
PIPE & PEDAL

Monthly newsletter of the Baltimore Chapter, American Guild of Organists
November 2023

Dean's Letter

As we journey through these last two months of the year, our faith traditions and society focus our attention on offering our thanks, ourselves, and our gifts to others.

One of the ways Baltimore AGO is responding to this is to participate in Maryland Public Television's fund-raising. We have been offered a date in early December to attend to the phone lines. Our participation in this will help MPT to continue to deliver quality programming to our area and all of Maryland, it also will raise awareness of Baltimore AGO, and give those of us who participate an opportunity for fellowship and strengthening our community.

The date is Wednesday, December 6, the Feast of St. Nicholas (how appropriate is that!), and the schedule is as follows:

- Catered Meal at 6:00 p.m.
- Training at 7:00 p.m.
- Show from 8:00 – 9:30 p.m. The show will be a Nature program entitled "The Hummingbird Effect".

We are looking for 8-14 volunteers. Please email Marvin Mills at VanMillsMusic@Gmail.com if interested and able to help.

While I know that December is a busy time for all of us, I hope that you will respond to this opportunity to help another organization and to raise the visibility of Baltimore AGO.

Peace,

Bert

Get Well Soon!

Many of you already know that David Storey had a significant heart attack several weeks ago. He has had triple bypass surgery and is home recovering and regaining his strength. Those who know David know what a gift he is to our community and how he goes above and beyond for his clients, his friends, and for Baltimore AGO.

As he moves through this phase of recovery, we invite you to send him cards and messages expressing your good wishes, hopes for his healing, and thanks for all he does for us (and don't forget about Marvin who is by his side and helping David through this).

Their address is 300 W Lafayette Ave, Baltimore, MD 21217.

Remembering Past BAGO Dean Bruce Eicher

Sunday 12 November 2023, 3:00p

Remembering a Legacy: A Memorial Concert in Memory of Bruce Eicher

Grace United Methodist Church (5407 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21210)

The Chancel Choir of Grace United Methodist Church in collaboration with previous soloists and musicians celebrate the ministry of Bruce Eicher with music, photos, programs and stories. Please make plans to join us at Grace Church on Sunday, November 12 at 3:00 p.m. as we celebrate the musical legacy left by our beloved Bruce Eicher. We will remember our colleague and friend through some of Bruce's favorite choral, organ and solo works. Those who have previously sung in the Chancel Choir under Bruce's leadership are encouraged and welcomed to join us in singing by attending a 1 p.m. rehearsal that Sunday. Please reach out to Chris Schroeder for more information about the music for this special service. A reception following the concert will include displays of past photos, programs, bulletins and stories from the many years of Bruce's long tenure (1958-2012) as Organist and Minister of Music at Grace United Methodist Church.



Local & Local-ish Events

To submit individual events for listing on the Baltimore AGO Calendar and in the *Pipe & Pedal*, please visit <http://www.baltimoreago.org/submit-events>.

Events through 15 December 2023 are listed below.

For a full listing of events, please visit <https://www.baltimoreago.org/events>

Saturday 11 November 2023, 7:00p

L'Amour, Toujours l'Amour!

The Church of the Redeemer (5603 North Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21210)

Presented by Maryland Opera

Maryland Opera opens its sixth season with "L'Amour, Toujours l'Amour!" featuring fully staged scenes and acts from *Faust*, *Werther*, and *Roméo et Juliette* including the famous balcony scene.

Tickets & More Information: <https://www.marylandopera.org/>

Sunday 12 November 2023, 3:00p

Remembering a Legacy: A Memorial Concert in Memory of Bruce Eicher

Grace United Methodist Church (5407 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21210)

See details above.

Sunday 12 November 2023, 4:00p
The Catholic High School of Baltimore
Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (8501 Loch Raven Blvd., Towson, MD, 21286)
Part of the IHM Concert Series

The Catholic High School of Baltimore presents the Vocal and Instrumental ensembles of the Visual and Performing Arts Department! The Concert Choir, Chamber Choir and a Cappella Choirs will perform Sacred, Popular and Holiday songs. Director of Choirs: Jane G. Brown. The Symphonic Band, Marching Band and Chamber Winds will perform songs from their recent "Dia De Los Muertos" Concert, as well as songs from their Holiday, Sacred and Marching repertoire. Director of Bands, Zack Davis.

