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The Dean's Message

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Dear Members and Friends,

Thank you to everybody who helped plan and prepare for our Opening Social at St. Mary's Church and Provo Community United Church! Thank you also to everybody who attended! We are especially grateful for the two churches allowing us to come experience their organs! Thank you!

I had intended to pay tribute to Jack Stoneman at the Opening Social and publicly thank him for his service as Sub-Dean during the last term. However, Jack was unable to attend. Therefore, I'd like to express appreciation now. Jack was wonderful to work with and did an amazing job of helping to plan and organize events. We are all appreciative of your contributions to our chapter, Jack! Thank you very much!

I am thrilled to announce that our new website is now live! Last year DeeAnn Stone, Jennifer Morgan and I attempted to give our old website a new look. A few changes were implemented, but, in the end, we felt the need to develop a whole new website. In creating the new website we hired a professional, Heather Shelley, to assist and tutor us throughout the process. We have sought to create a site that will be of greater benefit to our members and friends, as well as to the world. We kept some of the features of the old site, but presented them in a new and improved manner. For instance, you can still find things such as a Calendar of Events, Super Saturday Handouts, and Membership info, but they are organized under tabs and are more easily accessible. There is a full month-by-month calendar with hyperlinks that give specifics about the events listed on the calendar.

In addition to maintaining some of the old features, we have added many new ones. Some of them are not fully operating yet, but are a work in progress. For instance, you will note that under the "Membership" tab that there is a "Membership Directory." We are working to have a secure, password protected, membership directory that is only accessible to members. We have also created a "Substitute Organists" tab, which is located under the "Contact" tab, which can be used by local churches and organists who are in need of a substitute organist. If you are interested in being on this list, please contact DeeAnn Stone at dstone@uvago.org.

Another highlight of the website is the "History & Purpose" section, located under the "About" tab. This section contains information about the chapter,

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Upcoming Events

Chapter Meetings

- Oct 17 Doug Bush Memorial Recital, Oak Hills Stake Center, 925 E North Temple Drive, Provo, 7:30 pm [see p. 4]
- Nov Liturgy Class, presented by Ruth Eldredge, St. Mary's Episcopal Church
- Nov 14 Organs in Switzerland and France, Walter Whipple
- Jan 10 Provo Stake Center Wicks organ refurbishment tour with Jim Kasen, 1315 E 900S, 8:30 - 10:00 am
- Jan 17 Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza, Provo Central Stake Center, 10:00 am
- Feb Workshop for Choir Directors and Organists, Orem YSA Stake Center
- Mar RCYO Competition
- Mar 20 Chapter Bach Recital, Provo Central Stake Center, 7:00 pm
- Apr 25 Super Saturday, Harris Fine Arts Center, BYU
- May Choir Fest

Organ Recitals

- Oct 12 Ken Cowan (Rice University, Houston, TX), Cathedral of the Madeleine, 8:00 pm
- Nov 9 Ghislain Leroy, organ & Romain Leleu, trumpet (Cathedral of Notre Dame de la Treille, Lille, France), Cathedral of the Madeleine, 8:00 pm
- Jan 11 Renée Anne Louprette (Rutgers University, NJ), Cathedral of the Madeleine, 8:00 pm
- Feb 8 Vincent Dubois (Strasbourg Conservatory, France), Cathedral of the Madeleine, 8:00 pm

Choir Concerts

- Nov 6 "United We Sing," Interfaith Choir Concert by Provo Community United Church of Christ, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, LDS YSA 19th Stake, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 175 N. University Ave., 7:00 pm
- Dec 5 *Messiah*, Alpine Tabernacle
- Dec 14 Carols by Candlelight, Provo Community United Church of Christ, 175 N. University Ave.



Music in the Valley: Provo Community United Church of Christ

Dave Lewis started playing the organ when he was thirteen and several years later studied with Parley Belnap, whom he met while singing in a choir that Parley accompanied. Dave served as organist in his LDS mission, ward, and stake. Eventually he found his way to Provo Community United Church of Christ (PCC). Last year he was asked to play for Easter services at the last minute and continued filling in on Sundays. Eventually PCC offered Dave the job as organist.

Initially Dave did not want to take on the responsibility of directing the choir, but he helped the choir perform at Christmas and Easter. The PCC choir likes to sing hymn-based music, but Dave was not familiar with all of their favorite hymns, so they have shared and learned music together. This year, financial challenges and uncertainties about the future of PCC fueled renewed participation in the choir. They increased practicing from a half an hour a week to one hour, and now they practice twice a week. Dave compares the choir's growing energy and enthusiasm to Whoopi Goldberg's choir in the movie *Sister Act*. "It's wonderful," he says.

On June 18, they joined the choirs of the LDS YSA 19th Stake and St. Mary's Episcopal Church for an interfaith concert. Two weeks later, the interfaith choir performed a patriotic concert as a fundraiser for the PCC redevelopment project.

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Music in the Valley cont.

These concerts were so well received that they are planning another interfaith concert: "United We Sing" on Thursday, November 6th at 7 p.m. with St. Mary's, LDS YSA 19th Stake, and St. Francis of Assisi. The PCC choir is having a blast rehearsing "I Will Follow Him" from *Sister Act* for the November concert. Dave says that the song has "a great message and is lots of fun."

