



# Furniture

A mixture of news, history, and happenings of interest to the Northeast Tennessee-Southwest Virginia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

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Love was definitely in the air as we gathered at the Paramount Center for the Arts this past month. Many thanks to Rex Ward, the house organist, and all the support folks at the Paramount. It was a wonderful evening with the Mighty Wurlitzer.

This month we will be gathering at Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 201 North Main Street in Greeneville, TN. Cumberland has recently installed a new Randall Dyer and Associates instrument. It is a 2 manual, 15-rank instrument. On the Dyer website, the instrument is described as being “*designed and built under a philosophy known as “multum in parvo”*”. A literal translation is “*much in little*”, but a more accurate description would be “*careful selection of the elements (sounds) to maximize the usefulness of a small organ.*” We will hear from Randall, have an opportunity to hear the instrument, and will be able to ask questions.

Please enter through the back door of the church (*this is by the parking lot*) and continue to the elevator on the left (*about half-way down the hall*). When you get off the elevator on the second floor, continue to the choir room. This is where we will be meeting for our dinner.

And, as we discuss our upcoming meeting, it is time to start thinking ahead to our May meeting. In May we will gather at Milligan College for a member recital night. The theme is “Songs for Summer.” What do you like to play in the summer? Is there a specific piece that comes to mind? Be thinking of what you might want to offer during our member recital. There’ll be more information coming in our April newsletter.

Please contact me at 423-737-3464 or by email at [larry@fpcjc.org](mailto:larry@fpcjc.org) to make reservations for the meal. The reservation deadline is noon on Friday, March 17th.

I look forward to seeing you in Greeneville.

Blessings!

Larry

## Ideas for 2017-2018?

In just a few months, the Executive Committee will be busy planning our programs for the 2017-2018 season. Are there programs you would like us to consider? We’d love to hear your ideas.

## We Are On The Web!

After Executive Committee consideration for several years, we are pleased to announce that we have a Chapter website. Our web address is: [www.netnswvaago.org](http://www.netnswvaago.org). It is in the development phase, but you are encouraged to go out and look around. There is a page with membership information. We have a page listing our program schedule, substitute organist, as well as information on your Executive Committee. There is a page with information on the YOC, and a chapter calendar of events happening in the region. And, there is so much more. Be sure to take a look.

Also, don’t forget to check out our group page on Facebook.

### Substitute Organists

Jenny Dougan—(423) 276-2222

Robert Greene, Jr.— (423) 341-0378

Joan Keith—(423) 652-7868

David Runner—(423) 434-0433

### Change in Program Schedule

#### Sunday, April 2, 2017 - Program Postponed

Just a reminder that a conflict has arisen that will preclude Ms. Craig from being able to come and perform for us on Sunday, April 2nd.

We continue to be in discussions with Ms. Craig, the Emory and Henry staff, and the Executive Committee as we seek to include this program in our 2017-2018 program series.

Please adjust your calendars to reflect this change.

### March Meeting

Tuesday, March 21

Dinner - 6 pm; Program - 7:30 pm

Dinner - \$15

#### A Talk With An Organ Builder

Featuring, Randall Dyer

Cumberland Presbyterian Church  
201 N. Main Street, Greeneville, TN

#### Dinner Menu

Baked Skinless Chicken Breast

Smashed Potatoes

Seasoned Green Beans

Slaw

Angel Food Cake With

Strawberries and Whipped Topping

Assorted Beverages

Deadline for Reservations 3/17/17—Noon  
[Larry@fpcjc.org](mailto:Larry@fpcjc.org) or call (423) 737-3464

## Upcoming Calendar of Events

- **Monday, March 6 - 7:30 pm**  
**The Tennessee Tech Chorale**  
 Led by Dr. Craig Zamer  
 First Presbyterian Church, Greeneville, TN  
 Admission is free
- **Beginning, Wednesday, March 8 12:05 pm**  
**Annual Noon Lenten Organ Meditations**  
**Central Presbyterian Church**  
 301 Euclid Avenue, Bristol, VA  
 March 8 - Joy A. Smith-Briggs, CAGO  
 March 15 - Dana Fleming  
 March 22 - Bryan Underwood  
 March 29 - Robert Greene, Jr.  
 April 5 - Craig Campbell  
 Donations are accepted.
- **Friday, March 10 - 7:00 pm**  
**Come Hear the Kantorei**  
 Kantorei-Concordia Theological Seminary Choir  
 Special Lenten Prayer Service  
 Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
 201 E. Watauga Avenue, Johnson City, TN
- **Saturday, March 11 - 7:00 pm**  
**The Civic Chorale**  
 First Presbyterian Church  
 105 S. Boone Street, Johnson City, TN  
 Suggested Donation \$10
- **Sunday, March 12 - 3:00 pm**  
**Flute and Piano Recital**  
 Featuring: Joy Nagy and Elisa Wardeska  
 St. John's Episcopal Church  
 500 N. Roan Street, Johnson City, TN
- **Tuesday, March 21 - 6:00 pm**  
**A Talk With An Organ Builder**  
 Featuring Randall Dyer  
 Dinner Begins at 6:00 pm, Program at 7:30 pm  
 Cumberland Presbyterian Church  
 201 N. Main Street, Greeneville, TN
- **Friday, March 24 - 7:00 pm**  
**Anthony Rispo - Organist**  
**Cherylonda Fitzgerald - Cellist**  
 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
 800 Broad Street, Kingsport, TN  
 Suggested Admission: \$5, Students free
- **Sunday, March 25 - 3:30 PM**  
**Dr. Charles Tompkins - Organist**  
 Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church  
 249 E Main St, Brevard, NC  
 Admission is free;  
*An offering will be received for the Music Fund*



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## An Update on the YOC

The governing Board of the Young Organist Collaborative (YOC) has begun meeting, and we are well on our way to offering lessons for future organists in the fall of 2017. Officers have been elected, and they are as follows:

Robert Greene, Jr. - Chair  
 David Runner - Vice-Chair  
 Jackie Kossin - Secretary

The Treasurer of our Chapter acts as YOC Treasurer. Additionally, the following folks have volunteered to serve on the YOC Board:

Jack Burress  
 Anne Elliott  
 Kyle Lively  
 Kathy Story  
 Larry Dodd (*The Chapter Dean is ex-officio*)

The YOC Board has adopted By-Laws to govern the YOC, as well as developed materials to inform musicians in the Tri-Cities Region of the opportunities provided by the YOC.

We will be accepting student applications through Monday, May 1, 2017, and auditions will be held at 10 am on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at Milligan College. Watch for the applications in late March.

We covet your prayers as we take these next steps in achieving the true purpose of the YOC. We would certainly welcome more members on the board. Our By-Laws allow twelve members. We are also seeking folks that might be interested in providing financial assistance to the YOC. Do you have any suggestions?

This is going to be an exciting opportunity, and a wonderful way to grow the next generation of organists.

### Treasurer's Report - February 15, 2017

Total Balance on hand	\$ 4,252.10
Memorial Fund Balance	\$ 1,619.50
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Minus Memorial Fund	\$ 1,619.50
<b>Operating Balance</b>	<b>\$ 2,632.60</b>

### Executive Board

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