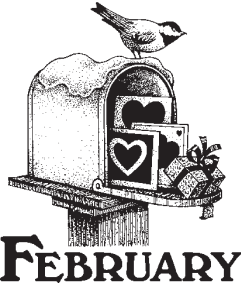


The Prelude

February 2010



MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



What a splendid presentation by Professor Trudy Faber at Paul Marion's church in January. I feel sure that if we had planned on giving her two or three sessions, she would have easily been able to fill them. What fun it was getting up and dancing in the aisle! The insights she gave us on Bach and the dance as well as her excellent organ examples made the evening well worth the time we gave to it. In addition, our Scholarship Fund grew by \$117.00 thanks to many generous contributions by those present for the program.

Incidentally, the estimate of attendance that afternoon was nearly one hundred. Many thanks to Joan McConnell, Kathy Dennis, Ed Duling, Paul Marion, Terry Brassell and all others who helped set up the reception, ushered and helped with the chapter's table display.

We regret to have to announce that our 14th annual "Pedals, Pipes & Pizza" program was canceled due to a lack of registrants. We are truly grateful for the efforts of Pam Davis in planning this year's event - the willingness of Augsburg Lutheran Church to host it and Steve Emery, the organ builder, to come in from Allentown, PA to present the newly restored instrument. With Pam, we hope we may plan another organ event with our friends at Augsburg church.

By now you should have in your hands our chapter's 2009-2010 Directory. Hats off to Anne Doerfler for another noteworthy edition of this important tool and resource for our chapter. Let me know if you need a copy.

All voting members will soon be receiving a mailing with an official ballot containing a slate of officers and Executive Committee members presented by our Nominations Committee. Our current committee is made up of Joan Bradner, Barbara Craig and Randy Currie.

Chapter officers' terms are for two years. Members of the Executive Committee hold office for three years (one third of the members of the committee being elected at each election). Additional nominations may be made by petition of at least five voting members in good standing. These should be received by the Secretary no later than April 1. A plurality of votes cast (more votes than for any other candidate) is sufficient for election. Terry or I will try to field any questions about this procedure.

Don't get snowed in!



IN HARMONY,

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The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historic evolving roles to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certificating of Guild members.

TRINITY UCC TO HOST CONCERT

Trinity United Church of Christ, Tiffin, hosts its seventh annual Benefit Concert, Sunday, Feb. 21, 4:00 pm. As we settle into the dreary winter days of northwest Ohio, we need something to boost our spirits! Under the title, "Awake, Thou Wintry Earth," the musicians of Trinity Church are cooking up a feast for our ears. This concert will feature all of Trinity's standing groups: Chancel Choir, two Hand bell choirs, and Praise Band. There will also be a hymn improvisation by Doug McConnell (piano) and the solo "Let the Bright Seraphim" (from Handel's oratorio *Samson*) by Heidelberg student, soprano Kara Barker. A very special feature for this concert will be the addition of a brass quintet, comprised of Heidelberg students and Trinity's choir director, Mike Hampp. They will play in several combinations: with organ, with bells, and with choir.

Each year since 2004, the musicians of Trinity Church have used music to raise funds for a worthy cause. We have found that, when we work together to help those in need, we help ourselves, as well. The recent tragic earthquake in Haiti has given us an imperative to work as hard as we can and be as generous as we can. The proceeds from this concert will be sent to **One Great Hour of Sharing for Haiti Earthquake Relief**.

Joan McConnell, Organist and Music Coordinator, Trinity UCC, Tiffin

KEGGENHOFF TO PERFORM AT ROSARY CATHEDRAL

German organist, Christoph Keggenhoff, will perform on Sunday, March 14 at 3:00 P.M. at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, 2535 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo. His program will include works by J. S. Bach, Cesár Franck, and August Ritter.

Keggenhoff is organist of the Imperial Cathedral in Speyer. Besides his extensive duties as organist he conducts the Schola Cantorum Saliensis, which he founded. He is also the organ expert of the diocese of Speyer and is active as a teacher of organ performance and Gregorian chant. He has concertized throughout Europe and the United States. He has recorded several CDs of organ music and Gregorian chant.

The concert is free and open to the public. A free will offering to support the Concert Series will be taken. Ample parking is available. Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral is located at 2535 Collingwood Blvd.

JAMES DAVID CHRISTIE AT FIRST CHURCH

On Saturday, March 13, at 3 p.m. at First Church, U.C.C. in Oberlin, world renowned organist and concert artist James David Christie and an ensemble of highly acclaimed faculty and student instrumentalists from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music will present a concert to benefit Family Promise/Interfaith Hospitality Network, an organization that helps homeless families stay together, find housing and jobs and become independent. The need for families in Lorain County remains urgent.

Professor Christie, who teaches at Oberlin Conservatory of Music, will perform *Toccata in D Major* and *Toccata and Fugue in D Minor* by J. S. Bach, as well as works by Haydn and Dvorak with the string ensemble. Professor Marilyn McDonald, who will lead the string ensemble, also teaches at Oberlin Conservatory and has performed and recorded widely. JinHee Kim and Simone Gheller, award winning Artist Diploma organ students of Professor Christie, will offer virtuoso solo works and will perform works by Jan Koetsier and Frank Martin with David Barford, English horn and Melanie Williams, flute. The Cauffiel Organ at First Church was built in 2005 by Halbert Gober of Gober Organs, Inc. and is considered one of the finest instruments of this century.

