

THE IDLEWILD

Welcome to Our Community of Faith!

CHIMES

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE CONGREGATION AND FRIENDS OF IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN MEMPHIS • MARCH 2012



Sunday, March 4
FIRST SUNDAY POTLUCK
VIERNE ORGAN CONCERT

Thursday, March 15
DR. AMY-JILL LEVINE

Sunday, March 18
THE REV. REINERIO ARCE

Tuesday, March 20
WOOSTER CHORUS CONCERT

Sunday, March 25
ADAMS AVENUE CAMERATA
CONCERT

Saturday, March 31
EASTER EGG HUNT



Reinerio Arce visits from Cuba on March 18

The Reverend Reinerio Arce Valentin, president of the Matanzas Theological Seminary in Matanzas, Cuba and the former moderator of the Presbyterian/ Reformed Church of Cuba, will be our guest preacher on Sunday, March 18. He will also be available for a more informal discussion about the Presbyterian Church in Cuba and the role of theological education throughout the church there.



President Arce speaks fluent English, and has been a strong liaison between the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Presbyterian Reformed Church of Cuba through the years. He took time out of his busy schedule several years ago to host Steve and Patti Montgomery, while his seminary was hosting the Latin American Council of Churches.

As many of you are aware, we are exploring the possibility of establishing a partnership with a Presbyterian Church in Cuba. Chick and Casey Hill went with (CUBA continued on page 2)



Inside The Chimes...

Easter & Lenten Notices	2
Bach at Idlewild	2
Growing Evangelism	3
Church Potluck	4
It was a Good Year!	4
Dates and deadlines	5
Wooster Chorus	5
Reflections on Faith & Sexuality	5
Call of Duty: Dr. Benjamin Hooks	5
Inquirers Class	6
Recreation Notes.....	6
The Back Fence	6
Saints of Idlewild	6
Adopt-A-School Success	7
Member Transitions.....	7
Gifts to the Church	7
Vierne Organ Concert.....	8

Dr. Amy-Jill Levine to speak March 15

On Thursday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Amy-Jill Levine will speak at Idlewild. Her lecture will be on "How Jews and Christians Read Scriptures Differently."

Dr. Levine is an Orthodox Jew and professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University. She grew up in "a predominantly Portuguese Roman Catholic" neighborhood, and her parents explained ways in which "Christianity was very much like Judaism." Also, as she notes, "the New Testament is a very good source for reconstructing the history of the Jewish people in the first century," so "the more I study the documents of early Christianity, the better Jew I become," and better I'm able to "promote informed, respectful Jewish-Christian relations."



Dr. Levine will also be speaking at 12:05 p.m. that day at the Lenten Preaching Series at Calvary Episcopal Church (www.calvarymemphis.org).

QUEST FAMILY FUN NIGHT was a blast, especially the crazy games led by our recreation team. Top: Elizabeth Roehm, Anna Katherine Roehm, Lee Anne Roehm, Wyly Bigger and David Bigger playing a game with noodles. Bottom: Jeff Emerson, Tess's friend Kyra, and Tess Emerson doing some cooperative drawing.



Order Easter lilies

On Easter, April 8, Idlewild's sanctuary will be adorned with lilies given in honor or in memory of loved ones. Orders & payment should be received by Monday, April 2 in order for names to be printed in the worship bulletin. (Individual acknowledgements are not be made.) You can pick up an order form at the church, or visit www.idlewildchurch.org/membernews (Easter Preparations and Celebrations) for a PDF form to print and mail.

Living Lent

Drawing on *Seasoning Lent*, the Church Health Center's healthy cooking devotional, the Living Lent series will explore ancient practices in new ways. Led by Stacy Smith, topics will include food and fasting, celebration and prayer. This Pathfinders series meets 9:40 a.m. Sundays, March 4, 18, 25.

Bread bakers needed

Easter Breads Around the World begins at 9:30 Easter morning. There will be 20 different breads to taste and help us remember our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world. If you are interested in baking bread to share on Easter, please contact Brenda Harris, brenda@idlewildchurch.org or 726-4681 ext. 35 by March 25. Let her know if you need a recipe.

(CUBA continued from page 1)

an Presbyterian Outreach Foundation group to make some initial contacts, and this June we will be sending a small delegation to further the process. There is so much we can learn about what discipleship means today as we engage in such a partnership.

