

The Prelude

August 2016

The American Guild of Organists, Toledo Chapter

Dean's Message

Greetings! I hope that your summer has included the essential three R's (rest, relaxation, and rejuvenation)! I imagine that many of you are now making plans, listening to recordings and practicing music in preparation for the fall.

Our executive committee has also been planning our program calendar for 2016-2017. This dedicated group of individuals has made plans and arrangements for what I believe will be a great year of a variety of activities.

We're still putting the finishing touches on the program, but you will find basic information about most of our events in this newsletter.

Our year will start with a mini-recital and potluck at Holy Rosary Cathedral on Sunday, September 11 at 5pm. October will feature a Progressive Dinner/Recital at three Bowling Green churches. In November, we will have a "Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza" event for young pianists. We will sponsor a Sacred Choral Music Festival for area church choirs/singers in March. Other events include our chapter scholarship auditions, various recitals and our spring banquet.

May thanks to our officers and executive committee members for their work in making this all happen! They are: Marilyn Blackney, Charles Brown, Pam Davis, Ed Duling, Melissa Flowers, Dennis Johns, Curtis King, Neil Kraft, Denise Mathias, Joan McConnell, John Roberts and Craig Whitaker.

I realize that since I've only been in Toledo about five years, some of you may not know much about me. I've served as an organist and/or music director at churches of various denominations for many (too many to count!) years in OH, IA, KY and WV; I am currently the Director of Music Ministry at Toledo's Christ Presbyterian Church. I have degrees in music education and church music. (I've also worked as an educator teaching band and choir.) Previously, I belonged to the Canton AGO chapter, where I served as Sub-Dean. My wife, Denise, is also a church musician. We have three adult daughters, two sons-in-law and a three-year-old grandson that we are very proud of!

One of my goals for this year is to be intentional about making other organists, prospective organists and church musicians aware of our events and chapter and to invite them to a recital or program. Maybe there is someone you know that could possibly benefit, also. Please consider inviting them to one of our programs or introducing them to our chapter. The AGO's mission is to foster a thriving community of musicians who share their knowledge and inspire passion for the organ. Reaching out to others is instrumental in making this happen.

So in keeping with that, I am going to renew my AGO membership immediately after I finish this article! (Yes, I'm late!) I urge you to do the same if you haven't already. God bless!

—Mark Mathias, Dean



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

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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

To submit articles, news, concerts or vacant positions, contact Melissa Flowers, Secretary.

WEBSITE

www.toledoago.org

Upcoming program for September!

Our opening meeting of the year will feature Brent Neuenschwander in a mini-recital at Holy Rosary Cathedral. This will be held on Sunday, September 11 at 5pm. A number of us heard Brent present a phenomenal recital in Findlay this past spring. Brent, the Music Director and Organist at Findlay's First Presbyterian Church, will perform for about 20 minutes on the Cathedral's four-manual Aeolian-Skinner. Brent holds degrees in organ performance from Salem College and the University of North Carolina School of the Arts and has earned the Colleague Certificate (CAGO) of the AGO.

Following the recital, we will enjoy food and fellowship at a potluck dinner and hear reflections on this year's AGO National Convention.

The entrée (pulled pork), drinks and table service will be provided. Please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert to share.

—Mark Mathias, Dean

Upcoming program for October!

Please mark your calendars for Friday, October 14, 2016, 6:30pm for a special program. We will once again be presenting a progressive dinner, which has proven to be a popular event for our chapter. This year we will visit three churches in Bowling Green with mechanical action pipe organs. The evening will go along as follows:

St. John's Episcopal Church - hors d'oeuvres, wine

The new von Beckerath pipe organ (2015) will then be played and demonstrated

St. Aloysius Catholic Church - salad and main course

The 1998 Letourneau organ will be played and demonstrated

First Presbyterian Church - desserts and coffee

The 1985 Leek organ will be played and demonstrated

This program is open to all chapter members and the public. This is a great way to introduce friends, church members and members of your music ministries to the organ. There is, of course, a cost for the dinner, and we will get that information to you as soon as it is determined. We will also let you know who the various performers will be. The RSVP deadline will be Tuesday, October 4th so the caterer can prepare. Please plan to join us and spread the word!

