

# MIXTURES



DECEMBER 2020

## DEAN'S MESSAGE...

As we all enter Advent, please keep Johanna and Tim Masters in your prayers. Johanna has been diagnosed with throat cancer, and she is going to Yale Medical Center for treatment. She and Tim may be in New Haven for weeks, depending on the timeline of the surgery and post-op care. I will send notices of any news I get from them. Before they left for New Haven, Tim recorded a meditation that Johanna played that will be available on December 20 (see below for more details).

Our congratulations to Jean Henssler, who performed a delightful organ recital, which she named “An Evening in Paris”, at United Presbyterian Church on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Not only did she pick out an entertaining and varied program comprised primarily of music written by Parisian composers, all of which she played beautifully, but, for the first time in our chapter’s history of sponsoring organ recitals, we have an archived video that can be enjoyed for some time to come. Since her retirement from her church organist duties, Jean has been able to focus on concert literature, and has performed several solo recitals. This one is her best. The video, which includes her remarks about the music, can be found at either [upcbgm.org/youtube/organ-recital](http://upcbgm.org/youtube/organ-recital) or <https://youtu.be/5n-PCEpXEqE>. Our thanks to Becky Mebert, Coordinator of Music at UP, who opens the recital with information about the Guilbault-Thérien organ. We extend our thanks also to Andy Chadwick, who turned pages for Jean; David Williams who recorded and edited the video; Scott Kindig, who coordinated the video production; and Kimberly Chastain, pastor of United Presbyterian Church. The recital was co-sponsored by our chapter and United Presbyterian Church. Jean dedicated the recital to Richard Hedgebeth, and Bruce Wendling.

The executive committee planned several events for the fall and winter, but so far, except for Jean’s recital, we have had to postpone them in compliance with pandemic regulations. As things change over the next months, we will reschedule those events and notify you of the new dates and times.

Have a wonderful Christmas season, and a happy new year.  
John



Jean Henssler at the console of the Guilbault-Thérien organ.

## FROM the REGISTRAR:

With the Oncard renewal process, the chapter has members renewing from March to December. Add to that the Covid-19 situation and this year's renewal has been unique – hopefully. The results are in and the chapter has 63 active members. That number includes 3 members who renewed locally but the treasurer's first check to National was lost and his reissued check has yet to be entered into Oncard.

While the chapter directory has been delayed, it is finally completed and a copy will be mailed to each member this week. It does contain 2 new concepts for us.

**Live Stream**  
**YouTube**

**cancelled**  
**due to**  
**Covid-19**

Please email me with any corrections. I will gladly update the digital file. I already have spotted a pre-covid date on the front page. Wrong Keys!

Richard

## A Message from our SUB-DEAN:

During these extraordinary days since the start of the pandemic, I am thankful to have been given the opportunity to play the recent recital at United Presbyterian Church. The countless hours of practicing while 'in isolation' created a diversion from the distressing events outside the hallowed church walls. The amount of JOY I received from those solitary hours is IMMEASURABLE and I thank all who helped in making this recital a reality.

I am also grateful to those who responded so positively to our shared Parisian musical adventure. We, who know and appreciate the healing power and the glory of *The King of Instruments*, are truly blessed.

Wishing you a safe and blessed Christmas full of uplifting music,  
Jean

## A Message from Horace King...

To celebrate the Advent season, the UMW is sponsoring a Christmas concert for the entire congregation. Sean Stafford and Roger Richards will be presenting a selection of Christmas songs on the organ and piano.

The concert will be live-streamed at 2pm on December 6<sup>th</sup>. You are welcome to attend the concert in the sanctuary. This is a great opportunity to hear Central's newly renovated organ!

The live-stream for the concert can be found on Central's video page at [www.youtube.com/user/videoCUMC](http://www.youtube.com/user/videoCUMC).

Come and experience the music of the season.

## EVENTS CALENDAR...RECITALS and CONCERTS GOING VIRTUAL...

Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm: Concert from Central United Methodist Church – live in the Sanctuary or stream it with the link above. See message from Horace King

Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm: David Jackson, Jewel Griffith and Brenda Yeier will present a virtual program of Christmas selections from Christ the King Presbyterian Church in Spencer. The program will be available on the Christ the King Presbyterian Facebook page or Zoom:  
ID: 837 5398 6747  
Password: 050850

Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm: \*Advent Organ Meditation, 1st Presbyterian Church, Montrose. Organist Martha Denkenberger, playing from the Sanctuary.

Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm: \*Advent Organ Meditation, 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church, Montrose. Organist Johanna Masters, live stream only

\*Note: Both Advent Organ Meditations will be on Facebook, live-streamed and preserved for later viewing.

## A Little Humor to Make Your Day...



## FROM OUR NEIGHBORS...

### CHEMUNG:

**Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm: At Home for the Holidays**, a Virtual Organ Recital presented by David Peckham, performing on the Clemens Center Theatre Organ in Elmira.  
for more information.

## ORGANIST POSITIONS...

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Owego** is searching for an Organist/Choir Director to start as soon as possible. We are open to considering a candidate for Organist only.  
Contact Patti O'Connell [peoconnell1@gmail.com](mailto:peoconnell1@gmail.com) or (607) 972-7129

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church Endicott, NY** is looking for a part-time Music Director. Applicants for this position should submit resumes to The Rev. John R. Martinichio, describing their credentials and previous playing experience. Due to the coronavirus we ask that you include links to any online offerings or include any recordings that you have currently recorded.  
We will begin reviewing resumes on August 12, 2020. Following interviews and auditions I will appoint a new Director of Music of St. Paul's Church, effective upon a mutually agreeable date. All inquiries, questions or clarifications can be directed to Fr. Martinichio [johnrobert58@stny.rr.com](mailto:johnrobert58@stny.rr.com) or to the church office at 607-748-8118 and are considered confidential. Website: <http://www.stpaulsendicott.org>



**Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah, Happy Holidays**

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