



# AGO Toledo

bridging our musical past and future...



The Prelude

December 2023

Merry Christmas

and a Happy New Year



## NOVEMBER SOCIAL

Eight members attended a social gathering at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Maumee on Friday, November 10. We watched a very enjoyable short documentary on the Longwood Gardens organ, followed by an organ trivia game! Some very impressive knowledge was demonstrated by several of the attendees! Hot cider and lots of great snacks were shared as we enjoyed a fun night of fellowship and conversation.

Thanks to Dennis Johns for hosting and Libby Saxton for assistance with the refreshments

**OUR FEBRUARY PROGRAM  
COMING SOON-(ER THAN YOU THINK!)**

**This collaboration with the HeART Gallery offers our Chapter an opportunity to reach out to new audiences. We'll need interested members to assist with the planning and performances! There are opportunities for all interested members to play, from hymns to short organ compositions based on each theme.**

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.

*"Kintsugi is the Japanese art of putting broken pottery pieces back together with gold — built on the idea that in embracing flaws and imperfections, you can create an even stronger, more beautiful piece of art.*

The program being developed by Kate Philabaum, director of 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 [subdeantoledo@gmail.com](mailto:subdeantoledo@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.

**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.*

**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**

**Grace Lutheran Church, Fremont, Ohio**

**Sunday Organist or Pianist** - Service at 9:00 am.

**Saturday Organist or Pianist** - Service at 4:00 pm

**Choir Director** - rehearsals mid-week and perform most Sundays September - May

**Choir Accompanist** - can be either the choir director doubling as accompanist, or a separate job.

**Bell Choir Director** - rehearsals mid-week September - May and occasional performances

Instruments:

**Organ:** Aeolian Skinner, three manual

**Piano:** Steinway Grand

**Handbells:** Schulmerich 7 octave set

For more information or to apply, send inquiry via email, phone or text to  
Pastor Bogen, [mark@bogen.org](mailto:mark@bogen.org), 419-239-8444

### CATHEDRAL CONCERT SERIES

#### CHRISTMAS CAROL SING

Sunday, December 17 - 3:00 PM

The Cathedral Choir

joined by special guests

The Central Catholic High School Glee Club

Come sing favorite Carols

accompanied by organ, strings, brass and choirs

Items for the Newsletter are due by the 25th of the preceding month. Send items to [toledoagonewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:toledoagonewsletter@gmail.com)

#### **TOLEDO AGO OFFICERS**

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*At-large members of the Executive Committee*

Kathy Mumy

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Libby Saxton

The Chapter still has several openings that need to be filled. If you are interested in any of these positions please contact [Charlotte Mariasy](#).

Scholarship Coordinator - Kathy Mumy

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**"Many hands make things work"**

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