

THE COUPLER

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*The Newsletter of the Southwest Florida Chapter
of the American Guild of Organists*

HE IS RISEN!

I hope we are adjusting and coping as well as we can in these new times. Going forward has created new challenges and opportunities demanding a new way of thinking and living. Hopefully we have everything we need and ready to go back to work when we hear the call!!

HE IS RISEN INDEED ALLELUIA!

<https://youtu.be/isO59C4UGQk>

Open nominations

for next year

2020/2021 SWF Chapter AGO

We are now accepting nominations for the **Dean**, and two board members. Please consider filling one of these very important positions to help make the next season as successful as the rest.

Also, be ready to say yes if called upon to fill one of these position.

Your contribution may be just what is needed to sustain and maintain the honor and integrity of who we are as the current stewards and ambassadors of the organ world.

Remember too: no person is an island and more importantly, no one works alone. We work, teach, and learn well together and are

EASTER People!

If you are planning or rescheduling events please send the information to our editor Bill Pomeroy mr_bill41@juno.com to be included in the Coupler.

Program Reviews:

(I for one enjoy reading reviews of OUR work and programs. If you are lucky enough to have attended one, please write a review of what you experienced and share it with the guild. We, all of us can use some encouragement and constructive criticism now and then...)



For sale:

-from Ben Ball

1.) Rodgers 527 Classical Organmy wife's cousin here in Florida is having to give up playing for major health reasons after over 50 years on the bench. She purchased this organ new in 2004... It has self-contained speakers so would be great for home practice use or a small chapel. Asking price: \$6,500 and moving can be arranged.



2.) Kohler Digital Baby Grand Piano

...one of my church members is having to move to a smaller apartment for health reasons and cannot take a piano this large with her... asking price: \$500

Thank you for any help you can give me in relocating these two instruments.



3. a listing for my Allen System 301 Digital organ which is now available. This is a wonderful home practice instrument. We downsized homes a couple years ago and there was no place for it (gave up the home office/music room) ...so it went into my office at church but we are now moving another staff member's desk into my office so the organ has to depart...

If interested please contact me. This Allen organ is located in my church office and functions as a wonderful practice instrument when the sanctuary is in use for other events. It has some light cosmetic damage (nothing major, a few places of wear and a scratch here and there), but functions overall quite well. The combination action does not function (and has not since I owned it), but all stops currently work. The instrument is being sold as-is and the buyer would need to remove. It comes with two speaker cabinets. This is a wonderful practice instrument. Serious Inquiries only, please. Ben Ball, owner Cell: 443-745-2642 🎵 Email: ben@newhopefortmyers.org

Thanks and Blessings
Ben

We will publish *The Coupler* before each of the events for next year rather than monthly.

Thank You for your contribution to our newsletter.

Please make submissions to: William Pomeroy mr_bill41@juno.com
(mr_bill41@juno.com).

What to contribute:

We would like to build this newsletter to include items of importance to our membership. New sections for which we need information from you include:

Noteworthy- in this section we would like to include member news, appointments, achievements, etc.



Sub-list- Please include your name, phone number, email, and availability
(Please be as specific as possible.)

Upcoming Events- it's important that support each another in our church music endeavors. In an effort to avoid double booking concerts on the same day/time whenever possible, please submit dates for the next six months (*or more*) for events taking place in your community/church.

Positions Available- in addition to following the online job placement page of the TAO website, please include local positions that may not be listed. Include as many details about the position as possible in addition to contact information.

**-Great job helping to update the Substitute List-
Please check for accuracy and update any information you have.**

-SUBSTITUTE LIST-

- ♪ **Ben Ball**—Teaches organ; available sub for Weddings, Funerals, Saturday and weekdays services—ben@newhopefortmyers.org—443-745-2642 (cell)
- ♪ **Jonathan Birner**—Weddings, Funerals, Saturdays—239-352-3350—birnerj@yahoo.com
- ♪ **John Fenstermaker**—Weddings, Funerals, Saturdays, Other weekdays—239-262-6581 (ext. 207)—johnfenstermaker64@gmail.com
- ♪ **Alden Gatt**—Weddings, Funerals, Saturdays, Sundays, Other weekdays—239-601-6722—adlenpiano@gmail.com
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- ♪ **Richard Jaeggi**—Weddings, Funerals, Teaches organ lessons—239-454-7970 rdmej@aol.com
- ♪ **David Jozaities**—Weddings, Funerals, Saturdays, Other weekdays—239-841-0263—mrganboy@yahoo.com
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- ♪ **Joseph Nigro**—Weddings, funerals, weekend services. Piano/organ teacher—914-318-3268—Treasurehousemusic@gmail.com
- ♪ Available for weddings, funerals, weekend services. Piano/organ teacher
- ♪ **Judith Ollikkala**—Funerals, Saturdays, Sundays, Other weekdays (Nov.-Jan.)—239-992-0318—jollikkala@netscape.com
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- ♪ **Becky Weese**—Weddings, Funerals, Saturdays, Other weekdays—239-594-3411—BeckyWeese@msn.com
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NOTE: If you would like to be added to or removed from this list, or if your information needs to be updated, please contact the newsletter editor.

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