



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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Greetings to All. There is a definite hint of Fall in the air, and it's hard to believe how quickly time is moving along. The holidays will be here before we know it!

It was wonderful to gather last month at Mountainview UMC to begin our year. Many thanks to Chris Neal and Pastor Ward for their warm hospitality, and for the wonderful time of worship as we consecrated our service through music.

This month, we will be coming together on Tuesday, October 18th. Our evening will begin at 6 pm at First Presbyterian Church (105 S Boone Street, Johnson City) for dinner, and then we will car pool the short distance to the R. A. Colby Organ Company Shop (2300 S Roan Street, Johnson City).

Roger Colby will give us a tour of the shop and we will have the opportunity to see the projects on which they are currently working. One of the projects in the shop is a 7-manual console the will go into the Castro Theater in San Francisco. There will be an opportunity for questions, and an informational session on situations that organists are confronted with such as, what to do if pipes go out of tune, what can be done if there's a cipher, and other simple repairs. Be sure to come prepared with your questions and comments.

Is there someone you know, that should be a member of the AGO, but isn't? We, the current members, are the best resource to build our chapter membership. Since membership in the AGO is open to all, the potential for growth is huge. Lovers of the organ and its music, students, choir directors, music committee personnel, clergy, organ sales and maintenance people, music dealers, spouses and partners of church musicians - all are potential active members of our chapter. Organists of all abilities and backgrounds are welcome. Consider the folks in your circle of influence. Invite them to the October dinner and meeting. Share a copy of the newsletter. Let them know of our upcoming schedule. We need to reach out to the potential members in our life. Their many talents, enthusiasm, and different perspectives will enhance our chapter. Invite someone to join you this month. Working together, we can and will build our chapter.

I Look forward to seeing you on October 18th.

Larry

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Calendar At A Glance

- **Sunday, October 9 - 3:00 pm**
A Jubilant Song
The Civic Chorale
First Presbyterian Church
105 S. Boone Street, Johnson City
- **Sunday, October 16 - 3:00 pm**
Choral Collage Concert
Featuring the ETSU Choral Ensembles
Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church
201 E. Market Street, Johnson City
- **Tuesday, October 18**
Chapter Dinner and Meeting
6:00 pm - Dinner - First Presbyterian Church
105 S. Boone Street, Johnson City
7:30 pm - Program - R. A. Colby Organ Shop
2300 S Roan Street, Johnson City
- **Friday, November 4 - 7:30 pm**
Celebrating Kenton Coe
ETSU Main Campus
Mathes Hall - Room 107
- **Friday, November 11 - 7:00 pm**
Dan Schutte in Concert
St. Mary's Catholic Church
2211 E Lakeview Drive, Johnson City
- **Saturday, November 12 - 9 am - 1 pm - \$10**
Liturgical Workshop With Dan Schutte
St. Mary's Catholic Church
2211 E Lakeview Drive, Johnson City

October Meeting

Tuesday, October 18

A Visit to the R.A. Colby Shop

Dinner – 6 pm - FPC, Johnson City

Tour of R. A. Colby Shop - 7:30 pm

Menu – \$15.00

Pot Roast

Potatoes and Carrots

Green Beans

Salad and Roll

Dessert and Beverage

Deadline for Reservations 10/14/2016 – Noon

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Young Organist Collaborative

by Robert Greene, Jr.

Organists are a dying breed. Literally. This past year has been no exception. The losses of Randy Farley, Louise Ammons, Shirley Brand have been keenly felt.

But we have a plan to do something about this. It is called the Young Organists Collaborative, or YOC. The basic concept of YOC is simple. Introduce young people to the organ by offering them a year or more of FREE organ lessons. It is hardly a new idea. I have heard testimonies of several organists who got their start in just this way. Perhaps you are one yourself.

What YOC does better than other past efforts is expand the base of support, to create a whole class of new students. It is a program that reaches out to the most promising of our talented youth, helping them to find the best teachers available, encouraging them every step of the way. It is helping to create the next generation of organists.

YOC began in 2001 in a church in New Hampshire, and has grown every year since. I first heard of YOC at the AGO National Convention in Boston in 2014. The success of this initiative has convinced me we need to create our own YOC here in the NE Tennessee/SW Virginia area.

The Executive Committee has read extensive documentation about YOC, and has endorsed the creation of a similar effort here. The Executive Committee has also decided to use the Randy Farley Memorial Fund exclusively toward this program. But the Executive Committee already has enough work managing the affairs of our local chapter. It will take a separate team of people to adopt the New England model and adapt it for use here. That is why I am writing these words. We need your help to spread the word, and to help us recruit team members who love the organ AND young people. Know any people like that? These Committee members DO NOT need to be organists. In fact, the fewer organists, the better!

Please take the time to go this website: <http://stjohnsnh.org/young-organists-collaborative/>. It will tell you about the successful program in New England which we pray we can replicate here in our own region.

Treasurer's Report—September 16, 2016

Total Balance on hand August 23	\$ 3,979.99
Receipts	\$ 342.11
Total Balance September 23, 2016	\$ 4,322.10
Memorial Fund Balance	\$ 1,519.50
Total Balance On Hand	\$ 4,322.10
Minus Memorial Fund	\$ 1,519.50
Operating Balance	\$ 2,802.60

The chapter has received the following memorial and tribute contributions. We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have made these gifts.

Memorials

- In memory of Louise Ammons - by Nathan Kyle Lively
- In memory of Nell Clark - by Nathan Kyle Lively
- In memory of Randy Farley - by Joan Keith; Nathan Kyle Lively
- In memory of Mary Fisher Landrum - by David Runner

Tributes

- In honor of Greg Lacey - by Joan Keith; David Runner

Many Thanks to Greg Lacey for publishing this year's Membership Directory. They look great!

For those who desire a 2016-2017 Membership Directory/Yearbook but are unable to attend meetings, please send \$2.00 to Greg Lacey, 2135 Boone Street, Gray, TN 37615.

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