



The Coupler

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Deadline for the May / June 2024 Newsletter is April 15, 2024

NOTES FROM THE DEAN

Dear Friends,

I am writing this as Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day are about to collide on February 14th.

We will be having another **Member's Recital** on May 19, Sunday afternoon at 3:00pm. We will gather at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. They are beginning an organ project, and this recital will be one of their kickoff events as they decide on restoring their organ or getting a new one. Please let me know if you'd like to play. Romantic to Modern will work best on this instrument, about five to ten minutes apiece.

Would you take a moment to ponder these few questions, please? We may send out a more involved survey in the near future, but for the sake of planning for next year, would you send your short answers to me at nbgranert@email.com

1. I would serve on the Executive Committee or another committee if asked. **Y/N**
2. I would attend more AGO Chapter events if only
3. If I could change anything about the Albuquerque Chapter, I would.....
4. I would like the chapter to be more involved in

Thank you in advance for sharing your thoughts.

Our next **Moveable Feast** will be on Monday, March 18 from 5:30 to 6:30 at B2B Garden Brewery, 8338 Comanche NE in ABQ.

James Yeager will offer a class in Improvisation in early June. Time, date, and venue to be announced.

With many blessings for a Holy Lent and a joyful Easter season,

*Nancy (Granert)
Dean*

USEFUL CHAPTER EMAILS

Dean: [Nancy Granert](#)
Treasurer: [John Homko](#)

Newsletter/Webmaster:
[Evelyn Henson](#)

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Organist for First Presbyterian Church, ABQ

Job Summary

The Organist is the primary instrumentalist for the worship life of the congregation and for choir rehearsals.

Essential Functions

1. Prepare, rehearse, and play music for regular worship at 8:30 and 11 AM Sunday mornings, accompanying choral and instrumental ensembles, as well as soloists and other guest musicians on organ or piano as needed. Including perennial services of the church calendar: Christmas Eve, Longest Night, Ash Wednesday, and Maundy Thursday/Good Friday.
2. Consult and play music for occasional rites (weddings and funerals) at Guild rates, including wedding rehearsals.
3. Select music for worship in consultation with the Music Director and pastoral staff.
4. Oversee routine and extraordinary maintenance of the pipe organ and other musical instruments, including the use of external professional services.

Other Responsibilities

Work with Music Director to arrange for substitutes during vacation and other absences.

Minimum Qualifications

1. A degree in music performance.
2. Minimum three years' experience playing in a church setting.

Core Competencies

1. Technical Expertise: Acquires and demonstrates the technical skills required to proficiently execute the essential functions of the position, continually developing those skills and working toward mastery.
2. Interpersonal Skills: Establishes good working relationships with all others who are relevant to the life of the church, working well with people of all levels.
3. Worship Leadership: Fosters worship moments that invite participants into an encounter with the divine and contributes to an environment where worship is the work of the people in response to the initiative of God.

Reports to: Music Director

Part-time: (10 hours/week)

FLSA: Exempt

Contact: Matthew Miller, Pastor, and head of staff at: (505) 301-9958 Website: <https://firstpresabq.org/>

ALBUQUERQUE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CHOIR

Lenten Prayer Concert given by the Albuquerque Catholic Women's Choir on March 10th at 2:00 pm to be held at the Byzantine Church, Our Lady of Perpetual Help located at **1837 Alvarado Dr N.E.**

Albuquerque NM 87110. Choir is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. All are welcome.

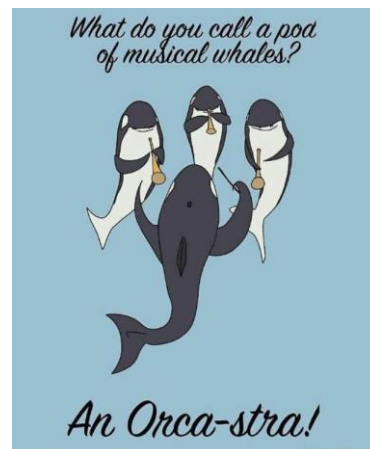
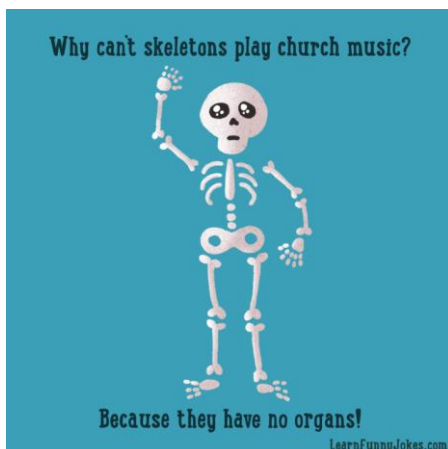
The Choir is looking for an accompanist – please contact [Gloria Robinson](#).