This is also a Sunday in which our friend, Michael Jeffrey Stevens and his jazz ensemble will be leading us in worship. It will indeed be another "special day in the life of Idlewild."

The Mission of Idlewild Presbyterian Church is to pursue, personify, and practice as Presbyterians the good news of reconciliation and salvation in Christ through worship, education, fellowship, and outreach.

**Deadline for the April issue of
The Idlewild Chimes
is Thursday, March 8**

The *Idlewild Chimes* is a publication of Idlewild Presbyterian Church (USA), 1750 Union Ave., Memphis TN 38104. The newsletter is published monthly September-June to inform members and friends of church programs, news and events. *The Chimes* is online in News and Events at www.idlewildchurch.org. Editor: Ginny Moore, gmoore@idlewildchurch.org.



IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

1750 Union Memphis TN 38104 • www.idlewildchurch.org
Office 901-726-4681 • Fax 725-4535 • Recreation 725-4165 • Children's Center 725-7941
For staff phones and e-mails call 726-4681 or visit www.idlewildchurch.org/who_staff.html

IDLEWILD'S MINISTERIAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

Stephen R. Montgomery
Senior Pastor
Elizabeth Gayle Walker
Associate Pastor for Adult Ministry
Margaret Burnett
Associate Pastor for Outreach Ministry
Anne H.K. Apple
Interim Associate Pastor for
Congregational Life

Corinne Nienhuis
Parish Assistant
Denton McLellan
Parish Associate
Stephen R. Haynes
Theologian in Residence
Ted Gibboney
Director of Music Ministry
Frank Kelly
Director of Youth Ministry

Ashley LaRue
Director of Recreation Ministry
Elizabeth Houston
Director of Children's Ministry
Rita Halpern
Children's Center Director
Cheryl Ward
Kindergarten Director
Betty Anne Wilson
Chief Administrative Officer

Growing evangelism, growing community

Idlewild is a vibrant church! It's impossible for one person to communicate the depth of our missions, how our many ministries work together, and our hopes and plans for the future. In that light, I have decided to share the pastor's page from time to time. This month, Anne Apple tells us about the movement that is evangelism in our church. Thanks be to God for the wealth of leadership in our church. –Pastor Steve



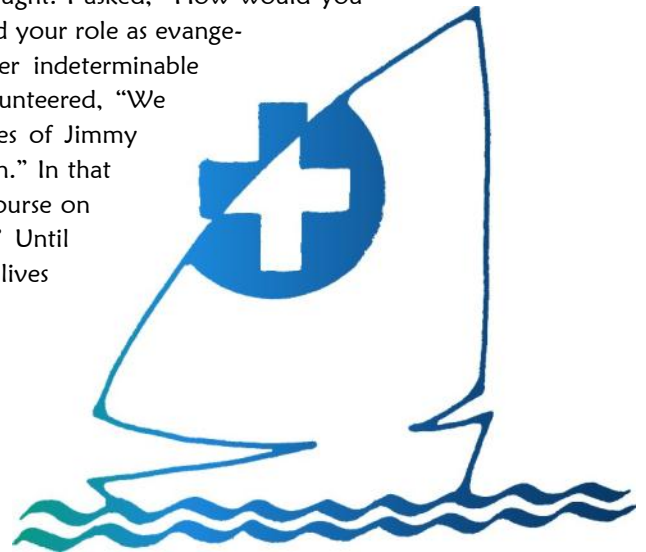
Anne H.K. Apple, Interim Associate
Pastor for Congregational Life

The Lenten Journey is upon us – a time when we examine our lives as we reflect on Christ's journey to the cross and when we intentionally reflect on the Good News of Christ, God with us. A God who shares both our joys and pains and who defends and protects; loves and suffers with us. Lent is a time when we can consider places in our own lives where we might need to be pulled back or turned around from wandering off the Christian way. In Lent, sometimes I've taken on a new discipline, other times I've intentionally let something go. One year I tried to rid myself of the word, "Interesting." In both the taking on and the letting go, the journey has been about being saturated in God's good news.