This concert on Saturday, March 13, at three o'clock is a gift to the community and to Family Promise. Admission is free; however, an offering will be taken at the event. Family Promise hopes the audience will respond to the performers' generosity with generosity of their own!

First Church, U.C.C., in Oberlin is located at the corner of Main and Lorain Streets, across from Tappan Square, the center of the town. Parking is available behind the church as well as across Main St. in the Langston Middle School parking lot.

If you cannot attend but wish to contribute, checks may be written to Family Promise, and sent either to First Church in Oberlin, 106 N. Main St. or to Family Promise, Box 179 in Elyria, 44036. Your donation will help homeless families.

SCHOLARSHIP RECITAL INFO

The March Recital Featuring 2009 AGO Scholarship Winners and students of Dr. Vernon Wolcott will be held Sunday, March 21, 3:00 pm at Community of Christ Lutheran Church, 6517 Finzel Rd, Whitehouse, OH. A freewill offering will be collected to benefit the Toledo AGO Organ Study Scholarship Fund.

We will need donations of cookies and punch for a reception to follow the recital. Please contact Pam Davis at 419-472-1003 or music@commofchrist.org.



FESTIVAL OF LITURGICAL ARTS

Christ Church Hudson, First Church Hudson and Western Reserve Academy will co-host the Festival of Liturgical Arts of the Western Reserve (FLAWR) June 16-20, 2010. The Festival was created for clergy, musicians and all others who plan and execute worship in parishes and churches. Our mission is to celebrate the liturgy of the church through worship, education and fellowship by bringing the leading preachers, teachers and musicians together to offer their gifts and share their experiences. FLAWR is a five-day synthesis of worship, workshops, discussions and master classes for musicians and clergy who are devoted to the continual development of their craft.

Clinicians and artists for FLAWR are chosen for their expertise and their ability to provide hands-on interaction with participants. Our goal is that each participant can leave FLAWR inspired by what they have experienced and with the knowledge and tools to build on that inspiration. Worship is a central focus of FLAWR – participants will experience a wide variety of worship experiences ranging from traditional Morning Prayer led with plainsong chant to a service of Jazz Vespers featuring the music of Duke Ellington. Music will be led by guest clinicians, and the Festival Chorus and Chamber Orchestra. Selected participants of master classes will participate in leading the Festival worship services. All worship services are free and open to the public.

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ATTENTION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Please get your recital pieces to Pam Davis by March 10.

You can also begin contacting her for rehearsal times.

You can contact Pam Davis by e-mail at

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CONGRATULATIONS GRANT!

Scholarship winner, Grant Wohl has been chosen as the organ scholar for the Pueri Cantores festival in Detroit, Michigan on March 6, 2010. Grant will provide prelude music for a special liturgy featuring a children's choir composed of students from Michigan and Ohio. He will perform "Toccata" by Gigout at the Most Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron is the celebrant and Dr. John Romeri from the cathedral in St. Louis will be the conductor.

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NEWSLETTER & E-MAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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NEW BOARD MEMBER BIO

Barbara Dulmage is currently Organist/Choirmaster of Collingwood Presbyterian Church, formerly acting in a similar capacity in Toledo for Trinity Episcopal Church and, briefly, Christ the King Roman Catholic Church. She is also a Certified Soul Coach and ordained Peace Minister, and in her spare time enjoys writing, editing, and walking her sweet Cairn Terrier, Simon!

ST. MARK'S BG TO HOST CONCERT

On March 21, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Bowling Green will present the Concerto in G minor for organ, strings, and timpani by Francis Poulenc with members of the Toledo Symphony and Director of Music, Kevin McGilll on the church's newly refurbished four manual organ. Other works on the concert by Mozart, Rutter, and Ackerly will feature Pam Davis - organ, and Hobart Johnson - narrator. This concert is free and open to the public.

Random Dipings

Benefit Recital: A recital to benefit the repair and restoration of the Holtkamp organ at Collingwood Presbyterian Church, will be held at the church on Sunday evening, February 28, at 7:00 p.m. Jeff and Lydia Horvath, accompanied by Barbara Dulmage, will present a concert of secular and sacred favorites. Freewill donations will be accepted for the organ repair fund.

AGO National Convention News: July 4-8, 2010, in Washington D.C. Visit www.AGO2010.org to register. Our local chapter is working on a plan to provide financial help to our collegiate members. Stay tuned for more information.

Please update your Yearbook: Sr. Mary Ellen Nagle has a new phone number - 419-539-0226.

Pictures on the right: Taken at our AGO Epiphany Party in Janaury.

Michael Gartz will present a faculty organ recital on the 1908 Hutchings-Votey organ at Adrian College, on Monday, March 15th at 8:00 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public. For more details visit: www.adriancollegemusic.org. For driving directions see: www.adrian.edu/admissions/directions.php."



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