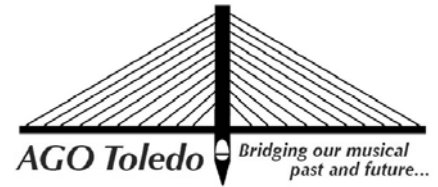


# The Prelude



DECEMBER 2012

## From the Dean



Dear friends,

'Twas the night before Thanksgiving, and all the students have gone... home to their families and their friends, their video games and their turkey dinners. Faculty and staff are gone too. The School of Music on Heidelberg's campus is quite deserted; I alone remain, determined (for once) to write my article and turn it in by the deadline!

I hope you were able to hear some good music this month! I gorged myself on a musical feast of several courses, all in one week! For starters, I took my two students to St. Michael's to hear James Kibbie on the Karl Wilhelm organ. We enjoyed familiar pieces (Buxtehude C major Praeludium, Bach trio sonata in D minor, and Passacaglia in C minor, Alain's Litanies) as well as some that were brand new to us, particularly the variations on 'Victimae paschal laudes' by Czech composer Jiri Ropek. Dr. Kibbie is a masterful player, and the Wilhelm is a marvelous instrument. I didn't expect him to attempt such a wide range of literature, but there seems to be nothing the Wilhelm can't do!

On the home front (Tiffin, that is), we participated in some fun and fine music making. Heidelberg's University-Community Chorus sang a concert of patriotic works on Veteran's Day, November 12. The central work of the concert was Randall Thompson's "The Testament of Freedom," a setting of four passages from the writings of Thomas Jefferson. The chorus performed with the Heidelberg Symphonic Band, which relieved me from playing accompaniments for the concert, but I had great fun playing them throughout all the rehearsals!

Melissa Flowers, former Toledo chapter scholarship winner, is a junior at Heidelberg, majoring in Organ Performance. She played her first solo recital on November 16. After a brief bout of performance jitters, she pulled herself together and played very well. In addition to 'standards' by Bach, Vaughan Williams and Franck, she and a classmate performed a new (2008) work for organ and marimba by Minnesota composer Carol Barnett. A highlight of the evening for me was her performance of Franck's *Piece Heroique*, which she played with confidence and an understanding of the character and drama of the work. Is there anything so satisfying as seeing our students (of all ages) make such progress?

I also brought students to hear and see the TSO performance of Stravinsky's *L'Histoire du Soldat*. That was amazing! I have listened to that piece since I was an undergraduate, but never heard it live or seen it danced. What a treat that was for me! And, now that I'm cataloging it all here on paper (four concerts in one week!), I understand why I'm so tired and ready for my Thanksgiving holiday!

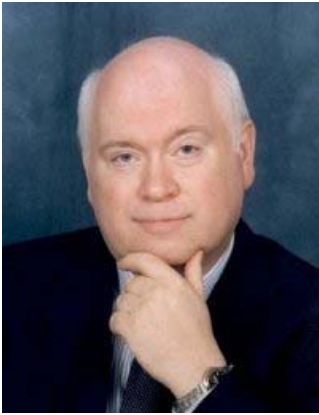
Looking ahead, I do want to reiterate Martha Gregory's invitation to come out for our December 3<sup>rd</sup> event at First Presbyterian Church in Perrysburg. Friends and fellowship are the order of the evening, along with a presentation on the **2013 Region V Convention** (Kalamazoo and Battle Creek) by Brooks Grantier. Brooks is a most engaging person, whom you will enjoy meeting and hearing. I have just received word from him that **"all attendees of this program will receive a complimentary 'early-early-bird' registration package of just \$295," \$30 LESS than the regular 'early' registration!** If there is ANY chance you might attend this convention, come on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and take advantage of this great bargain. Or, as they say in Battle Creek, .....GRRRRREAT!!

See you in December!