I'm reminded of a time when I was fresh from Geneva where I'd studied mission and evangelism with the World Council of Churches. I was in the basement of Government Street Presbyterian Church, as a seminary intern there to teach my first adult Sunday school class. These were good and faithful people. These were servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. These were people who prayed and daily fed breakfast to the homeless. "It will be simple," I thought. I asked, "How would you define Evangelism and your role as evangelists in mission?" After indeterminable silence, someone volunteered, "We

wouldn't. The 'E' word is a bad word. It's tied to the likes of Jimmy Swaggert; overtly emotional and not particularly Presbyterian." In that instant, I discovered I was scheduled to teach a nine-week course on a "bad word." I went with their logic saying, "interesting." Until they started sharing stories of how Christ worked in their lives and we shifted gears, taking on Evangelism as a good word.

Let there be no doubt. Mission and Evangelism are inextricably linked and good news for our family of faith at Idlewild! If someone asks, "Are you Evangelical?" A right response would be, "Why yes, thoroughly! We intend for everyone who enters our doors to feel at home and nurtured in Christ's love, light and mercy so they might take it out to shine in a broken and hurting world."



Our Evangelism Committee spent last year reading Walter Brueggeman's *Biblical Perspectives on Evangelism: Living in a Three Storied Universe*, and studying and praying through 1 Peter. From that study, the constituencies for programming have been defined as 'children becoming adults,' 'insiders' and 'outsiders.' Evangelism impacts visitors, the un-churched, members and children of the church.

"Evangelism is difficult, costly, demanding work ... though through hospitality we are able to counter a world bent on vengeance." Brueggeman's words guide the Evangelism Committee as we work collaboratively with other committees in an attempt to reach the three constituencies. One exciting project, in partnership with the Worship and

(EVANGELISM continued on page 4)

A delicious way to share the day with friends

On Sunday, March 4, come for worship—invite friends!—and stay for fried chicken and the always-fun potluck lunch. Please bring enough to feed 8-10 people. Bring food that doesn't require much heating or cooling, and use disposable containers. Volunteers will meet you at the west doors that Sunday morning and take your dish to the gym. What type of dish goes by last name:



POTLUCK

- A-I = vegetable**
- J-P = dessert**
- Q-Z = salad or side dish**

If weather permits, the big doors in the gym will be opened to the playground, so folks can bring blankets and eat outside.

And if you can't bring a dish, **please bring yourself!**

There will be plenty of food and wonderful fellowship.

(EVANGELISM continued from page 3)

Music Committee, geared to reach all constituencies will be an Alternative Worship Service led by musician Mike Bruno and theologian Steve Haynes, beginning Sunday evening, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the T.K. Young Room, and meeting monthly through the summer. Another project is the use of nametags for both members and visitors and an enhanced greeting ministry – replete with nice, large golf umbrellas, and cookie packages to send home with visitors.

In partnership with the Recreation Committee, we will host a Pottery Mission Night Thursday, April 12, from 4:00 to 5:30, in which we tell the story of the feeding of the 5000, make a 'mission nativity scene' out of clay, and share ways to use the scene at home. The committee hopes to host a game night – pickle ball, anyone?

Working with the Congregational Care Committee, we are investigating how we equip ourselves as a praying people. On Sunday, March 25, a bulletin insert will seek congregational participation in current ministries of care – whether prayer, delivering meals, or visitation. The committee is also exploring how to deliver the Good News of the Gospel in the 21st century drawing on current research in social media.

There's much going on in evangelism as we participate with God in God's good mission. It starts when we learn to speak about God's story, and continues as we live it out. With God's help, Idlewild and our members create a hospitable place where all who enter find a loving home and take that love back out into the world in ministries of hospitality, peace and justice. As your Lenten journey begins, I'd invite you to reflect upon what in your life could be reshaped because of the good news of Jesus Christ – I trust it will be more than interesting!



"If we could read the secret history of our enemies, we would find in each person's life sorrow and suffering enough to disarm all hostility."

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

It was a good year!

by Michael Peeler, 2012 Chair of Budget & Finance Committee

I am happy to report that the church's total income for 2011 of \$2,510M was actually \$35M over the budgeted figures of \$2,476M. Noteworthy is the fact that current year pledges of \$2,221M lagged budgeted figures of \$2,364M, but that gap was made up with *previous years pledges* of \$79M, coming in \$47M ahead of budgeted figures of \$32M, and *unpledged offerings* of \$184M, being \$74M over budgeted figures of \$110M.

