

AGO Toledo

bridging our musical past and future...



The Prelude

May 2016

DEAN'S MESSAGE

I'm sure that everyone is breathing a sigh of relief now that spring seems finally to have sprung! Easter was glorious, both with its weather and with the musical sounds coming forth from our worship environments! Then, all of a sudden we seemed to step back into January with 6-8 inches of snow! Well, it's onward and upward from here....I hope!

Last Friday, April 15th, we enjoyed our third organ crawl (tour) in recent years. About 20 of us enjoyed seeing, hearing and playing three instruments from the Muller Company located in various parts of Michigan. They included organs at St. Peter Lutheran in Macomb, St. Michael Episcopal in Grosse Pointe Woods and, on the way back south, the organ at St. Mary Catholic Church in Monroe. The enthusiasm shared during the course of the day makes me think our chapter members really enjoy these excursions! Many thanks to Mark Muller and Jacob Henry, our tour leader and drivers for the day!



The final event of our program year will take place on Sunday, May 22nd at Trinity Episcopal Church in downtown Toledo. We will begin at 4:00pm with an organ concert by another of our "chapter sons," Jacob Taylor, who is now pursuing doctoral studies at Eastman. Following his program, we will share dinner together on site. There is more detailed information about this program and dinner elsewhere in this newsletter. Since this will be my final program as Chapter Dean, I'd personally love to see many of you there!

Speaking of which, I hope everyone has responded to the ballot for next year's officers that you should have received by now. Those officers and Executive Board members would really like to hear from you regarding program ideas as well! You will also find a page of annual dues information in this publication. Don't forget to pay your dues.....they keep our chapter operating!
See you in the *Merry Month of May!*



Neil Kraft, Dean

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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

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WEBSITE

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Toledo AGO at the Peristyle!

On Saturday, May 21, from 2-4pm, several of our Toledo Chapter members will be performing at the Peristyle. The performers include:

- ♦ Brian Bogdanowitz
- ♦ Joan McConnell
- ♦ Nancy Russell
- ♦ Stephen Smith
- ♦ George and Marilyn Blackney

Please come out and support your fellow colleagues!



TOLEDO CHAPTER SPRING CONCERT AND POTLUCK

Jacob Taylor, organist**Sunday, May 22, 2016****4:00pm****Trinity Episcopal Church****316 Adams St., Toledo**

The Toledo Chapter "spring potluck dinner" will follow in the church social room.

The Chapter will furnish the entrée and beverages.

Please RSVP for the dinner by Saturday, May 14th to our secretary

Sue Craig (419-246-8674, craigweg@aol.com)

and include what dish you plan to bring.



Originally from Deshler, OH, Jacob Taylor is currently a doctoral candidate at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY, where he studies organ with Professor David Higgs and works as a Music Theory Teaching Assistant. In addition, Jacob is Music Director and Organist at First Baptist Church of Penfield. He holds a Master of Music degree from Indiana University Bloomington and a Bachelor of Music degree from Wheaton College, IL. His past organ teachers include Dr. Christopher Young, Bruce Neswick (improvisation), Dr. Edward Zimmerman and Randolph Currie. In 2014, Jacob was a winner of the AGO Pogorzelski-Yankee Memorial Scholarship.

Dues...

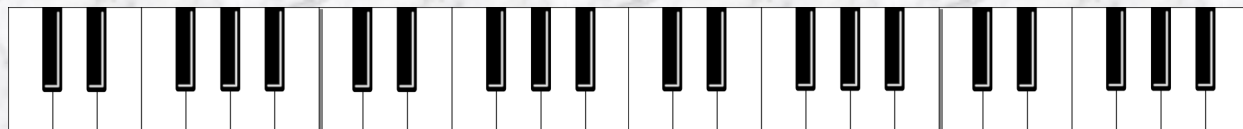
It is dues renewal season, and national will be emailing or mailing invoices soon. Below is the rate table supplied by national. I have included the amounts that are the chapter portion of your dues. Notice under "Chapter Friend" dues I have added a "Senior" amount. National does not recognize this amount of \$31.50, so if you have a need to pay this rate, you will need to send it directly to me at PO Box 349 Waterville, OH 43566. If you have questions, please contact me, Pam Davis, at music@commofchrist.org or 419-346-0279. You are all welcome to mail your dues directly to me. Some of your dues renewal dates have been moved to different months, according to when you paid last. If you do not receive an invoice in the next month it is because your renewal date was moved by national.

