

88th Annual

# Wisconsin State Gymanfa Ganu

Sponsored by

The Welsh Gymanfa Ganu  
Association of Wisconsin, Inc.

Sunday, May 1, 2022

The Historic Cathedral Church of  
Saint Paul the Apostle  
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin



Director:	Rev. Tom White West Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
Organist:	Steve Jensen Bayside, Wisconsin
Special Music:	Peniel Quartet Josh Giese, Chris Guy, Devin Scherck, Tom White

## Order of Service

Organ Prelude—Steve Jensen  
Devotions—Dean Michael Hackbarth

### Hymn Group One

Diadem.....	#44
Sanctus.....	#36
Rhydygroes.....	#37

Special Music—Peniel Quartet  
“Our God is God,” Words: J. Paul Williams, Music: Joseph M. Martin

### Hymn Group Two

Côr Caersalem.....	#42
Aberystwyth.....	#9
Ebenezer.....	#7

Special Music—Steve Jensen  
“Partita on ‘Ebenezer’,” Composer: Dr. John A. Behnke

### Hymn Group Three

Joyful—Memorial Hymn.....	Insert
Crimond.....	#32
Mae D’Eisiau Di Bob Aur.....	#27

Announcements and Offering  
Special Music—Peniel Quartet  
“Morte Christe,” Words: Isaac Watts, Music: Emrys Jones

### Hymn Group Four

Blodwen.....	#26
Arwelfa.....	Insert
Cwm Rhondda.....	#17

### Benediction

Closing Hymn—God Be With You.....	#54
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Please join us for a Te Bach (tea and treats) in the fellowship hall.  
Please leave the books in the pews!

## The Historic Cathedral Church of Saint Paul the Apostle



The original stone structure on this site was occupied by the congregation in 1866 and burned in January 1884. The present structure was built after January 1884.

The pulpit was created by local stone carver Robert Powrie. Another addition was a brass eagle lectern. The 1893-1894 German-Victorian carvings came from Munich and

include the twelve Apostles, St. Paul, and twenty-five angels.

Bishop Charles Chapman Grafton, who served the cathedral from 1889 until his death in 1912, is buried on-site in the Chapel of St. Michael the Archangel. The burial site features a white marble and red porphyry sarcophagus, supporting a life-size figure of the bishop.

The M. P. Möller (Opus 10078, 1966) organ has 37 ranks, 2,167 pipes, 4 divisions, 3 manuals, 40 stops, and 26 registers.

Source: Wikipedia and pipeorgandatabase.org

The Welsh Gymanfa Ganu Association of Wisconsin, Inc. sponsors and runs the Welsh Weekend, the State Gymanfa Ganu and the Christmas Gymanfa Ganu which take place at various churches in the state. If you are interested in hosting a cymanfa ganu at your church, contact our president, Bron Wentzel, at 920-988-8090 or [crawfishcats@netwurx.net](mailto:crawfishcats@netwurx.net).

All other cymanfaoedd canu (plural for cymanfa ganu) in Wisconsin are independently run and are always at the same church and usually the same week of the month every year. Wisconsin can be proud of this fact. No other state has as many cymanfaoedd canu every year.

Bron Wentzel, President  
Jan Jones Batty, Vice President  
Dick Myers, Treasurer  
Sue Stealey, Secretary

# In Memoriam

The Wisconsin Welsh mourn the passing of the following  
from its community since our 2019 State Gymanfa Ganu:

Barbara Barnes.....	Orland Park IL
Betty Bettin .....	Omro WI
Jean E. Bowey .....	Eagle WI
Pam Brace .....	Oak Park IL
Dorothy Ann Williams Culver .....	Dunedin FL
Martin Dable .....	Waukesha WI
Allan David Evans.....	Franklin WI, formerly Milwaukee WI
David Emlyn Evans.....	Milton WI
Patricia "Patti" Davies Flynn.....	Waukesha WI
Phyllis Griffith .....	Vernon Hills IL, formerly Columbus WI
Jessie Gwynne .....	Madison WI
Jane (Taylor) Hagensick.....	Milwaukee WI
Lorraine Closs Hahn.....	Cambria WI
Doris Hughes .....	Columbus WI
Ellen M. Isensee.....	Fond du Lac WI
Barbara Jones .....	Cincinnati OH, formerly Wild Rose WI
Mary Kinyon .....	Rosendale WI
Jane Powell.....	Milwaukee WI
Marion Rees .....	Waukesha WI
Elaine Reschenberg.....	Oshkosh WI
June Richards .....	Joliet IL
Sue Richards .....	Granite Springs NY, formerly Joliet IL
Rev. Daniel Schowalter .....	Muskego WI
Mary Jane Jones Smyth .....	Racine WI
Doris Anne (Jones) Van Schaick.....	Markesan WI
Mair White.....	Madison WI
Geraint Wilkes .....	Mexico, formerly Milwaukee and Hartland WI
David Winn Williams .....	Trefor, Wales
Jeff Williams.....	Chicago IL

