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the ISLANDS CHAPTER  
**AMERICAN GUILD of ORGANISTS**

**January 2023**

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Greetings!

Happy New Year! I hope you will resolve to attend our chapter social event later this month. Even better, invite someone who is not a member of the guild but might benefit from our organization to join you! Details can be found below.

Sincerely,  
Deb Gemma  
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**Winter Food and Fun**  
**Sunday, January 22nd, 2023; 5:00-7:30pm**  
**St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Barnstable Village**

Our January social event is bound to bring cheer to each of us “in the bleak midwinter!” You are encouraged to attend and bring a guest, particularly someone who might like to know more about the AGO! We start our time together with snacks and opportunity to browse a music give-away. Purge your music library of those scores you no longer want and browse for some new literature among the offerings. We’ve had several new members in the past few years. To help get to know each other a little better, we will seek to learn fun facts about each other as we mingle. Then, it’s time to enjoy a lasagna dinner. We will be providing lasagna and beverages, including wine. Chapter members are invited to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share. Finally, we will revive a Cape Cod chapter tradition: the Yankee Swap. To participate in the swap, bring a wrapped new or gently used item to gift or re-gift.

You are welcome, but not required, to bring music, a dish to share and a gift to swap. Mostly, bring yourself and a guest! Please RSVP to Deb Gemma ([debgem1325@yahoo.com](mailto:debgem1325@yahoo.com)) by Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> with the information below. Hope to see you soon!

Name(s)

Number attending:

Unique fact about yourself that you are willing to have us discover, not on your resume:

Ex. I collect antique spoons  
I’ve traveled to all seven continents  
When not playing the organ, I fly airplanes

Dish category: appetizer, side dish, or dessert

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**Upcoming Chapter Events**

### **Winter Food and Fun**

Sunday, January 22, 2023, 5-7:30pm  
St. Mary's Episcopal Church  
Barnstable Village

### **Organ Plus Concert *(please note new location!)***

Sunday, March 12, 2023, 3 pm  
Dennis Union Church  
Dennis

### **Organ Recital with Heinrich Christensen**

Sunday, May 7, 2023, 3 pm  
West Parish Meetinghouse  
West Barnstable

*All dates and times subject to change.*

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## **Upcoming Local Events\***

### **Wade in the Water: A Concert of Spirituals with Allan Brooks (Maury A. Castro, piano)**

Sunday, January 22nd, at 3:00pm  
St. Christopher's Episcopal Church  
Chatham  
[Click here for complete information.](#)

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## **Upcoming Regional and National Events**

### **AGO Northeast/Mid-Atlantic Convention**

July 3-6, 2023  
White Plains, N.Y.  
[Click here for complete information.](#)

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## **Job Opportunities**

**West Parish Meeting House in West Barnstable** is looking for an alto to help support the choir. Rehearsals are once a month on Tuesdays from 1:30 to 3:00pm. On Sundays when the choir sings, they meet at 9am to rehearse for the 10am service. Pay is available. Please contact Donna Murphy for more information: [music@westparish.org](mailto:music@westparish.org)

### **North Falmouth Congregational Church is seeking a Music Director.**

For complete information, please [click here](#) to view the job description.

**The Dennis Community Church UCC is looking for immediate supply organists**, and will ultimately be seeking someone to fill the position permanently.

[Click here](#) for more information.

**Salaried Cantor Position Available:** Holy Redeemer Parish in Chatham is looking for a cantor. 10-hours a week, \$10,000. Please contact Cheryl Duerr, director of music, for more information: [cduerr@holyredeemerchatham.org](mailto:cduerr@holyredeemerchatham.org)

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## **Miscellany**

**The Greater Falmouth Community Chorus welcomes singers of all ages** to join us for this season's concert. Like all arts organizations on the Cape and beyond, the GFCC is gradually emerging from the pandemic and working to rebuild our voices. Our mission is to encourage and support those who enjoy singing a wide range of 4-part choral music and want to give back to the community in song. If you are interested in participating, please contact Tess Fotheringham, president of the GFCC, at [thf1733@hotmail.com](mailto:thf1733@hotmail.com) or John Dulina, Music Director, at [allegromaestro@aol.com](mailto:allegromaestro@aol.com) to learn more. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7 at the First Congregational Church, 68 Main Street, Falmouth MA.

**Hymn Writing Contest:** Woodfords Church (UCC) congregation in Portland, Maine, is celebrating their 150th Anniversary year and are sponsoring a hymn writing contest to commemorate and honor their history, mission and work in the local community. [Click here for more information.](#)

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*This communication is sent on the 1st of the month, or shortly thereafter. Please submit events by the 23rd of the month to be included in the following month's email. Send announcements with complete information in the text of an email, including relevant website links, to Deb Gemma, chapter dean, at [debgem1325@yahoo.com](mailto:debgem1325@yahoo.com).*

*\*Local and regional events are received and included in our communications as a member benefit for AGO members only.*

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