-Joan McConnell  
Dean of the Chapter



## FROM THE SUB-DEAN



## DECEMBER GREETINGS!

Here we are at the “point of no return!” It’s Advent and Christmas time and there’s much to do before we can rest! Only Santa knows whether we’ve been naughty or nice and done our due diligence in the areas of practice and preparation. But, we’re professionals and we know what it takes to get everything accomplished. So, make your list and check it twice, or even several times, and rest assured that your Christmas will come down the proverbial chimney just fine and not go up in smoke!

I hope you were able to take in the November organ offerings in our area. Douglas Bruce played a very fine concert at Rosary Cathedral on Tuesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> as part of both the Cathedral Concert Series and our monthly AGO program. His varied program showed the organ off to great advantage and displayed his very accomplished skills as an organist.

Another program that dazzled many of us was played by Dr. James Kibbie on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael in the Hills Episcopal Church in Toledo. This concert marked the Twentieth Anniversary of the installation of the Wilhelm organ there. Dr. Kibbie is on the faculty of the School of Music at the University of Michigan. His program was impeccably played and fit the mechanical action organ perfectly. I think we often take for granted what a fine organ department we have as near to us as Ann Arbor! Oh, and I can’t forget to mention the nice reception that followed, complete with wine, cheese and many goodies!

See you at our December gathering in Perrysburg, and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year!

-Neil R. Kraft, Sub Dean  
Sub Dean, Toledo AGO

TOLEDO CHAPTER  
PROGRAM

## A YEAR IN THE MAKING

**DECEMBER: CAROLS AND A CONVENTION:**

**“Great Lakes / Swell Organs”**

**Monday, December 3, 7:00 p.m.**

Brooks Grantier, Publicity Chair for the 2013 Region V AGO convention in Kalamazoo, MI will give us a presentation on the convention: the artists, the workshops, and the organs of Kalamazoo and Battle Creek. In addition, we’ll entertain ourselves with some carol singing and seasonal refreshments!

First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Perrysburg, OH, 43551

**JANUARY: ALL THAT JAZZ**

**Monday, January 14, 7:00 p.m.**

Mark Mathias, our new chapter secretary, will present a survey of sacred organ music in jazz, blues, and gospel style. Come and learn what is “out there” in published form for your own use! Eric Dickey (piano) and Mark Lemle (saxophone) will play a ‘live’ jazz program for us.

Christ the King Catholic Church, 4100 Harvest Lane, Toledo

**FEBRUARY: FAMILY CONCERT**

**Sunday, February 24, 4:00 p.m.**

A fun mix of classical, popular, and church music, played on three organs by Kevin McGill and friends!  
St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, 315 S College Drive, Bowling Green

**MARCH/APRIL:****TOLEDO CHAPTER STUDENT AND SCHOLARSHIP RECITAL**

**Sunday, April 14, 3:00 p.m.**

With Easter coming so close on the heels of the colleges’ spring break, we need to push the student recital into April. Stay tuned for more details, and plan to come out and hear our students!

**APRIL: SCHANTZ ORGAN COMPANY**

**Date: TBA**

An all-day bus tour to Orrville, Ohio, to witness the Schantz Organ Company in action! See pipes being made and learn how an organ is assembled. Possible “side” attraction: the Smuckers Jam Company!

**MAY: ANNUAL AGO/TOLEDO BANQUET**

**Date and Place: TBA**

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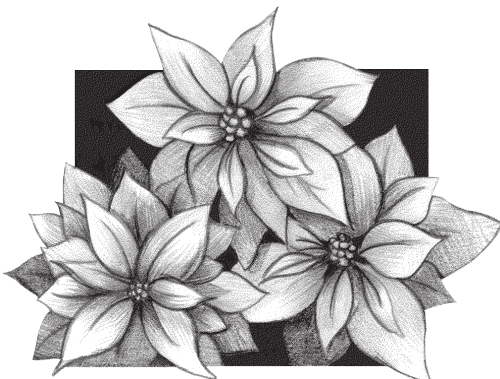
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Friday, December 7, 2012 - 7:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor  
120 South State Street

Co-sponsored by the Ann Arbor Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and the First Music and Arts Series, this concert promises to ignite your Advent/Christmas holiday spirit with festive music of the season.

