

January  
2010



# Mixtures

American Guild of Organists  
Binghamton, New York Chapter



## NEXT CHAPTER EVENT

Post-holiday Gathering  
at the  
Spot Restaurant  
1062 Upper Front Street, Binghamton

Sunday, Dec. 27, 2009

5:00 pm

A time to relax and reminisce. Please call Janet Hammond  
(772-4848) before Dec. 27 to let her know you are coming.  
The restaurant needs to know how many to set up for.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Dec. 27 - 5 pm Post-Holiday Gathering at the Spot Restaurant, Upper Front St.  
Contact Janet Hammond, 772-4848.

Saturday, Jan. 9 - 9:30 am Binghamton AGO board meeting (elected officers and standing committee  
chairpersons) at Dunkin' Donuts, Reynolds Rd.

Saturday, Jan. 9 (7:30 pm) and Sunday, Jan. 10 (4 pm) *Ceremony and Celebration for Twelfth Night* by  
the Madrigal Choir at Church of the Holy Trinity, Prospect St., Binghamton

Saturday, Jan. 23 - 10 am (note time change) Wayne Leupold Organ Demonstrators for Young People  
at Grace Lutheran Church, 709 Main St., Vestal; Jean Henssler, coordinator

Monday, Feb. 1 - 6 pm Clergy/Musicians Dinner at First Presbyterian Church, Owego.  
NY; \$10 for AGO members and friends; AGO chapter to underwrite the cost of  
clergy and their spouses; Program will include the singing of some new  
congregational favorites and Evening Prayer; Joan Kellam, coordinator.

Sunday, Feb. 7 - 4 pm Jonathan Biggers' next performance of J.S. Bach's Complete Organ Works,  
First Presbyterian, Binghamton

Friday, Feb. 12 - (time tba) Andrew Kotylo organ concert at Christ Church, Binghamton, in celebration  
of the church's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Sunday, Mar. 21 - 4 pm *A Bach Birthday Bash!* continues the series of Bach's complete organ works;  
Jonathan Biggers performing at First Presbyterian, Binghamton



January Event

Certainly everyone knows the 19th C. hymn, "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus I Love to Hear." But how many are familiar with the 21st C. ORGANIST'S method of telling the Bible stories?



Wayne Leupold has published a series of materials combining short organ pieces (often variations on hymn tunes) and narrator for the purpose of telling the Bible stories, while (hopefully) recruiting young organ enthusiasts by demonstrating the organ's impressive capabilities.

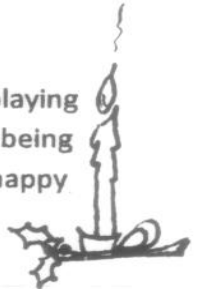
Join narrator John Holt, and organists Richard van Auken and Jean Henssler on Saturday, January 23, 2010, 10 am at Grace Lutheran Church, 709 S. Main St., Vestal (corner Hazel and Main) for the "21st century version" of the stories about Daniel and the Lion's Den and Noah's Ark.

Children and adults from your congregations are invited, too! The program will last about an hour and be followed by refreshments.

submitted by Jean Henssler

Happy Epiphany!

My name is Aaron Schian and I'm training to be a Lutheran pastor. As part of the four years of seminary training, one year involves an internship. My internship brings me to upstate New York from last August until next August when I will go back to Ft. Wayne, Indiana, for my last year of seminary. While in upstate New York, I'm serving three Lutheran congregations under the supervision of Chaplain Werly. My wife Ruth is teaching at the Lutheran preschool in Ithaca. Ruth has something in common with the AGO. She's been playing organ for the last seven years and enjoys paying for church services. We look forward to being a part of the Binghamton Chapter AGO Clergy/Musicians Dinner in February. Until then, happy rejoicing in the Light who scatters the darkness of sin and death.



In Christ, Aaron Schian

Questions for you to think about and answer in the next Mixtures...

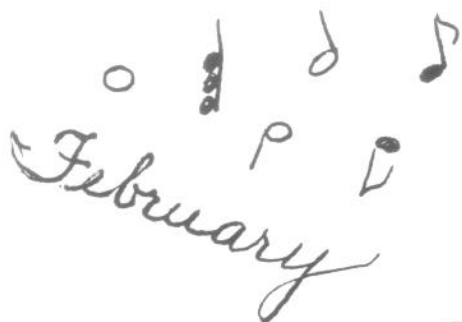
1. What are your favorite kind of organ shoes, why?
2. What your methods for not slipping on the organ bench..especially if you are vertically challenged?
3. What programs would you like to see our chapter sponsor?