Series Flyer: [Download or Print Here](#)
Concert Flyer: [Download or Print Here](#)

Sunday 12 November 2023, 4:00p
Justin Weilnau, organ – DMA Chamber Recital
Old St. Paul's Church (233 N Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21201)

The public is invited to attend Justin Weilnau's DMA Chamber Recital featuring Duruflé's Requiem.

Sunday 12 November 2023, 4:00p
A Concert of Piano and Organ Duets with Kathie Metz & Roy Belfield
Towson United Methodist Church (501 Hampton Lane, Towson, MD 21286)

No tickets required.

Sunday 12 November 2023, 4:30p
Recital and Evensong for Veterans Day
St. David's Episcopal Church (4700 Roland Ave., Baltimore, MD 21210)

On Sunday, November 12 at 4:30 pm St. David's, Baltimore commemorates Veterans Day with a recital of chamber music followed by the service of Choral Evensong. Join the Choir of St. David's on Sunday, November 12 at 4:30 pm for the annual Recital and Evensong for the Commemoration of Veterans Day. The event begins at 4:30 pm with a recital by cellist Joseph Gotoff and pianist Wan-Chi-Su with works composed in the years surrounding World War I, including compositions by Gabriel Fauré, Claude Debussy, and Germaine Tailleferre.

The Service of Evensong follows at 5:00 pm, featuring choral music by Stephen Paulus, Margarita Cozzolani, and Douglas Guest.

The event is free and open to the public, with doors opening at 4:00 pm. Accessible parking and entrances available on Roland Avenue.

A suggested donation of \$10-\$20 directly benefits the musicians and the music series. The event will also be livestreamed via Facebook and YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@stdavidsbaltimore>. Online donations may be made via PayPal by visiting bit.ly/stdavidsmusicdonation, and you may sign up to receive music series e-mails via bit.ly/MusicNewsSignUp.

Tuesday 14 November 2023, 5:30p Reception / 6:00p Concert

Peabody Graduate Jazz Ensemble

Emmanuel Episcopal Church (811 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, MD 21201)

Part of the Music at Emmanuel Season

Directed by renowned trumpeter Sean Jones, Chair of Jazz Studies at Peabody, the Graduate Jazz Ensemble (GJE) is a brand-new ensemble comprising recipients of Peabody's Graduate Jazz Fellowship. This ensemble focuses on community-engaged artistry to develop expressive, flexible, creative, and collaborative musicians who are deeply invested in making an impact with their art. GJE provides developing artists with a platform to compose and perform original works, while gaining experience in roles of leadership and giving back to the community as educational artists. Be sure to join us as we welcome them to Emmanuel for a diverse — and fun! — program of jazz!

Tickets \$10/\$15, in advance or at the door. Series website and tickets:

emmanueldowntown.eventbrite.com

Friday 17 November, 7:00p

Opera Scenes – Presented by Baltimore School for the Arts

First & Franklin Presbyterian Church (210 W Madison St., Baltimore, MD 21201)

This delightful free concert presents an array of scenes from great operatic works, presented by the students from the Baltimore School for the Arts, under the direction of Robert Cantrell.

Sunday 19 November, 3:00p

Opera Scenes – Presented by Baltimore School for the Arts

Grace United Methodist Church (5407 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21210)

Part of the Music at Grace series

This delightful free concert presents an array of scenes from great operatic works, presented by the students from the Baltimore School for the Arts, under the direction of Robert Cantrell.

Sunday 19 November, 5:00p

Choral Evensong for the Feast of St. Cecilia

Grace & St. Peter's Episcopal Church (707 Park Avenue, Baltimore, MD, 21201)

One of the treasures of the Anglican tradition, Evensong is a service of sung evening prayer that combines music with readings from scripture and ancient prayers. The Grace and St. Peter's Choir will offer Charles Wood's *Evening Service in F* ('Collegium Regale') and the 'Hymn to St. Cecilia' by Herbert Howells to celebrate the church's remembrance of the patron saint of musicians. A festive reception will follow.

