



The Prelude

August 2024



Dear Toledo Chapter members,

When the September program was being planned many months ago I had hoped that it might be an opportunity for Chapter members to be some of the first to hear the restored cathedral organ. Unfortunately, I was off by just a few weeks due to unexpected delays. But I look forward to the opportunity to see many of you as we set off on a new AGO season.

As I mentioned in last month's letter, the Chapter will organize a "Pipes, Pedals, and Pizza" program for students interested in learning more about the pipe organ. It will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2025 at First Presbyterian Church in Findlay. Melissa Davis and Vanessa Kwiatkowski

have volunteered to assist in contacting area piano teachers. We'll need many more members to assist in various aspects of this program. Initial plans are very exciting including the use of an OrgelKids kit. If you are unfamiliar with this I invite you to check out the website <https://orgelkidsusa.org/>. Spread the word about this great opportunity!

I would also encourage you to invite your choir director or other colleagues to attend the Choral Workshop with Dr. Micah Bland. He is an outstanding choral director and vocal coach that we are fortunate to have right here in Toledo!

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Sunday, September 8 – 3:00 PM

Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy **Rosary Cathedral**
2535 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo

Plan to join your fellow Chapter members as we launch into a new season of music making!

The afternoon will begin with a brief Installation of Chapter Officers in the cathedral. A potluck will follow in the Parish Center. You can bring dishes ahead of time to store in the refrigerator or the oven and there are outlets for crockpots. Lemonade, iced tea and water will be available or

bring your favorite beverage.

There will be a game and prizes, too!

For planning purposes, an RSVP is greatly appreciated

Send to: Jack Gerding toledoago419@gmail.com

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

Temple Shomer Emunim

Monday, January 13th – Game Night

7:00 pm

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

Saturday, March 1, 2025

9:00 AM - 12 noon

Pipes, Pedals and Pizza

First Presbyterian Church, Findlay, Ohio

Registration info coming soon.

Scholarship Student Recital

Sunday, March 23, 2025

3:00 PM

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 consider asking them to perform on this program.*

Strings, woodwinds, brass, etc.

Reception to follow

May or June (TBD)

Friday evening

Musical Tour of the TMA followed by dinner.

Organ Dedication Concert - Rodgers Hybrid Infinity Series 489

**First Lutheran Church
109 East Lincoln St., Findlay**

Sunday, September 29

3:00 PM

Dan Miller, organist

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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

Collingwood Presbyterian Church in Toledo is looking for a pianist to hire. Please contact Christine Palmer, Director of Operations, at 567 377-0277 for further information or to apply.

Organist Needed

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Toledo

10:30 AM Sunday Service

Gary Levey

cell phone: 419.769.5656

email: gleyey@accesstoledo.com

Hammond 2300 organ

Willing to donate to a church or student

Contact Janet Fenn

419-266-5097

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