

Chiff Chat October 2018



How interesting that as the green leaves of summer are dying and falling from the trees, we are beginning new years: in schools, churches, sporting events, and entertainment programming, just to name a few. We look forward as nature pulls us away from what has been.

That's what our Springfield Chapter is doing as well. We're being pulled away from "the way we've always done things." This can be a really good thing as we experiment with some trial and error. We will achieve some successes going forward. This approach seems full of possibilities, especially if we realize that some things might change, and we can explore what those changes bring as we go along.

Our Board is installed: Joe Geehern, Dean; James Barnes, Treasurer; Martha Sienkiewicz, Secretary; and Directors – Larry Picard; Dianne Rechel; Karen Ducharme; Karen Banta; and Roberta Morkin. Thank you to our Chaplain Fr. Bill Wallis, for doing a wonderful Service of Installation. This was part of the program held on Sunday, September 30, at Grace Lutheran Church in West Springfield. Thank you, Martha Sienkiewicz, Lori Bouret, and flutist Linda Lefevbre. It was topped off with a wine and cheese reception and the short DVD "Organ Stop Pizza," which was informative and gave those of us who've never visited this Mesa, Arizona, destination, a chance to see a very different way to appreciate this instrument: the organ. Thank you also to Karen Banta for agreeing to serve one more year on the Board, and also to Mary Jeanne Tash for her usual superlative photography.

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Rev. William H. Wallis

Another way to use the organ, aside from worship services, is the accompaniment to a **silent film**. On **Saturday, November 3, 7:00 PM** at the **United Congregational Church of Holyoke** (corner of Maple, Appleton, and High Streets/enter on Maple St.) **Peter Krasinski**, an international talent with improvisation to enliven action on the screen, will be the organist as we watch "**The Kid**" with **Charlie Chaplin**. The organ for the evening is the **70-rank E.M. Skinner #322 pipe organ**, located in the main sanctuary of the church. This instrument dates from 1921, and has been maintained in historic condition ever since, one of only a few in the country. Without the use of a multitude of generals, this instrument requires a turn around in the way an organist thinks about registration. Thank you in advance to Don Hooton, two-time past Dean of our Chapter and Chair of the Experience Music at United concert series, and Bobbie and Chuck Morkin, church Pastoral Team (Bobbie: organist/director), for co-sponsoring this event in their series.

The writers of the September Chiff-Chat asked us to think about "What does it mean to me to be a part of a formal network of colleagues and enthusiasts of the organ?" I think a lot of it has to do with community, getting to see and talk with people who are working in the same field. This is important, and can be difficult with so many activities scheduled on the calendar. For me, the other part of it is being able to experience a wide range of programs that I may not be able to otherwise. We are all swamped with work and other commitments. If we can spread the tasks of leadership and programming out to a few more people, it can lighten the load for all, and perhaps make it possible to go forward with enthusiasm.

See you Saturday evening, November 3, at 7:00 P.M. in Holyoke.

God's Peace and Blessings!!!/Joe Geehern – Bobbie Morkin

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2018 - 2019
AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER**

**Saturday - Nov. 3, 7 p.m.
Silent Movie-"The Kid," with Charlie Chaplin
with Peter Krasinski, organ improv
posters will follow for members to publicize
United Congregational Church of Holyoke
300 Appleton Street
Holyoke, MA
Roberta Morkin, Host**

**An Anthem reading for March: Date to be determined
Second Congregational Church
487 Western Avenue
Westfield, MA
Karen Ducharme, host**

**Spring combined choral/organ event in Downtown Springfield
date to be determined
Larry Picard, South Congregational Church
Robert Hansler, Christ Church Cathedral
Lad Pfeifer, St. Michael's Cathedral
hosts**

**End of Year Banquet or Picnic
early June
The Board is looking for suggestions and/or volunteer hosts.
Contact Joe Geehern, Dean
joegorganist@verizon.net**

Opening Event - September 30, 2018



December 1, 2018. The Music Committee of First Church Monson invites you to its annual Christmas dinner and concert. The meal consisting of fruit cup, baked ham, roasted rosemary potatoes, butternut squash, cole slaw, and French apple pie will be served at 5:00 P.M. Tickets are priced at \$20.00 and must be purchased by November 25th. Reservations may be made with Gail Pelletier at 267 4818 or e-mail gail.pelletier73@gmail.com Western Mass Brass, a 25 plus piece ensemble of brass band enthusiasts from Western MA and Southern CT, will perform selections of Christmas music from 7-8:30 P.M. The concert is free and open to the public, but a free will offering will be taken to support the band.

The greater Westfield choral Association, a community chorus founded in 1977 by Floyd corson, will begin rehearsals for their 42nd spring concert(March 10/3:00 p.m./2nd congregational church) on Sunday, January 6, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Catherine dower performing Arts Center at Westfield state university. All voice parts are needed. For more information, please call our director, Marc Winer, at 789-2568, or go to westfieldchoral.org.

The First United Methodist Church, 16 Court Street, Westfield(across from the Westfield Atheneum), is excited to announce our new lineup for the 2018-2019 Fusion Coffee House. We also have some new names and new styles of music to make this one of our most exciting season lineups.

The first show is October 20. All shows start at 7:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall, and run to approximately 9:00 P.M. Admission is just \$10.00, and it includes bottomless coffee and tea. Fresh baked sweets are also on sale. Come and enjoy a great evening of music and fellowship. Be sure to spread the word about Fusion Coffee House, and bring a friend.

October 20--Rob Draper and Tim
November 17--Old Country Road
December 15--Tom Sawyer
February 16--Tim Van Egmond
March 9--TBA-Pre St. Patrick's Day Show
April 20-The Keepers
May 18-Standing Bear

Experience Music at United



Presents
A Silent Film

The Kid

Charlie Chaplin



With Organist
Peter
Krasinski

E.M. Skinner Opus 322
Pipe Organ

7 pm Sat, Nov. 3

The United Congregational Church
Corner, Appleton (Rte. 141) and Maple Streets
(Free parking)

Suggested donation: \$10 (\$5, Students and Seniors)

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A promotional banner for the EROI Festival 2018. The left side features a close-up of organ pipes with the text "SAVE THE DATE" in large, bold, white letters. The right side has a blue background with white and yellow text. The text reads: "The Eastman Rochester Organ Initiative Presents: EROI Festival 2018 October 24-26, 2018 | Rochester, NY". Below this, it says "For details visit: esm.rochester.edu/organ/eroi". The Eastman School of Music logo is in the bottom right corner.

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**Please join us on these Sundays
at 7:00 p.m.:**

October 28, 2018

November 25, 2018

January 27, 2019

February 24, 2019

March 24, 2019

April 28, 2019

**Rev. Bruce Arbour, First United Methodist Church
afdchaplain@gmail.com**

**Rev. Barbara Hesse, Second Congregational Church
Pastor@SecondChurchWestfield.org**

**Rev. Nancy Webb Stroud, Episcopal Church of the Atonement
rector@atonementwestfield.net**

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Visit our website at www.springfieldago.com.

**Please contact Elizabeth Zellmer or Lad Pfeifer at their e-mail
if you have any questions. Thank you.**

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