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# *The Prelude*

December 2015

## **DEAN'S MESSAGE**

Well, I guess it's official because the snow is on the ground.....winter has arrived.....even *before* the winter solstice! I hope that puts us in the holiday spirit! It mostly reminds me of how much needs to be accomplished before Christmas arrives! It is one of my theories that there are only two days in December, the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup>, because that's how quickly this month passes by!

We do not have a December program so that we all can concentrate on our personal practice and rehearsals. But, I would highly recommend taking a little time off to attend a special holiday program where you can just be part of the audience. That's good for the soul! I have a few programs earmarked that I hope to attend myself.

Our next program will be on January 25<sup>th</sup> and will involve *Sharing Resources*. Our Sub Dean, Mark Mathias, is coordinating this program, and I'm sure he will give us more information as the time draws nearer.

So, for the time being, I wish you all a *Happy Advent, a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!*

*Neil Kraft, Dean*



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### 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

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

## Merry Christmas!



Due to the Christmas holiday, articles for the January Prelude need to be submitted to Melissa Flowers ([mflowers@findlaystmichael.org](mailto:mflowers@findlaystmichael.org)) by December 20th.

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of the  
American Guild of Organists  
is to enrich lives  
through  
organ  
and  
choral music.*

## Great Art Escape

The Toledo Museum of Art

2445 Monroe Street

Concerts on the Dutch cabinet organ,

1-1:30pm

Gallery 24 on the upper level

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.



*Sounds  
of the  
Season*

### CONCERT DATES:

December 26 — Pam Stover

December 27 — Martha Esbin

January 1 — Gladys Rudolph

January 2 — Dennis Johns

January 3 — Susan Craig

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**Young Voices of Greater Toledo** announces their 2015 Christmas Season performances:

Sun., Dec. 6, 4:00 p.m. Glenwood Lutheran Church, (beside the Toledo Museum of Art) for the *Old West End Christmas Open House*

Sat., Dec. 12, 7:00 p.m. St. Timothy Episcopal Church, Perrysburg, *Christmas Concert* with The Perrysburg Symphony Chorale

Sun., Dec. 13, 4:00 p.m. Monroe St. United Methodist Church, with the choirs of Monroe St. UMC, *Choral Vespers for Advent*

Young Voices of Greater Toledo is a community children's chorus for children age 8 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade (treble voices). Enrollment for new singers will be open in January, 2016. For more information visit [www.yvgt.org](http://www.yvgt.org). *Come Sing With Us!*

# TOLEDO CHAPTER AGO

## Programming for 2015-2016

### Monday, January 25, 2016 – MEMBERS SHARING RESOURCES

7 PM— First United Methodist Church, Sylvania – (Schantz organ)

### Saturday, February 20, 2016 – SILENT MOVIE NIGHT – Aaron David Miller, organ

7:00 PM – Collaborating with Church Concert Series

Community of Christ Lutheran Church, Whitehouse, Ohio, Finzel at Dutch Roads (Reuter organ)

### Sunday, March 6, 2016 – ANNUAL STUDENT RECITAL – Scholarship Awards

3 PM—Christ Presbyterian Church, Sylvania Avenue, Toledo (Casavant organ)

### Friday, April 15, 2016 – ORGAN EXCURSION led by Mark Muller

Visiting Muller Organ projects in Detroit suburbs and Southern Michigan

Lunch along the way -Van transportation provided – Costs and details coming later!

### Sunday, May 22, 2016 – SPRING CONCERT AND POTLUCK – Jacob Taylor, organist

4 PM – Organ recital at Trinity Episcopal Church, downtown Toledo (Skinner/Casavant organ)

Chapter potluck dinner to follow in church social room —Chapter will furnish entrée and beverages



## **JOB POSTINGS**



### **ORGANIST POSITION AT CALVIN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IN TOLEDO:**

LOCAL EAST TOLEDO CHURCH SEEKING ORGANIST FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE.

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IF INTERESTED, SEND RESUME OR LETTER OF INTEREST TO:

CALVIN UCC, ATTN: B. FISHER, 1946  
BAKEWELL STREET, TOLEDO, OH 43605  
OR EMAIL [CALVINUCC@YAHOO.COM](mailto:CALVINUCC@YAHOO.COM).

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### **FULL TIME ORGANIST POSITION AT FIRST ST MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH IN OREGON, OH**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT MR BOB LAMB, CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT, AT 419-693-4955.

**Monroe St. United Methodist Church** cordially invites singers to join the *Palm Sunday Chorus* for a performance of Beethoven's Mass in C and the Choral Fantasy. Rehearsals begin Saturday, Jan. 16 at 9:30 a.m. (registration and rehearsal) at the church and are each following Saturday at 10:00 a.m. until the performance on Sunday, March 20, at 7:00 p.m. Kevin Bylsma conducts the orchestra and chorus. For more information, contact Denise Mathias, 419-473-1167, ext. 230, or email [dmathias@monroestumc.com](mailto:dmathias@monroestumc.com). All singers are welcome.



### **From the Education Chair,**

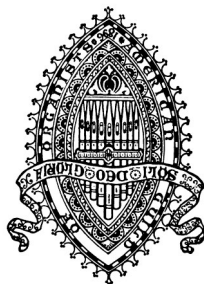
Now is the time for you and your students to plan repertoire for the March 6, 2016 Student Recital. This recital is open to all students of Toledo Chapter AGO members. It's always a joy to hear the students perform and know that the art of organ performance has a bright future because of the diligence of fine teachers and good students! The scholarship winners will be performing, as well. Plan now for a fine performance on March 6th!

*Denise Mathias*





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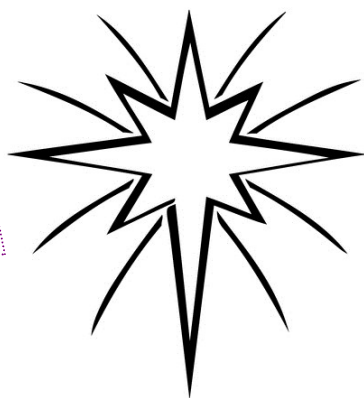
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# *My Song in the Night*

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## Choral Vespers for Advent

*Wesleyan Chorus  
Young Voices of  
Greater Toledo*



*Carol Dusdieker &  
Thaddeus Archer*

Sunday, December 13, 4:00 p.m.

Monroe Street United Methodist Church  
Toledo, Ohio

Free admission—donations gladly accepted