

The Prelude

November 2017

The American Guild of Organists, Toledo Chapter

Dean's Message

Greetings,

Our annual student scholarship auditions in October was a great event with five high schoolers! Five! It was great to hear them play and realize that there are young people who are interested in playing the organ and increasing their skills. Thank you to Denise Mathias for coordinating the auditions, and thank you to our judges: Paul Monachino, Joan McConnell and Randy Currie.

The scholarships that we award are possible due to the generosity of others. If you would like to make a contribution to our scholarship fund,—it's tax deductible—mail a check to or contact Pam Davis. (After the auditions, a family member of one the students who auditioned expressed her thanks to our chapter by donating \$100 to the fund!)

So, back to the topic at hand. Let's each do our part to maintain and generate that interest!

How can you promote and encourage interest in the organ? Some possibilities include asking children or youth (or even an adult!) to assist you by turning pages, pulling stops or changing pistons for you. Introduce the organ to children or adults by giving them a short "guided tour" of the organ. Maybe this could be done after a service, as a part of a choir rehearsal or during Sunday School class. Let children and adults sit on the organ bench and play a little. I always ask if they want to play soft, medium or loud, and then I pull out an appropriate stop and let them play. You may have ideas you have used that have worked well. If so, please share them!

Another idea is to invite others to one of our programs. In January, we are sponsoring a workshop which will deal with aspects of playing the organ. This program, which is being planned by our Sub-Dean Dennis Johns, is open to all interested organists and will address areas of organ playing that will benefit organists of various levels of experience, including new organists.

In February, we are sponsoring a Member's Recital at Zoar Lutheran Church. This is an opportunity for you to play a piece or two and to invite others to attend! More information about how you can participate will be in our December newsletter. Think about who you can invite to both of these events.

Our Choral Festival is on Sunday, November 19 at Christ Presbyterian Church. So far, we have choir members from four churches who will join together in song under the direction of Brad Pierson, Director of Choral Activities at UT. I do not have a head count yet, but it appears that we will have at least forty and maybe even fifty-plus singers! **Individual singers can also join us, so please consider doing so. Please invite others to attend the closing service/concert at 7 p.m. that evening.** A flyer and a sample announcement are included in this newsletter which I encourage you to post, submit for your church's bulletin or share with others. Please see the article in this newsletter or contact for more information.

I hope to see each of you at one (or more) of our upcoming programs!

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.*

Toledo AGO Contact Info

Mark Mathias, Dean	419-708-6953 msmathias@yahoo.com
Dennis Johns, Sub-Dean	419-344-6905 dennis.johns@stjosephmaumee.org
Melissa Flowers, Secretary	419-455-4408 melissaflowers4@gmail.com
Pam Davis, Treasurer	419-346-0279 pameladavis965@gmail.com
Joan McConnell, Membership Chair	419-455-4666 jmconne@heidelberg.edu

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.

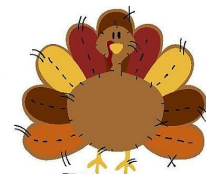
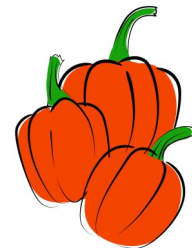
WEBSITE

www.toledoago.org

Toledo AGO Membership Directory Updates

Thanks as always for those corrections that have come trickling in! (And, a special thanks to Randy Currie, who sent me a deluge!) Let me share them here...

- **Norma Chidester** has retired from Immanuel Lutheran Church.
- Pam Davis is no longer at Community of Christ Lutheran; her entry should read:
Pamela (Mock) Davis BM MM perf. MM hist
P.O. Box 349 C 419-346-0279
Waterville, OH 43566 pameladavis965@gmail.com
- Melissa Flowers has a few changes in her contact info:
Melissa Flowers C 419-455-4408
1320 W. Sandusky St., Apt. K-7 melissaflowers4@gmail.com
Findlay OH 45840
Organist, St. Michael the Archangel RC, Findlay
- **Lyle Hecklinger** is no longer the Interim Organist at St. Michael in the Hills. I believe he is available as a substitute.
- **David Saunders** is no longer Organist at Christ the King RC.
- **Jerry Sohasky** has earned the Service Playing Certificate.
- Jacob Taylor, having finished his Master's degree at Indiana U. in Bloomington, is now pursuing doctoral studies at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY. His entry should read:
Jacob Taylor SPC, CAGO, BMus, MM
DMA candidate, Eastman School of Music C419-966-6158
Mail: c/o T. and L. Taylor
1007 Patriot Dr., Deshler, OH 43516



Happy Thanksgiving

I will be sending the corrected Membership List to our web master. I am happy to receive corrections whenever you send them. Thanks!

—Joan McConnell, Membership Chair

Toledo Chapter AGO Events 2017 - 2018

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.

Fri., Jan. 19, 7 p.m.

Service Playing

St. Rose Catholic, Perrysburg

This continuing education program, led by members of our chapter, will focus on aspects of playing the organ. It is open to all interested organists. Invite a guest!

Sun., Feb. 4, 4 p.m.

Member's Recital

Zoar Lutheran, Perrysburg

Members of our chapter will present an organ recital at Zoar Lutheran Church.