Given the revenue sources as outlined and total operating expenses of \$2,482M, the church operated with a \$29M surplus, roughly \$60M over the budgeted loss of \$31M. Total expenses were budgeted at \$2,508M. General control over expenses kept most all areas in line with budgeted allocations.

As you can see, with EVERYONE working together we had a very good year!

**EASTER
IS APRIL 8**

Don't miss these dates and deadlines

On March 13, OWLS will tour Playhouse on the Square (\$3), then have lunch at IHOP. For information contact Regina Benson, 458-2970.

Youth kickball for 7th-12th graders begins in March. If you are interested in joining a team call recreation, 725-4165.

A golf scramble will be held the morning and afternoon of April 14 at The Links at Audubon. There will be a long drive contest, closest-to-hole contest, prizes, and lunch provided. Sign-up as four-man teams or as individuals. Cost is \$48 per person or \$192 per team. Sign up now! Anthony Albonetti, 725-4165.



Vacation Bible school will bring an underwater universe adventure for children with the theme Operation Overboard: Dare to Go Deep with God! Children will become "divers-in-training" as they plunge into God's word and discover stories of deep faith. They will meet the Dive Chief and Ocho the Octopus. The learning and fun will include art, music, recreation, science and mission. For rising 4th-6th graders, the MAD and Make a Difference camps will have hands-on mission projects. VBS will be June 4-7, from 9:00 to noon. Registration begins on March 18.



Wooster Chorus concert on March 20

The Wooster Chorus will perform *Night: The Power of Renewal* on Tuesday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Idlewild sanctuary. Founded in 1964, the acclaimed Wooster Chorus is comprised of undergraduate students representing all academic areas within The College of Wooster's liberal arts program. Under the direction of Lisa Wong, the choir has been praised for its high level of artistry, engaging performances, and enthusiastic singing. The Wooster Chorus embarks each spring on a week-long domestic tour. Recent collaborative performances have included Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9 in D Minor* with the Cleveland Orchestra and Cleveland Orchestra Chorus.



Can you host a Wooster student?

If you can host a chorus member that Tuesday night, please contact Carol Good at carolgood@idlewildchurch.org / 726-4681 ext. 22.



Reflections on Faith and Sexual Identity: Ethical Perspective

This monthly series exploring same-sex relationships continues Sunday, March 25 with a look at ethical perspectives led by Dr. Kendra Hotz. It will focus on setting forth a spectrum of Christian ethical perspectives on same-sex relationships building on the biblical texts and theological reflection from the previous session. A light lunch (\$5) will be served at 12:30 p.m. followed by the presentation. For details about this series visit the Special Events page at www.idlewildchurch.org.

Bach at Idlewild

Join us for a wonderful Bach at Idlewild concert Sunday, April 1 at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The concert program will include Bach's *Cantata 182, Himmel skönig, sei Willkommen* and other works. Performing will be John David Peterson, organ; Joey Salvalaggio, oboe; Ted Gibboney, harpsichord; and the Idlewild Adult Choir and soloists.

Duty of the Hour: The Life and Times of Benjamin L. Hooks

Friday, April 20, marks the public release and red carpet premiere of the documentary "Duty of the Hour" produced by the Hooks Institute and its director, Daphene McFerren, and directed by award-winning filmmaker Reece L. Auguiste. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Orpheum Theatre.

Dr. Hooks was one of the first African-Americans to ever preach at Idlewild, and we feel honored to help sponsor this event. The church has 25 tickets available at \$100 each. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please bring/mail your check made to Idlewild Presbyterian Church and be sure to note "Benjamin Hooks" in the memo line.



Inquirers Class begins March 4

The seven-week Inquirers Class is offered twice a year for persons who desire and are discerning a life of discipleship lived through the life and ministry of our church. Discussions envelope wonder and testimony about being a disciple of Jesus Christ at Idlewild Presbyterian Church, in worship, Bible study, prayer and service in the church and the world.

The class is hosted by New Member Welcoming Committee, and led by pastors and members. Topics include Biblical discernment, what it means to be Presbyterian (theology, history), the history of Idlewild, opportunities at Idlewild, and a tour of the church.

If you are interested in the Inquirers Class that begins Sunday, March 4 please contact Anne Apple, anne@idlewildchurch.org or 726-4681 ext. 43.