On December 14th, PCC invites the community to their 36th annual Carols by Candlelight concert. There will be an interfaith choir, bell ringers, a children's choir, soloists, and an organ solo.

In addition to playing the organ and directing the choir, Dave has been involved with the PCC redevelopment project. In January, PCC had to let their pastor go because of budget cuts, and the congregation was not sure if they would have to shut their church's doors. Dave was voted to be the chairperson of the committee formed to investigate options. The committee met with the Provo mayor and property developers. They soon discovered that the people of Provo wanted PCC to stay. The city was excited about the possibility of having a community gathering place and performance venue to fill the void of the Tabernacle, and so PCC has decided to restore their iconic A-frame sanctuary built in the 1950s and install a pipe organ with approximately forty ranks. The rest of the church property will be developed into new space for the church, upper-end housing and office space. Construction will start early next year. Dave now serves as the liaison between PCC, the developer, architect and community; he is optimistic about the future of music at PCC as he and the choir "Follow Him wherever He may go."

New Chapter Members

Janet Ollman Blackmer, Draper. My music education began early with various instruments. I thought I might major in music, but through twists of fate ended up in natural medicine (naturopathic doctor and massage therapist.) While in college taking group organ lessons I knew I had found the instrument I was meant to play. I became a ward organist for a short time, but didn't play the organ much for nearly 20 years, until being called as a ward organist again. I've pretty-much abandoned my violin and piano in favor of the organ at this point. I am currently a ward and temple organist. As the grateful owner of an Allen organ, I am able to make the most of my private lessons. I was lucky to have a place in Professor Bush's last organ tour to Germany in 2013, where I learned more in 2 weeks about organ history and organs in general than I would have otherwise. Until I played those marvelous German organs, the highlight of my organ experience was playing the Tabernacle organ for an Oquirrh Mountain Temple worker's devotional in 2006. I have completed some of the BYU Independent Organ Study Program, but now have gone on to study equivalent material privately. My goal with the organ is a simple one: to be the best church organist I can be - to inspire my congregation with hymns and other selections. I am working toward AGO certification so I can teach professionally if I choose, but for now, I'm just enjoying learning, playing, teaching the youth in my ward and growing with this marvelous instrument.

Joyce Davies, Lehi

Nancy Layton, Alpine

L. B. Erik Richter, Saratoga Springs

Dean's Message cont.

including the organization of our chapter, the purpose of the AGO, as well as "Past Chapter Activities," "History Archive," and a "Photo Gallery." Our new historian, Kymberly Stone, scanned the volumes of our history and webmaster, DeeAnn Stone, is sorting through the scans and uploading them to the website. (I'm grateful to Judy Wright, who initially gave me the idea of digitizing our history. Thanks, Judy!) Also, check out the new "In Memoriam" page, which can be found under the "Membership" tab. There are too many features to discuss them all here. I have tried to point out a few that might be of interest. I encourage you to browse through and become acquainted with our new website at: <http://uvago.org/>.

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Lastly, but not least, I would like to personally thank our committee who have worked tirelessly on putting the website together and getting it up and running. Thank you Heather Shelley, Mike Carson, and DeeAnn Stone! Thank you also to David Chamberlin for his work on the membership directory, and to the many others who have contributed information and photos for the website! Together we can make a difference!

Sincerely,
Sheri

Utah Valley AGO Organ Recital: A Tribute to Douglas E. Bush

The chapter will hold a recital on Friday, October 17, 2014, to honor our friend and colleague, Douglas E. Bush, who passed away on October 4, 2013. Doug had a significant and lasting influence in the lives of many people. We wish to honor him and celebrate his life and music.

The program will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Oak Hills Stake Center, 925 E. North Temple Drive, in Provo. The concert will feature pieces from the repertoire of Doug's hymn arrangements and other organ works that members know he loved or have special meaning to the performer. We look forward to sharing this special evening together. Please invite your friends and families to attend.



Linda's Pulled Pork

We've enjoyed Linda Rehart's pulled pork sandwiches at our chapter events, and she has generously shared her recipe.

5-6 pounds pork butt roast (with or without bone)*
2 tbsp coarse kosher or sea salt
2-3 tbsp liquid smoke

Trim excess fat off roast, but not all. Score deeply in cubes on all sides. Rub in salt and liquid smoke. Place fat side up in crock pot and add about 3/4 cup water. Cover tightly with lid. If lid does not make a tight cover, then also cover with foil. Cook 6-8 hours until meat is very tender. Shred meat with two forks, removing any fat as you go. Make adjustments to seasoning. I usually add more liquid smoke, but no more salt. If meat seems dry, you can put just a little bit of liquid back in with the shredded pork. Serve on buns. Let everyone add their own barbeque sauce. You can also use the pork for a Cafe Rio style salad. * Plan about 6 servings per pound.

Resources for Organists

"The LDS Organist"
(created by Jennifer Morgan)
www.organlessons.blogspot.com

"Pedal Points"
(created by Florence Hawkinson)
www.ldsorganist.wordpress.com

David Chamberlin's hymn
voluntaries
www.chamberlinmusic.com

Free music for the LDS organist
www.ldsorganist.org

Music for the LDS organist:
www.wardorganist.com

Resources for the LDS organist
www.ldsorganists.info

BYU organ information
www.organ.byu.edu

Local organ builder of fine
mechanical action organs
www.bigeloworgans.com

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