

# The Prelude

April 2009



## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

### DEAR FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES,

In the likelihood that even the frost has departed our region, I take the risk of wishing everyone a "Happy Springtime." I hope you were able to receive and enjoy a good measure of the message of Holy Week and Easter that you offered your parishoners.

The recital presented by our scholarship winners was quite well received. A special thanks to all of you who were present to support these young people. Our thanks, also, to Pam Davis for her untiring efforts on yet another successful endeavor. Michael Gartz was our host. It was good to hear the St. Mark's organ again. I felt it responded quite well to the talented and sensitive touch of the students. I'm fairly certain that most of our members would agree that encouraging young musicians is one of the most important missions of our Chapter.

As you see by the program listing in our Yearbook/Directory, our final get together will be the annual Spring Banquet. I know you all will want to be on hand as we honor one of our own, Dr. Vernon Wolcott. Vernon and Nancy both have a long and distinguished history with the Guild. We can all do some reminiscing on May 19. The Banquet is also the time for our final business meeting of the year. Three new Board members will be installed. The membership will have a report of actions of the Board for their approval. The musical program for the evening is something we all can look forward to.

Please take a minute now, won't you, and give a call or email to Marilynn Hazard to let her know you will be coming.

Now might also be a good time to think about arranging car-pooling.

Terry Brassell has been working on next year's programs. He welcomes your thoughts and ideas. He has given us a superb lineup this year. We look forward to another.

I'd like to leave you a few more thoughts about "Music."

"There is geometry in the humming of the strings. There is music in the spacing of the spheres."  
*Pythagoras - 6th century A.D.*

"Within us, around us, the music of the spheres unfolds in rhythms celestial and melodies terrestrial. More than just the hills are alive with the sound of music."  
*Don Campbell*

"Music consists of organized sounds and silences... and silences are harder than sounds and soft is harder than loud and slow is harder than fast."  
*Martha Esbin*

Martha has also created this **Diamante** (a 7-line poem in the shape of a diamond) entitled MUSIC.

Sound  
vital, vibrant  
music consists of  
organized sound, organized silence  
space with energy  
rests count  
silence

### IN HARMONY,

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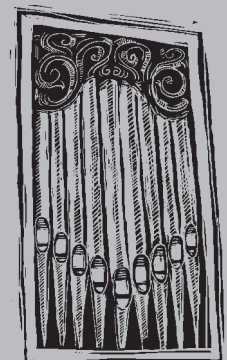
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## COUNTDOWN - REGION V CONVENTION!

The biennial convention of Region V of the American Guild of Organists will take place on Sunday, June 28 through Wednesday, July 1, all over the metropolitan Detroit area, and headquartered at the renowned Renaissance Center Marriott.

This is a great opportunity for organists, music directors, choir members and enthusiasts alike to share a unique professional and social experience and get inspired all over again! You will hear some great artists, such as Lynne Davis, Janette Fishell, Fred Hohman, Martin Jean, and Todd Wilson, playing great music on a variety of fine instruments – mechanical, symphonic, classic. The convention will feature useful workshops on music for the church, choir rehearsal techniques, new music for the organ, and other professional topics that we can all use. There will also be concerts for choir, handbells, carillon, brass band and an early music group.

Registration rates are reasonable for a convention of this length and scope! Please visit [www.detroitago.org](http://www.detroitago.org) (rates available on the website) to register or see the complete schedule of events.

## DUO AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



Harpsichord Duo Concert by Edward Parmentier and Shin-Ae Chun at 3 pm, on Sunday, May 3, 2009. Freewill Offering. Music by Sweelinck, Milano, Pasquini, W.F.Bach, Couperin, Le Roux, Tomkins, and J.S.Bach will be played on two harpsichords.

First Congregational Church 2315 Collingwood Blvd. Toledo, OH 43620 Telephone: 419-243-6248 [www.firstchurchtoledo.com](http://www.firstchurchtoledo.com).



## SPRING CONCERT AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

The Academy Brass Quintet will be accompanied by organist Wayne Whitten of First Presbyterian Church of Maumee for "Meet the Brass! - A Spring Concert" at 4 pm on Sunday, May 3, in the Sanctuary.

The concert will include many selections, including "Procession of The Nobles" by Rimsky-Korsakov, arranged by Keith Snell; "Festival Prelude" by Lloyd Pfautsch; "Sarabande" by Handel, arranged by Eric Robertson; "Fugue in G Minor" by Bach, arranged by Canadian Brass; "Fanfare" by John Cook; "Canzon duodecimi toni," by Giovanni Gabrieli, arranged by Robert King; "Grand Choeur Dialogue," by Eugene Gigout, arranged by John Kuzma; "Music for Brass - Intermezzo," by Ingolf Dahl; "Brassability," by Lennie Niehaus; and "Septimi Tempi," by Dinda.



The concert is free and open to the public. A reception will follow. For more information, contact the church office at (419) 893-0223 or [splatz@fpcmaumee.com](mailto:splatz@fpcmaumee.com).

## EVENSONG AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Another event of the International Year of the Organ, "The Organ and Liturgy", will be held on May 3 at St. Michael's in the Hills Episcopal Church, when the Clergy and Choirs of St. Michael's and St. Timothy's of Perrysburg will celebrate Evensong at 5 p.m. Music of J.S. Bach, Herbert Sumsion and Edward Bairstow will be sung by the choirs, conducted by Paul Marion and expertly accompanied by Lyle Hecklinger, Organist and Director of Music at St. Timothy's. This Service is open to the public without charge. The church is at 4718 Brittany Road in Ottawa Hills.



