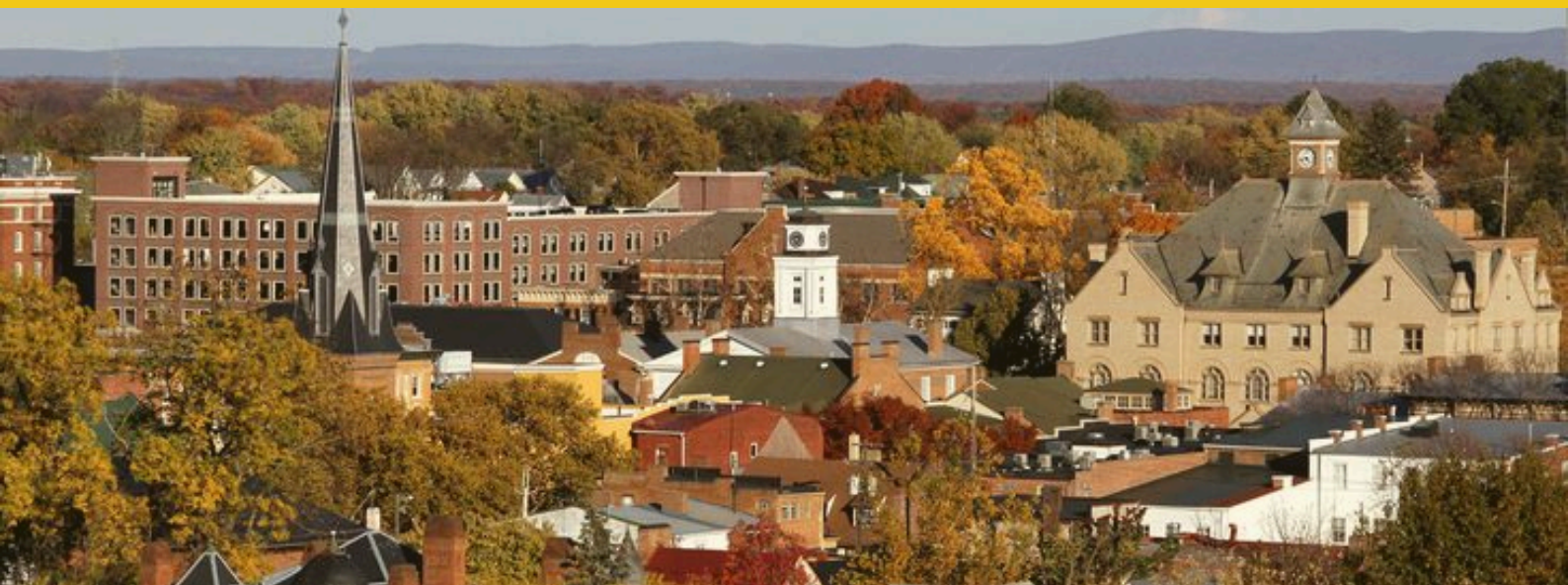


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From the Dean...

Dances Sacree' et Profane: WAGO programs for October and November

I love fall. There is nothing like the changing beauty of this part of Virginia that affects my mood more than walks on the beautiful colored leaf trails near my home, smelling crisp, frosty mornings, or sampling apple butter on a hot biscuit. It is good thinking time. And, in a way, we are preparing to say, goodbye as the seasons change. There is a tug between so many opposites: brilliant-colored trees-dull decomposing leaves, shorter days-longer nights, and foolish spooks – saintly souls. In October, I get excited seeing the season's decorations for Halloween: the ghostly goblins that are draped all over our lawns surrounded by bright orange pumpkins. In November, our liturgical season closes Pentecost, and we sober up by honoring those who have passed on with the celebration of the All Saints' Feast Day. It reminds me of Debussy's *Dances Sacree' et Profane*. This work was commissioned in 1904 for the new chromatic harp. It takes two contrasting dance themes and weaves them back and forth creating one work. Its "new" impressionistic style allowed for much more dissonance with the creative use of the whole tone scale and chromaticism. We listen to one composition that twists and turns. It is a celebration of how tensions in music make it the most satisfying. Your WAGO Chapter programs are one way to blend both.