Featured performers Thomas Strode, Marcia van Oyen and David Hufford will perform on the Reuter Pipe Organ of First United Methodist Church. We are also pleased to welcome choristers from the Boychoir of Ann Arbor, who will lead the audience carol sing, adorning our singing with beautiful descants. A freewill offering will be taken and a reception will follow the concert to meet the artists.

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



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### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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### NEWSLETTER & E-MAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have articles, news, concerts, or vacant positions, please submit them to:

Email: Kathy Rupp [kathy.rupp744@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.rupp744@gmail.com)  
Newsletter: Jack Gerding [jackgerding@aol.com](mailto:jackgerding@aol.com)

### WEBSITE

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

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is to promote the organ  
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## Lourdes University Department of Music to present Christmas concert

Featuring a performance of Gloria in Excelsis  
from the Unaccompanied Mass  
by former Choir Director of Sylvania Northview

The Lourdes University Music Department will present its annual Christmas Concert, "Love and Joy Come to You," on Sunday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m., in the Franciscan Center Theatre. This free concert features the Lourdes University Chorus and Good Company Ensemble, directed by Karen T. Biscay with accompanist Olga Topuzova-Meade, and the Maumee Community Band, directed by Kevin Heidbreder.

"Love and Joy Come to You" will feature choral settings by Tschesnokoff, Southall, Myers, Courtney, Biscay, and the *Gloria in Excelsis* from the *Unaccompanied Mass* by Louis F. Davis, former director of choirs at Sylvania High School (nee Sylvania Northview), and father of Chip Davis of Mannheim Steamroller fame. The *Mass* was written as a Master's Degree thesis project while Louis F. Davis was teaching in the Sylvania Schools. Ms. Biscay sang the *Gloria* as a student in the A Cappella Choir and later as an alumna in 2004 at a choir reunion event for the Northview Louis and Betty Davis Choral Scholarship Fund. She purchased a specially-prepared score of the entire *Mass* at the event's silent auction. The eclectic *Gloria in Excelsis* will be performed as a tribute to the Davis family.

The Maumee Community Band will perform seasonal favorites including German, French, and English carol arrangements, selections from *The Polar Express*, and Leroy Anderson's *Sleigh Ride*.

The concert will conclude with a holiday carol sing-along for band, choirs and audience. Doors open at 7:15 pm. For more information, contact [kbiscay@lourdes.edu](mailto:kbiscay@lourdes.edu) or 419-824-3772.

Rooted in the Catholic Franciscan tradition, Lourdes University offers baccalaureate degrees in more than 30 academic majors as well as graduate degrees in business, education, liberal arts, nursing, organizational leadership and theology. Community outreach programs include the Appold Planetarium, the Center for Science Education & the Environment, Lifelong Learning and Theater Vision. A member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, Lourdes students can also compete in baseball and men's and women's basketball, golf and volleyball. Named a "Best in the Midwest" college by the Princeton Review, Lourdes University is a nationally accredited, veteran and transfer-friendly institution offering a variety of student scholarships. Discover us online at [www.lourdes.edu](http://www.lourdes.edu) or by phone at 419-885-3211.

## CHURCH MUSICIAN NEEDED

Organist/Keyboardist for two Catholic parishes  
**St. Mary's, Holgate** - 11:00 a.m. Sunday  
Clavinova keyboard (419-264-3321)

**Sacred Heart of Jesus, New Bavaria** - 9:30 a.m. Sunday  
Tracker Pipe Organ (419-653-4157)

Looking for one person for both jobs, or two separate persons - \$100 per Mass. Contact: Rev. Stephen Stanbery, pastor [shchurch@metalink.net](mailto:shchurch@metalink.net)