## OHS CONVENTION

The annual convention of The Organ Historical Society will take place (mostly) in Cleveland this year. Dates are July 5 - 10. (With a side trip to Toledo!) Michael Barone - of "Pipe Dreams" fame will be Master of Ceremonies. Information for this convention can be found online at [www.organsociety.org/2009](http://www.organsociety.org/2009). Take a look!

## WASHINGTON ISLAND FORUM WITH REV. JOHN BELL - JUNE 22-26, 2009 ENCOUNTERING THE UNSUNG JESUS

A four and a half day experience of study, worship, community, and fun off the tip of Door County, Wisconsin designed for clergy, church musicians, and lay persons.



Presenters are the Rev. John Bell, a Church of Scotland minister, a member of the Iona Community, and author of the Church of Scotland's Church Hymnary (2005), and Dr. Marlene Kropf, Associate Professor of Spiritual Formation at the Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, and the author of *Singing: A Mennonite Voice*.

Each day begins with Morning Prayer led by Rev. Brad Pohlman and Mr. Bruce Bengtson, of Luther Memorial Church, Madison, WI, followed by sessions with our guest presenters. Afternoon discussion groups are optional, as are other evening activities. Other Island attractions are nature walks, museums, crafts, marine activities, etc. The Island also has a number of restaurants, a grocery, general store, post office and coffee shop. A pedestrian ferry is available for tours of Rock Island.

Location: Trueblood Performing Arts Center, Washington Island, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Washington Island, WI.

Register online at [www.wichurches.org](http://www.wichurches.org) (click "events"), or phone 608-837-3108. Full registration fee is \$225 (by May 1, 2009) and \$250 after May 1, 2009. Full payment is due by June 1, 2009. A full refund is available if you cancel by notifying WCC by June 1, 2009. You must make separate lodging and meal arrangements, other than the opening picnic and daily refreshments.

Housing is available separately at Island motels, resorts, bed and breakfasts, and an Island camp ground. For a list of accommodations, visit [www.washingtonislandchamber.com](http://www.washingtonislandchamber.com).

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### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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### NEWSLETTER & E-MAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have articles, news, concerts, or vacant positions please submit them to: Ed Duling at: [ed.duling@utoledo.edu](mailto:ed.duling@utoledo.edu) or [ebd2140@aol.com](mailto:ebd2140@aol.com) AND Jack Gerding at: [jack.gerding@toledostpats.org](mailto:jack.gerding@toledostpats.org).



**Martha Esbin** is the winner in last month's **Name the Organ Contest**. She named correctly the instrument as the "Speckles" Organ in Balboa Park, San Diego, CA. Martha will receive a recording of Gayle Archer - playing on a number of different organs. Congratulations! Incidentally, Carol (Wilcox) Cleaver - one of our loyal "dual members" with the Long Beach, CA Chapter - also wrote in talking about the "Speckles" Organ.



# Available...



**St. John Lutheran Church** in Williston is seeking a qualified individual to fill the position of Choir/Music Director. The Choir Director conducts one mid-week rehearsal and performs at the 9:45am Sunday worship service. There is the potential to establish a children's choir and lead an established carillon bell choir as well. We are seeking a positive and creative individual who will work closely with the Pastor and Worship Committee to select a wide range of music to enhance the worship service! Please submit resume to: Board of Worship Life, PO Box 235 Williston, OH 43468 or by e-mail to [office@stjohnwilliston.org](mailto:office@stjohnwilliston.org) or fax: 419-836-8089.

**St. Richard Catholic Church** in Swanton is looking for a part-time music director. Resumes can be sent to St. Richard at 333 Brookside Drive, Swanton 43558.

**Zion Lutheran Church** in Waterville is looking to fill their Organist/Accompanist position. Practices are on Wednesday evenings September - May. Church service at 9 a.m. on Sundays. Interested persons apply via e-mail to [KRohrs@aol.com](mailto:KRohrs@aol.com) or call the church office at 419-878-0266.

**Elizabeth Kent**, a choral music education/ organ major at Indiana University, will be available as a substitute organist during the summer months. She is a former recipient of the Toledo Chapter AGO's Mary Anderson award, holds an AGO service playing certificate, and has performed organ concertos with the Toledo Symphony and the Toledo Youth Orchestras. She will be available to play Sunday services, weddings, funerals, and special events from May 17th through August 15th, including these dates. Her phone number is 419.377.8226 (cell) and 419.893.4342 (home), and her e-mail address is [ejkent@indiana.edu](mailto:ejkent@indiana.edu).

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## SPRING BANQUET RESERVATIONS DUE MAY 10!

**Banquet Date:** Tuesday, May 19, 2009

### First Presbyterian Church

126 South Church Street, Bowling Green, Ohio  
*One block west of the Main Street and Wooster intersection.  
Parking is allowed in the bank lot across the street*

Cost is only \$10.00 and due at the door.

Turkey and Vegetarian Dishes available.

Special Music Program to follow dinner.

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# DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

Please return by May 9, 2009  
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The following members have been nominated to serve as members of the Executive Committee.

- Barbara Dulmadge
- Michael Gartz
- Sally Mossing
- Write in \_\_\_\_\_

Thanks to Joan Bradner for preparing the slate of officers.