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DEAN'S CORNER

Greetings! I know many of our members will need to summon extra energy this year to deal with an early Easter crunch. By the time you read this, Mardi Gras will be upon us.

I predict that our most *energetic* chapter program for the year will occur on February 24th, when we host a Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza event at Worthington United Methodist Church. When our chapter sponsored this program 2 years ago, several dozen kids had a blast. I suffered some static from my daughter when we did not host such an event last year. So, not only are we sponsoring the event this year, but this program will be an official outing for the junior youth group at our church. I hope you will invite some young people in your life to attend. Please feel free to use the enclosed flyer to pass the word. If you are organizing a group to attend this program and can provide some advance notice, we would surely appreciate having a more accurate count for ordering pizza. **If you are an organ teacher and would be interested in having your name and contact information provided to the attendees of Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza, please contact me at 614-798-4875 or laurasilva@aol.com.**

Now it's time to put in a plug about opportunities for leadership positions in our chapter. The vitality of an energized chapter depends on the contributions and diversity of its members. Please feel free to propose potential candidates.

After 13 years of outstanding contributions, Sally Beske has decided to step down from service as our membership coordinator. Sally has significantly streamlined this position, such that her successor will have a computerized list that can be updated and emailed for publication in our directory. Please join me in thanking Sally for her leadership.

Also, a nominating committee will soon be preparing a slate of candidates for our annual chapter election. We will be electing three of our colleagues to three year terms on the executive board. Our executive board and officers meet about 8-10 times per year to plan chapter programs and administer chapter business. There are nine executive board members, in addition to dean, sub-dean, secretary, and treasurer. (Many hands make light work.) Board members enjoy these additional opportunities to create and implement programming, as well as network with colleagues.

I wish you all an energetic early Lent, and hope you find some spring in your step with the King of Instruments this winter.

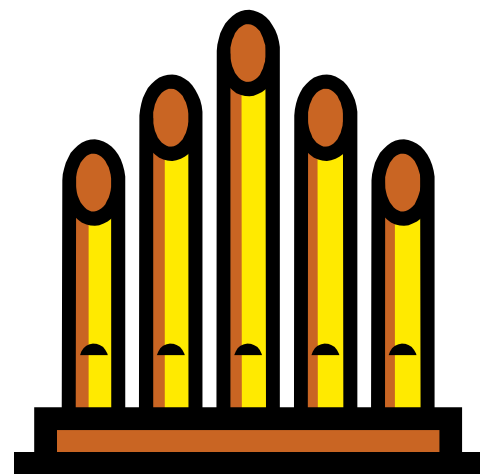
With warm regards,

*Laura Silva, CAGO
Dean, Columbus Chapter AGO*

Sympathy

The members of Columbus Chapter AGO extend the deepest sympathy with the passing of Mildred Carvin. Mildred was 96 and a member of Maple Grove United Methodist Church. She placed at Second Avenue Presbyterian Church and substituted around the Columbus area.

*American Guild of
Organists,
Columbus Chapter
presents...*



Pedals, Pipes and Pizza

When: Sunday, February 24, 2008
Time: 3:00-5:00 PM
Where: Worthington United Methodist Church,
600 High Street, Worthington, Ohio
Admission: FREE!

- For anyone — Young or Older — who wants to learn more about the “king of instruments”
- No keyboard experience is needed.
- Learn about how a pipe organ works — from the console and pedals to the pipes
- Learn about all the different, magnificent sounds the pipes make
- “Open Console” time — feel free to bring a piano or organ piece to play (optional) for hands (& feet) on experience!
- Pizza and drinks will be provided free of charge. Come, and bring a friend!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Second Presbyterian Church, Newark, Ohio – seeking person(s) to direct their hand bell and choral programs. Contemporary and traditional services. For position information contact the church 740-349-8691 or Music Dept Administrator, Rick Black 740-928-4419, e-mail reb6884@yahoo.com Position open mid-January 2008.

