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The Prelude

September 2015

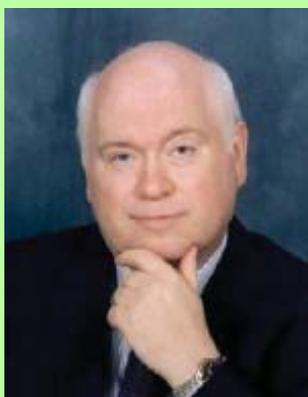
DEAN'S MESSAGE

Slip slidin' away..... that seems to be what's happening to our summer. Here I am writing this in the final week of August! Here in Bowling Green, the 49th Annual National Tractor Pull is now history. The BGSU students have returned for the fall semester with the largest freshman enrollment in recent years. And, just today classes began here at our parish school at St. Aloysius!

But, of course, we're all ready for it! We have dreamed, planned, ordered up music, marked our calendars and otherwise prepped for this fall season ever since we took a day off after Pentecost (or, name your own spring festival), *correct?!* Well, the Toledo Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is ready too!

You all, of course, have also made your reservations for our fall kick-off Progressive Dinner to be held on Friday, September 11th in both Perrysburg and Maumee. We hope that you will attend and bring guests! Details are elsewhere in this newsletter. Exactly one month later for our Sunday, October 11th program, we will join the Sandusky Chapter in presenting our own organ scholarship student, Garrett Law, in concert. He will play the four-manual Schantz organ at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oak Harbor, OH, at 4 PM. To make things even more exciting, this coincides with Oak Harbor's annual Apple Festival! More details will be forthcoming. (*There is a world beyond the Toledo city limits!*)

The organ world lost one of our true luminaries last week with the sudden death of John Scott, Organist-Choirmaster at the monumental St. Thomas Episcopal Church in New York City. He was a giant among church musicians and a one-of-a-kind concert organist. A few years ago, my church in Williamsburg, VA, presented him in concert on our new pipe organ. He played beautifully and presented himself in such a kind and humble way. I will always remember picking him up at the hotel and driving him to the airport in the wee dark hours of the following morning. We had a sparkling conversation even at that pre-coffee hour! He will certainly be missed!



I hope that everyone has followed my lead and paid their chapter dues for the year! We want you numbered among us! Of course, if you have already been removed from the mailing list you won't be reading this plea, will you? I just hope that's not the case!

Let's have a good year Toledo AGOers! See you at dinner on September 11th!

Neil Kraft, Dean

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PROGRESSIVE DINNER AND RECITAL

Friday, September 11, 2015
Perrysburg and Maumee churches

Join us for our opening event on Friday, September 11th! Once again we will have a Progressive Dinner and Progressive Recital, using three church venues and experiencing three organs in our area. Here are the details:

- 6:00- Gather at St Rose Church, 217 E. Front St., Perrysburg.
We'll meet in the basement for wine and cheese/appetizers, then head up to the nave at 6:30 for our first recital.
Organists: Charlotte Mariasy and George Blackney.
- 7:10- Carpool to First Presbyterian, 200 E. Broadway St., Maumee.
After a catered main course, we'll hear our second recital.
Organists: Wayne Whitten and Melissa Flowers.
- 8:20- Carpool to St. Paul's Lutheran, 112 E. Wayne St., Maumee.
After our third recital, we'll mingle over dessert and coffee.
Organist: Dennis Johns.

We plan to have a few minutes at each location for "open bench," so please bring your shoes if you would like to play!

Cost: \$15 per person; \$28 per couple (due at the event). This covers the main course and other incidental expenses.

RSVP to our Secretary, Susan Craig, by Sept. 1st at craigweg@aol.com (or 419-246-8674).

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:

Email: Kathy Rupp

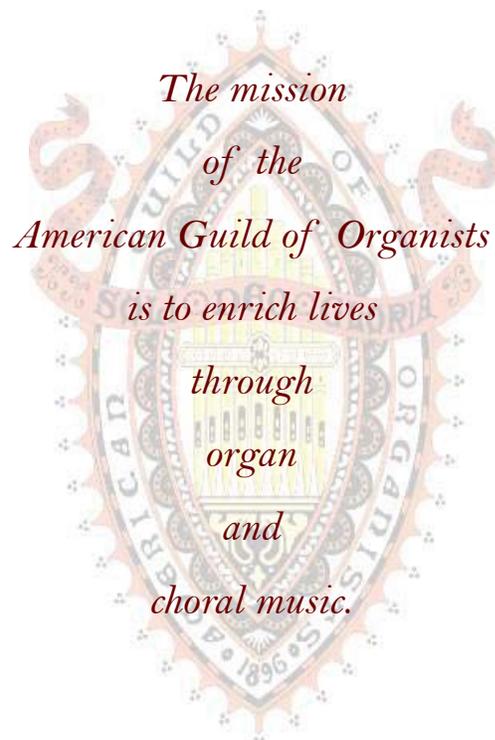
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### Programming for 2015-2016