For October and November, WAGO has two very exciting programs with guest performers. Please plan now to come and join our community guests. Both programs are going to continue our collection of donations to community programs—the WAGO does its blending of fine music with good charity. **On Friday, October 25, we welcome Dr. Wayne Wold with Marilyn Shenenberger and Terry Sisk in a performance of spooky music for the organ.** Our host is Market Street UMC (the corner of Cork and Cameron streets). The concert will start at 7:00 PM. It is free (costumes optional!) but we will continue to collect donations for WATTS and The Winchester Rescue Mission. This is a good "bring your guest" program.

In November, we invited Caritas NoVA, an elite professional women's ensemble in a program called *The Bountiful Earth*. **This group will be in concert at Trinity Episcopal Church, Upperville on Sunday, November 10 at 3:00 PM.** The concert is free but will collect donations for the Warren County 4-H program. A rich program of pieces for women, many by women composers, will explore how the earth has guided and shaped our evolution. We will find out just how much we are made of earth's elements: ashes to ashes, dust to dust,

HELP with Publicity!! Please duplicate the attached fliers for The Spooky Concert and the Caritas NoVA concert, then distribute them at your churches, and choirs. Church congregations, your bulletin inserts, service organizations, neighbors, friends, and relatives. Especially, turn them into your church administrator to put in your newsletter for both October and November. We must be a network for getting the word out.

Now for the lesson: we need you to come to our program meetings. And to dedicate this time to encouraging others as well. We are a small chapter and cannot just select what is pleasing or easy for us.

Point to Ponder

I have been thinking, trying to find inspiration about coming to listen to those wonderful meetings and concerts that our Program Committee has put on the calendar. I have talked with many on the phone or joined a WAGO member for a refreshment to catch up. We've had plenty of business to attend but as our most recent Fall Board Meeting proved, our members are at their best when sharing something they are excited about. It has taken me a very long time to write this message to our members. Yet, I have had a growing feeling that this tension that has been growing in me is a gift with a purpose. This past week I was looking for that special bit of wisdom as I scrolled through endless postings on Facebook. I stopped at a small poem titled **Remember Me**. The coincidence is that a similar text, a poem by Mary Elizabeth Frye, and a choral arrangement by Eleanor Daley will be featured as the final piece on the Caritas NoVA program.

Remember Me:

To the living, I am gone. To the sorrowful, I will never return. To the angry, I was cheated, But to the happy, I am at peace, And to the faithful, I have never left. I cannot be seen, but I can be heard. So as you stand upon a shore, gazing at a beautiful sea - remember me. As you look in awe at a mighty forest and its grand majesty - remember me. As you look upon a flower and admire its simplicity - remember me. Remember me in your heart, your thoughts, your memories of the times we loved, the times we cried, the times we fought, the times we laughed. For if you always think of me, I will never be gone. -Margaret Mead

Postscript: in the article I referenced about Margaret Mead, it was noted that she was "an Anglican Christian and Academic Anthropologist who played a significant part in the drafts of the 1976 Book of Common Prayer.

Blessings, and Deep Peace,

Linda

W A G O C H A P T E R

Updates:



Our new address: we have a new address: WAGO or Winchester Chapter of the AGO, P.O. Box 1398, Winchester. VA 22601

DIRECTORY UPDATE INFO NEEDED

Your personal and church information as found in our chapter member directory, soon to be updated, is requested by Nov. 30 to **Daniel Hannemann** at misterdan51@gmail.com

Please check the 2023-24 issue and note any changes needed to the following: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/etc; spouse name, home address, phone, email address; church title, name, address, phone number, email address; and board affiliation.

Publication planned for spring of 2025. Many thanks for your help!

All Saints Hymn Festival - Sunday, November 3, 4:00 pm at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Winchester, VA. You are invited to participate in a service of music celebrating all of God's saints.

What is a hymn festival? Similar in structure to the annual Service of Lessons and Carols at

King's College, a hymn festival is a special event focused on congregational and choral songs. It usually consists of music linked together by readings and prayers, which are organized around a central theme.



