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# *The Prelude*

October 2015

## **DEAN'S MESSAGE**

Greetings to all! I'm sure we're all off and running with our fall activities by now! It's almost October, which always reminds me that it's time to get my Advent and Christmas music out to slide under the noses of unsuspecting ensemble members! I always enjoy the inevitable reaction....."*What?! Christmas music!?!?*" Cue the music director's knowing smile!

We certainly got our program year off to a rousing start with our September Progressive Dinner, in which we had around 50 participants! Many thanks to the performers and host churches! And special thanks to Joan McConnell and Dennis Johns for coordinating this program. Good music and good food!

I hope we will see many folks make the little trek over to Oak Harbor for our October 11th concert with "Chapter Son" Garrett Law performing. This is a special joint effort with our friends in the Sandusky Chapter. We are featuring two of our scholarship graduates in chapter programs this year with Jacob Taylor making an appearance next May. More details about the October program are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

As we mentioned, this would be a great time to carpool with another chapter member or two. I can certainly accommodate a couple riders with me if you're in the Bowling Green or Toledo south suburban area!



**Happy Autumn!**

*Neil Kraft, Dean*

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### A WORD OF THANKS...

is due to the hosts of our Progressive Dinner, as well as the performers and providers of food.

Please join me in thanking Charlotte Mariasy, Wayne Whitten and Dennis Johns for their time and attention to detail as hosts. By interacting with church calendars (and the keepers thereof!), office and custodial staffs and organ maintenance folk, the hosts helped to make this Progressive Dinner and Recital another wonderful event of music, food and fellowship.

These three also played the organs at St Rose RC, First Presbyterian and St Paul's Lutheran. They were joined by George Blackney and Melissa Flowers. We are very grateful to all five for their musical offerings.

Bringing food for the Appetizer and Dessert courses were: Marilyn Blackney, Margaret Currie, Pam Davis, Ed Duling, Neil Kraft, Denise Mathias, Paul Monachino, Kathy Mumy, Nancy Russell and Pam Stover. Many hands make light work and provide lots of variety to our table. I would like to send a hearty "thank you" to these sharing folks!

We had an excellent turnout for this event (around 50, I believe). It was a great start to our year. I look forward to seeing you all at future events!

*Joan McConnell*  
Executive Committee



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OCTOBER PROGRAM - ORGAN CONCERT

## Scholarship Winner Garrett Law, Organist

Joint Program with the Sandusky AGO Chapter  
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
122 W. Ottawa Street, Oak Harbor, Ohio  
4:00 PM on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

As a native of Sylvania, Garrett Law is one of our Toledo Chapter "sons"! He is currently a student of Todd Wilson at the Cleveland Institute of Music. In 2014 he won the Pogorzelski-Yankee Scholarship, and this year he was a finalist in the RCYO Quimby Competition in Indianapolis. Garrett also studied at Oxford University this summer and enjoyed some other European travels. He is a graduate of the Interlochen Academy where he studied with Thomas Bara. He also studied the organ with the late Gary Jaskulski in Sylvania.



St. John's Lutheran Church in Oak Harbor was served by Caroline Miller as organist and music director for a number of decades and houses a four-manual Schantz pipe organ. On this particular weekend, the city of Oak Harbor will be celebrating their annual apple festival. If you would like to arrive a bit earlier in the afternoon, you might partake in some apple-related delicacy! This would be a great time for car-pooling, so ask other chapter members for a ride or offer one.

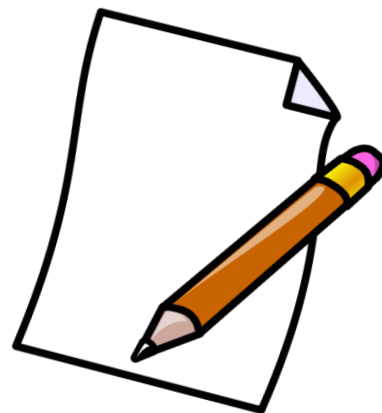


The Sandusky Chapter members have graciously offered to serve refreshments following the program. We thank them and the St. John's community for hosting this program.

