

The Prelude

September 2009



MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

DEAR FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES,

The first day of Autumn is just a few weeks away and we're already eyeing some of those Advent selections we set aside last year. Our calendars - losing some of the weight of weddings - may be reminding us of some of the housekeeping chores that will need attention. Is it time to get those pianos tuned?

Speaking of calendars. Many of you have been asking about dates for this year's programs for the Chapter. Although there is always some fine tuning to accomplish, here are some dates and some preliminary information for you.

Our Fall Gathering is set for Friday evening September 11, 6 o'clock at my place. Location: 4145 Northmoor Road in West Toledo (Ottawa Hills). Take Pembroke off of West Central. Bear right immediately onto Northmoor. House down on the left. The plan is for a picnic style buffet. We'll have a goodly supply of chicken, pulled pork and Beth's famous Baked Beans (not all in one pot). It is suggested - to fill out the menu - members whose last names begin with A - M are invited to bring a side dish; N - Z, a dessert. We'll have tables out also for you to share and browse through a quantity of very usable music and teaching resources. Maybe we can get our Sub Dean to play a duet with himself on our two *Yamahas* (!). Although there should be ample room inside, weather permitting, the yard will be available and the pool will remain open (and heated) for any who would enjoy a swim. If you haven't yet called in to let us know you are coming, just give me a call or email. (Marilyn Hazard - who has been taking calls - is going to be enjoying some time away from Toledo the first part of the month.)

Responding to suggestions from many of you, the Board is planning a Crawford County "Organ Crawl" on October 25, in conjunction with the faculty recital of **Joan McConnell**. Joan, who

teaches at Heidelberg, will be performing at Trinity UCC in Tiffin. Other churches we will visit are St Mary Church - also in Tiffin - and Saint Wendelin Church in Fostoria. We can discuss car-pooling at our September meeting.

Chapter sponsored Scholarship Auditions are set for Sunday, October 11 at 2 pm at Community of Christ Lutheran Church, Whitehouse, OH. Pam Davis has details on this important activity.

It should be noted that this year's organ program planned by the Euterpaen Music Club will be at Toledo's Blessed Sacrament Church on October 27. For more on this, contact Barbara Craig or any member of the organization.

Sub Dean Terry is very enthusiastic about his choice for the November meeting: **Calvin Taylor**. The program will provide us with some superb listening and some repertoire suggestions as well. A final location is still being arranged. We'll get details at our first meeting.

There is nothing specific on the calendar for December. The Board likes the idea of an informal "Epiphany Celebration" gathering in early January. Keep tuned.

On the afternoon of January 31, we will welcome as our guest presenter **Trudy Faber** of Wittenberg University in Springfield, OH. Coming highly recommended by several of our Guild members, her program will be "*Bach And The Dance*." Speaking about the topic, Professor Faber writes: "Did Bach dance? Perhaps. But more importantly, does his music when performed? Understanding Baroque dances and recognizing how Bach used the rhythms, accents, and styles of these dances can effectively resolve questions about tempo, articulation and pulse and therefore make possible a more vibrant and stylistic performance." She has been traveling in Scandinavia studying worship and

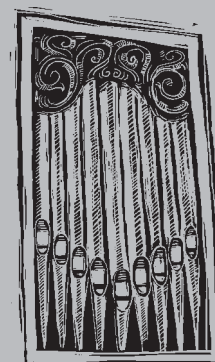
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playing recitals. The Dayton AGO will be hosting her in March. Paul Marion has made arrangements for us to meet at his church - St. Michael-in-the-Hills Episcopal - for this exciting program.

Our ever-popular event for the younger set - **Pedals, Pipes & Pizza** - will take place this year on Saturday, Feb. 20 from 9:00- 12 noon. (Snow date: March 6.) The newly restored - and augmented - AEolion (Opus 1647, built in 1927) will be featured at Toledo's Augsburg Lutheran Church on Sylvania Avenue. The church is reportedly "eager to have the AGO." Pastor Matthy has let it be known that the organ should be thought of as belonging to the community and the organists of the area. The organ work was done by The Emery Brothers, Inc., of Allentown, PA. Steve Emery has graciously agreed to be on hand to present the instrument to our young visitors.

It should be noted that Paul Monachino is working on plans for an organ concert at the Cathedral, probably on March 14. While not a Chapter-sponsored event, I'm sure we will want to hear the details as they become available.

