clinician Dan Miller. Steel Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill, 15000 Tryon Road, Charlotte, NC. Workshop is Free and lunch will be provided at the end of the workshop. For more information and to register, contact Al Murrell at [amurrell@daffergans.com](mailto:amurrell@daffergans.com) to register. Registration deadline is Nov. 20th.

**Sunday, November 24 at 4:00pm**, Dan Miller will perform an Organ Dedication Concert on the Rodgers Infinity 361 three-manual instrument. Steel Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill, 15000 Tryon Road, Charlotte, NC.

**Saturday, November 23 at 7:30pm**, Gianfranco and Mara DeLuca will perform an organ recital featuring works by Bach, Widor, Jongen, DeGrigny and Handel. St. Patrick's Cathedral, 1621 Dilworth Rd E, Charlotte, NC 28203. Free will offering.

**Sunday, November 24 at 3:00pm**, Pfeiffer University's Annual Christmas Concert, featuring the University Singers, the Village Ringers, and the Pfeiffer University Band. Henry Pfeiffer Chapel on the Misenheimer campus of Pfeiffer University. Free Admission.



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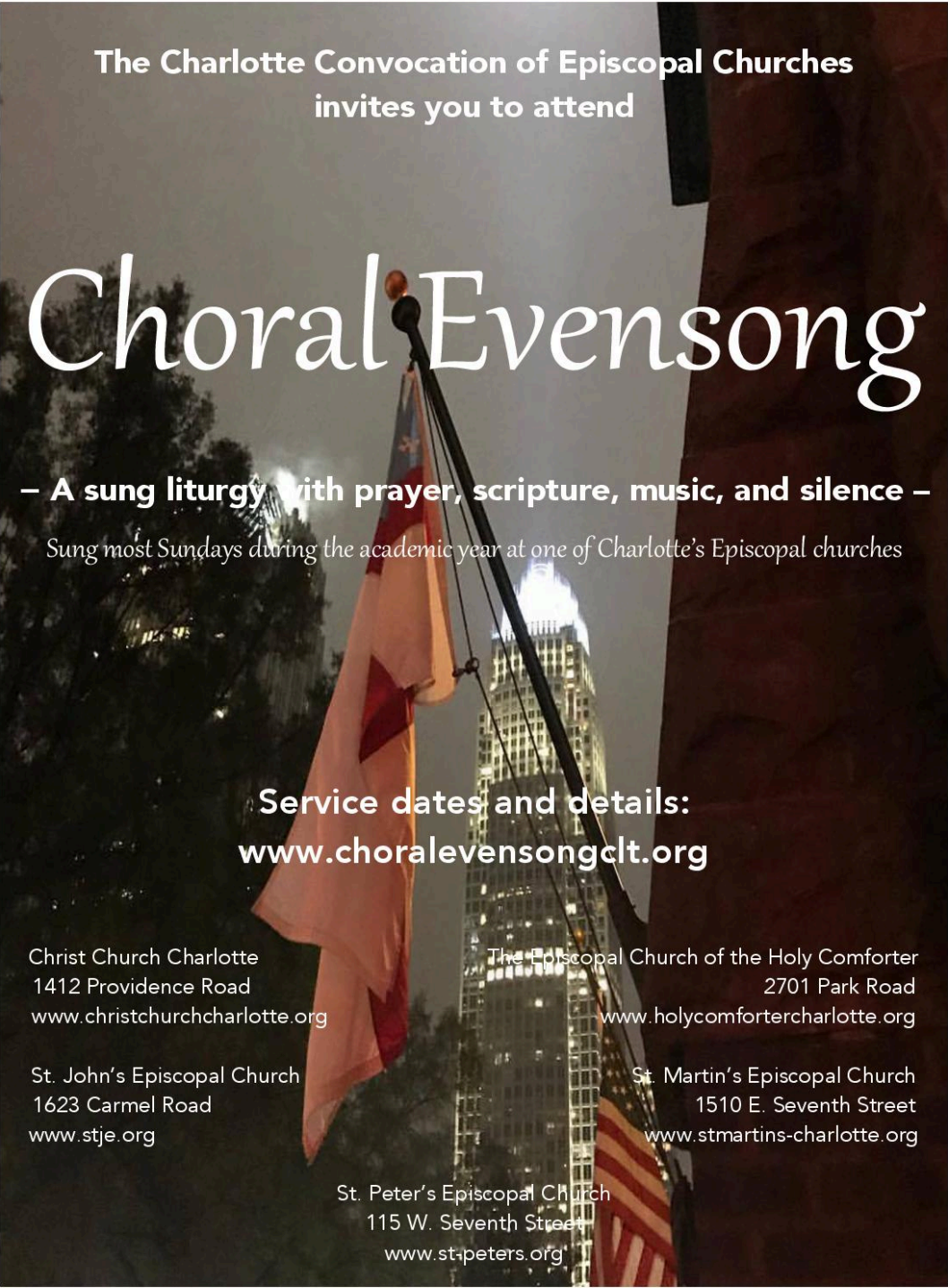
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Nicolas Haigh

Nov. 15th, 2019 | 7:30 pm

Tyler-Tallman Hall, Sloan Music Center, Davidson College, Davidson

Nov. 16th, 2019 | 7:00 pm

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Winston-Salem

Nov. 17th, 2019 | 3:00 pm

Myers Park Presbyterian Church, Charlotte



## Website Refresh on the Horizon — Photos Requested

Executive Board Member, Mark Johanson ([markwjohanson@gmail.com](mailto:markwjohanson@gmail.com)) is assisting our Chapter in updating and refreshing the chapter website. We would like to include photographs of organs in the Charlotte area. If you have photographs, past or present, of Charlotte-area organ facades, consoles, recitals, or similar, please send them to Mark Johanson at the email address above.

Thank you very much!



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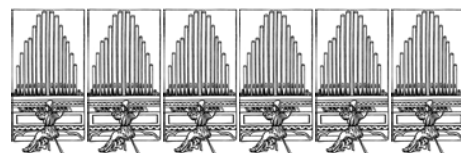
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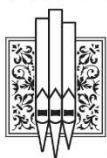
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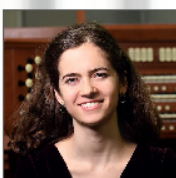
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