

# The Prelude ~ October 2018

The American Guild of Organists, Toledo Chapter

## A message from our dean...

I love sports. I don't always like some of the sports culture in our country and the way we idolize sports, but I still love sports. I have always participated in athletics as a competitor and for many years as a coach in a variety of different sports. I remember one Athletic Director who commented that I was an "odd duck" (he meant it as a compliment) because he didn't think he had ever encountered someone with the combination of choir director and wrestling coach. If you have ever participated in athletics, perhaps you have also noticed how similar it is to music. Both endeavors require hours of dedicated and focused practice, the setting of specific goals, a striving for excellence, often the working out of coordination between teammates and of course the excitement of the culmination in performance. I always tried to make that connection with my students, and I actually think it helped in recruiting many of the school's top athletes into the choir program.

As you pursue your musical goals, perhaps you might think of approaching some aspects of it as a coach would. Are your goals specific? Do you have a practice plan to achieve those goals? Some of us "perform" every week in church, but if you don't, do you have some time you're looking to perform? We'll be having an opportunity at our Twelfth Night event on Friday, January 11. We'll have more information on that coming soon. You'll also have an opportunity to perform vocally at our Bach Festival in February, and there is more information on that elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our annual Scholarship Auditions will take place at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, October 21 at Hope Lutheran Church in Toledo, coordinated by our Education Chair Denise Mathias. First time students are able to audition on the piano. Details are in this newsletter.

We have a second event for the month of October: a concert by Aaron David Miller on Sunday, October 7 at Monroe Street United Methodist Church as part of their annual concert series organized by Denise Mathias. Aaron is a well-known performer and composer with local roots. We have enjoyed him in recent years in live, silent film accompaniments at Community Church of Christ in Whitehouse. Aaron is a fantastic player and a prolific composer as well.

I thought of another similarity between musicians and athletes--sometimes you have to make adjustments and changes or even punt! Well, we have to punt for our November event. Due to a lack of venues willing or able to host for our planned Progressive Dinner, we have been forced to look for an alternative. On such short notice, we have decided to make November a road trip event. On Sunday, November 11, Thomas Gaynor, a winner of several awards in international competitions (another sports similarity), will be appearing at the St. Joseph Cathedral in Columbus, Ohio at 3:00 p.m. Those who would like to travel can attend the concert and then make the short drive to Schmidt's Restaurant in the German Village for dinner. If you are interested in going but desire to carpool, or if you are willing to drive others in a car pool, please contact me by email at [dennisjohns@att.net](mailto:dennisjohns@att.net), and I will try to get you together for arrangements. Now go enjoy some fall sports!

Here are links to information about the concert and Schmidt's.

<https://cathedralmusic.org/tag/organ-recital/>

<http://www.schmidthaus.com/>

*-Dennis Johns, Dean*



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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 Davis, Secretary.

**WEBSITE**

[www.toledoago.org](http://www.toledoago.org)

Hi everyone! This is a reminder that **Scholarship Applications** are due on October 12. My email is changing, so if the application is sent via email, please send to: [dsnivermathias@yahoo.com](mailto:dsnivermathias@yahoo.com). Remember that a letter of recommendation from the student's private instructor, pastor or church musician should be included with the application. I hope we have several applicants this year! If your student is unable to audition this year, now is the time to start planning for next year. Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. The application was in last month's issue of the Prelude and also can be found online at [www.toledoago.org](http://www.toledoago.org).



*Denise Mathias, Education Chair*

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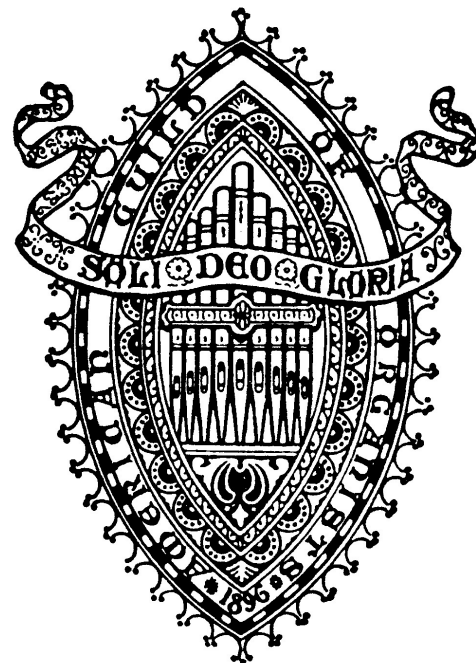
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## Happy birthday, Marilyn Hazard!

Toledo AGO member Marilyn Hazard celebrated her 96th birthday on September 26!