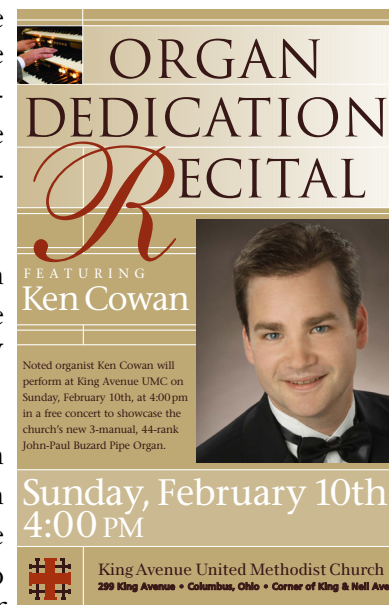
EVENTS OF INTEREST

All Saints Ev. Lutheran Church - Thomas Gerke will play a recital Sunday afternoon, January 27, 2008 at 4:00 on the new Kegg pipe organ at All Saints Ev. Lutheran Church, Worthington. The 26 rank Kegg pipe organ was installed in June of 2007. The recently purchased Deagan Chimes will be installed in January and used for the first time during the recital. Gerke will be playing the world premiere of *Notas de España*, composed by Dr. James Hopkins, retired professor of composition at USC. The piece consists of four movements: *Fanfarria*, *Aria*, *Interludio*, and *Villancico*. The piece was commissioned by All Saints Ev. Lutheran Church for the occasion of Gerke's recital and was composed in October, 2007. Gerke will also play works by Bach, Cherwein, Edmundson, Hobby, Manz, Mendelssohn, Weaver, and Widor. Gerke has been organist at the church since 1976.

King Avenue United Methodist Church will celebrate the recent installation of its new 3-manual, 44-rank Buzard pipe organ with a recital on Sunday, February 10 at 4 PM at the church, 299 King Avenue in Columbus. Opus 37 represents the first new instrument in the state of Ohio by the Champaign, Illinois-based builder. It was designed primarily as an accompanying instrument, intended to lead congregational hymn singing and to accompany the fine musicians of the church. The organ's warmly-voiced foundations and colorful solo stops will also serve well as a concert organ across a wide range of musical styles.

Ken Cowan, a native of Canada and currently professor of organ at Westminster Choir College at Rider University in Princeton, New Jersey, will perform the dedication recital. Mr. Cowan is a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music and the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. He has toured extensively throughout North America and Europe, and recorded for the JAV label. His varied program will highlight the Buzard organ's quality features.

Prior to the organ recital, those in attendance will have the opportunity to hear the church's refurbished bells, which reside in the stone tower above the organ. The tuning of the bells and updates to the clavier and mechanical parts were completed in the summer of 2007, just prior to the installation of the organ. The bells, which are still played manually each Sunday by the church's carillonneur, will be played in concert by Richard Watson of Meeks, Waton and Company Bell Foundry, the firm who completed the work. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Chris McManus, Director of Music, at 424-6050.



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FEATURING
Ken Cowan

Noted organist Ken Cowan will perform at King Avenue UMC on Sunday, February 10th, at 4:00pm in a free concert to showcase the church's new 3-manual, 44-rank John-Paul Buzard Pipe Organ.

Sunday, February 10th
4:00 PM

King Avenue United Methodist Church
299 King Avenue • Columbus, Ohio • Corner of King & Hall Ave.

Asbury United Methodist Church - Delaware, Ohio - February 17 at 4:00 p.m. - Robert Schilling from Indianapolis - Mr. Schilling retired in 2002 after 41 years as Minister of Worship and the Arts at North United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, and 21 years concurrently as an adjunct music faculty member at Butler University. He is a past Dean of the Indianapolis Chapter of the AGO and currently edits their monthly newsletter, *Fanfare*. Last summer he was program coordinator and one of the recitalists for the national convention of the Organ Historical Society. His program will include Bach's *Fugue in E flat (St. Anne)*, Robert Elmore's *Fantasy on Nursery Rhymes*, V. D. Thompson's *Theme, Arabesques, and Fughetta*, and Vierne's *Finale from Symphony I*.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church - Choral Evensong - Sunday, February 17 at 5:00 p.m. - featuring "Magnificat and Nunc Dimitis in G" by C. V. Stanford, with soloists Amy Pluth, soprano, and Warren MacPherson, baritone. Judy Willour choir director/organist. St. Stephen's is located at Woodruff and High on the OSU campus. Call 614-294-3749 for more information. 2151 Dorset Road Columbus, OH 43221.

Northwest Christian Church - February 24, 2008 - Requiem by John Rutter - 3:00 P. M. Choirs of Northwest Christian Church will be joined by the Covenant Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir and instrumentalists for this Lenten offering of one of John Rutter's larger works.

First Congregational Church - February 24, 2008 - First Church Choir - Stravinsky Symphony of Psalms - 4:00 P. M. The First Church Choir presents a program of Psalms for Lent featuring Stravinsky's monumental Symphony of Psalms, accompanied by pianists Ben Wiant and G. Dene Barnard. Double choir work of Billings and Mendelssohn will be sung.

Capital University - Todd Wilson, Organ Recital - Friday, March 14, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

