

The Prelude

October 2016

The American Guild of Organists, Toledo Chapter

Dean's Message

Greetings! I, like many of you, are back into the swing of things with fall here. Choirs have started back up along with other activities. Our programming year got off to a great start with our event at Holy Rosary Cathedral a few weeks ago.

Brent Neuenschwander played a magnificent recital for us! And, Sue Craig shared her interesting reflections on this summer's AGO National Convention! Then, we had a delicious potluck! Both food and fellowship was enjoyed by all! Thank you to both Brent and Sue for leading the two parts of our program and to Paul Monachino for hosting the event!

In October, we have two important events. On Friday, Oct. 14, we will enjoy our progressive dinner in Bowling Green. I'm looking forward to some great food and hearing some great music played on three beautiful organs. This event is open to anyone, so please help us get the word out and invite others to join us! Contact Pam Davis (*by Oct. 3*) to make reservations for this event.

On Sunday, October 23, our chapter's annual scholarship auditions will take place at 2pm at Maumee's First Presbyterian Church. Do you know of a promising piano student who might be interested in trying the organ? Or a music teacher who may have students who could audition? The auditions are open to adults also. Please spread the word. Those auditioning for the first time can audition on piano. The auditions are open to the public; your attendance would be a great way to encourage these aspiring organists.

We, as organists should also prepare for the services we play for as if we're preparing for an audition. I know that if I'm not careful, my personal practice time can easily get slighted, forgotten or skipped due to other pressing concerns. I have found that making a dedicated time to practice and sticking to that as much as is possible really helps me. And, I have learned that it's important to not just "run through" things but to practice!

I've also found that planning in advance benefits me; I choose repertoire and estimate how long it will take me to learn or re-learn a piece. I try to choose a mix of pieces—old favorites, new selections and some challenging pieces. Of course, I try to balance that with other anthems and pieces I have to accompany. Then, I practice. Sometimes I discover I have to readjust because a piece is taking longer to learn than I anticipated, so I revise my plans. I have found that it's much easier for me to do that than to be constantly scrambling and "flying by the seat of my pants" because I haven't planned in a more timely fashion. (And yes, sometimes I still procrastinate—old habits can be hard to break! Eventually I get back on track!)

On another note, I recently attended a recital. The performer played a challenging and diverse program—and did so extremely well. On the way out the door, I overheard another member of the audience (who was impressed with the performance) comment that he would have liked the recitalist to "just play 1 hymn—just 1 hymn." There's lots that could be said about this observation. I'll leave it at that—just consider it.

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

OCTOBER EVENT...

Once again we have planned a special **PROGRESSIVE DINNER** as part of our yearly programming. We will "progress" around the town of Bowling Green on **Friday, October 14** eating and listening to organ music. It's a combination of our favorite things - food and music. what's not to like?! Here's the plan:

6:30pm - Wine (beverages) and hors d'oeuvres at St. John's Episcopal Church, Corner of Mercer Rd. and E. Wooster St. Music on the new Rudolf von Beckerath pipe organ performed by Curtis King.

7:15/7:30pm - Salad and main course entrée at St. Aloysius Church. Music on the Letourneau organ (1998) performed by Joan McConnell and Neil Kraft.

8:30pm - Homemade desserts at First Presbyterian Church. Music on the Leek organ (1985) performed by David Saunders.

All of the churches are within easy driving distance of each other. The cost for the dinner is \$12, payable to Toledo Chapter AGO. For catering purposes we need RSVPs no later than Monday, October 3. Invite friends and family and join us for this unique and fun event!

—Neil Kraft and Ed Duling, Coordinators

Toledo Chapter AGO

2016 – 2017

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

The Toledo Chapter of the AGO is offering two opportunities to students this fall: the annual **Scholarship Auditions** and a **Pedals, Pipes, & Pizza** event. Each is unique.

The Scholarship Audition forms have been included in the last two issues of the *Prelude*. This is a fantastic opportunity for piano or organ students to receive financial support to study organ. Students in grade 7-12 or adults can receive a monetary award, enabling their study during this academic year. Deadline to submit the application is Oct. 16, with the event Oct. 23 at First Presbyterian Church, Maumee. Our chapter supports this event monetarily, and donations can be made at any time. Send your donation to Pam Davis, treasurer.

Pedals, Pipes, & Pizza is an event meant to introduce the pipe organ to young people and encourage them to find out more! Held at Glenwood Lutheran Church (next door to the Art Museum) this event will give kids a chance to see and hear how a pipe organ works. A flyer and registration form are included in this issue, so spread the word! Students don't have to be studying piano or organ to attend. The cost is only \$5 and includes pizza! Please mark Saturday, Nov. 5 on your calendar, and register your students early. Deadline is Oct. 21. We also will need some help from AGO members with the registration table, pizza lunch and various other activities. If you can help out, please contact Melissa Flowers or myself.

