

The Prelude

October 2017

The American Guild of Organists, Toledo Chapter

Dean's Message

Greetings! As I write this on September 25, I think that fall is here with the fresh start with choirs and other church programming and responsibilities that we experience, but it sure hasn't felt like fall this past week or so with weather more like August!

Our September meeting at the Black Pearl was a wonderful evening with delicious food and great fellowship. About 15 of us enjoyed the relaxing evening. A number of our members shared about various conferences and continuing education events they attended this summer. The events included the AGO regional in Youngstown, the Indiana University Sacred Music Intensive Course, the ALCM (Association of Lutheran Church Musicians) Biennial Conference in Minneapolis, the FABM (Fellowship of American Baptist Musicians) Conference for Church Musicians in Green Lake, WI, the NPM (National Pastoral Musicians) Conference in Cincinnati and the Augsburg Summer Music Clinic. (We were a busy group!)

All who attended these various events told about the positive experiences they had attending various sessions/classes, participating in various ensembles or performances and enjoying wonderful concerts. JoAnn McKelvey, a retired organist who served a number of Toledo area churches, stated that she enjoyed hearing our comments and that it reminded her of when she had attended various conventions/conferences when she was an active church musician. Her words and thoughts were an encouragement to us in our work in church music and a very appropriate way to end our meeting!

Our chapter has two events in October. The first is our annual scholarship auditions which will be at Our Lady of Lourdes on Sunday, October 8 at 3:00 p.m. Each student will play two selections and a hymn; they will also sight-read a hymn. The students will receive written comments from the judges. The auditions are open to the public; I encourage you to attend in support of these aspiring young organists.

On Saturday, October 19, we will meet at Community of Christ Lutheran Church (Whitehouse). Scott Hyslop will present a program on the life and organ works of Paul Manz in observance of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Scott studied with Paul Manz and wrote his biography.

The AGO has realized that it needs to reach out to all organists—whether they play pipe organs, electronic organs or hybrid instruments. Some of our members regularly play an electronic and/or hybrid organ. (I play an electronic organ each Sunday during the school year for our early chapel service.) Our chapter officers have had some conversation about this. As a result, we have scheduled at least one of our events this year to be held at a church with a hybrid instrument. (This isn't the first time we have done that; a few years ago one of our meetings was at a church with an electronic organ.)

If we truly want to be inclusive, we must be accepting of others and the instruments that they play. Not all churches have pipe organs. It is important to have a good instrument to lead a congregation in worship; it's also important to offer up the best music that we can on whatever instrument is used. In reaching out to all organists, we are fulfilling the vision of the Guild to engage, support and uplift every organist. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

—Mark Mathias, Dean



*The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to foster a thriving community of musicians
who share their knowledge and inspire passion for the organ.*

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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

Toledo AGO Membership Directory Updates

The following changes have been made to our directory.

Melissa Flowers, Secretary New email: melissaflowers4@gmail.com
New phone number: 419-455-4408

**Paul Manz Presentation**

In observance of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, our October meeting will feature the life and music of the well-known Lutheran organist, composer, church musician and teacher Paul Manz. This meeting is on Saturday, Oct. 19 at 10:00 a.m. at Community of Christ in Whitehouse.

Dr. Scott Hyslop will lead us in a lecture/demonstration/mini-hymn festival of Manz's music. Scott is the Director of Parish Music at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth, Michigan. His studies include work with Marilyn Mason at the University of Michigan (his DMA) and also with Paul Manz through the Lutheran School of Theology and the Paul Manz Institute of Church Music (both in Chicago). He has also studied choral composition with the noted American composer Alice Parker. Scott has numerous compositions for voices, organ and other instruments. His biography on Paul Manz (*The Journey Was Chosen: The Life and Work of Paul Manz*) was published in June of 2007. Join us for an informative and inspirational program!

Toledo Chapter AGO 2017 – 2018

Sun., Oct. 8, 3 p.m.

Scholarship Auditions

Our Lady of Lourdes, Toledo

Our annual scholarship auditions will be at Our Lady of Lourdes on a Schantz organ. The auditions are open to the public.

Sat., Oct. 14, 10 a.m.

Paul Manz Presentation

Community of Christ, Whitehouse

Dr. Scott Hyslop, Director of Music at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth, MI, and former student and biographer of Paul Manz, will give a presentation on the life and work of Manz, incorporating performances of some of his improvisations in the manner of a mini hymn festival.

Sun., Nov. 19, 2 p.m.

Sacred Choral Music Festival

Christ Presbyterian, Toledo

Area church choirs/singers will join together to rehearse and perform a concert. (*Directors do not need to be members of the AGO.*) Bradley Pierson, Director of Choral Activities at the University of Toledo, will conduct. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

Jan., TBA

Continuing Education

TBA

This continuing education program, led by members of our chapter, will focus on aspects of playing the organ and programs offered by the AGO. Details will be announced in our next newsletter.

