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March 2014

The Program Committee is
working on the following chapter
meetings. Please mark your
calendars!!

March 8, 2014

Joint Meeting with Bangor
Chapter

St. John's, Bangor ME 10 AM
AM: Workshop on Dudley Buck
PM: Anthem sharing, opportunity
to play the organ

April 5, 2014

!!NEW NEW NEW NEW!!

Helyn Connerr – Learning With-
out Tears

9:30 AM

First Parish Church
Saco, Maine

May 4, 2014

Members Recital

First Parish Church, Saco 4 PM

November 15-16, 2014

Merrill Auditorium

FOKO Hymn Sing Festival



Newsletter Deadline

Mar 15, 2014

send news to

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Chapter News

AGO Workshop – Learning With-
out Tears

April 5, 2014 at 9:30 AM

First Parish Church, Saco

Our April 5th meeting changed
because of the opportunity to feature
Helyn Connerr, an internationally
known author, as our speaker. Ms.
Connerr, a resident of New Hampshire
and UK, will present a workshop on
different learning styles based on her
book, *Learning Without Tears: Identi-
fy a Child's Unique Learning Style;
Unlock a Child's True Potential*.

Helyn Connerr has developed an
entirely original system, known as
the Mercury Model. Sympathetic
and lighthearted in tone, the Mer-
cury Model is designed as a series of
in-depth profiles, with 12 archetypal
mental personifications that include
characters like Scout, the Trailblazer;
Details, the Analyst; and Sherlock, the
Detective. Helyn reveals how these
different learning types receive and
process information.

One reviewer raves: 'This approach
is a revelation in the world of educa-
tion, showing that students are not
just square pegs to be fitted into round
holes. Ms. Connerr presents the multi-
faceted elements that constitute the
young mind, and explains how teach-
ers need to know the different features
that make up each student. *Learning*

Without Tears should make teachers
question "the tried and true" methods
of indoctrination through memoriza-
tion and parroting responses.'

Whether you are a learner, a teacher, a
parent or grandparent, expect to have
your traditional notions of the teacher-
student relationship overturned!

Recital

Harold Stover

April 27

Cathedral of St. Luke
3:00 PM

Works of Dupre, Messaien, Stover,
Franck, and Sowerby.

Benefit Concert

St. John Passion

J.S. Bach

March 16, 2014

Camden Opera House

Anthony Antolini, Conductor

Mozart Mentors Orchestra

camdenoperahouse.com

tickets \$20.00 unreserved

proceeds to benefit Hospitality
House and Rockland Food Pantry

From our Sub-Dean, Ann Hartzler:

AGO Workshop – Joint
Event for Portland and
Bangor AGO Chapters!!

On Saturday March 8, 2014 there will
be a Joint meeting of Portland and

Bangor AGO Chapters at St. John's Catholic Church in Bangor. There will be information later regarding carpools. If you are interested in playing a solo or anthem, please email me!
(ann.hartzler@gmail.com)

10 – 11:30 Dudley Buck

Kevin Birch will talk about the choral and organ music of Dudley Buck.

11:30–12:30 Lunch and Music Swap

Bring your excess music!

1 – 3 Hook Organ Recital

Organists will be invited to try the organ with registration help. Kevin particularly suggests bringing music of the period (Mendelssohn and Franck).

Dudley Buck

(March 10, 1839 – October 6, 1909) was a founding member of the AGO and a New Englander. He was a composer, organist, and writer on music.

He published several books, most notably the *Dictionary of Musical Terms and Influence of the Organ in History*, which was published in New York in 1882. He is best known today for his organ composition, *Concert Variations on the Star-Spangled Banner*, Op. 23, which was later arranged into an orchestral version.

Regional Chapter News

There are many events going on in the New England area which are of interest to our Maine chapters. Please see the website for details. Among the events are POEs and other concert events. Check it out! There are events from now till the Regional Conventions later in June, plus other conventions later in the summer. Have you registered yet for the Boston Convention?

FOKO Hymnsing Extravaganza

There have already been meetings to start coordinating the next fabulous Hymnsing Festival at Merrill Auditorium.

Steve Ditmer, a representative for the Salvation Army Band, is assisting FOKO in the process. The band will be part of the festival to help celebrate the 125th anniversary of this charitable organization. Mr. Ditmer is most enthusiastic about collaborating with us. The Festival will be held November 15-16, 2014. We will need a lot of hands to make this work!

Thank you in advance for all your help in making this festival a memorable event for our community!

Looking for a Substitute Organist?

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PORTLAND AGO MEMBERS:

Notice Informing Guild Membership
of Resolution of Case -

On October 6, 2013, the American
Guild of Organists declared resolved
the case of wrongful termination
brought against South Church Unitar-
ian Universalists, Portsmouth, NH.

Guild Members may now accept
employment at this Institution.

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church,
Northfield, Vermont** seeks permanent
organist. Small loving congregation
with a rich liturgical tradition seeks
musician to play our beautiful circa
1830 Hook Tracker Organ to lead
and support our worship. For more
information, contact: The Rev. Empey
Schneider, Rector- 802-485-8221,
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Murphy, Worship Committee-
802-223-2486,
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Job Opening for Music Director
Islands Community Church (ICC)
of Bailey Island has an opening for
a Music Director. This part time role
requires a candidate with the ability to
play both organ and piano, and to di-
rect the church choir on Sunday morn-
ings. Choir practice is held at 8:30 AM
and church services are at 9:30 each
Sunday. Compensation will be com-
mensurate with the successful candi-
date's qualifications. ICC is a non-
denominational church welcoming
people of all faiths. Please submit a
resume to capthays@myfairpoint.net.

> Christ Episcopal Church, Norway,
Maine is seeking a 1/5 time organist/
choir director starting in October 2013.
Competency in choir direction, church
organ and piano is necessary. Experi-
ence and/or familiarity with liturgical
music is desired, but is not a require-
ment. 3-rank Wicks Forward 3 Model,

two-manual, full pedal-board. Sunday
morning 11:00 worship, choir rehears-
al each week (currently Wednesdays).
Salary is negotiable depending on
qualifications and experience. Four
(4) weeks of paid vacation are permit-
ted each year. More detailed job de-
scription available from John Sullivan,
jtcsul@earthlink.net/207-282-0271.

Wanted - Parish Musician. A part
time position leading Sunday worship
music at The Episcopal Church of the
Good Shepherd in Rangeley, Maine.
Opportunity for piano, Allen organ and
chorus leadership. If interested contact
The Rev. Jud Pealer at 864-3381.



The AGO Portland Chapter recommends the following fees for Substitute Organists:

One service (Organist or Organist/Choir
Director) \$150.00 - \$300.00

A second service essentially the same as
the first service 50% of first service fee

Rehearsal (1 ½ hours maximum) \$60.00
- \$100.00

Additional rehearsals with soloists, choir
or instrumentalists \$30.00 - \$100.00/hour,
depending on the difficulty of music

Mileage- 55 cents/mile if visits to church
for practice, rehearsal, service exceed 25
miles/round trip.



Please be sure
to advise ye ed as soon as possible
of any changes in the 'positions
available' list!!



All Newsletter Submissions
are due by the 15th of the
month. Please send to
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