—Neil Kraft and Ed Duling, Coordinators

Toledo Chapter AGO

2016 – 2017

Sun., Sept. 11 5:00pm **Recital & Potluck** Rosary Cathedral, Toledo

Our opening program of the year will begin with a recital by Brent Neuenschwander. Following, we will enjoy a potluck and a brief report by Sue Craig on this year's AGO National Convention.

Fri., Oct. 14 6:30pm **Progressive Dinner** Bowling Green

We are continuing our popular Progressive Dinner/Recital program with three Bowling Green churches: St. John's Episcopal (2015 Von Beckerath); St. Aloysius Catholic (1998 Letourneau); First Presbyterian (1985 Leek).

Sun., Oct. 23 2:00pm **Scholarship Auditions** First Presbyterian, Maumee

Our annual scholarship auditions are open to the public.

Sat., Nov. 5 Time TBA **Pedals, Pipes and Pizza** Glenwood Lutheran, Toledo

This program is designed to introduce children and youth to the pipe organ and will include interactive demonstrations on the church's three-manual Wicks organ. The program will begin in the morning and conclude early afternoon. A pizza lunch will be provided.

Wed., Jan. 4 7:00pm **Dexter Kennedy, recital** Rosary Cathedral, Toledo

This organ recital is sponsored by the Conference of Roman Catholic Cathedral Musicians as part of their annual conference.

Sat./Sun., Jan. 13/14 8:00pm **Paul Jacobs with TSO** The Peristyle, Toledo

This Toledo Symphony Orchestra performance will feature organ soloist Paul Jacobs. Plans are in the works to attend one of the performances as a group and possibly host Paul at a luncheon. (Note: Paul will also present a recital on Sun., Jan. 15 @ 2:30pm at the Peristyle.)

Sat., Mar. 4 Time TBA **Sacred Choral Music Festival** Location TBA

Area church choirs/singers will join together to rehearse and perform a mid-afternoon concert. (Directors do not need to be members of the AGO.) A list of anthems and more information will be available this fall. Bradley Pierson, Director of Choral Activities at the University of Toledo, will conduct this festival.

Sun., Mar. 19 3:00pm **Toledo AGO Student Recital** First Presbyterian, Maumee

Our student scholarship winners and other organ students will perform on First Presbyterian's three-manual Bunn-Minnick.

April/May TBA *Tentative Recital and/or Workshop; Spring Banquet*

ROSARY CATHEDRAL CONCERTS ANNOUNCES THE **2016-2017 SEASON**

The Cathedral Concert Series announces its 2016-2017 season. The series brings together some of the finest regional musicians and the magnificent atmosphere of Rosary Cathedral for the enjoyment of audiences in Northwest Ohio. All concerts are free except the Toledo Symphony presentation of Handel's *Messiah*. The Concert Series is supported in part by the Ohio Arts Council, Mercy Health and the Murray Endowment for Music.

Sunday, September 25, 2016

3:00 P.M.

Denine LeBlanc, piano

Sunday, October 30, 2016

3:00 P.M.

Yolanda Kondonassis, harp

Jason Vieaux, guitar

Sunday, December 4, 2016

4:00 P.M.

George Frideric Handel's "Messiah"

Toledo Symphony Orchestra

Sara Jobin, conductor

Toledo Choral Society

and BGSU Choruses

For tickets call: (419) 246-8000

www.toledosymphony.org

Sunday, December 18, 2016

3:00 P.M.

Christmas Carol Sing

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

7:00 P.M.

Dexter Kennedy, organist

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

7:30 PM

Tenebrae Cathedral Choir

Paul Monachino, director

May, 2017 - TBA

University of Mount Union Concert Choir

Dr. Grant Cook III, director



Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral is located at 2535 Collingwood Blvd at Islington Avenue. Ample parking is available, and the cathedral is handicap accessible. For more information, contact Rosary Cathedral at 419-244-9575.