Please make checks payable to AGO Toledo Chapter.

Chapter & Independent Member Dues	Total Due	(Chapter Portion)
Regular	\$100	(\$39.00)
Special (age 65 or over, under 21, or disabled)	\$75	(\$31.50)
Partner (2nd member at same address, no TAO)	\$75	(\$31.50)
Student (with student id)	\$40	(\$13.00)
Other Member Dues		
Dual Chapter (paid to second chapter)	\$39	
Student Dual Chapter (paid to second chapter)	\$13	
Chapter Friend	\$39.00	(\$39.00, Senior \$31.50)
Lifetime Membership*	\$3,000	

Pam Davis

Treasurer



The Ypsilanti Pipe Organ Festival presents

Nathan Laube in Concert

FRIDAY, MAY 6 | 7:00 pm
FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

A free-will offering will be taken to benefit the Ypsilanti Youth Orchestra.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF YPSILANTI

300 N. Washington Street, Ypsilanti, MI

Contact:

St. Lucas Lutheran Church
419-243-8189

745 Walbridge Ave.
Toledo, OH 43609
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**St. Lucas Lutheran
Church****St. Lucas Lutheran Church Hosts The Toledo
Symphony Brass Quintet for Mother's Day**

Benefit concert will raise funds to support church community ministries.

Toledo, Ohio May 8, 2016: In recognition of 130 years of providing service to the community, St. Lucas Lutheran Church, 745 Walbridge Ave. Toledo, OH 43609, will host The Toledo Symphony Brass Quintet in an afternoon concert on May 8, 2016 at 4pm. The concert will be held in the Cathedral-esque Gothic Revival main sanctuary. The funds will be used to further the ministries of three groups at St. Lucas. First: Cindy's Corner Outreach which provides care products for babies & small children, counseling services for adults, and referrals to other agencies. Second: Cindy's Corner Café provides a free lunch every Tue, Wed, and Thurs for everyone. Third: The St. Lucas Youth Group, which provides a safe and caring program of activities throughout the year and travel to national Lutheran youth gatherings every three years.

A wine and hors d'oeuvre reception will be held in the chapel and archive area of the lower level of the church.

The facility is handicap accessible. Handicap parking is in the lot next to the church with access to the elevator into the sanctuary and lower level. There is additional parking across the street. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by calling the church office at 419-243-8189, 9am to 3pm, Tues. through Fri. or held for pick up.



Lauraine Carpenter, Trumpet
Thaddeus Archer, Trumpet
Alan Taplin, French Horn
Garth Simmons, Trombone
David Saltzman, Tuba

TOLEDO CHAPTER OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

'Tis the season to say thank you to our departing officers and committee members and to elect the next "class." Please join me in showing appreciation to these outgoing officers:

Neil Kraft, Dean
 Mark Mathias, Sub-Dean
 Sue Craig, Secretary
 Pam Davis, Treasurer



As you can see on the ballot, Neil will join the rank and file of the Executive Committee, Mark will move into the dean's chair and Pam will continue as our treasurer. Sue will continue to be active in our chapter in other ways.

We thank all of these individuals for their service!

The Executive Committee members serve three-year terms. Those going off the committee are Dennis Johns, Denise Mathias and Kathy Rupp. Dennis has agreed to take the office of sub-dean, and Denise has agreed to run for a second term on the committee. Kathy will step down but definitely stay connected to us!

The on-going members of the committee are:

Class of 2017: Ed Duling, Curtis King, Joan McConnell
 Class of 2018: Marilyn Blackney, Melissa Flowers, Craig Whitaker

These are the folks who will plan our next season of events. If you have ideas or suggestions for the coming year's calendar, please get in touch with any of us!

Joan McConnell

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

AGO Toledo Chapter

Official Ballot for Officers and Executive Committee
Spring 2016

Officers (2-year term)

Dean: Mark Mathias _____

Sub-Dean: Dennis Johns _____

Secretary: Melissa Flowers _____

Treasurer: Pam Davis _____

Executive Committee, class of 2018-19 (3-year term)

VOTE FOR THREE

Charles Brown _____

Fr. Jeff Bunke _____

Denise Mathias _____

John Roberts _____

(Please note: Soon-to-be former Dean Neil Kraft will remain on the Executive Committee for a term, *ex officio*. Thanks, Neil!)

Brief bio's of the candidates are on the following page.

*Return ballot by May 15th to
Sue Craig, chapter secretary
2265 Scottwood Ave., Toledo, OH 43620
or send e-mail to: craigweg@aol.com*

Bios of the Candidates

Mark Mathias has served as Director of Music Ministry at Toledo's Christ Presbyterian Church since 2011, where he directs the choirs (Adult, Children's and Handbell) and is the organist. He has served in similar positions in other churches of various denominations (in Ohio, Iowa, Kentucky and West Virginia) and is a former music educator.

Mark holds a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from Malone College (Canton, OH) and a Master's degree in Church Music from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Louisville, KY); he has also earned the AGO's Service Playing Certificate. Mark is the sub-dean of our AGO chapter and previously served as the sub-dean of the Canton, Ohio, chapter.

He "dabbles" a bit in arranging for choir and handbells, and he is the chimes director for the Young Voices of Toledo.

Dennis Johns is Organist and Director of Music and Liturgy at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Maumee. He began there in 2014, having served in a similar capacity at St. Paul's Lutheran (Maumee), where he led the process of purchasing an organ. Prior to his work as a church musician, he had a 14-year stint as Choir Director for Toledo Christian Schools. He joined the AGO in 2011 and has enjoyed meeting colleagues and participating in the varied programs. He has particularly enjoyed opportunities to see, hear and play on a wide variety of instruments.

Melissa Flowers is the Associate Director of Liturgy and Music at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Findlay. Her primary duties at the church, in addition to playing the organ, are leading the Children's Choir, Handbell Choir and small vocal ensembles. She has been involved in the Toledo AGO for eight years.

Pam Davis is the Music Director and Organist/Pianist at Community of Christ Lutheran Church in Whitehouse, where she directs vocal and handbell choirs. She has been a Toledo AGO member since the mid-1980's, when Sr. Mary Ellen Nagle called to invite her to join. Since then she has served many terms on the Executive Board and as scholarship chairperson. One of her favorite memories is of Jacob Taylor experiencing his first "Pedals, Pipes and Pizza" at Trinity Episcopal Church, playing Battle Hymn on the Aeolian Skinner. It's great fun to see where our young organists go in life!

Charles Brown teaches middle school and upper school vocal music at Maumee Valley Country Day School. Previous to this position he worked with Dennis Blubaugh at Musical Resources. He is the organist and handbell choir director at Zion United Methodist Church in south Toledo. Additionally, he sings with the University of Toledo Community Chorus and with the Palm Sunday Choir at Monroe Street United Methodist. He holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Wittenberg University and a Master's degree in Choral Conducting from Bowling Green State University.

Fr. Jeff Bunke is the priest at St. Timothy Episcopal Church in Perrysburg. Underlying his vocation to the priesthood is a deeply-felt commitment to music and its place in worship. His musical background includes being a singer, organist and keyboard musician. He joined our chapter two years ago and participates when his busy schedule allows. He is also a valuable connection to the fun and creative events at St. Tim's; we are glad to have him with us!

Denise Mathias is Director of Music and Organist at Monroe St. United Methodist Church, where her duties also include administrating the church's concert series and directing the church music initiative to the community (Young Voices of Greater Toledo). A long-time member of the AGO, she immediately transferred her membership to Toledo Chapter when arriving in Toledo in 2010! Handbells and children are two of the things she most enjoys about her job, besides playing the organ, of course!

John Roberts is the organist at St. John's Lutheran Church in Fremont. He has been a member of Toledo AGO for forty years; among other credits, he was one of the performers on our August Peristyle concert. He enjoys hearing great choral music and leading traditional liturgical worship.