Feb., TBA

Member's Recital

TBA

Members of our chapter will present an organ recital at an area church. Details to be announced soon.

Sun., March 11, 3 p.m.

Annual Student Recital

Our Lady of Lourdes, Toledo

Our student scholarship winners and other organ students of our chapter members will perform on the church's 2-manual, 20-rank Schantz pipe organ.

Fri., April 13

Ghost Pipes

TBA

Neil Kraft and Mark Muller will lead us in an organ crawl at area churches. More details TBA.

Sun., May 6, 4 p.m.

Recital: Matt Bickett

Monroe St. UM, Toledo

Our closing program of the year will feature Matt Bickett in recital. Matt is the 2017 winner of our region's AGO/Quimby RCYO (Regional Competitions for Young Artists). He gave a superb performance at the Winner's Recital in Youngstown in July.



Sacred Choral Music Festival

Our chapter is sponsoring a *Sacred Choral Music Festival* on Sunday, Nov. 19 at Christ Presbyterian Church in Toledo. Area church choirs/singers are invited to participate. *(Directors do NOT need to belong to the AGO to have their choir participate.)*



The festival choir will prepare six selections under the direction of Dr. Bradley Pierson. Brad is the Director of Choral Activities at the University of Toledo. He will lead us in our rehearsals that day and at the concert. Choirs/singers are asked to rehearse the selections in advance. Choirs are expected to purchase copies of the music for their singers. The repertoire is:

The King of Love My Shepherd Is - Dan Forrest	SATB	Beckenhorst Press	BP1688
My Eyes for Beauty Pine - Herbert Howells	U/SATB	Oxford Univ. Press	780193501126
Blow Ye the Trumpet - Kirke Mechem	SATB	G. Schirmer	HL50481534
Carpenters of God - Vijay Singh	SSATBB	Santa Barbara Music Publ.	SBMP954
Saints Bound for Heaven - Mack Wilberg	SATB	Oxford Univ. Press	9780193860568
Ubi Caritas (with optional piano) - Ola Gjeilo	SATB	Walton Music	WW1386

(NOTE: Gjeilo wrote a number of pieces by this title. Be certain that you have code #WW1386.)

Singers who wish to participate but do not have a choir to rehearse with in preparation for the festival could possibly rehearse with other participating choirs at their regular weekly rehearsals. Contact Mark Mathias for more information about this.

The event will begin at 2:00p.m. and will conclude with the closing worship service at 7:00p.m., which will feature the festival choir in concert and congregational singing. Rehearsals will be interspersed with a break and a catered supper.

The registration fee is \$10 per singer and includes the catered supper.

For additional information, please contact me (Mark Mathias msmathias@yahoo.com; 419-475-8629, ext. 205; cell: 419-708-6953.) I can also provide internet links to the music (recordings and sample pages).

Choirs which I have directed have always benefitted greatly from a festival experience and have thoroughly enjoyed it. I'm excited about the festival and hope that you and your singers will join us!

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I am pleased to let you know that Pellegrino Music Center will be sponsoring a concert by world-renowned organist **Hector Olivera** at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Port Clinton, Ohio. This concert is a dedication of their newly installed 46 stop L-324eDK Allen organ with GeniSys voices. This concert is free and open to the public and will take place on Sunday, October 29th at 2:00 p.m. The church address is 414 Madison St., Port Clinton, OH 43452.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.  
Thank you.



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# Sacred Choral Music Festival

(Sponsored by the Toledo Chapter of the AGO)

November 19, 2017

Christ Presbyterian Church

## Registration Form

**\*\*\* Registration Deadline – November 5 \*\*\***

Name of Choir/Singer: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Choir Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information of director/singer

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending

\_\_\_\_ Soprano    \_\_\_\_ Alto    \_\_\_\_ Tenor    \_\_\_\_ Bass    \_\_\_\_ Total

Registration Fee (\$10 per person)    (number of individuals) x \$10 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Checks should be made payable to Toledo Chapter, AGO. Please send 1 check per choir.***

**Please return completed registration form and registration fee to:**

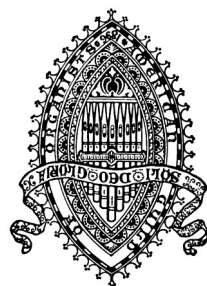
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Melissa Flowers will be hosting a **Pedals, Pipes and Pizza** event for her new piano/organ studio (FGK Music Studio) and other students in the Findlay area. The event is Saturday, November 4 from 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church in Findlay. Various activities and interactive demonstrations will feature the church's Rodgers/Ruffatti pipe organ, and students of all ages (elementary-high school) will have the opportunity to play the organ. Cost of the event is \$5 per child, and a light pizza lunch will be provided. To register, contact Melissa Flowers (419-455-4408, [melissaflowers4@gmail.com](mailto:melissaflowers4@gmail.com)) by October 27.



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