# The Welsh Gymanfa Ganu Association of Wisconsin, Inc.

We acknowledge the following donors from 2020, 2021 and 2022:

## **Bardd/Bard \$100.00 Plus**

Jan Jones Batty	The Joneses who went before
Mary Davis	In memory of Phyllis Griffith
Margaret Draeger	
Dale Hughes	In memory of Doris Hughes
Colleen Johnson	
Michele & Allan Mickelson	
David Reichert	In memory of Elaine Jones Reichert and Doris Jones Van Schaick
Ronald Roberts	
Marilyn Schröder	
Carolee Schultz	In memory of Doris Hughes
Janice Ulrich	In memory of Richard & Catherine Griffith

## **Noddwr/Patron \$25.00 - \$100.00**

Anonymous	
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Helen Balcome	
Maribeth Culver-Lammas	In memory of Dorothy Ann Williams Culver
Pat D'Aprix	
Jennifer & William Jensen	
Margaret Jones	
Ann E. Lemmenes	
Richard Myers	
Meg Skinner	In honor of Dan Proud
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Susan B. Swanson	In memory of Mary Williams Bettner of Dodgeville, WI
William Urbrock	
Bron Wentzel	
Helen Williams	In memory of Leroy Williams
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## **Cyfaill/Friend \$5.00 - \$25.00**

Shirley Brinkmann	
Mary Lou Saterbak	In memory of E. Evelyn Bradford
Mark Thomas	In memory of Margaret Jane Griffiths Thomas

# **2022 Wisconsin and Illinois Gymanfa Ganu Schedule**

- May 22 Annual Chicago Gymanfa Ganu – 2:30PM  
Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church  
744 Fair Oaks Avenue, Oak Park IL 60302  
Director: Rev. Joe Corbin, Accompanist: Nikki Como  
Te Bach to follow
- July 24 Wild Rose Gymanfa Ganu – 2:00PM (new time)  
Wild Rose Presbyterian Church  
501 Jackson Street, Wild Rose WI 54984  
Director: Ann E. Lemmenes, Accompanist: Tom White
- August 28 Peniel/Town of Eldorado Gymanfa Ganu – 2:30 & 6:00PM  
Peniel Church, W9644 Zoar Road, Oshkosh WI 54904  
Director: Trefor Williams, Reed Organist: Tom White,  
Pianist: Sarah Conrad
- September 25  
(Tentative) 3rd Annual Mineral Point Gymanfa Ganu – 2:30PM  
(Check website before planning to attend: [wggaw.org](http://wggaw.org))  
Trinity Episcopal, 403 High Street, Mineral Point WI 53565  
Director and Conductor TBD; Cornish tea to follow
- Held in conjunction with the Mineral Point Cornish/Celtic Festival,  
September 23-25, 2022 [www.cornishfest.org](http://www.cornishfest.org)
- October 9 Cambria Gymanfa Ganu – 2:30PM & 5:30PM (new time)  
Cambria First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Florence Street,  
Cambria WI 53923 (Supper served between sessions)  
Director: Sheryl Clay-Newell, Organist: Steve Jensen
- November TBD Christmas Gymanfa Ganu – 2:30PM  
Date and location TBD

## **Additional 2022 Welsh Events**

- 1st Saturday of  
February, April,  
June, Oct, Dec Welsh Club of the Milwaukee Area gatherings  
Check the website for plans for 2022:  
[www.milwaukeewelshclub.org](http://www.milwaukeewelshclub.org)
- July 17-24 Welsh Heritage Week, Edgewood College, 100 Edgewood Drive,  
Madison WI; register: [welshheritageweek.org](http://welshheritageweek.org)  
Contact: Beth Landmesser 570-815-7689 / [hwyl@ptd.net](mailto:hwyl@ptd.net)
- September 1-4 North American Festival of Wales, Philadelphia PA  
Seminars, tours, concerts, banquets, two sessions of gymanfa ganu.  
Registration: [festivalofwales.org](http://festivalofwales.org)

# 2022 Peniel Events

Unless indicated otherwise,  
all events held at Peniel Chapel, W9644 Zoar Road, Oshkosh WI