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.

~~~~~

### October Event Recap...

Dr. Scott Hyslop presented a wonderful lecture on the life and work of Paul Manz at Community of Christ (Whitehouse) for our October program. It was extremely informative and interesting! The first half of his program was a lecture, followed by a demonstration of a sampling of Manz's organ works. Scott is the Director of Parish Music at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth, Michigan. He studied with Manz and wrote Manz's biography (*The Journey Was Chosen: The Life and Work of Paul Manz*).

—Mark Mathias, Dean

## Scholarship Auditions Recap...

Our annual scholarship auditions took place on Sunday, October 8, at Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church. Sister Ritamarie Miller, music director of the parish, was our gracious host. The students played a newly installed, two-manual Schantz organ in a beautiful newly-built church.

The judges were Paul Monachino, Joan McConnell and Randy Currie. Each student played two contrasting pieces of repertoire and a prepared hymn. They were also required to sightread a hymn.

Five high school students participated in the auditions: Benjamin Garst, Enrico Tabernero, Kurt Muller, Jordan Brosten and Skyelar Raiti. The participating teachers were Pam Davis, Charlotte Mariasy and Mark Mathias. These students were prepared with the required repertoire and handled the stress of auditions beautifully. Congratulations to them, their teachers and their parents!

Awards were given as follows: Benjamin Garst and Enrico Tabernero--\$100 scholarships, Kurt Muller--\$200, Jordan Brosten--\$300, and Skylar Raiti--\$400. Each of these young men will perform in the student recital on Sunday, March 11, 3:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes. Other students may perform as well. Teachers, plan to encourage your organ students to prepare a selection to play! More information will be upcoming in future issues of the *Prelude*. *-Denise Mathias, Education Chair*



From left to right: Skylar Raiti, Kurt Muller, Jordan Brosten, Enrico Tabernero, Benjamin Garst



### SYLVAN TRIO PERFORMS AT ROSARY CATHEDRAL ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 AT 3:00 PM

**October 18, 2017 – Toledo, OH** – The Cathedral Concert Series presents the Sylvan Trio on Sunday, November 5 at 3:00 PM. Among the works to be performed are the world premiere performance of the “Second Sonata for flute and piano” by Michael Gilbertson and “Seasonal Breezes” by Ohio composer Rick Sowash. The ensemble features musicians Greg Kostraba, piano; Suzanne Bona, flute; and Josh Aerie, cello.

The concert is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken at the door. This concert is presented in memory of Joseph Lawton by his family.

Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral is located at 2535 Collingwood Blvd at Islington Avenue. Ample parking is available and the cathedral is handicap accessible. For more information contact Rosary Cathedral at 419-244-9575.

~~~~~

Brent Neuenschwander, Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church in Findlay, will be performing an organ recital at his church on Sunday, November 12 at 3:00 p.m. This recital will feature works of Bach, Guilman, John Knowles-Paine, Widor and others.

~~~~~

### Sacred Choral Music Festival

*This event is open to all choirs and individual singers—directors do not need to be a member of AGO.*

Bradley Pierson, Director of Choral Activities at the University of Toledo, will direct us. The festival is at Christ Presbyterian Church on Sunday, November 19. Rehearsal will begin at 2:00 p.m., followed by a catered supper and more rehearsal. The festival choir will perform in a concluding worship service at 7:00 p.m. The repertoire (which choirs/singers should purchase and prepare in advance) 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.)

### Sacred Choral Music Festival Sample Announcement...

A **Sacred Choral Music Festival** will be held at Christ Presbyterian Church (4225 W. Sylvania, Toledo) on Sunday, Nov. 19 at 7:00 p.m. A festival choir made up of choirs area churches will sing six anthems under the direction of Dr. Brad Pierson, Director of Choral Activities at UT. Organ music and congregational hymn singing will also be included. The hour-long service/concert is sponsored by the Toledo Chapter of the AGO (American Guild of Organists). A freewill offering will be collected. All are invited to attend this service of celebration and great music!

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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:**

Mark Mathias

Christ Presbyterian Church

4225 W. Sylvania

Toledo, OH 43623

419-475-8629, ext. 205

mark@cpctoledo.org

## Job Postings...

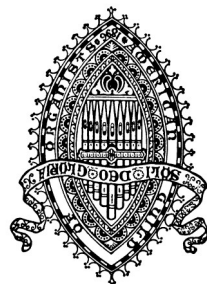
**Christ the King Parish is seeking a part-time (average 15-20 hours per week) Associate Organist** to serve as organist for choirs and other weekend liturgies, as well as Holy Days of Obligation and other liturgies as needed, as well as assisting with filing and organization within the music program. Excellent piano and organ skills are required. Salary is based on education and experience. Submit resume via email to Kathy Mumy, Director of Liturgy and Music, [kmumy@cktoledo.org](mailto:kmumy@cktoledo.org).

### **St. Michael the Archangel Parish**

750 Bright Rd, Findlay, OH 45840

Phone: 419-422-2646

Vibrant and active community of 10,000 members, is seeking a **full-time associate director of music and liturgy**. The ideal candidate will assist Director of Liturgy and Music in leading a music ministry program of 250+ members. Essential characteristics include: active and practicing Catholic, motivated and self-starting, strong leadership qualities, proficiency in piano/organ, and ability to engage our members in inspiring worship and song. Bachelor's degree in music required. Music education and liturgical music experience preferred. Salary commensurate with education and experience; benefits are available. Submit résumés and cover letters to Ben Koval at [bkoval@findlaystmichael.org](mailto:bkoval@findlaystmichael.org). This position is open until filled.



Toledo Chapter AGO