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The Guilder

The Newsletter of the Columbus Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

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

Last Two Programs of the Year

Annual Student Recital, April 17

Over the last several years, our chapter has worked to intentionally develop programs to support young organists: an annual Pedal, Pipes, and Pizza; student scholarships for private lessons; free chapter memberships for students; and the annual student recital, the offering from which supports the chapter's scholarship program.

This year's recital will be held on Sunday, April 17 at 3:00 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Upper Arlington, which is home to a lovely Schantz pipe organ.

Students and/or teachers can sign up to play by contacting Nancy Rennecker at 614-848-8388 or nrenneck4@sbcglobal.net.

We need a supportive, enthusiastic audience for this recital. Please plan to be there, and encourage your friends and church members to attend, as well!

Join us for the Spring Social on May 2!

The Columbus Chapter AGO will host its annual Spring Social Dinner on Monday, May 2, at 6:00 p.m. It will be held at the DoubleTree Inn in Worthington. The entertainment for the evening is a student jazz ensemble from Otterbein University. They will present an eclectic program including classic jazz, show tunes, and golden oldies. We will also have a very brief general meeting outlining next year's program and budget.

By now you should have received your invitation to the dinner in the mail. Please return your reservation form as soon as possible. Seating is limited and will be on a first come, first serve basis. Please also indicate your menu selection on the reservation form and enclose a check for payment at \$30 per person. There will be a cash bar available from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

You won't want to miss this chance to see old friends, enjoy a delicious meal, and experience some fun and exciting entertainment.

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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Spring Social
Monday, May 2, 6:00 p.m.
DoubleTree Inn, Worthington

**This is the final issue of
The Guilder for the
2015-16 program year.**

**Thank you for your
contributions!**

**The next issue will be
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Mark Meuser

The Dean's Comments

In the April Guilder, I recounted a recent pipe organ experience at St. Bart's Church in New York City. My wife and I spent spring break this year touring the city with fellow AGO member and former New Yorker Mike Hardesty. I thought I would relate another visit to a famous organ that took place later that day.

After Sunday morning worship at St. Bart's, we hailed a cab and were soon on our way to a restaurant overlooking Central Park. After a leisurely lunch, we took another cab to the Cathedral of St. John, the Divine, located in Harlem. I had been there many years ago but had forgotten how big it actually was.

We were a little early for the four o'clock Choral Evensong, so we took the opportunity to explore the vast sanctuary. Begun in 1892, the structure is unfinished but still impressive. The long nave, high ceilings, intricate stone and wood carvings, and beautiful stained glass contribute to a pervasive stillness that takes visitors back in time and space to fifteenth-century Europe.

Because we were still in the season of Lent, Choral Evensong was subdued. Nevertheless, the small professional choir and cathedral organist Raymond Nagem performed flawlessly, complementing the spiritual mood evoked by the building itself in the dwindling late-afternoon light.

An organ concert followed the evensong. Monica Czauz of Houston, Texas played a varied and exciting program on the Aeolian-Skinner organ, located in the chancel. Monica is a student of Ken Cowan in her fourth year of a Master's Degree program in Organ Performance at Rice University. She is also a "rising star" and will perform at the AGO National Convention in June. Anyone attending that convention should plan to hear her. Monica's program included pieces by Bach, Vierne, and Reger, all expertly performed.

After the concert, we met and chatted with both Monica and Raymond. And though our spirits were filled, we felt the need to fill our stomachs. So we left the gentle glow of the cathedral in search of yet another cab.



Warmly,
 Mark H. Meuser
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The Aeolian-Skinner organ of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine

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AGO Mission Statement

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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.

Concerts and Other Events

Haydn Mass in B-flat (Heiligmesse) and Choral Evensong

Friday, April 15, 7:30 p.m. Prelude; 8:00 p.m. Evensong

Gloria Dei Worship Center, Trinity Lutheran Seminary

2199 East Main Street, Bexley

Trinity Seminary Choir will sing Haydn Heiligmesse within the context of Evening Prayer. Trinity Seminary Choir; Soloists (Chelsea Mondesir, Amy Blosser Krister, Kristen Sage, C. Andrew Blosser, William McCabe, Christopher Gillmore), Chamber Orchestra; Carol Ann Bradley, organist; May Schwarz, director. Donations to Organ Fund. Freewill offering. Free parking.