Long-time Toledo AGO member **Grace Erler** died on July 23 in Phoenix, AZ. Over the past few years, she lived with her son and family in Scottsdale, AZ. Grace was a fine organist and choir director, including doing much with children's music. She worked at First Baptist, St. Mark's Episcopal and Epworth Methodist over the years and taught choral music at Northview High School. She was AGO Dean from 1971-73. A Memorial Celebration Service was held at First Baptist Church on Aug. 18.

The Toledo Chapter of the  
American Guild of Organists  
presents an  
All Bach Festival



Dr. Richard Schnipke, D.M.A., Assistant Professor of Choral Activities at Bowling Green State University will conduct a festival choir in the presentation of two of J. S. Bach's Church Cantatas, "Wie schon leuchtet der Morgenstern" BWV 1 and "Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin" BWV 125, along with organ works performed by the current and past deans of the chapter.

Local singers are invited to join the Festival Choir to participate in this opportunity to sing these great masterworks that are rarely performed. The cost is \$10 per singer with a maximum of \$50 for any church or organization. The performance will take place at St. Michael's in the Hills Episcopal Church in Toledo, Ohio on Sunday, February 17. There will be sectional rehearsals at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Maumee on Wednesday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m. and at Collingwood Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, February 6 at 7:30 p.m. The main rehearsal will be at St. Michael's on Saturday, February 16 from 9:00-12:00 a.m. Singers must attend the main rehearsal and at least one of the sectional rehearsals. Space in the choir is limited so please respond by October 31.

Music may be downloaded from:

BWV 1- <http://ks4.imslp.info/files/imglnks/usimg/e/e4/IMSLP24169-PMLP03250-bwv001.pdf>

BWV 125- <http://ks4.imslp.info/files/imglnks/usimg/a/a3/IMSLP24357-PMLP04378-bwv125.pdf>

Recordings can be found on YouTube at:

BWV 1- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7fNaMOtVUc4>

BWV 125- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EUHXq8iLaCM>

Questions may be directed to:

Mr. Dennis Johns at [dennisjohns@att.net](mailto:dennisjohns@att.net)

or

Mr Dennis Blubaugh at [dnblubaugh@mac.com](mailto:dnblubaugh@mac.com)

# All Bach Festival

## Registration Form

Singer's Name\_\_\_\_\_

Church or Organization\_\_\_\_\_

Voice Part: Soprano\_\_\_\_\_ Alto\_\_\_\_\_ Tenor\_\_\_\_\_ Bass\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address\_\_\_\_\_

Non-refundable fee of \$10 per singer, payable by check to Toledo Chapter American Guild of Organists, should be enclosed with this form and mailed to:

Dennis Johns  
AGO Bach Festival  
171 Princeton Dr.  
Toledo, OH 43614



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

## **JOB POSTINGS**

### **Saint James' Episcopal Church**

#### **Minister of Music Position Description**

##### **Grosse Ile, Michigan**

Job Title—Minister of Music

Description—Part-Time (~16 hours/weekly)

Reporting to—The Rev. Philip Dinwiddie, Rector

Total Salary—Commensurate with Experience (\$12,000-\$18,000/year plus benefits\* )

**Overall Position Description**—Saint James' Episcopal Church is found on the eastern shore of Grosse Ile, a large, beautiful island in the Detroit River located 20 miles south of Detroit. This historic parish, founded 150 years ago by Elisabeth Denison Forth, a slave who escaped to Canada to gain her freedom, is seeking a talented, joyful, passionate Minister of Music to further develop our music program and provide musical leadership in worship. Music is an integral part of Saint James' identity, spirituality and ministry. While mostly traditional (in the best sense of the term!) our approach to worship music embraces the spectrum of musical expression, from our rich Anglican heritage of hymnody and choral music to occasionally more expansive expressions. We are a vibrant and growing community of faith committed to welcoming all people. Our highest goal is to create relevant and authentic worship experiences that engage the heart, mind, and soul. The ideal candidate for this position will be excited about the idyllic beauty of Saint James' and its locale, grateful for the part-time nature of the work, thrilled about the warm collegial atmosphere created by the rector and staff, and engaged by the responsibilities and opportunities.

Please send cover letter and resume/CV to [employment@saintjamesgi.net](mailto:employment@saintjamesgi.net)

More information about Saint James can be found online at [www.saintjamesgi.net](http://www.saintjamesgi.net)

**St. Luke's Lutheran Church** is seeking an enthusiastic part-time choir director for an adult choir/bell choir beginning as soon as possible. Candidate should have excellent interpersonal and communication skills, experience in choral directing, ability to provide appropriate choral music during traditional Sunday worship service and work with volunteer musicians with a wide variety of skills.

