

## **A Letter From the Dean**

Hello friends and happy 2019 -

What better way to ring in the new year than eating food that other people prepared and singing some fun Christmas arrangements from the Oxford book of carols together? (I have no voice due to a cold, so I'm volunteering to play piano!) I hope you (and your significant other/s) can join us on Friday night Jan 11 (note the change in date) at 6pm at Julia's place for our Epiphany potluck. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share, and your post-holiday spirit. The address is 439 Hayes Street which is west off Butternut on the north side.

Then, our next meeting is coming right up on Feb 4 at 7:30pm - at First Reformed. We look forward to hearing from Rick van Oss about the new console at First, as well as the music lending library housed in their basement, and having Rick and Cheryl lead us through a choral anthem sing. Come to learn!

And don't forget this Sunday at 2pm at Grace Episcopal, our very own Linda Fulton will be playing a varied program on the lovely Martin Pasi instrument.

Hope to see some of you at all of the upcoming events.

Best,  
Rhonda

## **Chapter programs for 2018-19**

Jan 11 – 6:00 pm - Epiphany party at home of Julia Colingsworth – including singing together from the Oxford book of Carols.

Feb 4 – 7:30pm – First Reformed, Holland – Choral Reading Session, plus Introducing 1<sup>st</sup> Reformed's New Lending Library and New Organ Console - Rick and Cheryl will present some of their favorite choral anthems for us to sing together, Rick will demonstrate the new organ console, and we will have a tour of the new lending library that has been recently opened to the public, with organ music and choral anthems available to borrow.

March 1 – 7:30pm – Hope College (building TBA) – Choral Singing as a Conduit towards Transformation: on Inside/Outside Prison Choirs, by Dr. Mary Cohen of University of Iowa. An expert in the field of arts in prisons, Dr. Cohen leads a ground-breaking ensemble in Iowa City, that combines inmates with volunteers who make music together.

March 25 or 26 – Sacred Dance with Hope College Prof. Linda Graham - The head of the dance department at Hope College, Linda will answer questions you have about sacred dance, how it can be used in worship, and some best practices for collaborating with dancers.

April (after Easter - TBD) – Musician-Clergy Relations, with Brian Carder and the Pastors at Hope Church – the second in our series, after last year's very successful event at Grace Episcopal.

May 19 – 5pm – Second Reformed of Zeeland – Members Recital (on the newly installed organ!)  
Start thinking about what you'd like to play.

June – End of year Potluck, location TBD

## Grace Church's "Grace Notes" organ concerts

January 13 at 1 p.m. – Linda Fulton – our favorite newest organist in Holland

February 10 at 1 p.m. – Jane Bosko – another former Holland AGO dean, and organist at Harderwyk

## Newsletters

This is the first issue since late October . There were no November or December issues.

## Chapter Officers for 2018-2019

Dean - Rhonda Edgington

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2018-2019 Calendar		
Fri, Jan 11, 6:00 p.m. (Note date change)	Epiphany Party	Julia Colingsworth's home, 439 Hayes St., Holland
Mon Feb 4, 7:30 p.m.	Choral Reading Session/Library Introduction/New Console Demonstration	First Reformed Church, Holland
Fri, Mar 1, 7:30 p.m.	Choral Singing as a Conduit towards Transformation: on Inside/Outside Prison Choirs - Dr. Mary Cohen of University of Iowa.	Hope College, Holland, building TBA
Mar 25 or 26, TBA	Sacred Dance in Worship – Linda Graham from Hope College	TBA
April (after Easter), TBA	Musician-Clergy Relations – Brian Carder and Hope Church Pastors	TBA
Sun May 19, 5:00 p.m.	Annual Members Recital	Second Reformed Church, Zeeland
Jun TBA	Annual Picnic	TBA