Sunday 19 November 2023, 8:00p

Compline – Prayer at the Close of Day

The Church of the Redeemer, Chapel (5603 North Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21210)

Sung by the Compline Schola. Chapel doors open at 7:45p.

Friday 1 December 2023, 5:00p
Chamber Chorus & Orchestra – Presented by the Baltimore School for the Arts
First & Franklin Presbyterian Church (210 W Madison St., Baltimore, MD 21201)

No tickets required.

Friday 1 December 2024, 7:30p
Breaking Up Christmas
The Church of the Redeemer (5603 North Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21210)
Common Ground Concert

Hammered dulcimer virtuoso Walt Michael share the Southern Appalachian tradition of visiting friends for rollicking music sessions and good cheer known as Breaking Up Christmas. Walt & Co. will play bluegrass, old-time, Celtic and original tunes, along with some holiday favorites.

Tickets \$27/\$24 - Tickets and info at:
<https://www.commongroundonthehill.org/experience/concerts/all-concerts>

Sunday 3 December 2023, 4:00p
Britten's St. Nicholas – The Emmanuel Choir – Christian Lane, director
Emmanuel Episcopal Church (811 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, MD 21201)
Part of the Music at Emmanuel Season

The story of today's Santa Claus begins with the early-Christian bishop Nicolas of Myra, who was known for his generosity to those in need and for his love for children. Following his death in the year 343, he was made a Saint by the church, and the vibrant stories of his life — and abundant acts of generosity — continue to inspire and influence our modern-day Christmas celebrations.

In this grand cantata by Benjamin Britten, the tales of St. Nicolas are vividly portrayed in poetry and music — and, for this special performance, The Emmanuel Choir is joined by members of the Peabody Children's Chorus and Baltimore Symphony Youth Orchestra, together with acclaimed tenor Matthew Hill singing the title role. Britten's joyous *Ceremony of Carols*, beloved the world over, begins this special holiday concert. Get your tickets early!

Tickets \$35/\$25/\$10, in advance or at the door. Series website and tickets:
emmanueldowntown.eventbrite.com

Sunday 3 December, 5:00p
Evensong for Advent
The Church of the Redeemer (5603 North Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21210)

With the Evensong Schola

More information: www.redeemberbaltimore.org

Sunday 3 December, 8:00p

Compline

Grace & St. Peter's Episcopal Church (707 Park Avenue, Baltimore, MD, 21201)

Compline is descended from the night prayers said before bed at the end of the monastic round of daily prayer. Compline is a simple office including a confession of sins, one or more psalms, a short reading from scripture, versicles and responses, the Lord's Prayer, collects which ask for God's protection during the night to come, and the canticle 'Nunc dimittis.' This ancient service is sung by a schola cantorum in the darkness of candlelight and lasts approximately 20 minutes. Reception will follow.

Friday 8 December 2023, 7:30p

In the Moon of Wintertime

The Church of the Redeemer, Chapel (5603 North Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21210)

Presented by Peabody Early Music Concerts

Freewill offerings support local charities.

Peabody Renaissance Ensemble presents "In the Moon of Wintertime" - a mixed holiday/winter themed program to drive the cold Winter away. It will feature Renaissance Christmas music, Sephardic Romances, and include the Huron Carol sung in the original Huron/Wendat language.

Sunday 10 December 2023, 3:00p

48th Annual Winter Concert

The Church of the Redeemer (5603 North Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21210)

Presented by the Children's Chorus of Maryland (CCM)

Come ring in the holiday season with the silvery sound of children's voices. CCM's three performing choirs deliver holiday cheer with a varied program of songs and carols centered on the theme of JOY!

Get your tickets at www.ccmsings.org

Sunday 10 December 2023, 4:00p

Candlelight Choral Concert

First & Franklin Presbyterian Church (210 W. Madison, Baltimore, MD, 21201)

Part of the Spire Series

The First & Franklin Sanctuary Choir, directed by Jason Kissel, will present their annual Candlelight Choral Concert on Sunday, December 10th, 2023 at 4:00pm. This yearly tradition celebrates the holiday season with choral music including Vivaldi's *Gloria* with Baroque ensemble and carols. We also welcome gifted harpist and friend of the choir Jacqueline Pollauf. Join us in the glow of the candlelight to revel in music, beauty, and the joy of Christmas.

