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*May the star that
shined so bright
over Bethlehem,
continue to shine
in your hearts
and lives, this
day and always.*

*Merry Christmas
from your St. Pe-
tersburg AGO
Board Members*



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From the Dean

Dear St. Petersburg Chapter members,

Those who attended the Olivier Latry concert at the University of Tampa already know what an extraordinary event it was. The 6:00 p.m. performance was standing-room only and I'm told the 8:00 p.m. was completely filled. It was exciting to see so many people turn out to hear this world-renowned artist who certainly lived up to his well-deserved reputation. I am particularly grateful to Haig Mardirosian for his graciousness in reserving prime seats at the front of the chapel for our chapter members. It was a truly inspiring event.



Since we are not having a chapter event this month, my message will be brief. This season is already busy for most people anyway; for church musicians, it is doubly stressful because of all the special musical events. I hope everyone will carve out some time to enjoy the holidays with family and friends. A great way to enter into the spirit of the season is to attend a program or service that is hosted by your colleagues. A few such opportunities are listed in this newsletter.

On behalf of all the board members, I wish you all a healthy, happy, peaceful holiday season.

Robert Todd, Dean

Member Holiday Events

December 9, 7:00 p.m. - Riverview High School's Annual Christmas Concert, featuring over 140 students in varying ensembles, vocal and instrumental, will put on a real holiday extravaganza. This is a free event!

Faith Lutheran Church
7750 Beneva Road, Sarasota 34238

December 15, 2011 7:00 p.m. — An ADVENT Evening of Prayer in the Spirit of Taizé

Please join the parish communities of Saint Mary, Our Lady of Grace and Holy Family in a celebration of Prayer, Song and Silence. Reception to follow in the Parish Center. Outdoor Living Nativity scene at 6:30 p.m.

Saint Mary, Our Lady of Grace
515 4th Street South, St. Petersburg

Member Holiday Events

December 18 10:15 a.m. — Advent Lessons and Carols

Shortly after the introduction of the famous *Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols* at King's College, Cambridge, a similar service was designed for the season of Advent. Advent carols and anthems sung by choir and congregation followed by the celebration of Holy Eucharist. Freewill offering.

The Cathedral Church of St. Peter
140 4th St. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33701

December 18, 7:00 p.m. — Festival of Lessons & Carols with the Adult and Children's

Choirs of Holy Family Catholic Church under the direction of Robert Todd and Dwight Thomas, guest organist. There is no admission charge, but a freewill offering will be received. Arrive early and stroll the grounds to enjoy the memorial luminaries sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.



Holy Family Catholic Church
200 - 78th Avenue, NE, St. Petersburg 33702



December 11 at 6:00 p.m. — Blue Christmas Taizé Worship

This service recognizes the fact that the Advent and Christmas seasons can be a painful time for some. It may be the first Christmas without loved family members who have recently died; it may be a time that has always been difficult. We invite any and all to join with us in sharing and hearing prayers, scripture and music that acknowledge that God's presence is for those who mourn, for those who struggle—and that God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness.

December 18 at 4:00 p.m. — The Many Moods of Christmas Concert

This year's concert will feature Ron Nelson's *The Christmas Story* and lots of traditional carols. The concert will be performed by the Chancel Choir, Chancel Handbell Ringers, guest soloist Jason Burke, a brass ensemble from The Florida Orchestra, organist Jack Rain, and music director Tom Lippert. A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the St. Petersburg Free Clinic

December 24— Christmas Eve Worship

5:00 p.m. — Cocoa and Carols

This special worship experience has been designed for families with young children, and will include the children's choir and special instrumental music. Cocoa will be served following the service.

7:00 p.m. — Candlelight, Lessons and Carols

A traditional Christmas Eve with candlelight, Chancel Choir and cello soloist Lowell Adams.

10:00 p.m. — Candlelight and Communion

Our traditional Christmas Eve worship with candlelight, communion, Chancel Choir and cello soloist Lowell Adams.

December 25, 11:00 a.m. — Christmas Day Worship.