Music in the Museum: Thomas Murray with the choir of Christ Church Cathedral

Monday, April 18, 7:30 p.m.

Cincinnati Museum Center

1301 Western Avenue, Cincinnati 45203

Tickets are \$19 for adults and \$9 for students; parking is included. Order by phone at 513.287.7001 or cincymuseum.org.

A Hymn and Two Hers: Organ Music Based on the Poetry of Hymns

Sunday, April 24, 3:00 p.m.

St. John's Episcopal Church

700 High Street, Worthington

Sara Seidel, coordinator of music at St. John's, will be joined by parishioner and lector Jo Pascoe for a program that celebrates the poetry of hymns in both word and composition. The program will include works by Tournemire, Bach, and Karg-Elert, among others.

Choral Evensong for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 1, 4:00 p.m.

First Congregational Church

444 East Broad Street, Columbus

www.concertsatfirstchurch.org

Nicholas Quardokus, organist; Kevin Jones, conductor; Music of Lee Hoiby and C.V. Stanford; Bernstein *Chichester Psalms*.

Chamber Singers: Annual Spring Choral Concert

Tuesday May 3, 7:30 p.m.

Central Trinity United Methodist Church

62 South Seventh Street, Zanesville

www.thursdaymusic.org or www.centraltrinityumc.com

The chamber singers is a small choir taken from the Thursday Music Club Civic Chorus. The concert will feature Jeff Roquemore, flautist. Mr. Roquemore is the director of the Zanesville Memorial Concert Band. James McLaughlin is the Chamber Singers' music director. This concert is free and open to the public.

Directory Updates and Additions

Please welcome two new members to our chapter:

Richard K. Fitzgerald
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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 488.8557 or email her at fandchofer@aol.com.

We Need Your Photos

We are in the process of updating the look and content of our chapter website, and we welcome new photograph submissions for the site. Pictures of local instruments and recent chapter events can be sent to webmaster@agocolumbus.org.

First Thursday Noontime Recital Series

Thursday, May 5, 12:15 p.m.

*Asbury United Methodist Church
55 West Lincoln Avenue, Delaware*

For the final recital of this season, Asbury organist Sally Casto will be joined by staff colleagues Robert Nims and Jan Swanson for a program of duets. As always, tables will be set and beverages provided for those who wish to enjoy lunch during the recital.

Asbury Arts Series: As Time Goes By: Songs to Mark the Miles

Sunday, May 15, 3:00 p.m.

*Asbury United Methodist Church
55 West Lincoln Avenue, Delaware*

Mezzo-soprano Marilyn Nims and accompanist Robert Nims will combine their musical gifts for a delightful afternoon recital.

Queen City Bronze

Sunday, May 22, 2:30 p.m.

*Christ United Methodist Church
130 East Walnut Street, Galion*

Queen City Bronze is a professional community handbell ensemble founded in 2008. In its short history, it has presented concerts throughout the tri-state area including performances with the Cincinnati Pops, Blue Ash Symphony, and the Cincinnati Men's Chorus. Concerts of this versatile art form offer an eclectic mix of musical styles including jazz, folk, classical, spiritual and original compositions. Through community engagement, professional performances and education, QCB intends to leave a unique musical stamp on every audience member. There is no admission charge for this concert, and a free will offering will be taken to cover expenses. This is a "don't miss" opportunity for anyone who enjoys playing or listening to handbells to hear a concert by one of the best bell choirs in the region.

Josh Brodbeck, Organist

Sunday, May 22, 4:00 p.m.

*All Saints Lutheran Church
6770 North High Street, Worthington*

Josh will play the monumental Passacaglia and Fugue in c minor by J.S. Bach along with some newer compositions including the Te Deum by Lynn Trapp. Josh is the Minister of Music and Artist-in-Residence at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Columbus.

Patriotic Organ Recital

Sunday, June 12th, 4:00 p.m.

*Faith United Methodist Church
15 West Columbus Street, Canal Winchester*

www.winchesterfaith.org

Organist Neil Weston, graduate of the University of London, the Royal Academy of Music, the Royal College of Music, and the Royal College of Organists, returns to Faith UMC for this extraordinary pipe organ benefit concert. Refreshments afterward. Admission is a \$20 donation to the pipe organ fund. Call [740-703-3786](tel:740-703-3786) for reservations.