- **Who will be participating?** The choir of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Winchester, singers from local Winchester churches, brass musicians from Shenandoah University, organists and directors. If you are interested in participating as an individual or with your choir, please email Jason Gottschalk at jgottschalk@gracewin.org for more information and to be included in the program.
- **What music and how do I get it?** Music will be provided in binder form for all interested singers. You can pick up the music at Grace, or by emailing Jason. When will we rehearse? Singers are expected to learn the music independently. We will have a dress rehearsal on Sunday, November 3 at 3:00pm, immediately preceding the service. The rehearsal will take place in the sanctuary at Grace.

Memorial Gifts to WAGO: We have received several gifts to the chapter honoring the memory of Beverly Clark. If you or someone you know wishes to send a gift, please send it to: [WAGO Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 1398, Winchester, VA 22601](#)



Substitutes needed: We are in great need of substitutes for our churches. Piano or organ. Wendy Oesterling is heading an initiative to get some students from SU to explore church music. If you or anyone you know of is willing to help out your fellow Music ministers, please send names to Wendy for publication. Need immediately.

Web Page upkeep: Our Web Page guru, Emily Bentgen needs your input. We post each month's En Chamade newsletter and archive some of the performances; go through Emily to post. Her email: maxtheoboe@mac.com.



SPOOKY HALLOWEEN CONCERT

Friday, October 25th at 7 pm

Market Street United Methodist Church

131 S. Cameron Street, Winchester

Spooky Halloween Concert featuring Wayne Wold, Organ with Marilyn Shenenberger and Terry Sisk on 4-hand piano.

Pumpkin Carols for all!

Concert is FREE to attend. Donations are appreciated to raise funds for the Winchester Rescue Mission and W.A.T.T.S. Bring a crowd!

BOUNTIFUL EARTH



Caritas Nova

Sunday, November 10th, 3pm

Trinity Episcopal Church

9108 John S. Mosby Hwy., Upperville, VA

Concert is FREE to attend.

Donations are appreciated to raise funds for the Warren County 4-H.



Caritas NoVA Mission

The women of Caritas NoVA use our time and talents to embolden each other and positively benefit our community through the choral arts.

Who We Are

Caritas Nova is a professional women's vocal ensemble based in Northern Virginia. The group was founded in 2019 as an opportunity for our members—mainly music educators and Moms—to perform at a high level while also using our talents to support the broader community. Now in our 5th year together, the group performs 3-4 concerts annually at area churches. Rather than charge admission, the group offers each performance in support of a local charity.

Upcoming Area Musical Events

Music at



- **Sunday, October 6, 2:00 pm**, *Anna Czerniak, violin with Szymon Czerniak, piano*
- **Sunday, October 13, 5:00 pm**, *Choral Evensong with the Trinity Choir*
- **Saturday, October 26, Winchester Musica Viva presents Maurice Durufle's Requiem. With Marvin Mills, organist**
- **Sunday, December 1, 5:00 pm** *The Trinity Choir presents Advent Lessons and Carols for the First Sunday of Advent*
- **Sunday, December 15, 3:00 pm**, *The Blue Ridge Singers present their holiday concert.*

Christmas Favorites from Us to You



- **Saturday, Dec. 7, 7:30 pm** Grace Episcopal Church, The Plains
6507 Main St., The Plains, VA
- **Sunday, Dec. 8, 4:00 pm** Grace Episcopal Church
110 N. Church St. Berryville, VA

Free and open to the public. Donations gratefully accepted.



ARTS CHORALE
OF WINCHESTER

2024 FALL CONCERT SCHEDULE

- *Faure' Requiem with Piedmont Symphony*: October 20th, 2 pm at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Winchester, VA
- *Faure' Requiem with Piedmont Symphony*: October 26th (Sunday) 2 pm at Michael A. Hughes Center for the Arts, Warrenton, VA
- *SING ALONG: Handel's Messiah*: December 1st (Sunday) 7 pm at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Winchester, VA
- *Christmas Concerts*:
 - December 7th (Saturday), 7 pm at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Winchester, VA,
 - December 8th (Sunday) 2 pm at Braddock Street United Methodist Church, Winchester, VA



Durufle



Requiem

A beloved choral masterpiece



Marvin Mills,
Organ

Oct. 26, 2024 | 7:30 PM |
Upperville, VA

Trinity Episcopal Church
9108 John S Mosby Hwy



Dr. Bryce Hayes,
Artistic Director

Oct. 27, 2024 | 3:00 PM |
Winchester, VA

Braddock Street United Methodist Church
115 Wolfe Street

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To Winchester Area Church Choirs



invites you to join us in singing!

