



The Prelude

April 2025



Dear Toledo Chapter members,

On Sunday, March 23 the audience was treated to performances by 6 of our scholarship winners. They all gave fine performances that demonstrated their progress. I was reminded of something that organists often take for granted - there are lots of things to think about before the hands and feet get going: adjust the bench, select a memory level, push a piston or set registration - then

settle in for the performance. And this is especially the case with many performers following one another. Kudos to all of the scholarship recipients for a job well done!

Thanks to Kathy Mumy for arranging the auditions last October and the concert. This program involves a great deal of organization, emails, and scheduling. Well worth the effort and we appreciate Kathy's leadership in this important Chapter activity.

The Chapter presented a one year membership in the American Guild of Organists to each student. The Chapter thanks Fr. Jeff Bunke for underwriting the membership fees this year.

It was with some disappointment that our Pedals, Pipes and Pizza program was cancelled. Brandon Vennink and his committee learned a great deal in the planning process and my understanding is that another program will be scheduled next year.

Check out the information in this newsletter about our final program for the season. Guest are invited and this would be a great opportunity to reach out to a potential Chapter member!

Libby Saxton and Wayne Whitten, our program planning committee, are beginning to arrange programs for next year.

Have a suggestion? Contact them with your thoughts!

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May Chapter Event

Friday, May 30

4:00 PM

Toledo Museum of Art

The evening will begin with a docent led tour of music related items in the museum collection. Following the tour we will head to the museum cafe where a special menu will be available for our group. Members will pay for their meals. Mark your calendar for this "Musical Night at the Museum."

RSVP to toledoago419@gmail.com by May 22.

American Guild of Organists, Toledo Chapter
Student Recital
Sunday, March 23, 2025
St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee Healey Willard
Trumpet Tune Janet Correy

Ann Whitta
(Ann is a student of Lei Ray Yu.)

Elegy Alfred Fedak
Toccata in C Minor Johann Gottfried Walther

Nicandres Hernandez
(Nicandres is a student of Brandon Vennink.)

Verset Leon Boellman
Prelude & Fugue in F Major J.S. Bach

Carlos Bowers
(Carlos is a student of Matthew Wachtman.)

Herzliebster Jesu Helmut Walther
Toccata in F Dietrich Buxtehude

Justin Drees
(Justin is a student of Pamela Stover.)

Rising Passacaglia Frederick Stock
Praeludium in C, BuxWV137 Dietrich Buxtehude

Lukas Sadowski
(Lukas is a student of Melissa Davis.)

Toccata in E Minor Johann Pachelbel
Fanfare Jacques-Nicolas Lemme

James Thomas Daly V
(James is a student of Charlotte Mariasy.)





In memoriam Lyle Hecklinger

Lyle passed away on February 16, 2025 following a fall in his home and a brief hospitalization. He was a longtime member of the Chapter and past Dean. Lyle was organist at a number of area churches over the course of 50+ years: Rosary Cathedral, 15 years at both St. Mark's and St. Matthew's Episcopal, then 18 years at St. Timothy's in Perrysburg from where he retired. He remained active as a substitute. In addition to his musical skills, Lyle pursued a degree in accounting and was a CPA. More recently he served our Chapter as an auditor. Those who knew him described him as a gentleman with a quick wit, a highly talented organist and a good friend.

2024-2025 Toledo Chapter Programs

“to foster a thriving community”

Sunday, September 8 – 3:00 PM

Installation of Officers

Followed by a potluck in the parish center

Rosary Cathedral, Toledo

Saturday, October 19 – 10 AM- 12 noon

Choral Techniques for Church Choirs with Dr. Micah Bland, University of Toledo

Park Congregational Church, 1456 Harvard Blvd., Toledo

Sarah Wade, host

Sunday, October 20– 3:00 PM – Scholarship Auditions

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, Toledo

Friday, November 8 - 6:00 PM Shabbat Service

followed by a meeting with cantor Jen Roher

Temple Shomer Emunim

6453 W. Sylvania Ave. Toledo

Monday, January 13th – Game Night

7:00 pm

Saint Joseph Parish East Campus (6516 Ravine Dr. Sylvania, OH 43560)

Sunday, February 2, 2025

3:00 PM

Svyati Duo

Rebecca Hepplewhite, cello

Julian Collings, organ

Rosary Cathedral

2535 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo

(co-sponsor with the Cathedral Concert Series)

Saturday, March 1, 2025

9:00 AM - 12 noon

Pipes, Pedals and Pizza

First Presbyterian Church, Findlay, Ohio

Registration info coming soon.

Scholarship Student Recital

Sunday, March 23, 2025

3:00 PM

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, Toledo

Student recital featuring Chapter organ scholarship winners and student instrumentalists from member's churches. *If you have students that perform with you consider asking them to perform on this program.*

Strings, woodwinds, brass, etc.

Reception to follow

Friday, May 30 - 4:00 PM

Musical Tour of the TMA followed by dinner.

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Items for the Newsletter are due by the 25th of the preceeding month. Send items to toledoagonewsletter@gmail.com and deantoledo419@gmail.com.

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