Organ Music Available at Student Recital

Chapter member Frank Kuhlmann has a collection of organ music that he wishes to make available to chapter members. It will be displayed before and after the Student Recital on April 17 at Holy Trinity Lutheran. People can look through this collection of organ goodies, select some things they would like, and then make a donation to the AGO Scholarship Fund. Thank you to Frank for offering to share his organ music library with us.

Positions Available

Boulevard Presbyterian Church (Grandview Heights) — Director of Music

Please contact Pastor Preston Shealy for details at [614-486-0267](tel:614-486-0267) or www.blvdchurch.org.

Grace United Methodist Church (Zanesville, OH) — Organist/Pianist/Accompanist

Grace UMC has an 8-10 hour a week opening for an Organist/Pianist/Accompanist. Primary responsibility is to collaborate with the Pastor and Worship Committee to provide music for traditional and blended services, accompany adult church choir, soloists, ensembles and provide additional music as needed. Familiarity with both traditional hymns as well as varied genres of worship music. A 1976 three (3) manual Austin Organ with 2,294 pipes (cleaned and re-voiced in 2013) is in the sanctuary. Service is at 10:30 Sunday morning. Send letter of application with resume to Grace UMC, 516 Shinnick Street, Zanesville, OH, 43701 or to Graceumc516@sbcglobal.net.

Grace United Methodist Church (Zanesville, OH) — Choir Director

Grace UMC has a 3-5 hour a week opening for a Choir Director of Adult Chancel Choir. Primary responsibility is to collaborate with the Pastor, Worship Committee and Organist to provide music for 10:30 a.m. worship service. Will direct the adult choir in a wide range of excellent choral music each Wednesday evening, September - May with a 1-hour rehearsal and lead the choir to sing an anthem every Sunday in the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Graduate studies (current or previous) in choral conducting or in music education with a choral conducting emphasis preferred. An undergraduate degree plus professional experience will be considered. Piano skills preferred, but an accompanist can be provided. Skills in promotion and recruitment are appreciated. Please send letter of application with resume to Grace UMC, 516 Shinnick Street, Zanesville, OH, 43701 or to Graceumc516@sbcglobal.net.

Grace United Methodist Church (Zanesville, OH) — Pianist/Worship Leader

Grace UMC has a 4-6 hour a week opening for a Pianist/Worship Leader. Primary responsibility is to collaborate with Pastor and Worship Committee to provide music for informal/blended 8:15 a.m. Sunday service each week. Must be familiar with traditional hymns and praise choruses as well as varied genres of worship music. Knowledge of presentation software for worship, such as Song Show Plus would be desirable. A Yamaha Grand Piano Model C6 is in the sanctuary and Yamaha N3 Digital Ebony Grand is in the Fellowship Hall. Send letter of application with resume to Grace UMC, 516 Shinnick Street, Zanesville, OH, 43701 or to Graceumc516@sbcglobal.net.

Grace United Methodist Church (Zanesville, OH) — Bell Choir Director

Grace UMC has a 2-4 hour a week opening for a Bell Choir Director. Primary responsibility is to collaborate with the Pastor, Worship Committee and Organist to provide music for 10:30 a.m. worship service and other special services (Handbell Festival). Five (5) octaves of Schulmerich handbells are available. The Bell Choir Director will direct the adult Bell choir in a wide range of excellent choral music each Wednesday evening, September - May with a 1-hour rehearsal and lead the choir to ring 3-5 times per year in the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Graduate studies in conducting or in music education with a conducting emphasis preferred. An undergraduate degree plus professional experience will be considered. Bell ringing and conducting experience would be desirable. Send letter of application with resume to Grace UMC, 516 Shinnick Street, Zanesville, OH, 43701 or to Graceumc516@sbcglobal.net.

Jan Arthur Retires

After 34 gratifying years as the Chancel Choir director at All Saints Lutheran Church, Worthington, Jan Arthur will be retiring. A celebration of his service to the church will be held during the 9:30 worship service on Sunday, April 24. At this service the Chancel Choir will sing Rene Clausen's Psalm 98, the anthem commissioned for the celebration of Jan's 30th anniversary as Chancel Choir director. During his years at All Saints, in addition to the Sunday morning anthems, Jan led the choir on a European tour in 1997 and led the choir in the performance of major musical works each year in December and Lent/Easter. These works include the Brahms Requiem, Handel's Messiah, Durufle's Requiem, and many others.