First Presbyterian Church
701 Beach Drive NE, St. Petersburg, FL 3701



Robert Delcamp in concert

On Sunday, February 19, 2012 at 3:00 p.m., the St. Petersburg AGO will present Dr. Robert Delcamp in concert at Sacred Heart Church, in downtown Tampa.



Dr. Delcamp is Professor of Music and University Organist and Choirmaster at The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. He is organist of All Saints' Chapel (Episcopal) on the university campus, where he directs the University Choir. Under his direction the Choir has made several recordings and 11 tours of England, including residencies at York Minster, Wells, Salisbury, and visits this past May/June to St. Alban's, Rochester, Canterbury and the American Cathedral in Paris.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, he earned Bachelor and Master of Music degrees in organ performance at the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati, and later the DMus. degree from Northwestern University. He continued his studies in France with Louis Robillard, Organiste Titulaire at the Church of Saint François de Sales, in Lyon.

As a concert artist Robert Delcamp has toured extensively throughout the United States, as well as in England, Germany, and Luxembourg. His recordings for the Naxos label include three volumes in the Organ Encyclopedia series of the complete organ works of Marcel Dupré and solo CDs of organ music by Camille Saint-Saëns, Alexandre Guilmant, and Charles-Marie Widor. Copies of these recordings are available following the concert.



Margaret McAlister Retires after 65 years!

Our local legend, Margaret McAlister, has announced her retirement from the bench at First Presbyterian Church of Tampa after a staggering tenure of 65 years! In addition to being a past Dean of the Tampa chapter and a past District Convener, Margaret is an honorary lifetime member of our chapter. Her dedicated years of service are an inspiration to all of us.

On **January 8, 2012**, Margaret will present a concert with the choir of First Presbyterian at 3 p.m. She has asked me to extend an invitation to all St. Petersburg chapter members to attend. This will also mark the 52nd anniversary of the installation of the church's Möller organ.

The following Sunday, **January 15**, there will be a luncheon reception in Margaret's honor from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Seminole Heights Garden Center, 5810 Central Avenue, Tampa. Again, all members of the chapter are invited. I hope you will all join me in congratulating Margaret on her remarkable career on January 8th and 15th.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

(For more information on these positions, please visit the Chapter [Web site.](#))

Faith Presbyterian Church, 11501 Walker Ave. N., Seminole is currently looking for a full-time Minister of Music and the Arts. The church has a membership of 800. Responsibilities include: directing the Chancel Choir (30 members), children's choirs, and handbell choir with 3 octaves of Malmark bells; assist when needed at the contemporary service; direct a cantata twice a year with orchestra; help to plan and create for worship services; recruit and develop musical talent; give strong spiritual leadership to all those in the music program; be able to integrate film clips, dramas and visual arts into worship. Salary will be from \$35-45,000, depending on qualifications and experience. Please send résumés to michaelmartell@clearwater.edu.

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First United Methodist Church, 603 11th Street West, Bradenton. Director of Music for historic downtown church with 400± members. Candidate must have excellent organ and choral directing skills and be experienced in classical organ and choral literature. Responsibilities include the following:

- (a) provide musical leadership for one/two traditional services (seasonal 8:00 a.m. chapel service and 10:30 a.m. main service);
- (b) direct handbell choir;
- (c) consult and provide input into after-school music program;
- (d) provide input into the contemporary service;
- (e) manage monthly concert series.

Instruments include: 3/39 Schantz (1988), Steinway upright, 5-oct. Schulmerich handbells, 4-oct. Malmark hand chimes. Salary commensurate with experience and qualifications. E-mail résumé and cover letter to SearchCom-mittee@fumcb.com.

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Substitute information

Do you know the abilities of any of our listed substitutes below? Probably not, unless you have already had them play in your church. To assist people seeking a qualified substitute, we would like to ask each person listed below to please send a brief bio so we can link it on our website and from our newsletter. Please include such things as denominational preferences; do you work with choirs, handbells, instruments; are you available for Sundays, weddings, funerals, special services; how far you are willing to travel to play. Please send these to Rick Waterman at your earliest convenience.

SUBSTITUTES

*Inclusion in this list of substitutes does not constitute an endorsement of skills by the AGO.
The St. Petersburg Chapter encourages interviews with prospective substitutes.*

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