Sunday, October 27th Concert
at Braddock Street United Methodist Church

Sing with Viva on
Maurice Durufle's "Ubi Caritas"

Rehearsal from 2:00-2:20
3:00 Concert featuring the

Durufle
Requiem

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RSVP here or visit

<https://www.winchestermusicaviva.org/community-engagement>

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Winchester, Virginia

First Baptist Church, Winchester, Virginia, is seeking an

Organist/Accompanist. The salary offered will be commensurate with the education and experience of candidates. First Baptist Church, Winchester is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship congregation with men and women serving in all levels of leadership. We are the largest congregation in the Shenandoah Baptist Association and celebrate a rich tradition of liturgy and hymnody. An ideal candidate for this position will be committed to congregational worship, affirming the wide variety of musical gifts within the congregation, and

collaborative and creative in their support of music as an important part of ministry. The position will remain open until filled.

Position Summary: Organist and Accompanist

- Part Time: 9-12 hours per week including weekly choir rehearsals and Sunday worship services.
- Reports to the Minister of Music and Senior Adults

Compensation & Benefits

- Salary: \$15,000-\$25,000 commensurate with experience
- Annual Review: The Organist will have an annual review conducted with Minister of Music and Senior Adults, and the presidents of the Chancel Choir and Senior Adult Choir. There will be a 3-month probationary review the first year.

Qualifications

- Bachelor of Music degree preferred.
- Ability to work with all levels of musical experience.
- Excellent musicianship with thorough understanding, knowledge and proficiency of the organ and a repertoire of hymnody and sacred music.
- Ability to collaborate and work in a collegial and creative manner with ministerial staff and members of the choir.
- Previous experience as church organist is a plus. We are seeking a candidate with curiosity and openness to learning new music from a variety of traditions.
- Willingness to participate in continuing education.

Responsibilities - Organist

- Accompany all choirs and soloists in rehearsals.
- Provides accompaniment at weekly choir rehearsals.
- Provides organ or piano accompaniments during services for choir and/or soloists anthems, collaborations with the handbell choir, or other musicians as needed.
- Prepares music for special services and occasions, including but not limited to: Advent and Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Lent and Easter, Pentecost, funerals, and weddings.
- The Organist shall be available whenever possible for funerals and weddings and retains the right of first refusal for those services.
- Arranges for a supply organist for all worship service absences. Informs Minister of Music and Senior Adults of absences in a timely manner, the exception being for illness and emergencies. Provides a replacement accompanist if required for weekly choir rehearsals.
- Communicates effectively and thoroughly with the music ministry.

NOW HIRING



Bethel Lutheran Church, Winchester, VA Director of Music Ministries

(approximately 10-15 hours per week)

Anticipated Start Date: April 1, 2025

Position Overview:

Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church, a vibrant and inclusive ELCA Lutheran congregation in Winchester, VA, seeks a dedicated and versatile musician to lead our worship services through a rich blend of Contemporary Christian Worship Music and Traditional Lutheran hymns. The ideal candidate will possess a deep understanding and passion for Christian worship, effectively integrating a variety of musical styles to enhance our communal worship experience. Knowledge of Lutheran Liturgy is not required, but a willingness to learn and incorporate it is preferred. This role involves directing our worship choir and worship band and fostering a worship environment that is inclusive, reverent, and spiritually enriching. Bethel's sanctuary recently underwent a renovation to include a state-of-the-art sound system, multi-media display screens with live streaming capabilities, a flexible choir loft and music space, and a new Yamaha Clavinova digital grand piano.

Competitive pay is commensurate with experience. For a detailed position description or to express interest, please email employment@bethelwinchester.com.



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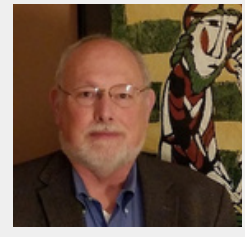
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