

AGO Toledo

bridging our musical past and future...



# *The Prelude*

February 2016

## **DEAN'S MESSAGE**

It's almost the end of January and Mother Nature has not seen fit to smite us with the full force of winter weather! At least not yet! But can we afford that self-satisfying smirk as we watch our neighbors to the South and East digging out after their blizzard?! *What goes around.....*

We enjoyed a very informative program on January 25th at Sylvania UM Church as we sang through some fine choral anthems. Presenters included Denise and Mark Mathias and me. I made notes on a few of them for my own future reference! Mark Muller of *Muller Pipe Organs* was present to tell us about the recent updates and revisions made to the church's 1978 Schantz organ. It sounds very fine—right down to the new zimbelstern! Mark also gave a bit of a preview of the *April Organ Excursion* that he will lead us on in southern Michigan.

Don't miss our February program at Community of Christ Lutheran in Whitehouse. It will feature the return of Aaron David Miller to the area in a program of silent movie accompaniment with the Reuter organ. More appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

As I mentioned above, we will venture out on April 15<sup>th</sup> for an organ excursion. To facilitate advanced transportation planning, it would be good to know how many folks are planning to participate. If you could let me know that you plan to join us, I will begin making my list. Contact me at [cipher241@hotmail.com](mailto:cipher241@hotmail.com), or leave a message at 419-352-2329.

On another subject.....as I was attempting to stow away my Christmas decorations I realized that I have a "hoarding problem!" I have kept all the issues of *The American Organist* magazine since I joined the guild in 1976! As you can imagine, they really take up space in my closets! They are soon going to recycling, even though it may leave an emotional scar! If anyone would like any (or all) of them, let me know. They're going soon!

See you at our next program!

*Neil Kraft, Dean*



## Toledo AGO Contact Info

Neil Kraft, Dean	419-352-4195 <a href="mailto:musicliturgy@stalbg.org">musicliturgy@stalbg.org</a>
Mark S. Mathias, Sub Dean	419-708-6953 <a href="mailto:msmathias@yahoo.com">msmathias@yahoo.com</a>
Susan Craig, Secretary	419-246-8674 <a href="mailto:craigweg@aol.com">craigweg@aol.com</a>
Pam Davis, Treasurer	419-877-0607 <a href="mailto:music@commofchrist.org">music@commofchrist.org</a>
Joan McConnell, Membership Chair	419-455-4666 <a href="mailto:jmconne@heidelberg.edu">jmconne@heidelberg.edu</a>

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all who are interested in the organ. To become a member of the Toledo Chapter, contact Joan McConnell, Membership Chair.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit articles, news, concerts, or vacant positions, contact:

**Email:** Kathy Rupp

[kathy.rupp744@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.rupp744@gmail.com)

**Newsletter:** Melissa Flowers

[mflowers@findlaystmichael.org](mailto:mflowers@findlaystmichael.org)

### WEBSITE

[www.toledoago.org](http://www.toledoago.org)

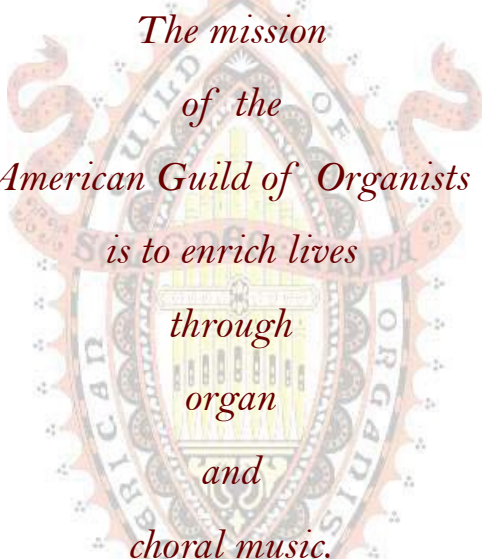


Hello  
February.

Please submit articles for the March *Prelude*  
by February 25th. Thank you!

