



**MIXTURES** - *the newsletter of the*  
*Binghamton Chapter of the American Guild of Organists*

*September 2009*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, **Sept. 6** – 4 pm Jonathan Biggers concert, *Bach Celebration Series*, at First Presbyterian, Binghamton

Friday, **Sept. 18**– 6 pm Binghamton AGO Chapter Kickoff at Holy Nativity, Endicott  
(5-6 pm for those who wish to play the organ)

Sunday, **Sept. 27** - 4 pm Thomas Murray concert at Grace Church, Elmira

Saturday, **Oct. 3** - 9:30 am Board Meeting at Dunkin' Donuts, Reynolds Road

Saturday, **Oct. 10** - 8:30 a.m. departure for Norwich organ crawl, Binghamton and Oneonta Chapters

Sunday, **Oct. 18** - 4 pm *Shakespeare and Company* by the Madrigal Choir of Binghamton

Saturday, **Nov. 7** -10 to noon Service improvisation workshop with Bruce Neswick at First Presbyterian, Binghamton

Sunday, **Nov. 8** - 4:00 pm Bruce Neswick concert at First Presbyterian, Binghamton; reception to follow; co-sponsored by B.U. and Binghamton AGO

Saturday, **Nov. 28** - 7:30 pm *Lessons and Carols for Christmas* by The Madrigal Choir at Holy Trinity, 346 Prospect St., Binghamton

Sunday, **Nov. 29** - 4 pm Repeat performance of *Lessons and Carols*

Saturday, **Dec. 5** – 7:30 pm BTOS presents 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Christmas Show at the Forum

Sunday, **Dec. 6** - 4 pm Jonathan Biggers concert, *Bach Celebration Series*, at B.U. Fine Arts 21

Sunday, **Dec. 27** – AGO Binghamton Chapter Post-Holiday Gathering (time & place tba)

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## AGO 9/09 Deans' Column

Greetings from your two recently-elected co-Deans as we look forward to another active season in our Binghamton AGO chapter. Elsewhere in this issue of the *Mixtures* you will read about the several Chapter activities the Board has planned for the coming months, including concerts, a clergy-musicians dinner, and a joint organ crawl with our Oneonta chapter, and of course, very important gatherings for food and fellowship.

This has been a busy summer for some of your colleagues. Lee, Polly, and Janet Hammond spent several hours bringing our choral library up to date. Jean Henssler, Bruce and Polly Wendling, and Roberta Rowland-Raybold came back renewed from four days at the Regional Convention in historic Boston; Roberta also attended the Organ Historical Society (OHS) Convention in Cleveland, and caught part of the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) Conference at St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral in Wilkes-Barre as well.

Our website is currently being revised and exhibiting a distinctive look under the knowledgeable eye of Richard Hedgebeth. It includes a Photo Gallery, Calendar of events, past Issues of *Mixtures*, and a complete listing of anthems in the AGO choral library. Be sure to check it out!

We welcome the new faces who have joined the Board and wasted no time in volunteering their leadership. We are proud of our Binghamton AGO chapter and its active support of and participation in so many programs and events; and we feel confident that your continued participation and support will not go unrewarded! We look forward to seeing you at our Friday night September 18 kickoff meal at Holy Nativity Lutheran Church in Endicott, where we will hear about various highlights of our members' summer travels and also meet our new chaplain, Rev. David Werly.

God's best to each of you,

Polly Wendling and Lee Roseboom, co-Deans

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One further note: we are sorry to hear that long time active member Caroline Stone is unable to fulfill her recently elected duties as Chapter Secretary due to serious medical concerns. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

From your District Convener: If any of you have played the hymn settings and compositions by Paul Manz, you know how beautiful they are. If you have been privileged to meet him or have had him as a guest in your Chapter, you know what a fine gentleman he is. Dr Manz is now gravely ill and we are asking for prayers for him and for his family in this very difficult time. Please remember him in your personal devotions- and play some of his wonderful music - as I am this weekend. (8-22-09).

