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The Guilder

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In memoriam

A celebration of life for Philip D. Minnick, President of Bunn=Minnick Pipe Organs and long-time member of the AGO, will be held at Broad Street United Methodist Church, 501 East Broad Street, Columbus, on **Saturday, January 21, at 11:00 a.m.**

The prelude to the service will begin at 10:30 a.m. Preludes will include the organ and handbells. Susan Millard Swartz will sing one of Phil's favorite solos, and we will hear three choral pieces from the Chancel Choir, directed by Gary Everts.

Everyone is invited to a celebration potluck and toast to Phil following the service at Bunn=Minnick Pipe Organs, 875 Michigan Ave, Columbus.

Questions should be directed to Brian Johnson's cell, 614-266-1233. What to bring? Salads or dessert.



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Upcoming Programs....

Members' Recital: Organ and Other Instruments
Monday, Feb.27, 7:00 p.m.
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Submissions for the next *Guilder* are due by February 4.

The March issue will be published on February 19 and will include concert dates from February 19 to April 1. Please send submissions to:

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The Dean's Comments

I hope that all of you had a Merry Christmas. Though the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services were beautiful, I have to admit breathing a sigh of relief after the postlude of the last service.

Now that the Christmas season is in the recent past, it is time to focus on the New Year. As we head into 2017, many of us make New Year's resolutions. Our resolve to keep those resolutions, though, often doesn't last as long as the pre-Christmas snowfall. I would suggest to you a resolution that is pretty easy to keep. Resolve to attend an upcoming AGO event. We have two events coming up in February and March that should merit your consideration.

The Members' Recital will take place on Monday, February 27, at 7:00 p.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 5475 Brand Road, Dublin, 43017. This recital will feature music for organ and other instruments. The recital is being organized by AGO members Ron Kenreich and Jeremy Bankson. They are in the process of lining up performers for the evening, but there should still be room for additional musicians. If you are interested in participating, please e-mail Ron at rkenreich70@gmail.com.

Our March workshop is designed for church musicians at all levels. It will be based on principles developed by the Leadership Program for Musicians (LPM) and will be led by nationally-known presenter Marti Rideout. LPM programs can cover a wide range of topics from leadership in congregational singing, to philosophy of church music, to resources for an effective music program. Whether you are an experienced church musician or a pianist who was just drafted to fill in on the organ, this workshop will have something to offer you. Marti will be presenting the workshop on two dates: Saturday, March 18, at 10:00 a.m., and Monday, March 20, at 7:00 p.m. The site for both workshops will be St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2151 Dorset Road, Columbus, 43221.

Best wishes for a prosperous 2017!

Warmly,
Mark H. Meuser

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To achieve this, we:

- Encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music;
- Inspire, educate, and offer certification for organists and choral conductors;
- Provide networking, fellowship, and mutual support;
- Nurture future generations of organists;
- Promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles; and
- Engage wider audiences with organ and choral music.

Request for Organ Magazines

I have a friend in Rosario, Argentina, Jose-Luis Berdini, who is an organist and school music teacher. He is requesting that I send him organ magazines, since he enjoys keeping up with news in the larger organ world, but cannot afford to obtain the magazines himself.

If you have magazines such as *The American Organist*, *The Diapason*, or *Choir and Organ* that you no longer need, please contact me at jdchildreth58@att.net. We will make arrangements for me to collect the magazines, which I will forward to Jose-Luis.

Thank you!

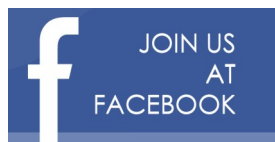
Jim Hildreth

Registration Open for Regional Convention

Registration is now open for the American Guild of Organists Great Lakes Regional Convention in Youngstown, Ohio! Enjoy a fun-filled convention of great instruments, fantastic artists, local food, and friendship, July 2-5, 2017. [Click here to register now.](#)

Columbus AGO Event Makes January TAO

Check out the January issue of *The American Organist*. There is a picture of the Columbus AGO Executive Board with Charles Callahan at Broad Street UMC last October, when the Columbus AGO sponsored a workshop and concert featuring Dr. Callahan. There is also an article about the workshop and concert by AGO member Nicholas Fink. Thanks for that submission, Nicholas!



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**The Columbus Chapter
will celebrate 100 years
in 2018**

Much of our history is missing.

We are looking for...

Historical AGO records and minutes • Programs from early recitals • Newspaper clippings relating to the AGO • Recollections of important events from our past • Names of former members who might be storing these materials or who might have memories to share

Please call Carol Hofer at 614.488.8557 or email her at fandchofer@aol.com.



Concerts and Other Events

MVNU Faculty Collage Recital

Sunday, January 22, 3 PM

*R.R. Hodges Chapel Auditorium of Mount Vernon Nazarene University
800 Martinsburg Road, Mount Vernon*

www.mvnu.edu

MVNU music faculty will perform a variety of pieces. Rebecca Abbott will play Bach's "Wachet auf", BWV 645, on the chapel's Schantz organ. Donations will be accepted toward the purchase of a new grand piano.

Raise Choir

Friday, January 27, 7:30 p.m.

*St John's Church-UCC
59 East Mound Street, Columbus*

www.stjohnschurchcolumbus.org

Freewill offering. Sponsorship tickets available. Call 614-224-8634. Raymond Wise will direct Raise Choir in the Opening Concert of St John's Annual Triune Concert Series. Raise Choir performs a varied repertoire, including spirituals, choral music, hymns, traditional gospel and contemporary gospel music. This unique repertoire has afforded them the opportunity to perform extensively throughout the United States and abroad in Germany, Portugal, Austria, and Romania.

Brass Band of Columbus

Central Ohio Brass

Friday, February 10, 7:30 pm

*St John's Church-UCC
59 East Mound Street, Columbus*

www.stjohnschurchcolumbus.org

Freewill offering. Sponsorship tickets available. Call 614-224-8634. Brass Band of Columbus, directed by Brian Stevens, and Central Ohio Brass, directed by Jessica Sneeringer, will perform separately and then as one in a brilliant brass extravaganza!

The ProMusica Brass Quintet: Blast Off Into Outer Space

Sunday, February 19, 3:00 p.m.

*St. John's Episcopal Church
700 High Street, Worthington*

www.stjohnsworthington.org/music-series

Join us for St. John's annual Family Concert. Become astronauts and take a journey to explore the sights and sounds of space! At each stop, learn about a different brass instrument and its role in the orchestra. The program will feature excerpts from Holst's "The Planets", the themes from "ET" and "Star Trek", and Strauss' "Also Sprach Zarathustra". After our return to Earth, families are invited to come up and visit with the musicians and their instruments.

Mostly Mozart

Friday, March 3, 7:30 pm

St John's Church—UCC

59 East Mound Street, Columbus

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Freewill offering. Sponsorship tickets available. Call 614-224-8634. New soprano in town, Kimberly Monzon, will knock your socks off with Mozart's "Exultate jubilate"; Puccini; and some surprises. Swedish pianist Per Enflo returns by popular demand to perform Mozart's Piano Concerto #23, with the Triune Concert Orchestra, directed by May Schwarz.