Tuesday 12 December 2023, 5:30p Reception / 6:00p Concert

Mariah Bonner: Home for Christmas

Emmanuel Episcopal Church (811 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, MD 21201)

Part of the Music at Emmanuel Season

Mariah Bonner, vocals | Sean Lane, piano |
Seth Kibel, clarinet & saxophone | Bob Abbott, bass

Join local singer, recording artist, and all-around entertainer Mariah Bonner for an evening of holiday cheer! You'll be treated to a selection of songs in both English and French, ranging from classic melodies like *I'll Be Home For Christmas* to beloved hymns such as *Minuits, Chrétiens* (O, Holy Night), and *Douce Nuit* (Silent Night). Included will also be contemporary holiday tunes, such as *Hard Candy Christmas*, and much, much more.

Tickets \$10/\$15, in advance or at the door. Series website and tickets:
emmanueldowntown.eventbrite.com

Placement Service

placement@BaltimoreAGO.org

Please visit <https://www.baltimoreago.org/placements> any time to see open positions.

Calvary United Methodist Church – Organist (placed 10 Oct. 2023)

Address: 301 Rowe Blvd, Annapolis, MD 21401 USA

Phone: (410) 268-1776

Size of Congregation: 600-699

Contact Name: Karen Schnell

Contact Phone: (410) 268-1776

Contact Email: office@calumc.org

Number of weekly services or liturgies: 1

Number of weekly rehearsals: 1

Number of music ensembles: 1

Average Ensemble Size: 20

Total Hours per Week: 15

Type of Instrument: Möller 3 manual 37 rank

Music budget this fiscal year: \$29,000

Annual Minimum Salary: \$28,000

Annual Maximum Salary: \$28,000

This position provides: Sick leave, Continuing education/Professional development funding, Study/professional leave

Other relevant details about the position: For complete job description, go to: www.CalUMC.org.

Please submit your cover letter, resume, three professional references and a video of your performance of two contrasting organ solos, as well as a selection demonstration skills at accompanying. Send via email to Ms Karen Schnell at office@calumc.org Subject: Organist Search.

Friendship United Methodist Church – Organist/Choir Director (placed 5 Oct. 2023)

Address: 22 West Friendship Road, Friendship, MD 20758 USA

Phone: (410) 257-7133

Size of Congregation: 400-499

Contact Name: Rudy White

Contact Phone: (302) 632-8065

Contact Email: pastor@friendshipmethodist.org

Number of weekly services or liturgies: 1

Number of weekly rehearsals: 1

Number of music ensembles: 1

Average Ensemble Size: 20

Total Hours per Week: 4

Type of Instrument: Gebruder Oberlinger pipe organ, built in 2006 especially for our sanctuary. 2 Manuals. <https://pipeorgandatabase.org/organ/64885>

Music budget this fiscal year: \$1,800

Annual Minimum Salary: \$15,640

Annual Maximum Salary: \$20,854

This position provides: Secretarial assistance, Continuing education/Professional development funding, Book/music allowance

Other relevant details about the position: Salaries listed are for fulfilling both the Organist and Choir Director positions and will be based on qualifications/experience. The church is happy to have one person to fill both positions or to have 2 people fill these positions, one for the Organist and one for the Choir Director.

Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian – Minister of Music (placed 15 Sep. 2023)

Address: 1316 Park Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21217

Phone: (202) 236-0077

Size of Congregation: 200-299

Contact Name: David Bielenberg

Contact Phone: (202) 236-0077

Contact Email: search@browndowntown.org

Number of weekly services or liturgies: 1

Number of weekly rehearsals: 1

Number of music ensembles: 3

Average Ensemble Size: 36

Total Hours per Week: 40

Type of Instrument: Aeolian Skinner, Opus 839, IV/45, 1931

Music budget this fiscal year: \$100,000

Annual Minimum Salary: \$65,000

Annual Maximum Salary: \$75,000

This position provides: Health insurance, Sick leave, Pension plan, Continuing education/Professional development funding

Other relevant details about the position.: Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian Church (USA) – a thriving, progressive community of faith in the heart of Baltimore City – is seeking its next Minister of Music to lead the congregation’s musical and spiritual worship and life. Brown Memorial has a rich history of musical excellence and leadership, including the musicians Virgil Fox, Eugene Belt, John Walker, and until his death in 2022, Michael Britt. The church’s organ – built and installed in 1931 and historically restored in the early 2000s – is internationally renowned as one of the best surviving examples of the Skinner Organ Company’s and G. Donald Harrison’s work. Other musical ‘assets’ include a strong 36+-member volunteer Chancel Choir assisted by eight paid soloists, two congregation-led choral groups (Soulful Revue and Soulful Sisters), two grand pianos, and one set of handbells and one set of choir chimes. Brown Memorial also presents 2-4 concerts/events each year as part of its Tiffany Series, named for the outstanding collection of Tiffany windows in the sanctuary. (You can learn more about all of these things on the church’s website.) The congregation is seeking its next Minister of Music to honor and build upon this strong and diverse musical tradition, while also developing a vision of a vibrant music ministry for the future. To receive a full position description, please email search@browndowntown.org or visit the AGO National Career Center at <https://jobs.agohq.org/>

Channing Memorial Church, Unitarian Universalist – p/t Music Dir. (placed 13 Sep. 2023)

Address: 9122 Sybert Dr Ellicott City, MD 21043, [This is our worship address -- at Epiphany Lutheran Church. Office/ mailing address is: 3677 Park Ave. Ellicott City, Maryland 21043.], Ellicott City, Maryland 21043 United States

Phone: (410) 203-0474

Size of Congregation: < 99

Contact Name: Pam El-Dinary

Contact Phone: (410) 499-6339

Contact Email: musicsearch@channingmc.org

Job Title: Small Church Part-Time Music Director (10-month position)

Number of weekly services or liturgies: 1

Number of weekly rehearsals: 1

Number of music ensembles: 1

Average Ensemble Size: 10

Total Hours per Week: 10

Type of Instrument: 6'3" Yamaha C3 grand piano

Music budget this fiscal year: \$400

Annual Minimum Salary: \$9800

Annual Maximum Salary: \$10,800

Christian Temple (Disciples of Christ) – Music Director (placed 13 Sep. 2023)

Address: 5820 Edmondson Ave, Catonsville, MD 21228 USA

Phone: (410) 747-2041

Size of Congregation: 100-199

Contact Name: John Callaway

Contact Phone: (410) 747-2041

Contact Email: search@christiantemple.org

Number of weekly services or liturgies: 1

Number of weekly rehearsals: 2

Number of music ensembles: 3

Average Ensemble Size: 20

Total Hours per Week: 20

Music budget this fiscal year: \$6000

Annual Minimum Salary: \$36,000

Annual Maximum Salary: \$41,000

This position provides: Health insurance, Sick leave, Continuing education/Professional development funding, Study/professional leave

Other relevant details about the position: Hi there! We're on the lookout for a Music Director to join our vibrant congregation in Catonsville, Maryland. If you have a passion for creative worship planning and bringing new musical experiences to a congregation of music lovers, you might be the perfect fit! This is a maximum 20-hour-per-week position, and we're open to candidates applying for specific portions of the role they're interested in or qualified for—whether it's as Choir Director, Worship Coordinator, or Organist.

Mount Pleasant Church – Organist/Pianist (placed 5 Sep. 2023)

Address: 1713 Liberty Grove Rd., Colora, MD 21917

Job Description: Mt Pleasant Church is seeking a part-time organist/pianist for Sunday morning 10am services, other special services, weddings or funerals, as needed. Choir rehearsals typically are one weekday evening during the school year. Bell Choir is usually for the Christmas and Easter seasons. Mt. Pleasant is a rural church in western Cecil County with approximately 100 members and has enjoyed a very good musical ministry over the years. Both traditional hymns and praise music are enjoyed and used as a mix for Sunday services.