## TOLEDO CHAPTER AGO

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### Programming for 2015-2016



#### **Sunday, October 11, 2015 – Garrett Law, organist**

4:00 PM—Joint program with Sandusky Chapter

St. John Lutheran Church in Oak Harbor, Ohio (Schantz organ)

#### **Sunday, November 22, 2015 – Marijim Thoene, organist**

3:00 PM—Joint program with Toledo Concert Series

Rosary Cathedral, Collingwood Avenue (Skinner organ)

#### **Monday, January 25, 2016 – MEMBERS SHARING RESOURCES**

7 PM— First United Methodist Church, Sylvania – (Schantz organ)

#### **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

**Heidelberg University Faculty Artist Recital:**

**Works for organ and voice**

**Performed by Joan Holder McConnell, organ**

**Assisted by Dr. Carol Dusdieker, soprano**

**Sunday, October 25, 2015 at 3:00 PM**

**Trinity United Church of Christ, 131 E. Perry St., Tiffin**

Joan Holder McConnell, Instructor of Organ and Music Theory, will play her annual Faculty Artist Recital at Trinity United Church of Christ, 131 E. Perry St., Tiffin. Works by Bach, Pachelbel, Langlais, and Mendelssohn.

Also included in this program is the premier of a new piece by Heidelberg composer Doug McConnell. Entitled simply *Balm*, this piece is dedicated to "the congregation of Mother Emanuel Church, Charleston SC, and all those in pain due to violence." Using biblical texts of anguish and grief, it works its way to the promise of hope and restoration. "There IS a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole..."

Doug composed the piece for organ and soprano; Dr Carol Dusdieker of the Heidelberg Music faculty will sing the soprano part for this performance.

**Program**

*Kommst du nun, Jesu vom Himmel herunter*

*Ciacona* in D

Trumpet Tune ("Praise to the Lord")

*Suite Folklorique*

1. Fugue on "O filii"    3. Cantique    4. Canzona

*Balm*

Sonata IV

J. S. Bach

Johann Pachelbel

Walter Webber

Jean Langlais

Doug McConnell

Felix Mendelssohn

**Free and open to the public..... Hope to see you there!**

**On Friday, October 16 at 7pm, Zoar Lutheran Church** will host a silent horror classic film—just in time for Halloween! “The Lodger” is Alfred Hitchcock’s first thriller (1927), directed in London, and based on the story of a “Jack the Ripper” type serial killer known as “The Avenger”. Hitchcock makes his first cameo appearance in the film, which was to become standard practice for the remainder of his films. The cameo happened because the actor who was supposed to play the part of a telephone operator failed to show up, and Hitchcock filled the breach.

The film will be accompanied by Andrew Rogers on Zoars newly installed Rogers-Ruffati Hybrid organ. Rogers, a Detroit native, is an organist at the Michigan Theatre in Ann Arbor and the Detroit Fox. He also scores and performs silent films and concerts throughout the US and internationally. His appearance at Zoar in February 2015 was so successful that a second concert was immediately scheduled.

For those who have never witnessed this film genre with live accompaniment, this is a unique way to experience a movie, as the emotion is accentuated by organ music and sound effects. A reception following the program will contain clues from the movie and feature sweets from the 1927 London era. Guests are encouraged to dress in black and white or vintage 1920s costume. “Danse Macabre”, a rare duet written for organ, will be performed by Omaldo Perez and Kate Philabaum as a prelude to the film.

This event is sponsored by the Zoar Foundation and is free for the community. Zoar Lutheran Church is located at 314 East Indiana Avenue in Perrysburg.



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

Those who attended the Progressive Dinner had an opportunity to obtain a copy of our Members' Directory for 2015-16. I had several copies left over and am happy to mail them to anyone who wants one; please get in touch with me by phone or email. The new directory will also be available on our chapter web site for those who prefer to view it there.

Please report any errors or corrections to me, and I will disseminate those to the chapter in this newsletter. We can update the online directory periodically and print new ones annually. I hope by these means to keep our membership roster current and accurate.

A few corrections to the new directory have already come in. Please make these changes to your copy:

**Wayne Anthony** has moved back to our area and is available to substitute. Contact him by email: [waynefanthony@att.net](mailto:waynefanthony@att.net).

**Margaret Currie's** email has changed: [indianamarg@gmail.com](mailto:indianamarg@gmail.com).

**Randy Currie** asks that we remove his Office Phone number.

*Joan McConnell*

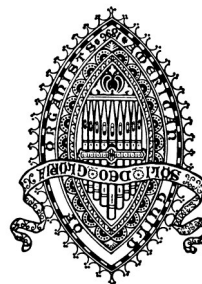
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