

The Prelude

May 2017

The American Guild of Organists, Toledo Chapter

Dean's Message

Greetings!

Spring has arrived. The hope and new life that Easter gives has invigorates us and promises to sustain us throughout the year. And, with the promise of renewal we look to the future.

Some of us now are putting the finishing touches on the end of the "choir year" and are already thinking about plans for the summer and beyond. It can feel like we organists/church musicians are always planning, practicing and moving from one event to the next. So, I hope that you will be able to make some time for some well-deserved rest and relaxation in the months ahead. And, I hope that you will also be able to plan for some rejuvenation by engaging in some continuing education/professional development.

The possibilities are endless. Pick some new repertoire to learn or some old gems to relearn. Attend concerts and reading sessions and pick up new ideas. Attend other worship services to listen and evaluate what you hear and use it. Take some lessons or get together with another colleague and collaborate on a project or garner new ideas. Attend a conference.

(By the way, have you considered attending the AGO regional in Youngstown in early July? It looks to be a great event, and it's not too late to register!)

Soon we will begin planning for our 2017-2018 program year. If you have suggestions or ideas that you would like to see our chapter consider, please communicate those thoughts with one of our officers. It is a large task to plan, coordinate and present a balanced program that offers a variety of worthwhile and appealing events, but it is rewarding and beneficial to all when it happens. And, we need your input and willingness to help make it happen. So, send us your thoughts and be willing to support our events through your participation.

We will be having our annual banquet soon, so watch for information on that in the newsletter. I hope you will be able to join us.

By the time you receive this, our chapter's guest artist recital (Yun Kim) will have happened. I know that it will be a wonderful concert, and I hope that it was an inspiring event for you. Many thanks to Dennis Johns, our Sub-Dean, for making the arrangements! And thank you to St. Joseph Catholic Church of Sylvania for hosting the recital!

God bless!

—*Mark Mathias, Dean*



The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to foster a thriving community of musicians who share their knowledge and inspire passion for the organ.

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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.

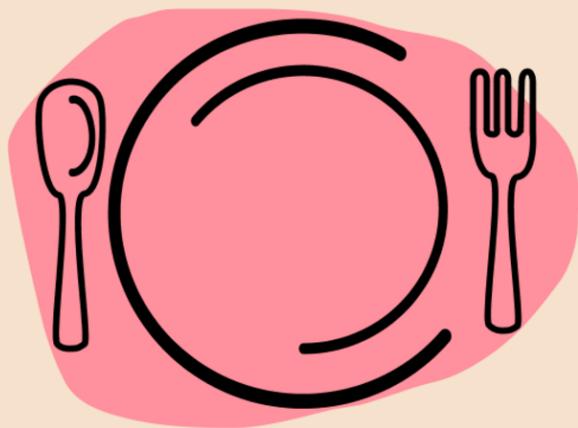
ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit articles, news, concerts or vacant positions, contact Melissa Flowers, Secretary.

WEBSITE

www.toledoago.org

TOLEDO AGO SPRING BANQUET



Our final event of the year will be at the home of Denise and Mark Mathias on Friday, June 2. You are invited to join us there at 6:00pm for fellowship, food and some entertainment. The chapter will provide the entrée, beverages and table service. You are asked to bring a dish to share (vegetable, salad or desert), and we

will eat at 6:30pm. If the weather cooperates, we will have some tables set up outside in addition to seating inside. After dinner, there will be time for fellowship and musical entertainment. Watch for further announcements about the details.

Address: 3930 Grandview Court; located in South Toledo near the Glendale entrance to Swan Creek Metropark. Turn south onto Park Forest (from Glendale); it will curve around a few times. Grandview is the 2nd street to the right (coming from Glendale). The Mathias home is on the corner of Park Forest and Grandview. If you get to end of Park Forest (it ends at Kimberton), you've gone a little too far.

WELCOMING THE “NEW KID ON THE BLOCK”

Some folks may have heard that the Catholic parish of *Our Lady of Lourdes* on West Hill Avenue in Toledo dedicated their new church at the vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Lent on March 25th. What you may not know is that the new church houses the latest addition to our pipe organ “collection” here in the Toledo area. A pipe organ built in 1976 by Schantz has found a new home there! The organ was installed originally in a Lutheran church in New Jersey and served well there until the church closed a couple of years ago.

Through the assistance of the Muller Organ Company the organ was moved to Ohio and put into storage until the new church was built. Through collaborative consultation, the architect was able to design the new church to accommodate the organ so that it speaks to best advantage in the worship space. The organ consists of twenty ranks of pipes spread across two manual divisions and pedal. The Muller firm also reinstalled the instrument and did the tonal finishing. The Music Director of the parish is Sr. Ritamarie Miller.

We congratulate the parish on their foresight to include a pipe organ in their new church! Garrett Law, Cleveland Institute of Music student and former Toledo Chapter scholarship winner/student will play a dedicatory program on the organ on July 21st. More information on that will be forthcoming.

