

SAVE THE DATE!

NHAGO September Program

Saturday, September 23, 2023

Monadnock Region Organ Crawl

Featuring Organist & Scholar Christopher Anderson

Free - All Invited to Attend

Members & friends will visit three Monadnock Region sites, each with a program agenda & Open Console (Don't forget to bring your organ shoes!) beginning at 10:30am at the First Congregational Church in Rindge, NH. Then we travel just over the MA Border to historic First Parish Meeting House in Shirley, MA, located on the Village Green (where each may enjoy their picnic lunch). After the program at First Parish, we then continue on to Messiah Lutheran Church in Fitchburg, MA for a program highlighted by a lecture/recital on the music of Max Reger (Op.67) by visiting organist & scholar Christopher Anderson.

ITINERARY DETAILS

- 10:30-11:15 am, meet at [First Congregational Church, 6 Payson Hill Rd., Rindge, NH.](#) George Bozeman will offer brief remarks about the church & town along with an exploration of the stops on the 1871 George Stevens/Andover/Bozeman organ followed by Open Console.
- Then travel approx. 26 miles (45 minutes) to [First Parish Meeting House, 41 Brown Rd., Shirley Center, MA.](#) 12:00-1:00 pm, Picnic lunch on the Green (adjacent to First Parish). Members are suggested to bring their own picnic lunch & perhaps a lawn chair or blanket. Dessert & beverages will be provided on site by the Meeting House Historical Society.

- 1:00-2:00 pm, meet at First Parish Meeting House. Hymn books edited by Hymn writer Oliver Holden, who was a member of this church, will be on display and we will sing his well known tune - Coronation. George Bozeman will play a Voluntary by John Stanley to show the unique features of the church's vintage 1847 Stevens organ (with CG compass manuals) followed by Open Console.
- Then we travel approx. 11 miles (20 minutes) to [Messiah Lutheran Church, 750 Rindge Rd., Fitchburg, MA.](#) 2:30-4:30 pm, program at Messiah Lutheran. Brief improvisation by GLB on the 1989 Bozeman & Co. organ. Lecture/Recital by visiting organist & scholar Christopher Anderson, Associate Professor of Sacred Music at SMU in Dallas, TX on the music of late 19th century composer Max Reger. Open Console will follow.
- Optional dinner will follow (approx. 5:30pm) at Emma's 321 Pub & Kitchen, 377 US202, Rindge, NH. NOTE: *Please let us know if you plan to attend in order for us to give a reservation to the restaurant.* Contact Nick Girgus by **Sept 15** at (603) 424-4743 (leave a message) or ngirgus@yahoo.com.