Submit your news of the congregation to Jo Ann Acuff, 726-4681 ext. 11 or jaacuff@idlewildchurch.org.

- Lois and Allan Ruleman have a new grandson, Caleb Allan Ruleman
- Lucy Catherine Strong was accepted as a candidate for ordination at the February 11 meeting of the Presbytery of the Mid-South. Lucy Catherine is currently a second year student at Columbia Theological Seminary.

We offer condolences in these recent deaths in our extended church family:

- m Hanies Tate, niece of Julie Sprint
- m George Smith, brother of Anne (Diane) Challen

Saints of Idlewild

Our church is filled with gifted and giving people who make our church stronger—both spiritually and physically! This month we celebrate our Presbyterian Women circle leaders and Bible moderators:

Mary Lou Adams, Catherine Berger, Olivia Bruce, Teresa Caldwell, Ann Fain, Andi Hill, Mackie Johnson, Carol Jones, Virginia Klettner, Kay Liles, Sammy Marshall, Betty Nelson, Betty Pechak, Debbie Pittman, Beth Simpson, and Mydelle Wilson.

Recreation notes and news

More than 15 soccer teams and 10 baseball teams are planned for the spring. Schedules will be posted outside the recreation office.

Guitar lessons are being offered by Will Presley. One-on-one and group lessons are available. Cost is \$15 for a 30 minutes session one-on-one and \$30 for an hour. To sign up you can contact the recreation office at 725-4165, or Will Presley at willpresley1985@gmail.com.

Dates to remember

World Day of Prayer	Mar 2
Youth Retreat	Mar 2-4
First Sunday Lunch Potluck	Mar 4
Inquirers Class begins	Mar 4
Organ Concert.....	Mar 4
Presbyterian Women Circles	Mar 6
Candle & Charm Workshop	Mar 6
Daylight Saving Time begins	Mar 11
Trezevant Communion Service	Mar 11
OWLS outing.....	Mar 13
Amy-Jill Levine lecture.....	Mar 15
Reinerio Arce, guest preacher	Mar 18
Young Professional Women.....	Mar 19
Wooster Chorus concert	Mar 20
Reflections on Faith & Sexual Identity....	Mar 25
Adams Avenue Camerata Concert	Mar 25
Easter Egg Hunt	Mar 31
Palm Sunday.....	Apr 1
First Sunday Lunch	Apr 1
Bach at Idlewild concert	Apr 1



Committee meetings

These meetings were scheduled as of Feb. 14. Please check with your committee chair or the church office if you have questions.

Mar 4	12:30pm.....	Diaconate
Mar 5	5:30pm.....	Congregational Care
Mar 6	7:30am.....	Coordinating Forum
	5:30pm.....	Stewardship
Mar 12.....	5:30pm.....	Worship & Music
Mar 13.....	5:30pm.....	Adult Ministry
Mar 14.....	5:30pm.....	Budget & Finance
Mar 18.....	12:30pm.....	Children's Ministry
Mar 19.....	5:30pm.....	Long Range Planning
Mar 20.....	9:30am.....	PW Coordinating Team
	1:00pm	PW Bible Moderators
	4:00pm	Personnel
Mar 21.....	7:30pm.....	Session
Mar 27.....	5:00pm	Prayer Shawl
Mar 28.....	1:00pm	Adopt-a-School

Please remain mindful of keeping your pledge payment current.
Thank you!



"There is a land of the living and a land of the dead, and the bridge is love." – Thornton Wilder

Member Transitions

Baptized in the Faith

JOHN LAURENCE LANGSTON
son of Edward & Liz Langston

MARY FRANCES WHITEHEAD
daughter of Mark & Lane Whitehead

Dismissed

WALTER & ANN BROADFOOT
DANIEL WEBB

Gifts to the Church

Idlewild has received many kind gifts in remembrance and in honor of loved ones.

