


PIPE NOTES



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FALL VERMONT AGO EVENTS

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Chapter events that are being planned for this fall. Your program committee is working hard to organize these events for all of us. More details about each will be included in the next newsletter:

September - 150th birthday celebration for the 1866 Wm. A. Johnson pipe organ at the United Church of West Rutland on Sunday, September 11.

October - a tour of the three pipe organs in Chester on Sunday, October 9.

COMING EVENTS

The Executive Committee of **St. John's Episcopal Church in East Poultney, Vermont** shares its plans for **worship services** during the summer months. All services will begin at **4:00 p.m.**:

On **Saturday, June 11** a **service of thanksgiving** will honor the contributions of the Welsh immigrants who have played an important part in the history of the area. The service will include traditional Welsh hymns and readings and prayers in the language of Wales.

On **Saturday, July 2**, a **service of thanksgiving and celebration of our national independence** will include prayers for our national life and hymns of thanksgiving in anticipation of the July 4th holiday.

On **Saturday, August 13**, the church will be open for the celebration of **East Poultney Day**. This annual event encompasses many activities around the village green. Those who join in the worship service for a time of prayer and reflection may afterwards walk across the green to the Baptist Church which invites all to dinner from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A perfect way to spend an afternoon in historic buildings and small-village living.

James Cassarino, professor of music at Green Mountain College and director of music at Trinity Church Rutland, will be in charge of music for all services with the assistance of guest musicians. Enthusiasts of historic organs may experience

one of the few remaining 1860 William Nutting organs, hand-pumped and still in the state in which Nutting made it. The venerable instrument has lovely tone and to hear it is an experience not often available, a trip back in time. The church is a completely unchanged 1831 gem, with gated pews under globed kerosene lamps and an original antique organ.

The **Essex Community Church** in **Essex, New York** announces its **2016 Season Performances**. Evening concerts are at 7:00 p.m. and Mid-Day concerts, on Thursdays, are at 11:30 a.m. Their website, www.essexcommunityconcerts.org, offers their complete concert listings. Their organ events are:

July 28	Dr. Bill Tortolano, organist	Thursday at 11:30 a.m.
August 12	Vaughn Watson, organist	Friday at 7:00 p.m.

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Just a reminder about ONCARD registration:

The Vermont Chapter has decided to use the ONCARD registration process for new members and renewing members. This process is available online at the www.agohq.org website. Members without e-mail addresses and members who have indicated they would prefer to pay by check will receive paper invoices from HQ.

Those who have e-mail addresses will receive renewal notices from HQ and since different members have different term expiration dates, the renewals will arrive in a timely fashion. If you have an e-mail address but would prefer to receive a paper invoice, please contact esthernui@gmail.com. Please note as well that the Vermont Chapter will follow the dues supported by the AGO headquarters. Chapter Friends will be directed to printing out the form (a link is available under membership on the website).

To facilitate the ONCARD Registration process, members are encouraged to visit the Vermont Chapter website www.vtago.org and click on the heading Membership. This will take you to a web page with information and links to facilitate the renewal and joining process. If you have any questions or run into difficulties please contact Esther Nui at esthernui@gmail.com.

Several of you know Bob Newton, long-time organ technician for the Andover Organ Company who services a number of organs in Vermont. He is celebrating his retirement and 77th birthday in July!

A memorial service for Leah Henzel will be a 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 9 at the First Congregational Church, 38 South Winooski Avenue, Burlington, Vermont 05401. It's just off the corner of Winooski Ave. and Pearl St. Plenty of parking places are available at the church. John has planned for singing a few hymns, and the minister Sally May will read some scriptures. There will be plenty of time for sharing remembrances. The ladies' group at the church will provide some refreshments. Our prayers and best wishes are with long-time AGO member John Henzel as he plans this fitting celebration of Leah's life.

For those of you who enjoy **Pipedreams** on Sunday evening at 9 p.m., please consider sending VPR Classical a note regarding how much you appreciate the program so they know that it has a "listener-ship".

Several of our membership are suffering ill health or the lose of a loved one. If you know of these folks, please visit and/or send them a note.

Again, if you are attending some AGO/organ events, please consider offering a ride to others who might be interested in the program, too, but are unable to get there.

You can make a difference in so many ways!

CHANCEL CHOIR DIRECTOR POSITION AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BURLINGTON

The First Baptist Church (ABC-USA) in Burlington, Vt. is seeking an experienced choral director to conduct the 15-20 voice adult Chancel Choir for worship services on Sunday mornings and rehearsals on Thursday evenings. The position will begin in late August or early September. The Chancel Hoir sings for services beginning the Sunday after Labor Day conintuing through mid-June with the summer off. Salary is competitive and negotiable based on experience.

First Baptist Church enthusiastically supports an active music program encompassing a Children's Choir, an Instrumental Ensemble, A Handbell Ensemble, an annual guest organ recital, and hosts outside musical groups. Review of applications will begin July 1 and will be accepted until the position is filled. Resumes and inquiries should go to fbcv@gmail.com.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

There will not be an August issue of **Pipe Notes** so the next deadline for submissions for the September issue will be August 20.