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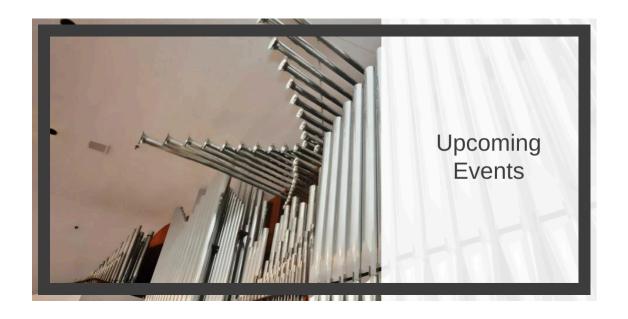


Greetings to all CFAGO members and friends!

As I write this, it is the eve of Thanksgiving 2024, and just a few days before the first Sunday of Advent. While Thanksgiving is not a liturgical, church-related holiday, I hope we can all use this occasion to contemplate our gratitude for the opportunities we have to serve as musicians in worship settings. As many of you probably know, Thanksgiving only became a national holiday in 1863, through a proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln. We can all be thankful for the privileges of functioning as church leaders, as organists, and as musicians whatever our specific roles may be.

Please join us for the CFAGO events that you will see mentioned here, and in subsequent emails and announcements. I wish us all the best as we enter into the busy time of Advent and Christmas services. May we all be grateful for the opportunities we have, despite the business of this time.

-Boyd Jones



Upcoming Events:

Cathedral Church of St. Luke's **Advent Lessons and Carols** Sunday, December 22, 2024, 6:00 pm, Cathedral Church of St. Luke, 130 N Magnolia Ave, Orlando, FL 32801

CFAGO's **12th Night Social Event** Friday, January 10, 2025, 5:30 pm *Stay tuned for more details!*

CFAGO's **Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza** Saturday, January 18, 2025, 10:00 am Stetson University, 421 N Woodland Blvd., Deland, FL 32723

Chanticleer with the Bach Festival Society Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 7:00 pm Steinmetz Hall, 445 S Magnolia Ave, Orlando, FL 21801

If you have any holiday events you would like us to promote, please let us know!

A Thanksgiving Poem

By CJ Beaman

'Twas the night of Thanksgiving, I just couldn't sleep. I tried counting backwards, I tried counting sheep.

The leftovers beckoned, the dark meat and white, but I fought the temptation with all of my might.

Tossing and turning with anticipation, the thought of a snack became infatuation.

So, I raced to the kitchen, flung open the door and gazed at the fridge full of goodies galore.

I gobbled up turkey and buttered potatoes, pickles and carrots, beans and tomatoes.

I felt myself swelling so plump and so round, 'til all of a sudden, I rose off the ground.

I crashed through the ceiling, floating into the sky with a mouthful of pudding and a handful of pie.

But I managed to yell as I soared past the trees... Happy eating to all... *pass the cranberries, please.*



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