**Friday, September 11, 2015 – PROGRESSIVE DINNER** – Begins at 6 PM

St. Rose, Perrysburg (Garrett House organ) - Appetizers

First Presbyterian, Maumee (Moller/Bunn=Minnick organ) – Main Course

St. Paul Lutheran, Maumee (Rodgers digital) – Dessert

(Scholarship Auditions at Christ Presbyterian, Sylvania Ave. – *Sunday, September 27*)

**Sunday, October 11, 2015 – Garrett Law, organist** (Joint program with Sandusky Chapter)

4:00 PM at St. John Lutheran Church in Oak Harbor, Ohio (Schantz organ)

Coincides with Oak Harbor's Annual Apple Festival Weekend!

**Sunday, November 22, 2015 – Marijim Thoene, organist** – 3 PM

Joint program with Rosary Cathedral, Toledo Concert Series – (Skinner organ)

Collingwood Avenue

**Monday, January 25, 2016 – MEMBERS SHARING RESOURCES** – 7 PM

First United Methodist Church, Sylvania – (Schantz organ)

**Saturday, February 20, 2016 – SILENT MOVIE NIGHT – Aaron David Miller, organ**

7:00 PM – Community of Christ Lutheran Church, Whitehouse, Ohio

Finzel at Dutch Roads - Collaborating with Church Concert Series – (Reuter organ)

**Sunday, March 6, 2016 – ANNUAL STUDENT RECITAL – Scholarship Awards** – 3 PM

Christ Presbyterian Church, Sylvania Avenue, Toledo (Casavant organ)

**Friday, April 15, 2016 – ORGAN EXCURSION led by Mark Muller** – visiting Muller Organ

projects in Detroit suburbs and Southern Michigan – Lunch along the way -

Van transportation provided – Costs and details coming later!

**Sunday, May 22, 2016 – SPRING CONCERT AND POTLUCK – Jacob Taylor, organist**

4 PM – Organ recital at Trinity Episcopal Church, downtown Toledo

Chapter potluck dinner to follow in church social room – Chapter will furnish entrée and beverages. – (Skinner/Casavant organ)

AUGUST AT THE PERISTYLE...  
TOLEDO AGO IN CONCERT  
on August 22, 2015

Our AGO recital at Toledo Art Museum was a huge success! Everyone played well. There was a great variety in the music performed and truly expert use of the tonal resources at hand. The players did a great job of showcasing this “Toledo treasure.”

We had a tremendous turnout for the event. According to Scott Boberg, “we had a total audience (including the many walk-ins who stayed for at least part of the program) of over 370 with a dedicated core of over 100.” This means that the concert did have a significant impact on the community.

Once again, I want to thank the performers: George Blackney, Brian Bogdanowitz, Pamela Davis, Kevin McGill, John Roberts and Mark and Denise Mathias. Scott assures me there will be more opportunities for us to play the instrument in the future. This was a good beginning, and it promises to continue well.

*-Joan McConnell*



**St. John the Baptist  
Episcopal Church**, corner of  
E. Wooster and Mercer Streets,  
Bowling Green, Ohio, will  
present a service of **Evening  
Prayer** on *Sunday, September  
20, 2015, at 4:00pm.*

Music for organ, violin and  
voice will be featured. The  
organ is a new Beckerath, built  
in Hamburg, Germany, which  
was installed in May 2015.

## From the Education Chair:



Our Scholarship Auditions are just “round the bend”, with the application deadline on September 16<sup>th</sup>! Auditions are a little earlier than usual this year (Sept. 27), so teachers, please keep this in mind. Included in this issue of the Prelude is the application form and requirements. Remember, first time applicants may audition on piano.

We are still working to fund our scholarships, and donations are gratefully accepted. Think of your donation as an investment in the future of the “King of Instruments”. Some folks aver that the organ is outdated, but we who play and keep up with the organ world know that is not true!!

A good look at the TAO and organ activities for young people around the country shows that youth and adults are interested in playing and only need our support to help guide and teach them. Scholarships enable youth and adults to study and help support the teachers as well. Encourage the next generation to study and learn this marvelous instrument—the organ!