- May 14 6:00PM New Generation Singers
- May 15 2:00PM Kingston Historical Society Welsh Day Presentation including the History of Rock Hill Chapel, at The American Legion; (Historical Society Museum open 1:30PM-2:30PM – next to Legion clubhouse)
- June 11 6:00PM Pop Spirit Bluegrass Gospel Singalong
- June TBD Peony Day, Sisson’s Peony Gardens, 207 N. Main Street (Hwy 26), Rosendale WI 54974; featuring Welshman Jesse Phillips (developed peony hybrids); Learn more: PEONY GARDENS | Mysite (rosendalehistoricalsociety.org); lunch available (cost)
- Rosendale Historical Museum (The Grange Hall), 203 West Division Street, Highway 23, Rosendale WI 54974 will be open
- July 17 11:00AM Eldorado Picnic Parade with a Peniel Welsh Chapel float; chicken BBQ; learn more: [www.eldoradocommunitypicnic.org](http://www.eldoradocommunitypicnic.org)
- July 23 6:00PM Joe Corbin & Cowboy Church—wear your cowboy duds
- August Month-long Welsh Display; Fond du Lac Historical Society at Galloway House and Village; 336 Old Pioneer Road, Fond du Lac WI 54936
- August 24 1:00PM Ripon Historical Society presentation highlighting local Welsh; 508 Watson Street, Ripon WI 54971; possible guided tours; learn more: [riponhistory.org](http://riponhistory.org)
- August 25 1:00PM The Doe House—Welsh Stories, and Tea presentation and te bach by Ann Lemmenes; Doe House, 456 Mt. Vernon Street, Oshkosh WI 54901; [thedoehouse.com](http://thedoehouse.com)
- August 25 6:00PM-12:00PM Pub Night/Noson Lawen led by Rev. Joe Corbin and Danny Proud; Jasper’s Food & Spirits, 6510 Wisconsin 44, Pickett WI 54964; order off the menu
- August 26 Winnebago Historical and Archaeological Society – museum open (summer hours); tour Morgan House, Welsh history displays
- 6:00PM Zoar Cemetery Crawl; just west of Peniel Welsh Chapel
- August 27 10:00AM Welsh Cooking with Bron Wentzel, Joe & Kim Corbin  
1:00PM Welsh Singing School (Ysgol Gan) with Trefor Williams  
2:30PM Welsh in Wisconsin presentation by Robert Humphries  
5:00PM Miner’s Meal (RSVP \$) featuring the “Drousy Maggies”  
6:00PM Peniel Quartet
- August 28 10:30AM Worship Service led by Rev. Joe Corbin  
12:00PM Brunch (RSVP \$)  
2:30PM Gymanfa Ganu led by Trefor Williams  
5:00PM Light meal (RSVP \$)  
6:00PM Gymanfa Ganu led by Trefor Williams
- September 17 6:00 PM Noson Lawen (“Merry Night)

## Biographies

### THE DIRECTOR Rev. Tom White



Our director, Rev. Tom White, is a retired United Methodist pastor who lives in North Fond du Lac. He has been active in the local, regional and national Welsh Hymn Sings for over 60 years. Tom has played the reed/pump organ for Wild Rose and the Peniel Welsh Chapel for their annual cymanfaoedd canu (plural for cymanfa ganu) for 55 years. He and his wife Jean went to 35 of the North

American Festivals of Wales and Rev. Tom directed some of the afterglows where more singing happens.

### THE ORGANIST Steve Jensen



Our organist, Steve Jensen, began playing the piano and organ at the age of nine. He had his first regular church job at the age of thirteen. During grades 9-12 he studied at Lawrence Conservatory of Music in Appleton, Wisconsin. He continued his organ study at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin. His first Gymanfa Ganu

was in 1977 in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin. The conductor was Lyn Harry of Canada. Mr. Harry requested that Mr. Jensen play the following year at the National Gymanfa Ganu in Minneapolis. Since then, Steve has played for many local, state and national cymanfaoedd, most recently in 2019 at the North American Festival of Wales held in Milwaukee.

Mr. Jensen is currently employed as a Compliance Officer for US Bank in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and serves as organist at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

### SPECIAL MUSIC Peniel Quartet



The Special Music today is provided by the Peniel Quartet, consisting of Josh Giese, Chris Guy, Devin Scherck, Tom White.

The evolution of the present-day Peniel Quartet: As young men in their teens and early 20's they met at the Peniel Welsh Chapel. They grew to enjoy the Welsh hymn sings and are now a part of them. In 2008, Rev. White and Chris Guy sang a duet at the Peniel Chapel Gymanfa Ganu. In 2012, "Three 'Peniel' Tenors" Chris Guy, Joshua Giese and Rev. Tom White sang. In 2014, the Peniel Quartet sang at the Peniel Gymanfa Ganu. For years, the three young men joked that the sum of their ages was less than Rev. White's age. This year that is no longer true.