Our membership will be turning out in full force for our **Scholarship Winners Recital** to be held at the Community of Christ Lutheran Church in Whitehouse. This will begin at 4 o'clock the afternoon of Sunday, March 21.

At this time we have nothing scheduled for April. (Easter blooms on April 4.)

A time and place for our annual Banquet is still in the planning stage. Stay tuned.

I've perhaps said more than I needed to about some of these programs. However, I feel that our Chapter, to continue to be alive and well must support in every possible way the experiences that lift up the organ and provide opportunities for rewarding learning and spiritual growth. What do you think?

I've been collecting from many of you favorite comments on/ definitions of MUSIC. Continue to send these to me and we'll include them in future newsletters.

I look forward to greeting you September 11.

IN HARMONY,

Rev. William O. Gill, Dean

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14th ANNUAL **PEDALS, PIPES and PIZZA**

for students grades 5 – 12
(parents are welcome to stay for the presentation)

Saturday, February 20, 2010

9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Augsburg Lutheran Church

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Can you identify the location of this instrument our Dean (in his younger years) is playing? It is a Wicks. 30 ranks. Installed (our Dean thinks) around 1962-63. Northwest Ohio church.

First member whose postcard our Dean receives with the correct answer will receive the compact disc recording: *Hornsmoke* - the "Brass Music of Peter Schickele" - performed by The Chestnut Brass Company and Peter.



Pictures from "Under the Stars"



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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership is open to all interested in the organ. To become a member of the Toledo Chapter, contact Kathy Dennis at: kldennis926@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER & E-MAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



New Student Members Welcome!

Christopher Beach – Tiffin, OH
Joseph Extejt – transfer from New York
Kathleen Kauffman – Adrian, MI
D.F.Vincent – Westland, MI

Available...



Erie Presbyterian Church, of Erie, Michigan, is looking for a pianist and/or organist to take the place of their present pianist who is leaving. The position would entail playing for the 10:00 Service a Prelude, Offertory, Postlude, and accompany four hymns, chosen by the pastor. Also, the Gloria Patri and Doxology. Visit their church website at www.eriefirstpresbyterianchurch.com or feel free to call Rev. Brenda Wilkison at 734-654-6803.

FREE Baldwin Organ, 2 manual, 25 pedal, cherrywood finish, good condition. Would be a good practice organ for a student. It takes floor space of 53" by 54". Phone Linda Moore 419-693-0091 p.s. If you need help with delivery of this organ, phone Musil Movers at 419-260-3669.



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For students in Grades 7 - 12

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TOLEDO CHAPTER

Sunday, October 11, 2009

2:00 pm

**at Community of Christ Lutheran Church
6517 Finzel Rd (corner of Dutch and Finzel)
Whitehouse, OH**

General Scholarship Amounts to be given up to \$500.

All awards are given at the discretion of the judges.

Anyone who has received a scholarship 2 years in a row will be limited to a \$100 award.

**The \$500 award is given to the top High School qualifier
and can only be received once by the same person.**

Scholarship monies are to be used for organ lessons from a member of the Toledo AGO
and will be made payable to the student's instructor.

Applicant Requirements:

Each applicant will prepare two contrasting pieces (limited to 10 minutes total)
and a hymn of their choice. They will also be asked to sight-read a hymn.

Students auditioning for the first time may play their audition on the piano.

Up to 1 hour of practice time will be scheduled for each student.

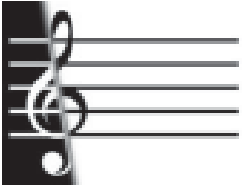
Please **do not** call the church to arrange this time, as Pam Davis will schedule this with you.

Each applicant must complete and submit the attached form
and a letter of recommendation from their private instructor, pastor, or church musician.

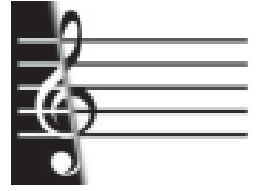
The application and letter of referral must be mailed by
October 1, 2009 to:

Pam Davis
AGO Scholarship Auditions
2403 Westbrook Drive
Toledo, OH 43613
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**Scholarship winners will perform in the
Toledo AGO Scholarship Winners Recital
March 21, 2010, 4 pm at
Community of Christ Lutheran Church.**



Toledo Chapter AGO Scholarship Audition Application 2009



Applicant's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Current Instructor: _____

2 Pieces to be performed (limited to 10 minutes):

Hymn to be performed: _____

Please describe your music background and your future musical interests.

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