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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEAN

Charles Jones did it again: he put together a most interesting program of music by Daniel Pinkham. The massed choir sang beautifully, under Janet McGhee's direction. Thanks are also due to Al Fedak for two fine organ solos, as well as accompaniment for the chorus, and Sue Fedak's tender solo; and Charles Jones, for the "Psalms for Trumpet and Organ." We were pleased with the attendance, as well. We hope that these events of the last two months of the International Year of the Organ are attracting new friends to the organ.

Now we will take a break until January, when we will have the Skills Fair and sale of used music and recordings. In the meantime, we hope that you will enjoy making and enjoying the music of the season.

When you join or rejoin AGO, you may notice a line entitled "Chapter Donation." Many of you add extra dollars to your membership fee, and we appreciate every donation in any amount. What happens to that money? Well, if you do not specify anything, the money is used for scholarships, and we are pleased to have four recipients this year. (Proceeds from the music sale are also designated for scholarships.)

Perhaps it might inspire you to add a donation if you consider the fact that we like to present organ recitals! We recently presented, "From Sea to Shining Sea," an interesting multi-media performance, but we lost a lot of money that night.

We occasionally co-sponsor recitals at churches where they need some sponsoring, such as at First United Methodist in Schenectady, St. Paul's Episcopal in Troy, St. Paul's Episcopal in Albany, and First Presbyterian in Glens Falls. In some cases, we split the gate, or we just donate money when donations are not collected from the audience. I hope that everyone who enjoys hearing fine organ recitals in this area will consider contributing to the cause. Remember, if everyone would make a habit of contributing a little every year, we could hear more of the fine artists active these days.

This is also a gentle reminder to send in your donations to the AGO Annual Fund and the Endowment. A small amount from each of us would make an enormous difference, and while the economy is down, these donations are even more critical. Thank you on behalf of all of your AGO colleagues.

With every wish for a happy holiday season,

**Barbara Adler, Dean**





# POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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**Faith United Methodist Church in Schenectady, New York** is looking for a part-time Music Director who is comfortable with a variety of music and can play a pipe organ. The position is available September 1, 2008. The church's organ is a Roosevelt 3 manual rebuilt by Leonard Carlson. There is a Kawai grand piano in the Sanctuary, and a new Pearl River grand piano in the Choir Room. Responsibilities would include, but are not limited to: directing a church choir, recruiting choir members of all ages, playing the pipe organ and piano, participating in staff meetings, (preferably) the ability to network with other musicians and performing artists to enrich the Outreach program, and computer proficiency. Other than Sunday mornings, there will be additional services such as Lenten, Christmas Eve, etc. Contact Gail A. White at 518-393-6419 or 518-265-4253 or mail a resume and cover letter to Faith United Methodist Church, 811 Brandywine Avenue, Schenectady, NY. 12308.

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Albany** is seeking an organist/choir director or music director. We are a metropolitan liturgical congregation with two worship sites and are ecumenically oriented. Our web address is [www.stjohnsalbany.org](http://www.stjohnsalbany.org) Number of services - Two, One on Saturday at our chapel in Colonie at 5:00 pm and one on Sunday at our church in Albany at 9:30 am. Time of choir rehearsal - typically has been Thursday evening at 7:00 pm Date needed - ASAP. Annual Salary: \$15,000 + (educ.,exp.) Weeks of Paid Continuing Ed: 1 Weeks of Paid vacation: 2 Contact: Karen Lapierre [klapierre@stjohnsalbany.org](mailto:klapierre@stjohnsalbany.org) St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church 160 Central Avenue Albany, NY 12206 518/465-7545

**St. James United Methodist Church - Kingston, NY** with a membership of 450 and located in historic uptown Kingston, NY, is seeking a qualified Organist/Choir Director. The position to be filled requires 10-15 hours/week during the school year and 5-10 hours/week during the non-school calendar. One Sunday morning service at 11:00 AM, preceded by choir rehearsal at 10:00 AM. Also choir rehearsal on Thursday at 7:30 PM. The organ in this 100+ year old sanctuary is voiced in baroque style and consists of four full voices; Swell, Positif, Great and Echo. A new Moeller console was installed in 1967. The organ is meticulously maintained by the Chase Organ Co. of Worcester, NY. A demonstrated proficiency in performing sacred organ music and directing an adult choral group is required. This individual must be available for all worship services and major holiday/special events. Weddings and funerals: extra compensation. Please submit a resume and cover letter to include references and your salary requirements based on the work schedule described to: Organist/Choir Director Search Committee, St. James UMC, 29 Pearl Street, Kingston, NY 12401. Resumes may also be e-mailed to the search committee at [rev.davidmjolly@hotmail.com](mailto:rev.davidmjolly@hotmail.com).

**Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Clifton Park, NY** is seeking a temporary choir director (12 to 18 months) for our 8:30 am Sunday morning choir. The position involves a Thursday evening choir rehearsal at 7:30 pm (about 15 people, including 6 cantors) and Sunday morning mass at 8:30 am. Every fourth Sunday is off due to a rotating schedule by another music leader. This choir also sings at the Christmas Eve 10 pm mass. The director provides music for the Christmas morning 9:00 am mass. The choir takes summers off. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: planning music, playing the piano and/or organ, directing the choir from the keyboard, recruiting choir members, training and preparing cantors, and leading the congregation in song when the choir is not present. Corpus Christi is located at exit 10 of the Northway. It is a large suburban parish of about 2,000 families. Payment per mass is \$125 with choir, \$75 without choir. Inquiries can be directed to Luanne Hetz at 899-9417.

**Church of the Covenant United Methodist, in Averill Park, NY** is seeking 1 Choir Director for Sundays 9:45 am to Noon. 1 hour choir rehearsal Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm. Choir Director to lead an SATB choir of 20+ people. Job sharing is a possibility if one is unable to commit to a weekly schedule. Send resume and references C/O Lynn Gustafson, Church of the Covenant, Box 306, Averill Park, NY 12018 or email Lynn at [pandlgust@aol.com](mailto:pandlgust@aol.com).

**Emmanuel-Friedens Church in Schenectady, NY** has a job opening for a part-time Music Director/ Organist. We are a progressive American Baptist and United Church of Christ congregation located in downtown Schenectady. We are looking for a person with the ability to lead a traditional sanctuary choir with both musical excellence and spiritual inspiration. Experience and familiarity with a liturgical style of worship and a broad range of musical styles is required. The two manual Aeolian-Skinner Pipe Organ was renovated in 1999. We are a welcoming, open and affirming congregation. Worship is at 10:00 Sunday mornings. Send resume to : Emmanuel-Friedens Church, 218 Nott Terrace Schenectady, NY 12307 374-4114 [ebcfried@nycap.rr.com](mailto:ebcfried@nycap.rr.com)

## **AGO EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES DISCOUNTED FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

AGO Members Receive a 20% Discount on All Educational Resources, Including Books, Recordings, and Apparel, Now Through December 23, 2008

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