



## **INTRODUCING OUR NEW ORGANIST**

Doreen Leonard grew up in Port Jefferson Station, NY. She was born into a family of musicians. As well as the organ and piano, she plays the harpsichord, flute, mandolin, banjo and ukulele. Doreen studied piano and organ under Charles Boehm of Westbury and later became the assistant organist at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hicksville. She also played with the Long Island Banjo Society, Ridge and Middle Island Fire Department Marching Bands as well as a piano accompanist for musicals and choirs all over Long Island.

Doreen graduated from Westminster Choir College with a Bachelors in Church Music, majoring in organ and minoring in voice. While participating in the various choirs at Westminster, she was privileged to sing at Carnegie Hall, Radio City Music Hall, Lincoln Center, The Kennedy Center in DC and the Philadelphia Academy of Music, and meeting such musical greats as Issac Perlman, Beverly Sills, Ricardo Muti, Leonard Bernstein, Placido Domingo and Jean-Pierre Rampal. Through the years, Doreen has served as organist/choir director in numerous churches in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. She has two daughters, and her other hobbies are cooking, boating, fishing and dogs.

In 2015, Doreen left her IRS career to pursue her passion, working with seniors. In 2021, as many people became more isolated due to Covid, she started The Activity Connection, offering daily Zoom activities to seniors and people with dementia. In addition to having experience working with people with dementia and Alzheimer's, she works with those with Parkinson's, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, schizophrenia and intellectual disabilities. Doreen dreams of helping as many as possible by providing daily socialization opportunities and activities in a group setting to homebound seniors and older adults. The Activity Connection offers virtual field trips, guest entertainers, games, sing a longs, exercise, art, science, music and art appreciation classes, bible study, pet therapy and intergenerational programs and more. For more information, go to <https://theactivityconnection.com/>