We all love the organ, and many of us have chosen careers that involve playing the instrument as a part of our work. Let's share the passion and joy we feel for the organ with young people, encouraging the next generation of organists and building a new generation of those who love and support music.

—Denise Mathias, *Education Chair*

dmathias@monroestumc.com

Todd Wilson will perform works by Dupre, Stanley, Lang, Bach, Libby Larsen and Widor on Saturday, October 29 at 4:00pm in the Helen Rockwell Morley Memorial Music Building of Lake Erie College, celebrating the tenth anniversary of the restoration of the E. M. Skinner Organ, Op. 647. Lake Erie College is located at 391 West Washington Street Painesville, Ohio 44077. For further information, contact Pam Palermo at ppalermo@lec.edu or 440 375-7225.

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### **JOB POSTING - Director of Music**

Community of Christ Lutheran Church, Whitehouse  
(419) 877-0607

For job description: <http://commofchrist.org/worship-music/job-posting-music-director/>

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Rutter Gloria

A Concert with Church and Community

All singers are cordially invited to sing in this
Festival Choir!

Rehearsals and performance at Monroe St. United Methodist Church

- Wednesdays, 8:15 – 9:15 pm --starting Oct. 19

No rehearsal Nov 23 CHOIR ROOM

- Rehearsals Saturday, Nov. 12, 19, Dec. 3
10-11:30am CHOIR ROOM

- Dress rehearsals Monday, Dec. 5, 7-8:30 pm
Sat. Dec. 10, 10:00 – 11:30 am SANCTUARY

- Call Sunday, Dec. 11 3:00 p.m. Performance
4:00p.m. SANCTUARY

Singers must attend *at least* 6 rehearsals.

Parts are online on Cyberbass.

For more information, contact: Denise Mathias,
dmathias@monroestumc.com,
419-473-1167, ext. 230

American Guild of Organists
Toledo Chapter

Pedals, Pipes, & Pizza!

Saturday, November 5, 2016

10am-1pm



Glenwood Lutheran Church

2545 Monroe St

Toledo, Ohio

Cost: \$5 per child.

Lunch: A light pizza lunch will be provided for the children and their parents.

**Come play and learn about
the King of Instruments —
The PIPE ORGAN!**

For children of all ages (elementary—high school)
No musical experience required. Children with prior piano or organ experience are welcome to bring music to perform on the Wicks 1964 pipe organ!

Register by **Friday, October 21** to Melissa Flowers, Toledo AGO Secretary
mflowers@findlaystmichael.org
419-455-4408

Pedals, Pipes, & Pizza!

AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS, TOLEDO CHAPTER

Saturday, November 5, 2016

Glenwood Lutheran Church

10am-1pm

Child's name _____ age _____

Child's musical background _____

Parents/guardians' names _____

Phone number _____

Email _____

Will parents/guardians be staying for the entire event? (circle one) yes no

PHOTO USE PERMISSION: I give permission for my child's photo to be used

Uncaptioned (without name)

_____ Internet
_____ Other publicity

Captioned (with name)

_____ Newspaper
_____ Other publicity (never internet)

Parent/guardian signature: _____

Deadline to register is October 21. Please send registration form and \$5 to our secretary...

Melissa Flowers

St. Michael Parish

750 Bright Rd

Findlay, OH 45840

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419-455-4408

ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS

For students in grades 7–12

and

Adult students not currently enrolled in a collegiate organ program

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THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

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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AGO TOLEDO MEMBERS' DIRECTORY FOR 2016-17

First of all, let me extend a big "thank you" to all those who attended our September event! You gave me lots of proofreading, corrections and additions to our membership directory, and I am just waiting for a few more details before taking it to the printer. I hope to get it in the mail on or shortly after October 1, and of course we'll update the directory on the web site at the same time.

It's in my nature to be an optimist, but I have enough experience to be a realist! So, while I'd love to think that the directory is error-free, my experience tells me that isn't likely. PLEASE... when you receive your copy or when you go online to look at the new version and you find those errors, get in touch with me. I'm always willing to publish corrections. By this means we can strive toward accurate information that helps us keep in touch!

I'll plan to bring some copies to the October event (Progressive Dinner in Bowling Green) in case I missed some of you in my mailing. Hope to see you in October!

Joan McConnell, Membership chair
jmcconne@heidelberg.edu



Anne Doerfler has resigned her position as Director of Music/Organist at St. Petri Lutheran Church after 27 years. She is currently available to substitute until she and her husband, Richard, move to Florida.

Contact Anne at ad7440@sbcglobal.net or 419-474-9143 .

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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