*Melissa Flowers*

[mflowers@findlaystmichael.org](mailto:mflowers@findlaystmichael.org)



*The mission  
of the  
American Guild of Organists  
is to enrich lives  
through  
organ  
and  
choral music.*

## TOLEDO CHAPTER AGO

### Programming for 2015-2016

**Saturday, February 20, 2016 – SILENT MOVIE NIGHT – Aaron David Miller, organ**

7:00 PM – Collaborating with Church Concert Series

Community of Christ Lutheran Church, Whitehouse, Ohio, Finzel at Dutch Roads (Reuter organ)

**Sunday, March 6, 2016 – ANNUAL STUDENT RECITAL – Scholarship Awards**

3 PM—Christ Presbyterian Church, Sylvania Avenue, Toledo (Casavant organ)

**Friday, April 15, 2016 – ORGAN EXCURSION led by Mark Muller**

Visiting Muller Organ projects in Detroit suburbs and Southern Michigan

Lunch along the way -Van transportation provided – Costs and details coming later!

**Sunday, May 22, 2016 – SPRING CONCERT AND POTLUCK – Jacob Taylor, organist**

4 PM – Organ recital at Trinity Episcopal Church, downtown Toledo (Skinner/Casavant organ)

Chapter potluck dinner to follow in church social room —Chapter will furnish entrée and beverages

---

**Marilyn Jean Richard**, 77, of Westhope died Monday, January 4, 2016 at her residence. She was born April 24, 1938 in Westhope to the late Robert and Lucille (Swisher) Shively. On June 30, 1957 she married Paul "Pinky" Richard at Westhope Bible Church and he preceded her in death July 15, 2002. Music was a big part of Marilyn's life and she was an accomplished musician. She loved giving piano and organ lessons to many children over her lifetime. She also was the bookkeeper for her husband's business, Richard Oil and Richard's Union 76 of McClure. She was lifetime member of Westhope Bible Church and very active and supportive in all the church's activities. She was also a member of Gideons International Auxiliary; Mental Progress Circle; Concert Ministries International Choir; and American Guild of Organists.



*Marilyn Richard taught piano and organ to many students, including Jacob Taylor and Melissa Flowers, who were both Toledo Chapter AGO scholarship recipients. Marilyn will truly be missed!*



**Saturday,  
February 20, 2016  
7pm**

# CHARLIE CHAPLIN IN THE GOLD RUSH

**Cartoon shorties and a  
silent movie with old  
fashioned organ  
accompaniment.  
Fun-filled entertainment  
for the whole family.**



**AARON  
DAVID  
MILLER  
Organist**

**CO-SPONSOR:**

**The Toledo Chapter of the American Guild of Organists**

**Community of Christ Lutheran Church  
6517 Finzel Road  
(corner of Dutch and Finzel)  
Whitehouse, OH 43571  
419-877-0607  
[www.commofchrist.org](http://www.commofchrist.org)**

On Saturday, Feb 20 at 7pm, Community of Christ Lutheran Church presents organist Aaron David Miller accompanying the Charlie Chaplin silent movie comedy *The Gold Rush*. Aaron is one of the best at accompanying these oldies on the organ with 1920s flair. Join us for an old-fashioned evening of entertainment! Freewill offering. Community of Christ Lutheran Church, 6517 Finzel Rd. (corner of Dutch and Finzel), Whitehouse OH 43571, 419-877-0607, [www.commofchrist.org](http://www.commofchrist.org)





**2016 AGO National Convention** will be in Houston, Texas, from June 19-23. All the information is in the TAO, or available at [www.agohq.org](http://www.agohq.org).

# Music to Die for

Sunday, February 7, 3 PM

*Michael Gartz, Ann Corrigan and Jeff Bunke offer a (sometimes tongue-in-cheek) tour of music associated with death and funerals - not nearly so glum and dour as one might first think!*

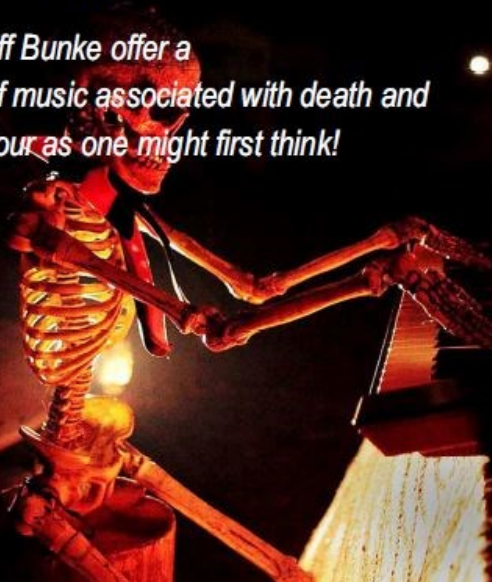
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