YOUNG VOICES OF GREATER TOLEDO FALL ENROLLMENT

Come to one of our fall enrollment sessions!



Parents, get the information you need.

Kids, sing a little for us, and try out the handchimes.

Call for information, or email. We'll be glad to answer your questions!!

**Children's
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Tues., Aug. 30, 6:00 p.m.

Tues., Sept. 6, 6:00 p.m.

Area Events



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**Market Street Presbyterian
Church**

*Carillon Prelude by Noted Carilloner
Dr. W. Robert Morrison
2:30 pm*

October 9, 2016

3:00pm

Doors open at 2:00pm

Tickets: mspchector @ gmail.com

Organ Recital & Dedication

Sunday, September 18, 2016

4 o'clock in the afternoon

Grace Episcopal Church

315 Wayne Street

Sandusky, Ohio

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**Dr. Damin Spritzer, Organist**

Assistant professor of Orgna, University of Oklahoma

Artist-in-Residence, Cathedral Church of St. Matthew, Dallas

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Opus 44 by John-Paul Buzard Pipe Organ Builders

61 ranks / 3,376 pipes



I am organizing our group attendance at the **Paul Jacobs concert** in January and have just found out that we can get group tickets for his recital on Sunday, January 15 at 2:30pm. I need your input on whether to get tickets for Saturday at \$28/\$10 students or Sunday at \$8. For either event, we only need 10 tickets to qualify for the group rate. Please contact me before Friday (August 12) at pameladavis965@gmail.com or 419-346-0279. Thanks!

—*Pam Davis, Treasurer*

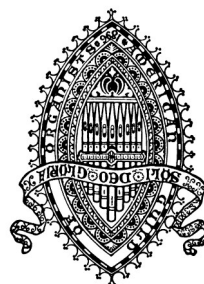
Teachers, prepare now for our upcoming **Scholarship Auditions!** They are scheduled for Sunday, October 23, at First Presbyterian Church, Maumee. Students who are in 7th—12th grade are eligible, as well as adults who are not currently enrolled in a collegiate organ program. Students must be studying or plan to study with an AGO Toledo Chapter member.

Perhaps you know a promising piano student who is ready to expand his/her keyboard capabilities. Invite them to prepare an audition! Students auditioning for the first time may audition on the piano. High schoolers who have been to music camp this summer may have repertoire ready to go!

We all love the organ—let's inspire the next generation to appreciate and experience this wonderful instrument.

—*Denise Mathias, Education Chair*

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Toledo Chapter AGO
Anne Doerfler
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ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS

For students in grades 7–12

and

Adult students not currently enrolled in a collegiate organ program

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TOLEDO CHAPTER

Sunday, Oct. 23, 2016, 2:00pm

at

First Presbyterian Church

200 East Broadway St.

Maumee, Ohio 43537

General Scholarship Amounts to be given up to \$500

All awards are given at the discretion of the judges. Anyone who has received a large scholarship two years in a row will be limited to a \$100 award.

The \$500 Mary Anderson 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. Students who have previously been awarded a scholarship should have completed all previous year scholarship lessons before applying.

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 one hour of practice time will be scheduled for each student. Please **do not** call the church to arrange this time, as Denise Mathias 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 (or emailed) by October 16 to:

Denise Mathias

AGO Scholarship Auditions

3930 Grandview Ct.

Toledo, OH 43614

419-473-1167, ext. 230

dmathias@monroestumc.com

**Scholarship winners will perform in the
Toledo AGO Scholarship Winners Recital**

Sunday, March 19, 2017, 3:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Broadway

Maumee, Ohio

Toledo Chapter AGO
Scholarship Audition Application
2016

Applicant's Name: _____

Grade (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Current Instructor: _____

Two contrasting pieces to be performed (limited to 10 minutes):

Hymn to be performed: _____

Please describe your music background and your future musical interests.

This application and a letter of recommendation must be mailed (or emailed) by *Oct. 16, 2016* to:

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