

2022 Annual Report, Music Outreach, St. John's Episcopal Church Alamogordo NM

[NB: As I have only been in an official capacity as Director of Music from August 2022, the majority of this report will discuss data from 4th quarter, 2022.]

Personnel, Music Program, St. John's Episcopal Church 2022: [without these folks I wouldn't have gotten through the first week and they deserve all of the appreciation, love, support, and gratitude I can offer]

Ann Bagby, Music Director Emeritus; Gabriel Mauer, Pianist and Composer; Tom Lubenau, Violinist; Casey Evans, Chorister Emeritus; Helen Garrett, Pianist, Coach, and Composer; Hannah Draper Burnett, Director of Music

Changes to the Music Program, St. John's Episcopal Church 2022:

- Hiring of a Director of Music to oversee music ministry and outreach on behalf of St. John's, Alamogordo NM
- Concurrently, St. John's Day School now has individual (cohort) music enrichment classes three days each week
- New music-related events and offerings (delineated in the *Events and Successes* section, following)

Events and Successes for Music Outreach, St. John's Episcopal Church 2022:

- Ann Bagby, Helen Garrett, Casey Evans, Gabriel Mauer, and HDB mount "May You Always Have A Song", 12 June 2022
- Official inclusion of antiphons and plainchants for weekly appointed Psalms, 10:15 services, 7 August 2022
- Evensong in celebration of Rev. David-Luke Henton, Feast of St. Bartholomew, 24 August 2022
- Formation of the Otero Community Chorale, 6 September 2022
- Community Hymnsing at Washington Park, 1 October 2022
- Otero Community Chorale Christmas Performance in conjunction with Community Kitchen, 6 December 2022
- Acoustic performances in conjunction with SJDS Christmas Pageants, 8 December 2022
- Holiday music entertainment provided for Community Kitchen patrons, 13 December 2022
- Full schedule of service music for Lessons and Carols, Midnight Vigil, and Christmas Day, 24-25 December, 2022

Challenges and Learning Experiences, Music Outreach, St. John's Episcopal Church 2022:

- No current inventory of sheet music, hymnals, or musical instruments exists.
- Some portions or entire sections of music purportedly in SJEC's possession are missing or incomplete (e.g.: *The Source* accompaniments, *Accompaniment Edition*, *Service Music for The Hymnal 1982*)
- All major musical instruments (Parish Hall spinet piano, upright piano in the Nave, defunct organ behind the Chancel Screen, Rodgers Organ in the rear) need repair, replacement, or disposal.
- The Otero Community Chorale remained quite small throughout the majority of the Fall 2022 semester, growing (exponentially, it seemed from 3 to 10 members in two weeks) in November 2022.
- Concerns about sound quality of music in streaming church services
- At this time, I have no information about the existence or state of a budget for music and related expenses
- I have not been reporting in the monthly newsletter regarding music at SJEC
- I am... *concerned* over the lack of interest in developing an ensemble to sing for 10:15 services from September-June

Growth and Enrichment Opportunities, Music Outreach, St. John's Episcopal Church 2023:

- Building on Successes: OCC begins anew on 4 February 2023; Evensong on 27 January 2023 in conjunction with the Bishop's Visit; making the outdoor Hymnsing an annual event, special music presentations for Lent and Easter, planning another "secular" music recital in Summer 2023
- Creating Connections: at this time, I am in talks with Otero Arts to develop opportunities for a children's chorale, as well as summer music camps for school-age students; I would like to reach out to any and all community service groups in Otero County to begin building bridges via musical opportunities
- Taking Ownership: My Lenten discipline this year will be to develop the habit of contributing to the monthly newsletter; in Summer 2023, I intend to address as many "on-the-ground" concerns as possible (outdated instruments, inventory, repairs, etc.); creation of a "MUSIC REQUEST FORM" – if there's an event or service you'd like for SJEC Music to assist with, this will ensure that all your needs and requests are followed to the letter
- Ain't Nothin' Happenin' Without YOU: I would once again like to **strongly encourage all of you** to consider participating in Music at St. John's in some form or fashion. This can be anything from searching out repair contacts for our pianos to bringing ideas about special musical performances to offering instrumental or vocal music for services (or... you could always just **JOIN CHOIR**); I've also been learning a lot by the feedback you provide regarding musical selections or requests – keep 'em coming!
- Seriously though, join choir.