The organ’s stoplist is as follows:

GREAT	POSITIV (enclosed)	PEDAL
8’ Principal	8’ Spitzflote	16’ Soubass
8’ Holzflote	8’ Spitzflote Celeste	8’ Principal
4’ Octave	4’ Koppelflote	8’ Rohrbourdon
2’ Principal	2’ Weitprincipal	4’ Choral Bass
IV Fourniture	1 1/3 Quinte	II Rauschquinte
8’ Trompete	8’ Krummhorn	16’ Trumpet
Chimes	Tremulant	

–Neil Kraft, Past Dean

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2017-2018

The possibilities of program ideas are many and various factors (cost, availability of presenters and venues, recent programs, appeal) guide our board in determining what programs we will offer. Is there a program that we have offered in the past that was successful that you would like us to consider? Do you have suggestions of possible organs/churches that might be a possibility for us to consider that we have not recently used? Is there a subject/topic that you think would appeal to our membership or that would be an outreach to our community? Have you seen or know of other program ideas that other chapters have offered that have been successful?

I know that one idea that we will consider is a choral festival. We were not able to offer it this past March due to low registration, but we will be considering it again with Bradley Pierson of UT as our clinician. Brad is open to offering it again and using the same repertoire that we had planned to use. I am hoping that if we offer it in the fall and begin publicizing it soon, we can make it happen.

So please share your ideas with a board member. We would like to hear from you--many of you!

—Mark Mathias, Dean

HELP WANTED: We are looking for someone to take over the project of mailing of the *Prelude* newsletter to the 20 AGO members who do not have an email address. Anne Doerler is currently mailing out the *Prelude*, but she will be moving to Florida this summer. If you are willing to help with this, please contact Anne Doerler (ad7440@sbcglobal.net; 419-474-9143). Thank you!



**First Presbyterian Church Tecumseh (PCUSA)****211 W. Chicago Blvd.****Tecumseh****517-423-3470****Director of Music Ministry (15-20 hours/week)**

This position will provide oversight, direction and development to our music and worship ministry, and will be directly responsible for the following:

Develop and execute the vision for our music ministry in collaboration with the Pastor, Head of Staff and Worship Committee

Serve as organist, accompanist and musical educator for our congregation which includes an adult vocal and hand bell choir

Incorporate variety of musical genres and cultural diversity in worship

Develop additional musical offerings: ensembles, choral groups, soloists, duets, children's music ministry

Engage with the community through music outreach

Please submit a resume to:

Ms. Ann Wann, Personnel
awannstross@hotmail.com

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**Associate Organist**, Christ the King Church, 4100 Harvest Lane, Toledo, Ohio 43615. Phone: 419- 475-4348. Email: [kmumy@cktoledo.org](mailto:kmumy@cktoledo.org). Christ the King Parish is seeking a part-time (average 15-20 hours per week) Associate Organist to serve as organist for choirs and other weekend liturgies, as well as Holy Days of Obligation and other liturgies as needed, as well as assisting with filing and organization within the parish music program. Excellent piano and organ skills are required. Remuneration is based on education and experience. Submit resume to Kathy Mummy, Director of Liturgy and Music.

## Election of Executive Committee

I am pleased to present to our membership this slate of nominees for the next “class” of Executive Committee members. You will see some familiar names here but also perhaps some new ones. Serving as nominating committee this year was former Dean, Neil Kraft, and yours truly, Joan McConnell. Thanks, Neil!

### Ballot for Executive Committee, class of 2019-20:

Please vote for three names. You may also write in your own name or another member’s name if he/she is willing:

Peggy Dorr \_\_\_\_\_  
 David Saunders \_\_\_\_\_  
 Josh Wang \_\_\_\_\_  
 Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

### Please respond by June 2nd in one of these ways:

1. Print the ballot from your computer, mark it and return by mail to our Secretary Melissa Flowers at:  
 Melissa Flowers  
 1320 W. Sandusky St., Apt. K-7  
 Findlay, OH 45840
2. If you receive your newsletter as “hard copy” by mail, simply take that page, mark the ballot and mail it to Melissa.
3. Copy the ballot into an email, and send your vote to Melissa electronically:  
[mflowers@findlaystmichael.org](mailto:mflowers@findlaystmichael.org)

### If you have program ideas for the coming season, please speak to any officer or member of the Executive Committee. The current Board membership is:

Mark Mathias, Dean  
 Dennis Johns, Sub Dean  
 Pam Davis, Treasurer  
 Melissa Flowers, Secretary

Class of 2017-18: Marilyn Blackney, Craig Whitaker  
 Class of 2018-19: Charles Brown, Denise Mathias, John Roberts

Great Lakes AGO Regional

Youngstown, OH

July 2-5

[AGOyoungstown.com/2017-convention.html](http://AGOyoungstown.com/2017-convention.html)

Convention at a glance:

Craig Cramer, David Jonies, Janette Fishell

Todd Wilson, Nathan Laube, Vicki Schaeffer

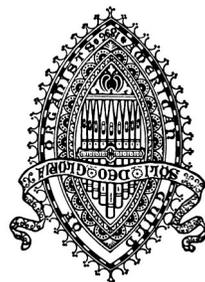
Katherine Mueller, Rhonda Sider-Edgington

James David Christie, Katherine Mueller

Apollo's Fire, the Cleveland Baroque Orchestra

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