

# Thanksgiving Newsletter

American Guild of Organists, New Haven Chapter  
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## From the Dean's Desk

Greetings to all members and friends of the New Haven Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and Happy Thanksgiving!

I recently retired from my administrative position at Yale, and am attempting to figure out what my new routine will be each week. I certainly plan to spend more time on all things musical, but beyond that, I haven't figured it all out yet. I am told that it takes six months to a year to grow into a retirement schedule, so I am not going to rush things. Of course, having a church music position, especially during a pandemic, means that I have very little "extra" time. How did I do all of these things while I had a full-time job? I know I am not the first person to ask this question when starting retirement!



Whether we are church or temple musicians, or secular musicians, we have all come through almost two years of the most challenging time in our profession. In my position at United Church on the Green, we have just started with in-person/hybrid services this November. It has been a long time coming. I imagine that for most of us, this will be a time of rebuilding our congregations, our choirs, our music programs, and our work together in person. Remember to take the time to "rebuild" yourself—self-care—so that you can continue your musical work wherever you might be.

And, just like that, it's Advent! Carolyn Craig, one of our Board members, and Janet Yieh, a former New Haven colleague from Yale and Trinity Church on the Green, have been working on the Amplify Female Composers project. I commend to you the Advent Calendar project:

<https://www.amplifyfemalecomposers.org/advent-calendar-project.html>

For each day in December, there is a link to some wonderful music for the season. In the midst of all of the musical Advent busyness, we should try to take the time to listen to this music, and appreciate its beauty. I hope you will be able to enjoy this musical Advent Calendar this December. [How about either starting each day, or ending each day, with listening to the music for the day?](#) An excellent kind of self-care.

Your Board is beginning to create our schedule of events for the spring. It is our hope that we will be able to present workshops and events, both in-person and via Zoom, that will be of interest to the membership. Among the events we are planning are: an improvisation workshop, a members recital celebrating the music of Black composers during Black History Month (February), Bach in the Subways (a celebration of Bach's music in March, both in-person and on YouTube), a budgeting workshop (the stuff they don't teach us at music school!), a Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza workshop for the young ones (hopefully together with an OrgelKids kit—allowing the children to actually build a working organ model), and of course our Annual Dinner and scholarship recital (yes, we plan on having scholarship auditions this January).

As these events are finalized and scheduled, we will let you all know the when and where. It is exciting to have the Board discuss these possibilities, and we are committed to making these happen. Of course, if you have any ideas for workshops or other sessions, don't hesitate to let us know.

I do hope that you will be able to be with family and friends this Thanksgiving, and that you experience true gratitude for the gift of another year, and for the gift of music.

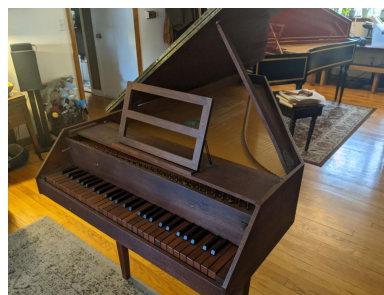
All my best,

Caesar Storlazzi

## Harpichord for sale

Zuckermann 5' Straight Side Harpichord. Built c. 1970. 57 notes AA-f". Cherry naturals with black sharps. Delrin plectra. Single 8' register and buff stop. It is possible to add a second register. Detachable legs, easily moved and transported.

This item is in excellent playing condition. It was owned, maintained, and played regularly by a professional musician for approximately the last 10 years. It was restored by Dale Munsch in 2010.



Includes tuning schedule, electronic tuner, and replacement strings.

Price is \$1,800. Additional photos and audio/video recordings are available upon request. Pick-up from New Haven Area.

If interested please contact Jay Lindsay at 203-809-8771 or [Jaylindsay1@gmail.com](mailto:Jaylindsay1@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Events



**Saturday, Dec. 4 at 7:30pm**

**Online**

**Yale Voxtet with Gabriel Crouch:  
Feasts of Christmas**

Music by the great masters of English musical Renaissance

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*A Service of  
Lessons & Carols for  
ADVENT*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 10 A.M.

*Sung by the St. Thomas's Choir  
with favorite congregational carols*

St. Thomas's Episcopal Church  
830 Whitney Avenue, New Haven 06511  
[www.stthomasnewhaven.org](http://www.stthomasnewhaven.org)

**Sunday, Dec. 5 at 10am**

**In-person**

**A Service of Lessons & Carols for  
Advent**

**St. Thomas's Episcopal Church, New Haven**

Our traditional Advent Lessons & Carols service is being moved to the morning this year, but it will be as lovely as ever. Join us if you can!

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**Sunday, Dec. 5 at 10am**  
*Online and in-person*  
**Advent Lessons & Carols**

**Trinity on the Green, New Haven**  
Prepare for the coming of our Lord with a service of readings, prayers, and Advent carols sung by the Parish Choir.

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**Saturday, Dec. 11 at 7:30pm**  
*Online*  
**Yale Camerata: Praise, Peace, and Hope**

Livestream Advent concert of Yale Camerata, conducted by Dr. André Thomas.

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**Sunday, Dec. 12 at 3pm**  
*Online and in-person*  
**Candlelight Festival of Lessons and Carols**

**St. John's Episcopal Church, West Hartford**  
Scott Lamlein, choirmaster  
Floyd Higgins, organist

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