Summer Educational Opportunities

One-Week Summer Music Courses: Trinity Lutheran Seminary

Church Music Courses for Graduate Credit or Audit

Week 1 June 6 – 10 (Mon – Fri)

1:00 – 4:30 *Building Parish Music Ministries* May Schwarz & Guest Presenters

4:45 – 7:00 *Intro to Drum Set and Global Drumming in Worship* Eric Paton

4:45 – 7:00 *Voice Class* C. Andrew Blosser

Week 2 June 13 – 17 (Mon – Fri)

1:00 – 4:30 *Music & Worship in African American Tradition* -Raymond Wise

4:45 – 7:00 *Perspectives in Choral Conducting* -Amy Blosser

Week 3 June 20 – 24 (Mon – Fri)

1:00 – 3:15 *Organ Masterclass: Short & Serviceable Scores* -Robert Wisniewski

1:00 – 3:15 *Guitar Class* -Brett Burleson

3:45 – 6:00 *Children in Worship: Speech, Drama and Song* Sally Beske

6:15 – 8:30 *Music Technology* - Justin Riley

Three-Week Courses

10:20 – 12:00 *Liturgical Choir* (directed by MACM students) May Schwarz

All are welcome to sing in the choir. Daily M-F 10:20 – Worship 10:40

8:00 – 10:15 a.m. *Church History* John Karanja

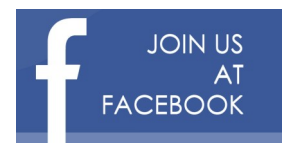
Course fee is \$530 per semester hour. Audit fee is \$265 per semester hour. All courses listed may be applied for credit toward the Master of Arts in Church Music degree at Trinity. Early registration is advised. Limited on-campus housing available – Contact Shelia.

For additional course information:

<http://www.tlsohio.edu/admissions-aid/registrar/2016-summer-term>

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Chapter Registrar Needed

Due to the increasing demands of our three children's schedules, I will be resigning my position as chapter registrar at the end of this summer. My hope is to have someone in place by the middle of May, so that I can work with them through the major renewal season (early summer) and the creation of the chapter directory (late summer), officially handing over the reins at the end of the summer. The Registrar should be someone who is comfortable with ONCARD and willing to work with those who are not computer-savvy. Much of the week-to-week work is light, computer/email oriented, facilitating communications between potential new members and National, with monthly submissions of new members for the Guilder. The most intensive period of work is mid- to late-summer, with the creation of the chapter Directory and solicitation and managing of advertisements for the Directory. If you are interested or have someone to recommend, please let Mark Meuser know as soon as possible. Thank you!

—Sara Seidel

A little bit of humor

Submitted by Anne Saylor

Church services in the year 2018?

PASTOR: "The Lord be with you!"

CONGREGATION: And with your spirit."

PASTOR: "Will everyone please turn on their tablet, PC, iPad, smart phone, and Kindle Bibles to 1 Corinthians, 13:13. And please switch on your Blue-tooth to download the sermon."

P-a-u-s-e

"Now, Let us pray committing this week into God's hands. Open your Apps, BBM, Twitter and Facebook, and chat with God."

S-i-l-e-n-c-e

"As we take our Sunday tithes and offerings, please have your credit and debit cards ready. You can log on to the church Wi-Fi using the password 'Lord909887.' The ushers will circulate mobile card swipe machines among the worshippers:

- a.] Those who prefer to make electronic fund transfers are directed to computers and laptops at the rear of the church.
- b.] Those who prefer to use iPad's can open them.
- c.] Those who prefer telephone banking, take out your cell phones to transfer your contributions to the church account.

The holy atmosphere of St. Matthew's becomes truly electrified as ALL the smart phones, iPad's, PCs and laptops beep & flicker!

Final Blessing and Closing Announcements.

- a.] This week's ministry cell meetings will be held on the various Facebook group pages where the usual group chatting takes place. Please log in and do not miss out.
- b.] Thursday's Catechism Study will be held live on Skype at 1900 hrs GMT. Please do not miss out.
- c.] You can follow your Pastor on Twitter this weekend for counseling and prayers.

God bless and have a nice day.

And Jesus wept.