Sincerely, Roberta Rowland-Raybold

## SEPTEMBER KICKOFF

Friday, September 18, 6:00 pm  
at Holy Nativity Lutheran Church  
314 E. Main St., Endicott

- 5:00 pm Come early to hear and play the "small-but-mighty" 5-rank Buhl organ.
- 6:00 pm Potluck dinner -- bring a favorite dish to pass. Beverages, butter, and rolls will be provided.
- 7:00 pm Program
- hear Roberta, Jean, Bruce & Polly share some convention highlights
  - view part of the *The Great Organ of the Methuen Memorial Music Hall*
  - meet Pastor David Werly, our new chaplain
  - learn about some of the exciting events planned for the coming year

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Guests, spouses, prospective members are also welcome.  
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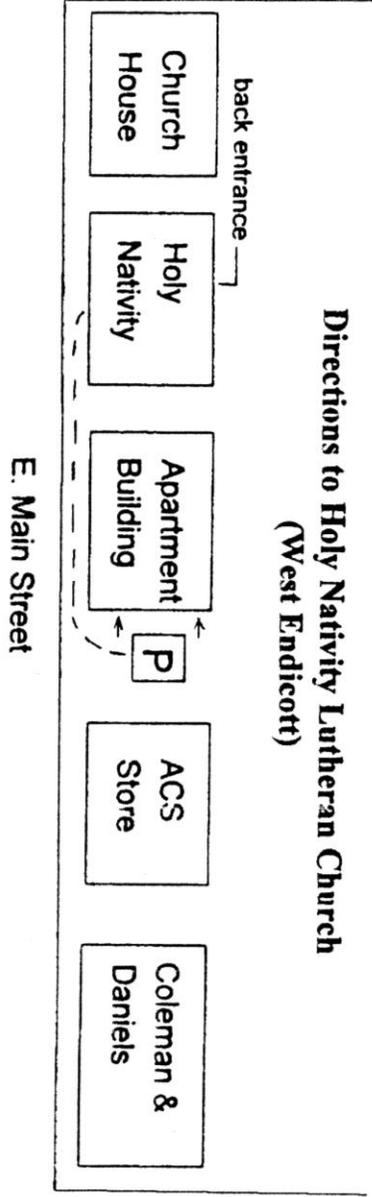
Because the church women will be setting up for a rummage sale the next day, they need to know how much space and furniture to set aside for our use.

Please RSVP to Polly (754-0378 or [bwending@stny.rr.com](mailto:bwending@stny.rr.com))



Mersereau Av.

**Directions to Holy Nativity Lutheran Church  
(West Endicott)**



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Parking available on both sides of Mersereau Av. and on east side of lot next to apartment building.

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## OCTOBER CHAPTER EVENT

Plans are underway for an organ crawl to Norwich on Saturday, Oct. 10. We will meet at 8:30 a.m. to carpool from Holy Trinity Lutheran, Chenango Bridge. We will meet Roberta and her group from the Oneonta Chapter at St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church. We will arrive at 9:30 am, visit four Norwich churches, eat lunch together at a local restaurant, and depart for home at 3 p.m. Further details will be included in next month's *Mixtures*.

## THANK YOU

--to **Carolyn Blake**, who takes over as newsletter editor with this issue. Articles for *Mixtures* should be submitted to Carolyn by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. If you wish to receive the newsletter by email, please contact Carolyn [rblake1@stny.rr.com](mailto:rblake1@stny.rr.com).

--to **Richard Hedgebeth**, who has been working diligently this summer to design a chapter website of which we can all be proud. Be sure to check it out at [binghamtonago.org](http://binghamtonago.org).

--to **Janet Hammond** and **Lee Roseboom**, who worked with Polly to bring the choral library up to date.

## AGO CHORAL LIBRARY

The Binghamton Chapter website includes a link to the AGO Choral Library.

Here you will find the titles of all anthems in the library, any of which may be borrowed by simply signing them out. The library is housed at All Saints Episcopal, 475 Main St., JC. Please check first with Roberta Steflik, the church secretary, for office hours (797-3354). She must unlock the door to let you in!

Several anthems are missing which have not been signed out. If you know their whereabouts, please let Polly know (754-0378). Otherwise, they will be deleted from the listing.

## The Back Page.....miscellany for the good of the group

Here we are at a new season of interesting get-togethers with information, inspiration and musical experiences. Please keep your booklet handy to refer for the programs, but this newsletter will have any changes and up-to-date information.

In this space, I will place any advertisements for churches' special programs, the need for substitutes, and job vacancies.

Also, here is where you will find instructions for making reservations and other contact points.

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We have an excellent Board that works hard to create the monthly AGO experience.

*Support the programs!*

*(Notice of an open position is omitted in the web version of Mixtures)*

Note that the opening dinner is POT LUCK. I (Carolyn Blake) will bring a cake for dessert...you bring the rest!!!

If you want to receive the Mixtures on e-mail, you have to tell me on e-mail . I will send it as a document until I have greater facility with my PrintMaster software.

I will accept any information for the newsletter by the 20th of each month.

Carolyn Blake, editor

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