

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN...

December Greetings! Even though we do not have a program this month I thought it would be good to extend the greetings of the season! I genuinely and prayerfully wish all of you the best of this Christmas season coming up. I also hope that we will all stay healthy, wealthy and wise as we progress through it! I'd like to share with you one of my favorite Advent hymn texts. The tune is *Kingdom*, and it's by David Haas.



God of all places: present, unseen; Voice in our silence, song in our midst. We are your people, knowing, unsure. Come, Lord Jesus, come!

God of all dreaming, near and yet far. Vision unheard of, wake us to rest. We are your presence, sent forth afraid. Come, Lord Jesus, come!

God of all people, dust and the clay. Breath of a new wind, fire in our hearts. Light born of heaven, peace on the earth. Come, Lord Jesus, come!



Thanks to all who attended and participated in our November program –*Technology for the Traditionalist.* The presenter, Barry Holben, was very engaging and informative. We are very grateful to Dennis Johns for hosting and Bob DeMass of Pellegrino Music for coordinating this program at no charge to the chapter.

A little "plug" for upcoming programs.....don't forget our Organ Plus program on Sunday, January 11th at 3



PM at Community of Christ Lutheran in Whitehouse. Performers are still needed to fill out the program. It's definitely not too early to start recruiting participants for the *AGO Choral Festival* to be held on Saturday, February 28th at Epworth UMC on Central Ave. in Toledo. Sandra Stegman will serve as the choral conductor for the event. More information is forthcoming, if not elsewhere in this newsletter.

Best wishes to all, and to all a Good Night!

Neil Kraft, Dean

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all interested in the organ. To become a member of the Toledo Chapter, contact Nancy Russell at <u>navon@wcnet.org</u>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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is to enrich lives through

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choral music.

Great Art Escape

at

The Toledo Museum of Art 2445 Monroe Street Concerts on the Dutch cabinet organ, 1-1:30pm Gallery 24 on the upper level of the museum



This small (one manual, no pedals) organ was built ca. 1785 by Dutch builder Johannes Strumphler. Completely contained in a wooden cabinet, the air supply is generated by a foot pedal. When the doors are closed, it looks like a piece of furniture. With the doors open, one can see pipes above the keyboard.

> December 26 Anne Doerfler December 27 Nancy Russell December 28 Martha Esbin January 2 Sue Craig January 3 Pam Stover January 4 Denise Mathias

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TOLEDO AGO PROGRAM YEAR

December 2014 - No Program - Merry Christmas!

<u>Sunday, January 11, 2015</u> – Organ PLUS! Organ with other instruments. Program will benefit the student scholarship program. Community of Christ Lutheran Church in Whitehouse – 3pm. Please contact Pam Davis to participate in the program (only 2 pieces so far! – Rutter and Pinkham)

music@commofchrist.org or 419-346-0279.





<u>Saturday, February 28, 2015</u> – AGO Choral Festival with Sandra Stegman. All-day format of rehearsals, lunch and final concert at 3:00 PM. Please encourage your choir members to participate! Epworth United Methodist Church, Toledo. Cecil Baughman, host.

Sunday, March 15, 2015 - AGO Student Recital – 3:00 PM – St. Aloysius Church in Bowling Green. Reception to follow. Neil Kraft, host.

<u>Sunday, April 26, 2015</u> – Concert Organist Gail Archer -4:00 PM at Monroe Street UMC in Toledo. Co-sponsored with the Church and Chapter. Denise Mathias, host.

<u>Sunday, May 17, 2015</u> – Spring Program and Dinner (on the road!) Touring a very comprehensive musical instrument collection in Dundee, MI. Dinner will follow at a local restaurant.



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ΚΕΤυκα SERVICE REQUESTED

Convention would like to wish all of our AGO members in the Great Lakes Region Happy Holidays and Good Wishes for the New Year! We know the month of December is one of the busiest times of the year for you and the Regional Convention may not be an item that tops your list of "To Do's" during the month of December. But, we would like to remind our members that the end of the year might be the time your congregation or institution finalizes its budget for 2015, and now would be a great time to submit any educational/professional funding requests to help fund your journey to Indianapolis for *Friends, Music and Inspiration*.

The AGO 2015 Great Lakes Region

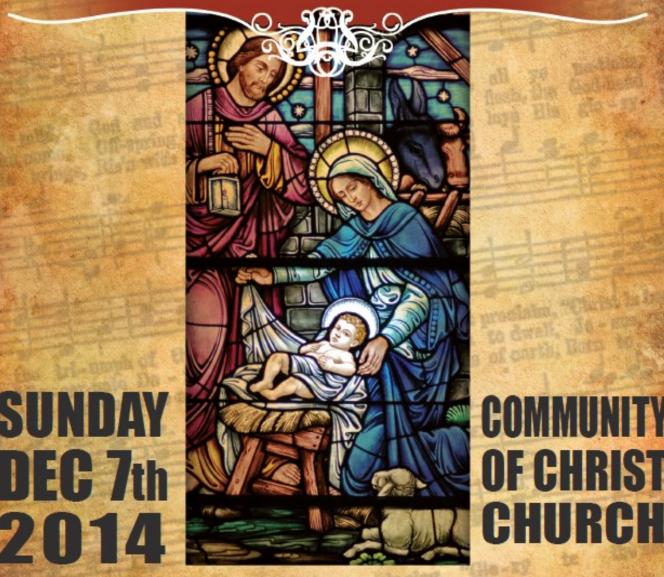
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