

Dean's Message: Dear Springfield Chapter AGO Members and Friends:

There is one more event on the calendar for the Springfield Chapter AGO, our year-end banquet. However, this year it is also a pastor/organist dinner, and I encourage you to invite your pastors to experience the program I am going to describe. It's happening on Saturday, June 2 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Avenue in Springfield. Becky Isaacson, who so generously hosted our handbell workshop in March, is stepping up to the plate again with her crew to prepare us a wonderful dinner. We'll start to gather at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6, followed by the program at 7. And, just to make sure you know, spouses, partners or other friends are also welcome.

The program will be a jazz worship service, presented by Willie Sordillo and musicians and clergy from Old South Church, Boston. Now, how do I describe what they do in a way that will make you fall all over yourselves to come? I have experienced their form of jazz worship here in this area, several years ago at Holyoke United Church, and several at Old South Church in Boston. It is not just a group of jazz musicians sitting around jamming on hymns. It is truly an experience that is theatrical and spiritual at the same time. Each time I have attended I have been transported to a new place, and the musicianship and sensitivity of the speakers and the musicians is of a very high level. I can't say enough about it.

You'll see a page in the form of a flyer elsewhere in this issue. Please print it out and post it at your church or other places you can think of. The 7 p.m. service is open to the public free of charge and we want to get the word out.

The cost for the dinner will be \$20 per person and the following form, on page 3, will be your means to make your reservation. Send the form with your check to our treasurer, Jim Barnes, 27 Carriage Lane, Westfield, MA 01085. Please respond by Tuesday, May 29, so our hosts know how much food to have ready.

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A Jazz Worship Service!

Saturday, June 2 at 7 p.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church

361 Sumner Avenue, Springfield

The Springfield Chapter of the American Guild of Organists presents saxophonist, Willie Sordillo, along with musicians and clergy from Old South Church, Boston. This is not just another jazz band sitting around jamming on hymns. It is theatrical, spiritual and entertaining and it will send you out enlivened. Join us! Admission is free!



Banquet Reservation Form

Saturday, June 2, 2018 at 5:30 PM

Trinity Church, 361 Sumner Avenue, Springfield

Cost is \$20 per person. Come with or without your clergy.

Menu will include:

Salad, Rice Pilaf, Vegetable & Dessert, with

Choice of:

Baked salmon with dill sauce
Lemon Chicken Piccata with artichokes
Spinach Stuffed Portabello Mushroom (vegetarian)

Email your reservation to intwmass@aol.com, or phone Jim Barnes at 413-568-8477

or mail the form below, with check payable to AGO Springfield

to Jim Barnes 27 Carriage Lane Westfield, MA 01085

Deadline is Tuesday May 29, 2018

Name _____

Phone Number _____ e-mail _____

Number of persons attending _____ Check enclosed for \$ _____

Entrée choice: _____

Organist wanted for First Lutheran Church of Holyoke, MA

Position would entail:

Playing for the weekly Sunday 9 a.m. services;

Playing for all special holy day services;

Playing as accompanist for the first service choir; attending their Wednesday night rehearsals from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The successful candidate will have experience with the church liturgy, (with Christian music both traditional and contemporary), and with the Christian message of salvation.

The salary range will be commensurate with the amounts suggested on the American Organist Guild Website.

If interested, please send a resume and cover letter to:

First Lutheran Church, 1810 Northampton Street, Holyoke, MA 01040
Attn: Susan Lustowski

First Church of Monson MA seeks a Director of Music Ministry. This part-time position will be available in September, 2018. Responsibilities include playing for one Sunday service, directing one adult choir, leading a Thursday evening rehearsal, and coordinating the music program of the church with the liturgical year. The instruments available are a three manual 1891 Johnson pipe organ as well as a Yamaha grand piano. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. Send resume or inquiries to Mary Newland menewland@yahoo.com or contact her at 413-267-3219.

Organ master Shoes (Mary Jane style) size 9M for sale. Perfect condition. Bought years ago to replace my well-worn ones, but I continue to wear the old ones! I must have tried on the new ones, but they appear unused. Call Mary Murrell Faulkner 413.230-3759 or email faulkner18@comcast.net if you're interested. Asking price \$15 OBO.

The Twenty-Fifth Annual
L. CAMERON JOHNSON MEMORIAL
ORGAN COMPETITION FOR:

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Is scheduled to be held on
May 19, 2018 at 11:00 am.

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Storrs Congregational Church on the campus of the
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

DEADLINE for application is March 16. The rules and application form can be found
on the Northeastern Connecticut's Chapter website:

**Springfield, Massachusetts Chapter of the
American Guild of Organists
70th Anniversary**

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Thank you.

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