Key Areas of Responsibility: Provide pipe organ/piano music during service, including choir accompaniment each Sunday 10 am.; Rehearse choir on selected evening from Labor Day to Memorial Day; Rehearse soloists or small groups providing special music during summer months or special services; Provide music for special services during the year; Rehearse and conduct Bell Choir for special seasonal services; Coordinate with the pastor selections of music for services; Attend church council meeting at least semi-annually to provide plan for upcoming season; File report with CCLI for music licensing

Qualifications: Experienced with pipe organ/piano through private study or higher education; Experienced in conducting choir; Background check will be required as we subscribe to Safe Sanctuary rules; Professing Christian

Salary: Commensurate with experience

Apply: Submit questions or resume to mtpleasant@zoominternet.net by October 10, 2023

Mt. Hebron Presbyterian Church – Organist/Choir Director (placed 29 Aug. 2023)

Address: 2330 Mount Hebron Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21042 USA

Phone: (410) 465-3993

Size of Congregation: < 99

Contact Name: Susan Mergenthaler

Contact Phone: (410) 465-3993

Contact Email: Susanmergenthaler@mthebronpc.org

Number of weekly services or liturgies: 1

Number of weekly rehearsals: 1

Number of music ensembles: 1

Average Ensemble Size: 5

Total Hours per Week: 8

Type of Instrument: Steinway Piano, Allen Quantum Organ

Music budget this fiscal year: \$300

Annual Minimum Salary: \$14,000

Annual Maximum Salary: \$16,000

This position provides: Sick leave, Maternity leave, Study/professional leave

Other relevant details about the position: The Director of Music Ministry shall be responsible for the music during the worship services at Mt. Hebron Presbyterian Church. This responsibility includes: instrumental proficiency in organ and piano, selecting music for: worship service and rehearsals for the adult and children and youth singers; providing music for special services (Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Christmas eve, etc.); working with soloists and other instrumentalists as applicable, and working with the Christian Education Team in the production of the annual Christmas pageant and Mother's Day Service. This position will normally average about 8 hours a week.

St. Stephen-Severn Parish Episcopal Church – Director of Music (placed 29 July 2023)

Address: 1110 St. Stephen's Church Road, Crownsville, MD 21032

Phone: (410) 721-2881

Size of Congregation: < 99

Contact Name: Victor Hailey

Contact Phone: (410) 721-2881

Contact Email: fatherhailey@gmail.com

Number of weekly services or liturgies: 1

Number of weekly rehearsals: 1

Number of music ensembles: 2

Average Ensemble Size: 6

Total Hours per Week: 15

Type of Instrument: 1930 Muller Organ, Rebuilt in 1950 and 1965-68, installed at St. Stephen's 1995

Music budget this fiscal year: \$2028

Annual Minimum Salary: \$18,200

Annual Maximum Salary: \$18,200

This position provides: Sick leave

Other relevant details about the position: St. Stephen-Severn Parish Episcopal Church in Crownsville, Maryland, seeks a part time (13-15 hours/week) Director of Music. St. Stephen's is a welcoming congregation of over 250 members with an average Sunday attendance of 70. St. Stephen's is a community of faith, where people know one another and share in life's joys and challenges. Our worship draws on traditional hymns, classical music and the breadth of hymnody of the Episcopal Church.

BALTIMORE CHAPTER AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

OFFICERS

Dean: Bert Landman (dean@baltimoreago.org)
Sub Dean: Marvin Mills (subdean@baltimoreago.org)
Secretary: Louis Gephardt-Gorsuch (secretary@baltimoreago.org)
Treasurer: Jeanne Klusewitz (treasurer@baltimoreago.org)
Registrar: Frank Rittermann (registrar@baltimoreago.org)

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Class of 2024: Midori Ataka, Tim Murphy
Class of 2025: Wendy Johnston, Diane Luchese
Class of 2026: Ted Davis, Chris Schroeder

PLACEMENT – SUB LIST

Louis Gephardt-Gorsuch
Placement@BaltimoreAGO.org

For forms and further information see our website: www.BaltimoreAGO.org