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## CLERGY/MUSICIAN DINNER

On Monday, February 1, the AGO meeting will be a Clergy/Musician Dinner. All AGO members are encouraged to come, with or without a clergyperson (and spouse), because the program will be of interest to everyone. At 6:00, we'll have cheese and crackers before our dinner at 6:30. The menu is chicken casserole, winter jewel jello salad, mandarin orange tossed salad, green beans or buttered sweetened carrots, hot roll/bread, and assorted desserts, all prepared and served by the women of First Presbyterian Union Church in Owego. Cost for the dinner will be \$10 for members. The AGO treasury will support our guests' meals. Because we don't want our guests to think we individually are paying for their meal(s), we ask that you pay for your meal ahead when you make reservations. See the form below.

After dinner we will proceed to the sanctuary for the program. Six AGO members will present a "new" hymn from their denominational hymnal. Ellie Rugg (Congregational), Carolyn Blake (Methodist), Laura Kennedy (Episcopal), Lee Roseboom (Missouri Synod Lutheran), Donna Frye (ELCA), and Joan Kellam (Presbyterian) will each give a little commentary on a hymn before we sing it. Following the presentations, we'll sing together the "Holden Evening Prayer" by Marty Haugen. Richard Sheasley will be cantor and Polly Wendling will be at the organ. The evening will close with a blessing from our Chaplain David Werly.

Please make reservations by Monday, January 25. And hope for good weather! Questions? Call Joan Kellam at 223-4419 or email her at [joankellam@stny.rr.com](mailto:joankellam@stny.rr.com). The church is accessible with a lift at the Temple Street entrance, or with a side door ramp (call Joan for specifics).

**Directions to 111 Temple Street, Owego:** From Route 17, take exit 64 (Owego and Ithaca). Follow signs to Route 96. You will go over the river and past the Court House. Route 96 will make a right turn at a light, and then an immediate left at another light. The church will be on your right at the next light, intersection of North (Route 96) and Temple. There is no parking lot for the church. Parking is on Temple Street or in a village lot between the back of John's Market and the police station (entrance on Temple St.). Telephone number for the church kitchen is 687-1306.

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Name:

Phone (in case of weather):

I will bring \_\_\_\_\_ guests.

Please send \$10 reservation to Joan Kellam, 837 Ivory Foster Road, Owego, NY 13827 by Monday, January 25. Make check out to: AGO Binghamton Chapter.

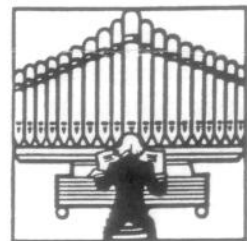
Today is December 16. The 1712 archducal accountant of Weimar, in his line entry for this day, records the winter allowance of "coal for the organist" – that personage being J. S. Bach himself. As I read this snippet, taken from my much-prized J. S. Bach 300<sup>th</sup> Birthday Engagement Calendar of 1985 (courtesy of the Bach Society of Minnesota), the phrase "you've come a long way, Baby!" pops into my mind! Most of us are not reimbursed with coal, and our AGO connections and activities have certainly been enjoyable times of fellowship, as well as learning and sharing.

We look forward to those times continuing in 2010. Keep in your minds and on your calendars the Saturday January 23, 2010 Wayne Leupold Organ Demonstrators for Young People, being presented at the Vestal Grace Lutheran Church under the supervision of Jean Henssler. Then on Monday February 1 is our Clergy/Musician Dinner at First Presbyterian in Owego..thank you ahead of time, Joan Kellam! We will be closing the evening with the delightful Holden Evening Prayer of Marty Haugen. Polly has found it very well received in recent years at Holy Nativity in Endicott; and at Holy Trinity in Chenango Bridge, the whole congregation is enjoying singing together the closing benediction at both our Advent midweek and also our Sunday services. Further on in February we will want to hear organ recitals as Jonathan Biggers continues his Bach presentations February 7, and Andy Kotylo celebrates Christ Episcopal's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary on February 12. The start of a busy year indeed!

I close with Catherine Winkworth's translation of the final verse of Christian Keimann's beautiful Christmas hymn *Freuet euch, ihr Christen alle* (Oh Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly):

Jesus, guard and guide Thy members/ Fill Thy brethren with Thy grace,  
Hear their prayers in every place./ Quicken now life's faintest embers;  
Grant all Christians far and near,/ Holy peace, a glad New Year!  
Joy, O joy, beyond all gladness,/ Christ hath done away with sadness!  
Hence all sorrow and repining, / For the Sun of Grace is shining.

Leland Roseboom, Co-Dean



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## PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers our former dean, **Caroline Stone** (1989-1991), as she faces challenging health issues.

Our condolences to the family and friends of **Thelma Forrest**, a longtime member of the Binghamton AGO Chapter. Thelma passed away on December 12, 2009. She had served as organist/choir director at the Windsor Presbyterian Church for 20 years.