REPORT ON VISIT OF SHERYL SEBO, SW REGIONAL COUNCILOR

The chapter hosted our SW Regional Councilor, Sheryl Sebo, on February 26. Sheryl shared some new initiatives that are being discussed at National and had imaginative ideas for us going forward in a post-Covid world. Thank you, Sheryl! The meeting was preceded by a delicious New Mexican dinner of enchiladas (red and green) cooked by Danielle Cordova.



Pictured L to R: Emilie Rickstrew, Sheryl Sebo, John Homko, Nancy Granert, Susan Eberlein, Lois Engelkes, and Danielle Cordova. Not pictured, but also in attendance: Elis Eberlein, Gloria Robinson, and Jeremy Wirths.



Friends of Cathedral Music Presents



March 15, 2024 | 3:00 PM

TILGE, HÖCHSTER, MEINE SÜNDEN

BWV 1083 J. S. Bach



A setting of Psalm 51, Tilge, Höchster, meine Sünden (BWV 1083 J. S. Bach) is Johann Sebastian Bach's arrangement made in the 1740s of Pergolesi's Stabat Mater from 1736.

Hayden Eberhart, soprano
Sarah Nickerson, mezzo-soprano
Stephen Redfield, violin, concertmaster
David Felberg, violin
Jeffrey Smith, viola
Katie Rietman, cello
Maxine Thévenot, continuo

Visit www.fcmaq.org for more information and to reserve tickets.

<https://fcmaq.org/stabat-mater/>



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Friday, March 29, 2024 | 3:00 PM **ST J**

THE STREET

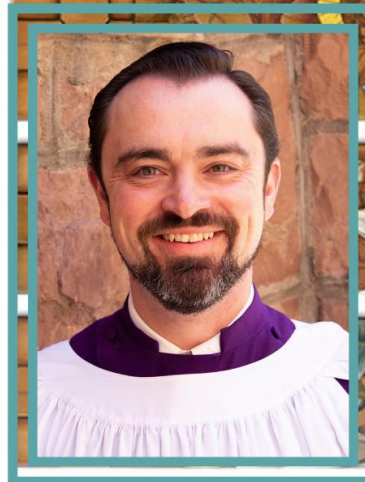
A modern setting of the Stations of the Cross

Join us for this special performance of Nico Muhly and Alice Goodman's modern setting of the Stations of the Cross, *The Street*.

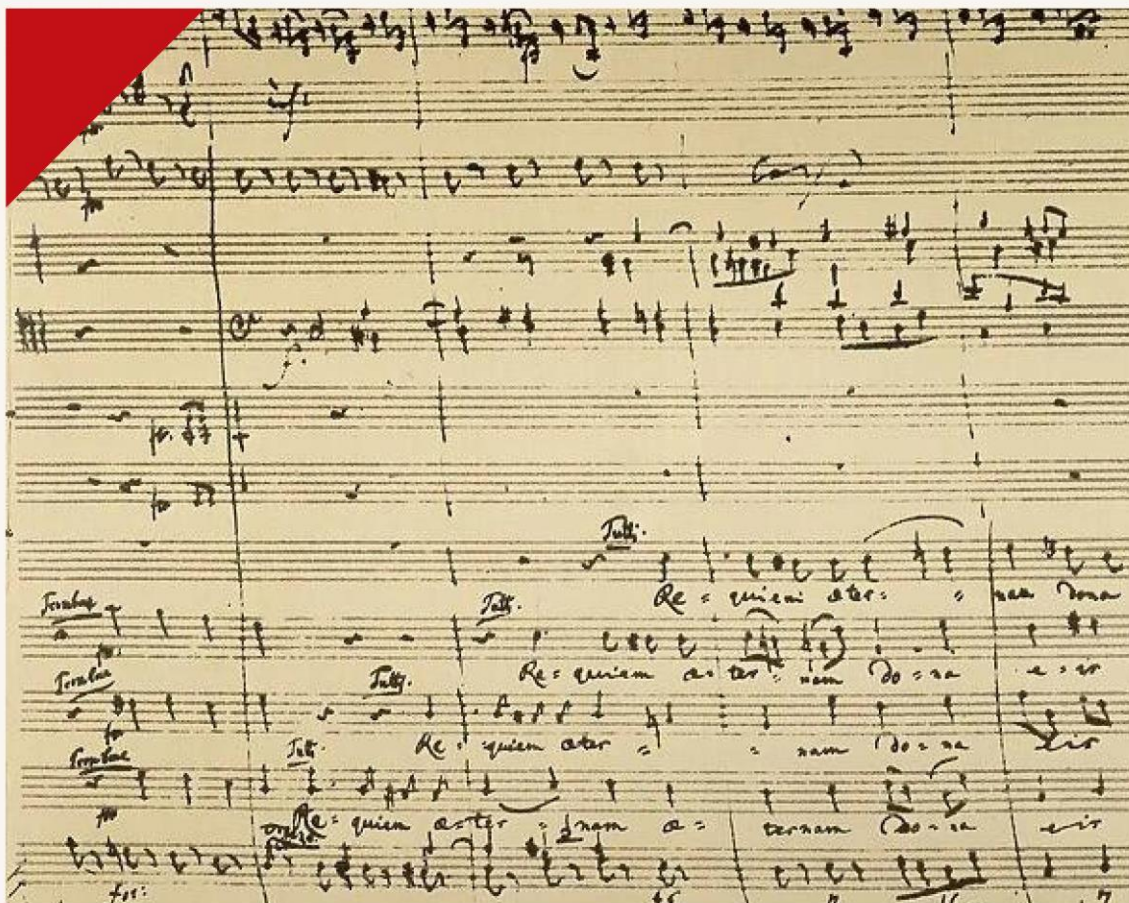
Parker Ramsay, harpist (represented by Wittenberg Artists, NYC)

