



The Prelude

October 2021

Fifteen Toledo AGO members attended the September picnic at Three Meadows Park. The weather was great and the location provided a relaxing atmosphere for folks to socialize. What great cooks we have in our Chapter! There were a variety of delicious dishes and desserts to choose from. A special thanks to Matt "grillmaster" Meinke for providing the burgers, brats and dogs along with all the toppings needed for the perfect sandwich.

Members also were able to browse JoAnn McKelvey's organ music library and take home some music to fill out their library. Pam Stover took what remained for organ students to use at the University of Toledo.

We welcomed new Chapter members and there was a report on upcoming Chapter events.

Paul Monachino
Chapter Secretary
Newsletter editor

November Event

Friday, November 5 - 5:30 PM

St. Joan of Arc Church

5856 Heatherdowns Blvd.

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

6149 Hill Ave.

RELOCATING AN ORPHAN PIPE ORGAN

A recent trend in the pipe organ industry is the relocation of a pipe organ from a church that has closed or is no longer in need of their pipe organ. Often this results in a happy collaboration with a church that is able to purchase a pipe organ at a fraction of the cost for a newly constructed instrument.

There are two recent installations in Toledo that have successfully relocated pipe organs and offer us an opportunity to see and hear the results. At Our Lady of Lourdes Church the organ was relocated in its entirety and at St. Joan of Arc Church the pipes from a fine older instrument were incorporated into a newly constructed case.

The Muller Organ Company completed both of these instruments and Mark Muller will share insights into the process of locating, evaluating and placing an "orphan organ" into a new home.

If your church might be interested in learning more about this type of opportunity invite a pastor, music committee member or interested parishioner to join us. It will be an enjoyable and informative evening.

Schedule

5:30 PM - gather at St. Joan of Arc Parish Hall (in the church building) for light appetizers and conversation.

6:00 - Dinner

6:30 - Presentation by Mark Muller

7:10 - organ demonstration

7:30 - 10 minute drive to Our Lady of Lourdes Church

7:50 - organ demonstration

8:10 - social time with dessert provided by the Chapter

An **Italian Buffet dinner** will be available: pasta, chicken, meatballs, tomato and alfredo sauce, salad and bread. The cost is **\$12.00 per person**.

RSVP by Monday, November 1

to toledoago419@gmail.com to reserve dinner. Payment (cash or check) will be collected at the dinner on November 5.

Toledo AGO Scholarship Auditions

Scholarship Auditions will be held on Sunday, October 24 at First Presbyterian Church in Maumee beginning at 3:00 PM.

For more information and the application, click [HERE](#).

It is the AGO [Year of the Young Organist](#). Anyone under the age of 30 qualifies for one year free membership. There are many benefits and online resources available as well as special online programs for the younger organist. If you know of someone who might be interested in joining the Chapter pass along the link below. Consider not only organists or organ students, but anyone who is an organ enthusiast. Grow our membership, one personal invitation at a time!

<https://www.yearoftheyoungorganist.com/>

Chapter Directory

Clint Miller is currently producing the 2021-2021 Member Directory. The information provided by AGO ONCARD will be used. If you have additional information you would like to include, such as a change in employment or availability to substitute, please send an email message to Clint cmiller@findlayfpc.org. He would like to include a listing of those who are available to teach organ lessons.

Sunday, November 28

4:00 PM

St. Paul Episcopal Church

310 Elizabeth St., Maumee

Organ Music for the seasons
of Advent & Christmas
presented by Toledo AGO members

After a year of very few concert opportunities, the Toledo AGO will present a public concert of holiday music. Consider performing for the concert. Brush up on one of your favorite selections or use this opportunity to learn something new! Please send your selection to Jane Weber jane.weber1015@gmail.com by **Monday November 1**. Include the title, composer and approximate length. Jane will coordinate a practice time with each performer.

TOLEDO AGO PROGRAMS 2021-2022

October 24, 3:00 PM- Scholarship Auditions - First Presbyterian Church, Maumee
[APPLICATION](#)

Friday, November 5, 5:30-8:30 - Dinner meeting: "Adopting an Orphan Pipe Organ" will include visits to St. Joan of Arc and Our Lady of Lourdes Church where "orphan" organs have been relocated.

Sunday, November 28, 4:00 PM

Advent/Christmas Member's Recital
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Maumee

Sunday, January 9 - 4:00 PM Epiphany Party – hosted at the home of Charlotte Mariasy

February – "Franck in February" A presentation/masterclass on the music of Cesar Franck. Date, time, location TBD

Scholarship Recital – Sunday, March 13 - 3:00 PM, First Presbyterian Church, Maumee

Sunday, March 20 - 3:00 PM

Dexter Kennedy, organist; *Franck Project 2022*
Rosary Cathedral

May date & time TBD - First Presbyterian Church, Findlay. Including a demonstration of the newly refurbished Aeolian-Skinner organ and open console time followed by end of the year banquet.

CONCERT CALENDAR

Friday, October 8, 7:00 PM - Hymn Festival with David Cherwein

First Presbyterian Church

300 W Wayne St, Fort Wayne, IN

Brent Neuenschwander for more information: 260.426.7421 ext 137

Saturday, October 9, 7:00pm – The Planets

Piano Duet Recital – Clinton Miller & Ryan Neal, piano

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

750 Bright Road, Findlay

Sunday, October 17, 3:00 PM - Paul Monachino, organ

Rosary Cathedral, 2535 Collingwood, Toledo

Friday, October 29, 7:00 PM - U of M Legacy Composers Concert

Timothy Tikker, Graham Shields, and Timothy Huth , organists

First Congregational Church, 608 East William Street, Ann Arbor, MI

For more information visit the [AACM website](#)

Friday, November 5, 7:00pm – Matt Brook, Vocalist

First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

2330 South Main St., Findlay

Over the past three years **St. John's Lutheran Church** Bellevue, Ohio, completed a tonal redesign of its 4/53 organ under the direction of GT Organ Associates and J. C Wilson & Associates. St. John's had planned an inaugural concert for May, 2020 that was cancelled due to the COVID pandemic.

In place of a rededication concert, St. John's Lutheran Church is pleased to extend an invitation to you to set up a date and time for you to bring your music, come in and play, and explore the tonal possibilities that this organ possesses. If you are interested, contact Paul Lieber plieber08@gmail.com (419) 217-7046.

The organ specification can be found at toledoago.org under News & Events.

Items for the Newsletter are due on the 25th of the preceeding month. Send items to toledoago419@gmail.com

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