Salary range commensurate with experience and responsibilities. Please send resume and cover letter by October 15 to postal or email address.

Choir Director Position

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

1690 W. Sterns Rd.

Temperance, MI 48182

Phone: 734-847-8275

Email: [Pastor@stlukeschurch.net](mailto:Pastor@stlukeschurch.net)

## **JOB POSTINGS Cont...**

### **Organist at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church (Part-time position)**

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, a traditional, Biblically based parish, is currently seeking a part-time organist to enhance our weekly worship experiences. This includes one service with traditional music (Rite I) and one service with blended (traditional and praise) music (Rite II).

Our church stands on the Word of God as written, and we believe that the Scriptures are Holy Spirit inspired and infallible, thus we strive to live our lives according to those scriptures. We encourage applicants to learn more about us through our parish profile, which can be found at <http://smechurch.org/web/about/parish-profile/>.

Our church is currently seeking an organist to accompany all regularly scheduled services on our 1977 Casavant Organ, which has 16 ranks and 2 manuals. A full list of organ specs can be found below. Specific duties for the position include:

- Provide organ music for weekly Sunday 8:00 am and 10:30 am services, as well as for services for major church holidays
- Select and play pre- and postlude for services
- Play liturgical parts of service
- Select and play hymns
- Coordinate with Manna Praise Band for 10:30 am music (music choices; option: practice/play together for songs)
- Accompany instrumental or vocal solos by church members or guests
- Keep Vestry informed of any service or repair needs of the organ

A background in liturgical music is preferred but not required. The position carries a salary of \$9,000-12,000 commensurate with experience. Interested applicants should submit a resume and a statement of experience and interest to [stmatthewstoledosearch@gmail.com](mailto:stmatthewstoledosearch@gmail.com).

### **Organ Specs:**

Casavant Organ, 1977, 2 Manuals, 16 Ranks

Great Manual (bottom) Hauptwerk: Prinzipal 8', Hohl Flöte 8', Oktave 4', Mixtur IV, Trompete 8', Coupler: Positiv to Hauptwerk

Positiv Manual (Upper): Gedackt 8', Rohr Flöte 4', Prinzipal 2', Sesqui-Altera II, Zimbel II, Tremulant

Pedal: Subbass 16', Prinzipal 8', Hauptwerk Couple with Hohl Flöte 8', Oktave 4', Hauptwerk to Pedal, Positiv to Pedal

4 General Pistons, no cancel piston

1 Crescendo Box, No Shade Pedals

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## **2018-19 Membership Directory**

I will be updating our directory in October and mailing it out to those who want a paper copy. My goal is to go to press mid-month. Please contact me with changes and corrections!

For now, please note this change to Denise Mathias' email:

[dsnivermathias@yahoo.com](mailto:dsnivermathias@yahoo.com)

*- Joan McConnell, Membership chair*

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[jmconne@heidelberg.edu](mailto:jmconne@heidelberg.edu)

## **2018-2019 Toledo AGO Chapter Events**

### **Organ Recital – Mitchell Miller**

Sunday, September 2, 4:00 p.m.  
St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Bowling Green  
Potluck for AGO members following recital

### **Organ Recital –Aaron David Miller**

Sunday, October 7, 4:00 p.m.  
Monroe Street United Methodist Church

### **Annual Scholarship Auditions**

Sunday, October 21, 2:00 p.m.  
Hope Lutheran Church, Toledo

### **CHANGED EVENT:**

#### **Organ Recital—Thomas Gaynor**

Sunday, November 11, 3:00 p.m.  
St. Joseph Cathedral in Columbus  
Dinner at Schmidt's Restaurant following recital

### **12<sup>th</sup> Night Celebration**

Friday, January 12, Time TBA  
St. Rose Catholic Church, Perrysburg  
Members' organ recital of favorite Advent  
and Christmas pieces

### **All-Bach Concert**

Sunday, February 24, 2:00 p.m.  
Hope Lutheran Church, Toledo  
A concert featuring Bach's great organ works  
and cantatas

### **Annual Student Recital**

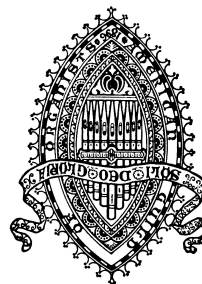
Sunday, March 10, 2:00 p.m.  
Hope Lutheran Church, Toledo

### **Professional Concerns Workshop Day**

Saturday, April 27, Time TBA  
University of Toledo  
A series of workshops dealing with professional  
concerns including current copyright issues, tax  
concerns and labor/contract issues

### **Toledo AGO Spring Banquet**

Friday, May 17, Time TBA  
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Maumee



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