Honorarium

MARY DAVIS
Olivia & Wallace Bruce

Memorials

DAVID DAVIS
Mimi & Ed McDugle

SUSIE SLENTZ
Judge & Mrs. Harry W. Wellford

BETTY TWEEDY

Mary Lou Adams
Regina & Frank Benson
Wesley & Priscilla Davis
Lieselott Esser

Bettie Galloway
Phyllis Harlan

Jo Jernigan, Tom & Mary Jo Miller

Lloyd & Terry Nelson
Marc & Jennifer Pendley
Larry & Gwen Pierce

Shirley Prothro

Rita & Leslie Schwass

Larry & Shari Tucker

Judge & Mrs. Harry W. Wellford
Stella Woehst

DON WOLFE

Steve & Catherine Berger
Eddie & Nancy Bigger

Losses in the Idlewild Church family

Ann Bell

Sept. 30, 1920-Feb. 11, 2012

Ann Bell joined Idlewild in 1939. She was an ordained elder, active in Presbyterian Women, and a member of the Hannah Circle. Ann chaired the Library Committee for many years. Ann was emeritus professor of Clinical Laboratory Sciences at the College of Allied Health Sciences at UT Health Science Center, where she worked and taught hematology for 44 years. She is survived by her nephew, Lewis Bell, many friends and loved ones.

Martha Wiles

Sept. 16, 1911-Feb. 6, 2012

Martha Wiles had been a faithful member since 1932. She was a Lifetime Member of the Presbyterian Women and a beloved part of the Hannah Circle. Martha and her husband Paul established Wiles Drug Store (now Wiles-Smith) in 1945. She is survived by two daughters, Harriet Wiles Lipscomb and Wanda Wiles Crowe, and a wealth of family and friends.

Adopt-A-School partnership going strong

By Betsy Hood

Our Adopt-A-School partnership with Idlewild Elementary School is stronger than ever. Here's some facts and figures for your reading pleasure:

46 = # of current active tutors. These folks meet weekly with their student(s) for one-on-one or small group time to support classroom learning. We were fortunate to be able to assign two tutors per class (grades 1-5) this year, with a few left for senior kindergarten. (There's ALWAYS room for more tutors, though.)

27 = # of church members who take turns reading to kindergartners on Fridays at 9:00 a.m.

1 +/- Janie McCrary = 5th Grade Book Club. This special group meets to discuss a book of Janie's choosing in more depth than they might in the classroom; it's an honor to be chosen for this group and the students value this privilege. *If you would be interested in leading a group such as this one, or perhaps a math group, please let me know!*

Enrichment = special program offered to 5th graders in the last weeks of school. Some previous activities included clay sculpting, leadership, and exposure to sewing.

Infinite = # of opportunities to build relationships with kids!

The children in this program definitely benefit from the individual attention, not only academically but also emotionally. I can't think of a better way to help a child than to let him or her know she is valued and loved.

If you have any interest in joining this dedicated group of volunteer tutors and readers, please contact me, Betsy Hood, at edhood@bellsouth.net or 274-7008.

THE IDLEWILD CHIMES
March 2012

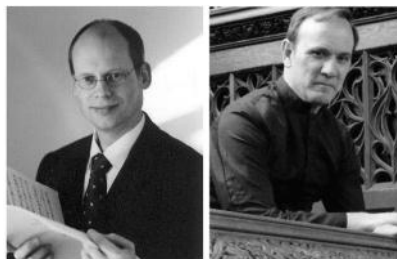
IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1750 UNION AVENUE
MEMPHIS TENNESSEE 38104



The symphonies of Louis Vierne
performed by Uwe Bestert and Ted Gibboney

On Sunday, March 4, an organ concert will be held at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Uwe Bestert and Ted Gibboney will perform Symphonies #3 and #5 from the Complete Symphonies of Louis Vierne, Part 1.

Uwe Bestert, Director of Music at St. Gertrud (Lutheran) Church in Hamburg, Germany, will be in residence at Idlewild March 1-12. As an organist he has performed widely throughout Europe, and he tours with his church choir in Germany and England. He will work with our choirs, and will participate as organist, conductor and singer in worship services on March 4 and 11.



Over the next two years, performances of Vierne's complete symphonies are planned.

Although nearly blind at birth, Vierne was extraordinarily prolific as a composer of solo and chamber music, and is chiefly remembered as organist during the first of the 20th century at Notre Dame of Paris. It was there that

he composed his most important works, six complete symphonies for the organ. They capture the magnificence of their home, and are some of the most important monuments of the romantic symphonic repertoire.

Please join us for the concert at 4:00 p.m. on March 4.

