

# MIXTURES

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## THE DEAN'S LETTER . . .

This is to be a letter of anticipations. There are numerous events coming up in the near and less-near future: things to anticipate, act on, and take an active part in.

The first event is coming up this very weekend. Michael Luby will be offering advice and practical solutions for choir building and training. I especially anticipate his lasting solution to the "arrrr" problem. I anticipate a large turnout for the workshop at Holy Nativity Lutheran Church in Endicott. After the 4-6 o'clock presentation, let's join informally at Friendly's across the street for AGO fellowship and food.

The month of May brings anticipation and preparation. Ellie Rugg and Carolyn Blake are preparing an ambitious and diversified program on Handbells in Worship. Once again something to give us much to learn about along with much to listen to with pure pleasure. The particulars are all in the enclosed flier -- time, place, travel directions, and RSVP.

Also in May *Mixtures* will be the ballot so that all may vote in anticipation of the changing of the guard in June.

This June we will not be having our usual members recital because of the huge success of the Organ Spectacular in October. However, we plan an

event that is low-key, while at the same time a learning-hearing-enjoying experience. On June 7 (at 4 pm at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, River Road, Chenango Bridge) pack up your organ shoes and some music that strikes your fancy and join fellow members for an informal meeting of sharing and playing. Remember, this is not a formal recital. We will be sharing music, ideas, and musical fellowship.

After the musical sharing, we will meet at the Spot Restaurant at about 6:30 p.m. for dinner and the installation of new officers. Plan early for June 7 so that we have a large turnout. I anticipate great musical sharing and fellowship!

But first we'll be together on Sunday, April 19, to hear Michael Luby. See you all there.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Laura

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Holy Nativity Lutheran Church

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***Building Your Choir***

Michael Luby, clinician

Sunday

**April 19, 2009**

4-6 pm



### ON THE CALENDAR

Sunday, **April 19 - 4 - 6 pm** Workshop on *Building Your Church Choir* led by Michael Luby; at Holy Nativity Lutheran Church, 314 E. Main St., Endicott.

Saturday, **May 9 - 7:30 pm** *Classics to Classy Jazz* by the Madrigal Choir at Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church, 44 Main St., Bng.

Sunday, **May 17 - 4 - 6 pm** *Handbells in Worship* at First Congregational Church, Greene NY; reception to follow (See enclosed flier for details; rsvp by May 7.)

Sunday, **June 7 . . . . .**

**4 pm** Music Sharing  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
River Rd., Chenango Bridge

**6:30 pm** Annual Dinner Meeting &  
Installation of Officers  
Spot Restaurant, 1062 Front St.,  
Binghamton

**July 1-4** Region I and II Joint Convention - Boston. More information at [www.agoboston2009.com](http://www.agoboston2009.com).



### HOW TO GROW YOUR CHOIR!

Our guest clinician for *Building Your Church Choir* is MICHAEL LUBY. Michael is a music educator and vocalist native to New York's Capital District. He is a graduate of the Crane School of Music, Potsdam, and has just retired from the music department of the Troy City Schools. Michael is personable and dynamic and will share with you his secrets of good vocal technique, as well as tips on how to grow and hold the interest of your choirs.

Michael was a founding member of Opera Excelsior of Albany and Albany Pro Musica and was in the Chorus of Lake George Opera. He has sung with the New York City Choral Artists as well as with the New York Philharmonic. Currently he is part of the well-known "Voices of Cooperstown" and last summer celebrated his 250th performance with Glimmerglass Opera.

Michael leads the tenor section of the choir at Christ Episcopal Church, Cooperstown, NY, where Roberta Rowland-Raybold now serves as Organist/Choirmaster. Let's welcome Michael with our wholehearted support!

*Submitted by Roberta Rowland- Raybold*

Interested in carpooling to Greene on May 17 for the handbell workshop? Contact Jean Henssler at 748-7285