Dean Kristina Maulden, speaker

Alfredo Beltrán, Edmund Connolly, & Jude Harb, chant ensemble



*Tickets \$25 for adults; Students are free with valid ID.
Visit www.fcmbq.org for more information.*



LECTURE, LUNCH, AND REHEARSAL

TUNE IN TO MOZART

Saturday, April 13, 2024 | 10:30 AM
The Episcopal Cathedral of St. John

Visit www.polyphonymm.com to register
Registration fees apply



<https://www.polyphonymm.com/season-tickets>



TGIF CONCERTS – FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SANTA FE

Thank **Goodness It's Friday!** (*Masks are optional.*)

Whether you're ending your week or starting your weekend, every Friday evening First Presbyterian Church invites our Santa Fe neighbors and visitors from all over the world to our sanctuary to enjoy a short concert (30-45 minutes) of music: organ, voice and piano, choral, chamber music, solo instrumental, jazz, and more.

If you would like to perform on the TGIF Concert Series, [please see our program submission requirements](#).

March

- 1 — Daniel Schwab, clarinet
- 8 — eternal Summer Symphony Orchestra
- 15 — High Desert Saxophone Quartet and Peggy Abbott
- 22 — Linda Raney, organ: Bach's Birthday
- 29 — First Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir (Good Friday)

April

- 5 — Shelby Fisher, organ
- 12 — Kehar Koslowsky, mezzo soprano
- 19 — Sergio Rodriguez, piano
- 26 — David Solem, piano and organ

May

- 3 — Daniel Schwab, clarinet
- 10 — High Desert Harp Ensemble
- 17 — First Presbyterian Church Bell Choir
- 24 — Greg Dufford, clarinet, and Peggy Lyon, piano
- 31 — Folias Duo, flute and guitar

(REMINDER) URGENT - NEW HQ DUES POLICY. DON'T BE LATE IN PAYING!

The AGO national office has implemented a new policy concerning dues payment and their due date. As of now, there is **NO GRACE PERIOD** after the due date of your renewal. Memberships renew at the beginning of each month of the year, based on the member's date of joining the AGO or on July 1st, if the member was a member in 2014, when the ONCARD database system became effective.

The new policy **DOES NOT** provide for any grace period of paying dues beyond the renewal date. So, if you have a renewal date of July 1st and do not make your payment by that date, your membership will be cancelled approximately two weeks later. This pattern of processing will occur with every renewal date during the year. The AGO accepts payments by both credit cards and personal check.

You can pay your dues by credit card in two ways. First, you can go online into your ONCARD account, select **RENEW DUES AND SUBSCRIPTION**, and follow the prompts (you will be asked to confirm / update your membership profile). You can print a copy of the invoice and/or receipt (after the payment is processed). Second, you can call the AGO office at 1-212-870-2310 and pay your dues with a credit card over the phone. AGO staff can also help you with any ONCARD problem. **There will be a new computer system soon which requires all members to have an email address.**



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HAVE YOU USED THE CHAPTER WEBSITE LATELY?

The whole year's calendar is on the Calendar page (use Agenda tab). Please notify the webmaster of events you would like to have advertised. Also, paid "[Positions Vacant](#)" or requests for volunteer musicians and singers can be advertised free of charge. Our website gets about 400 views per month. **NOTE:** our Facebook page has over 360 followers and can be used for posting notices about events, vacancies, etc. If you "Like" our page, you will receive new postings in your own News Feed.



The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter due to be published for May and June 2024, will be **April 15, 2024**. Please email news, articles, or photos, upcoming events or reports, plus any other website items to the Editor, [Evelyn Henson](#), by April 15, 2024.

