



## The Prelude

November 2019



Fall always makes me think of change and the passing of time. We all experience change in our lives in so many ways but sometimes I think we fail to notice some of it as we deal with the usual business of our lives. I certainly didn't notice or pay much attention to the aging process when I was in my twenties or thirties but I'm much more aware of the changes occurring now. I have to make adjustments and deal with those changes in various ways - new glasses, more recovery time from exercise, maybe adding a groan or two as I stand up. Of course some changes are easier to deal with than others. How do we balance holding on to what is good, accepting the changes that are coming, and learning to either embrace, or at least deal with them? How does this kind of thing manifest itself in our organ playing?

Changes in job situations, changes in instruments as they age, changes in the music we play? All of these things and I'm sure many more will cause us to re-evaluate things. As we do these constant re-evaluations throughout our lives, it's probably best to think of another reminder we get in fall and especially in November - Thanksgiving. As changes come, it can be difficult to remember to be thankful for all the blessings we have and change can even be one of those blessings, as difficult as that may be to see sometimes. I hope you all have a great Thanksgiving this November as many of us gear up for the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations. And I hope that the changes in your life are ones you can be thankful for or at least deal with in a positive way.

Congratulations to our Scholarship Audition winners and their teachers! All of the students were well prepared and did a great job. You can read more details in Denise Mathias' article in this Prelude. Thanks again to Denise for coordinating, our judges for giving their time to encourage these young organists, and to St. Lucas Lutheran Church for hosting. Please plan to attend the Student Recital on Sunday, March 22 also at St. Lucas Lutheran Church in South Toledo. More information will be coming in the future.

We will be having a member's recital on November 17 at the Dominican Motherhouse in Adrian. Some of those playing will be dealing with change there as there are two Holtkamp organs, a smaller organ in the chapel and a larger one in the main church. We will get to hear both instruments. We look forward to seeing you there!

Dennis Johns, Dean

## November Program

### Member's Recital at the Adrian Dominican Motherhouse

**On November 17, at 3:00 p.m.,**  
the members of the Toledo Chapter of  
the AGO will present a program at the  
**Motherhouse of the Adrian  
Dominican Sisters 1257 E Siena  
Heights Dr, Adrian, MI 49221**



The organs were completed in 2005 by  
the [Holtkamp Organ Company](#) of  
Cleveland, Ohio. The concert will begin on the smaller organ in St.  
Catherine Chapel at 3:00 p.m. [Specification](#)

At 3:30 there will be a 15 minute intermission as the audience moves to  
Holy Rosary Chapel [Specification](#) where the program will resume  
concluding at 4:15 p.m.

Spread the word about this event to those who enjoy organ music. The  
mission of the AGO is to foster a thriving community of musicians who  
share their knowledge and inspire passion for the organ.

There are likely a few slots left for performers. If you wish to perform,  
contact Denise Mathias by Tuesday via [email](#) or call 330-432-8528  
(cell) or 517-266-3411 (work). Performers will be accepted until the  
program is full. Please provide playing time for your repertoire. Practice  
time can be scheduled with Denise.



## Concert Calendar

### **An Afternoon of Organists**

**Sunday, November 24 - 4:00 PM**

St Paul's Episcopal Church, Maumee

featuring organists from Maumee churches: Jane Weber - St. Paul's  
Episcopal; Wayne Whitten, First Presbyterian; Dennis Johns, St. Joseph  
Catholic; Kathy Sweeney, Maumee United Methodist

Check out the AGO Chapter Website - [EVENTS](#)

The [Leek Organ Company](#) announces the blessing of their Opus 1 at St. Joseph Church in Strongsville, Ohio on Sunday, November 17 at 4:30 PM.

### Chapter Scholarship Winners

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On Sunday, October 13, three young people auditioned for Toledo AGO Scholarships. The auditions took place at St. Lucas Lutheran Church, Toledo, and were graciously hosted by Jamie Dauel, Director of Music and Organist. The judges were Joan McConnell, Dennis Johns, and Paul Monachino, who generously gave their time that afternoon. Scholarships were awarded to Benjamin Garst (\$300), Chris Nejvara (\$300), and Felicity Goebel-Komala (\$250). These students will use their awards to continue their study with teachers Charlotte Mariasy, Mark Mathias, and Melissa Davis.

Mark your calendar now for the Student Recital, again at St. Lucas, on March 22, at 3:00 p.m. This program will include the Scholarship Winners, and is also open to all organ students of Toledo AGO members. Let's continue to work to keep young people and adults interested and studying the organ!

Denise Mathias  
Scholarship Chair



### Toledo Chapter Directory, 2019-20

The directory is printed and has been mailed. Please take a moment to review your own entry and anything else that catches your eye. If you spot a mistake, don't hesitate to report it! We won't print again for a year, but I do periodically update the online directory, and I can publish changes and corrections as I receive them

Thanks, everyone, and I look forward to seeing you at AGO events this year!

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## Job Opening

**Minster of Music (part time), St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Toledo.** Serve as organist, vocal, bell and children's choir director. Weddings and funerals additional compensation.  
Contact Rev. Bridget Coffey, [rector@standrews.419.org](mailto:rector@standrews.419.org)

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church** in Pemberville, Ohio is seeking an organist / accompanist to lead us in worshipping the Lord! The ideal candidate is a team player, a talented musician and familiar with the worship rhythms of the Lutheran Church. Those with limited experience are also encouraged to apply.  
Contact Pastor Matt Musteric  
Details available at: <http://bethlehempemberville.org/images/organist.pdf>

**Eastminster Presbyterian Church**, 725 Navarre Avenue, Toledo.  
Organist - Per diem, as needed basis, \$50.00 day  
10:45 AM Service includes 3 hymns, Gloria Patri and the Doxology, Prelude, Offertory and Postlude.  
Contact Ms. Zoellen Murphy - Cell # 419.367.6408 text or leave a message.

### PRACTICE ORGANS

A couple of our chapter members are in the market for used digital organs which could be used for home practice and teaching. Would any of our members know of such instruments that might be available at a non-exorbitant price? Sorry to say that with churches closing and moving away from using their organs, we thought there might be some "inventory" of such instruments. The interest is in classical-style instruments and not spinets, theatre style, harmoniums, or old "relics" in need of extensive repair. If you know of any worthy candidates please contact me to relay the information. Thanks!

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Submissions for the Newsletter

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