871 East Boundary Street

Perrysburg, OH 43551

[saint-timothy.net](http://saint-timothy.net)

**St. Tim's  
DISCOVERS**



## **AGO PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTERS PROVIDE YOUTH AND ADULTS WITH OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTENSIVE STUDY OF THE KING OF INSTRUMENTS**

**Nine Summer Programs for Teenagers and Adults Will Be Supported with Generous Funding from the Associated Pipe Organ Builders of America, the American Institute of Organbuilders, and the Jordan Organ Endowment**

NEW YORK CITY—The American Guild of Organists (AGO) is proud to announce seven PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTERS (POEs) for students aged 13–18, one POE (Advanced) for students entering grades 9–12; and one POE+ for adults in 2016. Complete contact information for each weeklong Pipe Organ Encounter can be found in *The American Organist* Magazine and online at [www.agohq.org](http://www.agohq.org). The summer schedule follows:

### **POE for ages 13–18**

June 26–July 1, Waverly, Iowa

July 10–15, Northampton, Mass.

July 17–22, Lexington, Ky.

July 24–29, Baltimore, Md.

July 24–29, Atlanta, Ga.

July 25–30, Salt Lake City, Utah

August 7–13, Palo Alto, Calif.

### **POE (Advanced) for grades 9–12**

July 10–15, Cincinnati, Ohio

### **POE+ for adults**

July 10–14, Grantham, Pa.

The PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTER (POE) is an introduction to the pipe organ through instruction in organ playing, repertoire, history, design, and construction. These regional summer music institutes for teenage students provide private and group instruction in service playing and solo repertoire, opportunities to learn about the musical heritage of various religious denominations, and a chance for young musicians to meet others with similar interests. Piano or organ proficiency ranging from intermediate to advanced is required. Scholarship assistance is available.

The POE (Advanced) provides intermediate to advanced classes in areas such as organ literature, history, pipe organ construction and design, music theory, improvisation, conducting, and service playing for students who have achieved a high level of success in organ study. Scholarship assistance is available.

The POE+ is a summer program filled with practical information and instruction for adult keyboard musicians interested in improving their service-playing skills. Participants will be introduced to basic organ skills through private instruction and classes. The weeklong experience will lead to greater confidence and competence at the organ.

Generous funding from the Associated Pipe Organ Builders of America (APOBA), the American Institute of Organbuilders (AIO), and the Jordan Organ Endowment will support the summer programs from coast to coast. “The AGO and APOBA have enjoyed a mutually beneficial relationship since 1975,” declared AGO Executive Director James Thomashower. “Likewise, the AIO has been active in supporting the Guild’s educational programs, beginning with their partnership in Pulling Out All the Stops, a video produced jointly by the AGO, AIO, APOBA, the Organ Historical Society, and the American Theater Organ Society in 1996. Collectively, APOBA and the AIO have contributed more than a half million dollars in support of the AGO’s educational programs during our long association. In addition, we are delighted to have received a ten-year commitment of support from the Jordan Organ Endowment at Columbus State University for our POE program. For all this committed generosity in supporting the Guild’s mission—to enrich lives through organ and choral music—we are deeply grateful.” ■

**POE site locations are selected by the AGO Committee on the New Organist and approved by the AGO National Council after application by AGO host chapters. Applications are available from AGO National Headquarters. The application deadline is April 15.**

**AGO TOLEDO MEMBERS' DIRECTORY FOR 2015-16**

Please make the following correction in your copy of the *Membership Directory*. And thanks again for helping me get this as accurate as possible!

**Sally Mossing's** phone number is incorrect. Delete the number given and add:

419-644-2700 **Home**

419-882-0048 **Church**

USPS delivery: If you (or someone you know) would prefer to receive the monthly *Prelude* by mail, please notify Anne Doerfler (419-385-4632), who takes care of mailings. Or you can let me know, and I'll pass it along to her.

Thanks, everyone! Keep those corrections coming as you find errors!

*Joan McConnell*

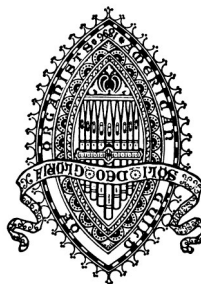
Membership Chair

[jmcconne@heidelberg.edu](mailto:jmcconne@heidelberg.edu)

419-455-4666



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Toledo Chapter AGO  
Anne Doerfler  
4112 Talwood Lane  
Toledo OH 43606

THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS