



AGO Toledo

bridging our musical past and future...



The Prelude

November 2023

TOLEDO AGO CHAPTER
NOVEMBER EVENT

FALL SOCIAL

Friday, November 10, 2023

St. Joseph Catholic Church

104 West Broadway St., **Maumee**

Family Center (located between the church sanctuary and school building)

Join your fellow Chapter members for a fun evening. Hot seasonal beverages will be provided. Members are invited (but not required!) to bring a sweet or savory snack to share.

The first part of the evening we'll view a 20 minute video tour of the Longwood Gardens Aeolian pipe organ. This is on the AGO website and was featured as part of the AGO Young Organists "Fridays at Noon" series.

Then, get your Trivia Team organized for a Music/Organ trivia contest!

Encourage others to join you to become AGO Trivia Champs!

DIRECTIONS: St. Joseph is located at the corner of Conant and Broadway in Maumee. To enter the parking lot behind the church, travel West on Broadway past the church and school, then turn left on Allen St.. Enter the Family Center from door # 8. You can also park in the lot across Broadway from the church and enter the Family Room at door #10 at the front of the building.

On October 1 Chapter members heard a presentation by Dr. Michael Boyd on healthy keyboard techniques. He covered various approaches including Alexander technique, proper seating position and thoughtful use of arm weight and muscles were demonstrated. A social time followed. Thanks to Dennis Johns for arranging the event and Cecil Baughman at Epworth UMC for hosting.



TOLEDO AGO ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS

AGO scholarship auditions were held on Sunday, October 15 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church. There were three applicants, all of whom were well-prepared and did a great job. Congratulations to the following students who were awarded scholarships.

Lukas Sadowski (student of Melissa Davis): \$300

James Daly (student of Charlotte Mariasy): \$300

Isaac Bohne (student of Mark Niese): \$450.

We thank the teachers and parents for helping them prepare. Special thanks go to our judges, Dennis Blubaugh and Mark Mathias. We look forward to hearing Lukas, James, and Isaac in the Scholarship Winners Recital in April.

Kathy Mumy, Scholarship Chairperson



ATTENTION ORGAN STUDENTS!

The Organ Historical Society is now offering FREE digital memberships to anyone who is currently studying the pipe organ. In addition to many resources online, the Society publishes three annual editions of "The Tracker" magazine.

The OHS supports organ students particularly through the Biggs Scholarship program which provides funds for students to attend and participate in the annual Conventions.

To begin a FREE digital membership click here:

[OHS Student Scholarship](#)

The Organ Historical Society enriches public knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the pipe organ, particularly its place in history and culture.

On Sunday, February 25– 4:00 PM the Chapter will collaborate with the HeART Gallery at **St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 428 N. Erie St.** for a program of hymns and organ music connected to the Japanese art of Kintsugi.

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The program being developed by Kate Philabaum, director for the HeART Gallery, will be divided into four sections.

- 1 - Broken
- 2 - Presence
- 3 - Healing
- 4- Hope and Praise

Each section will feature a narration, a hymn and a solo organ work reflecting on each theme.

The Chapter will collaborate in several ways - with organists willing to play a hymn or solo organ piece and making suggestions for hymns that might reflect the various aspects listed above.

If you are willing to participate as a performer or have suggestions for hymns and organ selections, kindly email them to Paul Monachino at subdeantoleado@gmail.com

The program will conclude with a refreshments in the Gallery where those in attendance can view the Kintsugi artwork that will be on display.

2023-2024 Toledo Chapter Programs

“to foster a thriving community”

We hope you will find the topics of interest and will look forward to time for building community by socializing with colleagues!

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Sunday, April 14 – 3:00 PM

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, Toledo

Student recital featuring Chapter organ scholarship winners and student instrumentalists from member's churches. (If you have students that perform with you during church services consider asking them to perform on this program. Strings, woodwinds, brass, etc.)

Reception to follow

Friday, May 17 – Organ Crawl (8:30 AM – 5:00 PM)

Bellevue

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (Muller)

St. John's Lutheran Church (GT Organ Associates and J. C Wilson & Associates)

Sandusky (TBD)

Grace Episcopal Church (2016 Buzard)

Holy Angels Catholic Church (1885 Barckhoff)

June

End of Year Celebration/Banquet - TBD

JOB OPENINGS

Director of Music and Liturgy

St. Ann & St. Joseph Catholic Parishes, Fremont, Ohio

Job description can be found on the Toledo AGO website, click [HERE](#).

Apply to: Fr. Matt Frisbee, frmatt@growinholiness.org, 709 Croghan St., Fremont, OH 43420

IMMEDIATE NEED for a substitute organist

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Elmore - Sunday, 10:30 AM service (\$150.00). The church is currently searching for a permanent, part-time organist. If interested in either contact:

Joan Eckermann

cell: 419-350-4088

jeckermann@hotmail.com

Dan Boyle, organist

Solomon Lutheran Church, Woodville

Sunday, November 5 - 4:00 PM

Works by Bach, Barber, Fey, Guilman and Mouret

Items for the Newsletter are due by the 25th of the preceding month. Send items to toledoagonewsletter@gmail.com

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The Chapter still has several openings that need to be filled. If you are interested in any of these positions please contact

[Charlotte Mariasy](#).

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