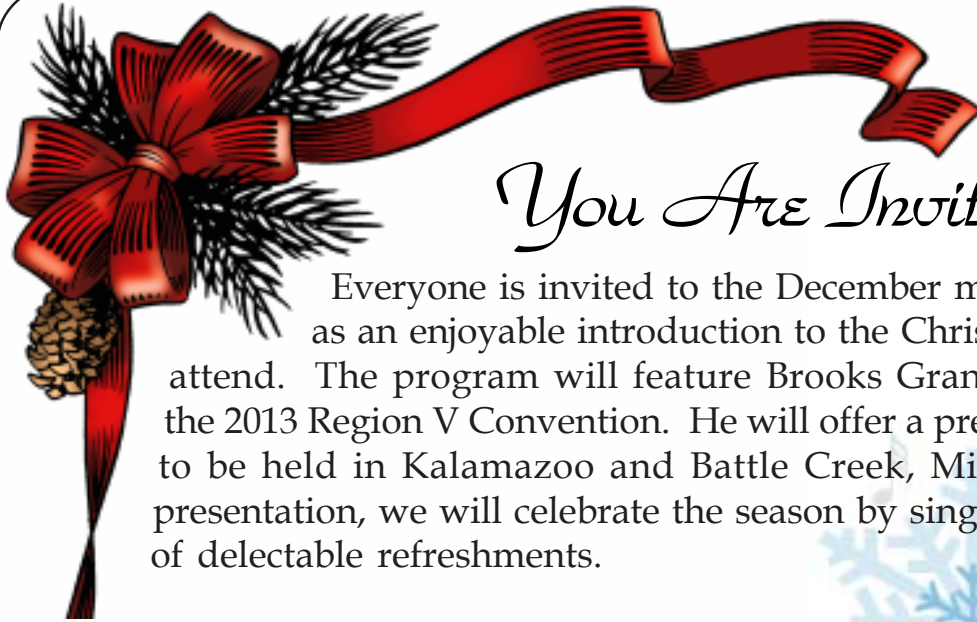
**Position open at Augsburg Lutheran in Toledo.** Skills needed include: playing the piano and a 46 rank Aeolian pipe organ in a blended worship style. Must be able to read both music and chord charts. Current duties include playing our Sunday morning worship service at 9:30 a.m., rehearsals on two Thursday evenings per month, and playing for 7 special worship services throughout the year. Send resume to Lori Reid, [lori.augsburg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lori.augsburg@sbcglobal.net) or Augsburg Lutheran Church, 1342 W Sylvania Ave, Toledo, OH, 43612.

**Firelands Presbyterian Church in Port Clinton** is seeking an experienced church musician, skilled in piano and/or organ, to work with a warm, welcoming congregation. This is a part-time position. Contact Janine Dress at 419-734-6211 or e-mail [secretary@firelandschurch.org](mailto:secretary@firelandschurch.org) for job requirements or for more information.

**Faith Lutheran Church in Swanton** is looking for an organist who can play their Allen Digital Organ for their 10:15 a.m. Sunday service. The congregation is currently using traditional and blended Lutheran Liturgy from the *Lutheran Book of Worship, With One Voice* and hymns from the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* book. Weekly Holy Communion. Included in this job description are occasional weekly services during Lent, plus occasional weddings and funerals as requested. The congregation is currently in a pastoral vacancy, so this position could grow and change after a new pastor is called to the congregation in 2013. Salary range is \$75-\$100 per service. Negotiable. Please send resume to [felcelca@embarqmail.com](mailto:felcelca@embarqmail.com) or call Faith Lutheran at 419-826-6971 for more information. Pastor Jeanne R. English is the interim pastor. Faith Lutheran is located at 200 Dodge St., Swanton, OH, 43448.







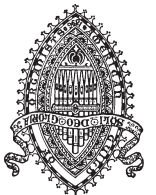
## *You Are Invited*

Everyone is invited to the December meeting, which will serve as an enjoyable introduction to the Christmas season for all who attend. The program will feature Brooks Grantier, Publicity Chair for the 2013 Region V Convention. He will offer a preview of that convention, to be held in Kalamazoo and Battle Creek, Michigan. Following this presentation, we will celebrate the season by singing carols and partaking of delectable refreshments.

The meeting will be Monday, December 3, at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. 2nd St., Perrysburg, OH, 43551. Bill Gill and Martha Gregory will host.

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