



AGO Toledo

bridging our musical past and future...



The Prelude

July 2024



Dear Toledo Chapter members,

I hope that as you receive this newsletter you are enjoying a slower summer pace, a vacation or, possibly, attending a convention or other professional gathering. All of these will help to refresh us for the new season to come!

In this newsletter you will see names of the newly elected Executive Committee. Thanks are in order to those who have completed their terms, Charlotte Mariasy, Kathy Mumy and Jane Weber. Kathy will continue as our Scholarship Coordinator, Jane is a member of the Program Planning Committee, and Charlotte has offered her continued support when needed.

We also thank and welcome the new members, Vanessa Kwiatkowski and Wayne Whitten as “at large” members and Fr. Jeff Bunke as Chaplain. Matt Meinke and Jack Gerding have agreed to serve a second term. The sub-dean position will remain unfilled for the time being. I look forward to working with our great leadership team.

You will also find a list of the upcoming programs that are planned. I hope you will

make note of the dates and plan to attend as many as possible.

This year the Chapter will organize a “Pipes, Pedals, and Pizza” program for students interested in learning more about the pipe organ. Check out the article on page 62 of the July TAO reporting on several successful PPP programs. Details are yet to be finalized but it will likely be held sometime early next year (February/March). Clint Miller has agreed to host it at First Presbyterian Church in Findlay which has an electro-pneumatic organ in the sanctuary and a mechanical action organ in the chapel. Melissa Davis has also volunteered to assist in the area of contacts with area piano teachers. We will need many more members to assist in various aspects of this program. We hope to be in contact with the various denominational and educational organizations in the area to cast a wide net for interested students. Our churches are well aware of the need for organists. As an organization we should be thrilled that there is still interest in the organ in so many churches and do what we can to inspire future organists!

Paul Monachino, dean
Toledo Chapter AGO

Chapter members enjoyed a great evening of food, fun and fellowship at the MudHens game!





2024-2025 Toledo Chapter Programs

“to foster a thriving community”

Sunday, September 8 – 3:00 PM

Installation of Officers

Followed by a potluck in the parish center

Rosary Cathedral, Toledo

Saturday, October 19 – 10 AM- 12 noon

Choral Techniques for Church Choirs with Dr. Micah Bland, University of Toledo
Park Congregational Church, 1456 Harvard Blvd. *Toledo*

Sarah Wade, host

In this workshop Dr. Bland will address techniques for developing the vocal abilities of church musicians, with special emphasis placed on caring for the maturing voice. The workshop will significantly feature interactive opportunities including vocal exercises that promote vocal health and tone development, rehearsal strategies that reinforce correct vocal technique, and score study techniques that identify potential vocal challenges in the music.

Sunday, October 20– 3:00 PM – Scholarship Auditions

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, Toledo

November (TBD)

Jewish liturgical music - Jen Roher, cantor – *still in process*

Temple Shomer Emunim

Monday, January 13th – Game Night

7:00 pm

Saint Joseph Parish East Campus (6516 Ravine Dr. Sylvania, OH 43560)

Sunday, February 2

3:00 PM

Cathedral Concert Series: Svyati Duo (Julian Collings, organ & Rebecca Hepplewhite, cello)

Scholarship Recital (TBD)

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

May or June (TBD)

Musical Tour of the TMA followed by dinner.

TOLEDO AGO OFFICERS

17 ballots were returned. Thank you!

Paul Monachino, dean deantoleado419@gmail.com

Matt Meinke, treasurer agotoleadochaptertreasurer@gmail.com

Jack Gerding, secretary toledoago419@gmail.com

At-large members of the Executive Committee

James Riedy

Libby Saxton

Vanessa Kwiatkowski

Wayne Whitten

Program Planning Committee: Libby Saxton, Jane Weber

Chaplain - Rev. Jeff Bunke

Membership Coordinator - Ken Stoops

Scholarship Coordinator - Kathy Mumy

Historian - George Blackney

Choral Director or Singer available

Bo Young Kang was Director of Choral Activities at Bluffton College for a number of years. This Fall she will be a student at BGSU in Orchestral Conducting. She is interested in a position as a Church Choir director or choral section leader. Contact her at kangboyoung@gmail.com

Organist Needed

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Toledo

10:30 AM Sunday Service

Gary Levey

cell phone: 419.769.5656

email: glevey@accesstoledo.com

Hammond 2300 organ

Willing to donate to a church or student

Contact Janet Fenn

419-266-5097

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