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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, and welcome to another year of gathering together as the Northeast Tennessee / Southwest Virginia Chapter of the AGO. Your Executive Board has been busy at work developing an exciting and varied year of programs and social events.

We will begin our year on Tuesday, September 20th at Mountainview UMC (4405 Orebank Road, Kingsport). We will come together at 6 pm for our dinner and business meeting, and at 7:30 pm we will move to the Sanctuary for our opening Convocation. Rev. Sam Ward will bring us our message for the evening. Reservations are required for the dinner. *Please email your reservations to larry@fpcjc.org or call Larry at 423-737-3464 with your reservation by noon on Friday, September 16th.* If I don't answer, please leave a message.

Following are the events that we have scheduled for the 2016—2017 season, and we hope that you will mark your calendars and invite your friends and colleagues to come and join us. These are wonderful opportunities for us to “grow the Chapter.”

- September 20—Opening Convocation
Mountainview UMC
- October 18—Visit to RA Colby Shop
Dinner @ FPC, Johnson City
- November 15—Composers Night
First Baptist Church, Kingsport
- January 17—Annual Winter Gathering
Joy Smith-Briggs' Home
- February 21—There's Love in the Air
Theater Organ
- March 21—Pipe Organs in the Small Church
Randall Dyer - Cumberland Presbyterian Church
- April 2—Carolyn Craig—Rising Star in Concert
Emory and Henry College
- May 16—Member Recital—Milligan College
Songs for Summer

It promises to be an informative, and entertaining year. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend as much as your schedule will allow.

I encourage you to stay in touch, and will be happy to receive your emails or phone calls. Feel free to contact me at any time.

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Calendar At A Glance

- Sunday, September 11 – 3:00 pm
First Presbyterian Church
701 Florida Avenue, Bristol, Tennessee
Soprano Cheryl Parrish in Concert
- Tuesday, September 20 – 6:00 pm
Mountainview UMC
4405 Orebank Road, Kingsport, Tennessee
AGO Dinner / Opening Convocation
- Sunday, September 25 – 3:00 pm
Central Presbyterian Church
301 Euclid Avenue, Bristol, Virginia
“Light and Lively”
Featuring Tim Landis and Joy Briggs
Benefit Concert for the Organ Restoration
Fund at St. Columba Episcopal Church
- Sunday, September 25 – 4:00 pm
Seeger Chapel
Milligan College
Men In Song Finale Concert
- Thursday, September 29 – 7:30 pm
Brevard-Davidson Presbyterian Church
249 East Main Street, Brevard, NC
Organ Concert by Jung-A Lee
- Friday, September 30 – 7:30 pm
First Presbyterian Church
105 S. Boone Street, Johnson City, Tennessee
ETSU Music Faculty Gala

September Meeting

Tuesday, September 20
Opening Convocation

Dinner – 6 pm, Convocation – 7:30 pm

Menu – \$15.00

Ritz Crusted Chicken
Roasted New Potatoes
Green Beans
Salad and Roll
Dessert and Beverage

Deadline for Reservations 9/16/2016 – Noon
Larry@fpcjc.org or call (423) 737-3464

Nunc Dimittis: Shirley Brand



The chapter mourns the passing of Shirley Ann Harris Brand, age 81, who passed away on Saturday, July 23, 2016, after a lengthy illness. She grew up in Damascus, Va. and graduated from Damascus High School and from a two-year stenographic course at Washington County Technical School, Abingdon, Va. She was

baptized at an early age in Denbigh Baptist Church, Newport News, Va., and converted to Roman Catholicism in 1978, to which she remained faithful to Christ through Church to the end of her life.

She was a student of the piano from an early age. Her last teacher being Marion Graybeal and later studying pipe organ with Keith Womer of Norman, OK. She was organist/pianist in several Baptist churches, substituting in various churches in Oklahoma and most notably was organist at the US Naval Chapel, Trinidad, West Indies; Covenant Baptist, Washington, DC; Bethel Presbyterian, Abingdon, Va.; St. Joseph Catholic Church, Norman, OK; Our Lady of Victory Catholic church, Purcell, OK; St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Mountain City, TN; Christ the King Catholic Church, Abingdon, Va.

She was a member of the American Guild of Organist for many years, which allowed her exposure to educational opportunities in the organ as well as enjoyment to hear many noted national and international organist. Although she did not consider herself to be a great classical concert organist, she always did her very best to use her talents to glorify God and inspire listeners through the ministry of music. One of her proudest accomplishments was working diligently with Melanie Coddington, on the installation of the very generous donation of a small pipe organ by Nell Clark to Christ the King Catholic Church.

Shirley will be truly missed, and we rejoice that she was able to make it to our final meeting of the 2015/2016 season. The Executive Board has voted to make a donation in her memory to our Memorial Fund.

Position Available

First Broad Street United Methodist Church of Kingsport, TN is seeking a part time organist/accompanist (15 hours or more). Payment rate will be negotiated based upon experience, qualifications and consideration of the guidelines set by the American Guild of Organists. Regular duties will include accompanying music for Sunday worship services, seasonal worship services, funerals and weddings and select choir(s). Interested applicants can contact the Executive Director, Nathan Flora at 423-224-1511 or by emailing nflora@fbsumc.org.

Treasurer's Report—August 23, 2016

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| Total Balance on hand August 9 | \$ 4,079.99 |
| 8/9—Memorial to Farley Fund | \$ -100.00 |
| Total Balance August 23, 2016 | \$ 3,979.99 |
| Memorial Fund Balance | \$ 1,419.50 |
| Added from Brand memorial | \$ 100.00 |
| August 23 Memorial Fund Total | \$ 1,519.50 |
| Total Balance On Hand | \$ 3,979.00 |
| Minus Memorial Fund | \$ 1,519.50 |
| Operating Balance | \$ 2,560.49 |

Justin Brueggeman Selected To Serve on AGOYO Board

We are excited to spread the news that Justin Brueggeman, a member of our Chapter, has been selected to serve as an officer on the Southeast AGO Young Organist Board.

The AGO Young Organist (AGOYO) is a branch of the American Guild of Organists that was established in 2015 to connect organists under the age of 30. Some of their programs include online concerts, blogs, and new initiatives directed toward young organists. An AGOYO Facebook page has been started to connect young organists worldwide, who might not have access to a local AGO chapter.

Our southeast board is chaired by Scott Ziegler (FL) and guided by our regional councilor, Homer Ferguson (NC). Kevin Neel (MA) serves as this year's National Convener of Divisions. For more information, you may follow the link for the Regional Divisions for Young Organists page located in the About menu on the AGO homepage (agohq.org).

Congratulations Justin!

Executive Board

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