



The Prelude

August 2019



I hope that you have all been having a great summer, with opportunities for learning, rest, and refreshment!

Our program year will be kicking off soon and while there are many details still to be worked out, we wanted to give you some of the basics of our upcoming year so you can begin to plan on joining us for our exciting and enriching events. Our year will kick off with the return of one of our most popular events, the Progressive Dinner. We are tentatively scheduled for Friday September 20 featuring organs from the Fremont area. Our Sub-Dean Tom Curry is diligently working on the details and we hope to have details soon. We will be looking to arrange carpooling as well.

Our annual Scholarship Auditions will take place in October at St. Lucas Lutheran Church and will be hosted by our Education Chair Denise Mathias. Details will be coming soon!

We are looking at a date in either October or November to visit the Adrian Dominican Sisters facility in Adrian, Michigan. They have two interesting Holtkamp organs and we will be putting together a member's recital as a public event. Denise Mathias is their resident musician and will be putting this event together. She will be looking for people to play, so start preparing something that you might want to share.

After a brief recess in December as our members focus on busy service schedules and hopefully some family time, we will

resume our program in January with an event featuring music from living, area composers. This will include music for piano, choir, piano, and organ. We are tentatively looking at a mid-January date in the Maumee area. We have some talented musicians in our area who create new music that might be something you want to take to your congregations

For February, we will look again to Super Bowl Sunday, February 2, to devote some time to music before the big game. Dennis Blubaugh will be working to present a Hymn Sing at Collingwood Presbyterian. We will include an opportunity for you to bring choir members (or yourself) to join in sharing some of the great works for corporate praise, which is such an important part of what we do as organists. More to come!

March will feature our annual Student Concert, again at St. Lucas Lutheran as we present the winners of our Scholarships as well as any other students wanting a chance to perform. Again, more information will be coming in future communications.

We will wrap up our programming year with our annual AGO Banquet on Friday, May 1 at First Presbyterian in Maumee. Following dinner we will present Stephen Smith in recital at 7:30 PM.

I hope to see many of you at these events! Have a great summer!

Dennis Johns, Dean

Skyelar Raiti to perform at Christ Presbyterian Church

Skyelar Raiti will present a recital of organ and piano works on

Monday, August 19 at 7 p.m. at Toledo's Christ Presbyterian Church. Skyelar, a member of the Toledo chapter and a past winner of scholarships from our chapter, will be studying organ at the University of Michigan this fall. All are invited to attend this free performance. A reception will follow. Skyelar, who studies organ with Mark Mathias and piano with Dr. Michael Boyd, has served as a guest organist/pianist at number of Toledo churches over the past few years and has performed in our chapter's annual student recital a number of times

2019-20 Membership Directory

I will be working on the Directory this month, with the goal of printing and distributing at the September event. I have received a few corrections from folks; thank you for those! If you need to change anything in your entry (address, phone, employment status, availability to substitute), please send that to me by August 31. Send an email, or call me.

Thanks,

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Contact Pastor Robyn Kistemaker at 734-847-8275

St. Paul Lutheran Church – Haskins, Ohio – pianist/organist

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Newsletter Submissions

If you have items that you wish to appear in the Newsletter, please e-mail the information to Paul Monachino by the 25th day of the preceding month to toledoago419@gmail.com.

This is the first effort to create *The Prelude* Newsletter using

Mailchimp. While it is relatively easy to use, there is a bit of a learning curve in managing the program and producing a version that is easy to read. I will continue to refine my skills and respond to any concerns you may have. toledoago419@gmail.com

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