Toledo AGO offers two special scholarships to area students: the Mary Anderson Award and the Gene Trombla Award (a new award this year). There is also additional award money, so we are *not* limited to only two scholarships.

Several generous people have already contributed to the Trombla Award:

Marilynn Hazard  
Margaret Weber  
Joan Rill  
Don & Ann Lieder  
Darla J. McGinley  
Scott & Marybeth Sund  
Barb Skinner  
Roy & LouAnn Cousino & Family  
Gene & Judy Greer & Family

**DONATE**

Many thanks to them for their generosity! Your gift is gladly accepted always and can be sent to Pam Davis, our treasurer. Make checks out to AGO, Toledo Chapter. Gifts are tax deductible. Pam’s address is: P. O. Box 349, Waterville, OH 43566.

**Help ensure the future of the organ for many generations to come.  
Please give generously!**

**St. Tim's Discovers is proud to present:**

## THE WIT AND WISDOM OF SAMUEL ADLER: A LIFE IN MUSIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2015 AT 3:00 PM

Join us as former head of composition at the Eastman School of Music, Samuel Adler, shares his vast experiences from a lifetime of composing, performance and teaching. We are pleased to present the Perrysburg High School String Quintet, providing music at 2:30pm, prior to (and following) Mr. Adler's 3pm presentation. There will be a reception following the program in St. Timothy's parish hall.

## PERFECTLY PRECOCIOUS PERCUSSION: THE PERCUSSION STUDIO OF BOB BELL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 3:00 PM

St. Tim's Discovers welcomes back Bob Bell, President Emeritus/Chief Artistic Officer of the Toledo Symphony Orchestra. On this occasion, Bob returns to St. Tim in the role of teacher and mentor, bringing the talented students under his tutelage. No longer resigned to the back row of the band or orchestra, the lively and engaging young musicians will be "front and center" in a varied and colorful recital of percussion music.

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### **ABOUT ST. TIM'S DISCOVERS**

St. Tim's Discovers is a music series authorized by the vestry of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. Its goal is to present local soloists and ensembles, particularly young musicians, in the greater Toledo area. The context of St. Tim's Discovers is the Church with most of the programs reflecting the traditions of Christian worship. Unless otherwise noted, all concerts are held at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 871 East Boundary Street, Perrysburg, OH 43551. Events are free and open to the public with a voluntary offering taken to defray expenses.



# Young Voices of Greater Toledo

*A community chorus for children age 8—8th grade*

***Accepting new singers!***

**Registration:**

**Tues., Sept. 8, 6:00 p.m.**

**or Sat., Sept. 12, 11:00 a.m.**

Location: Monroe St. United Methodist Church, 3613 Monroe St., Toledo

*Each child will receive a free, professional evaluation of his/her voice*

***Singing – Playing Choirchimes – Snack –  
Performances—Making friends!***

More information: [youngvoicestoledo@yahoo.com](mailto:youngvoicestoledo@yahoo.com)

Ph: 419-473-1167, ext. 230

Find us on the web at [www.yvgt.org](http://www.yvgt.org)

**AGO TOLEDO MEMBERS' DIRECTORY FOR 2015-16**

The new ONCARD system for paying dues gives us a way to update, correct, and collate member information. We (Joan McConnell and Pam Davis) are planning to use this system to generate our next Members' Directory, which we hope to have available at the September event. You can help us by going to your page in the ONCARD system ([www.agohq.org/oncard](http://www.agohq.org/oncard)) and making sure all of your information is correct. Alternatively, get in touch with one of us and tell us what you want to change. As chapter administrators, we have access.

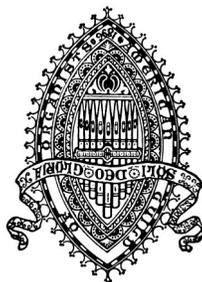
Timeline: We plan to have the information updated by the end of August. Once that is done, we will post the new directory on the website. We will also print some copies to be distributed either at the September event or by mail. Anne Doerfler still has a list of people who prefer to receive AGO communications by mail; if you want to add your name to that list, please contact Anne.

*Joan McConnell*, Membership chair

*Pamela Davis*, Treasurer



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Toledo Chapter AGO  
Anne Doerfler  
4112 Talwood Lane  
Toledo OH 43606

## ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS

For students in Grades 7 – 12

And

Adult Students not currently enrolled in a collegiate organ program.

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TOLEDO CHAPTER

**Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015, 3:00pm**

**Christ Presbyterian Church**

**4225 West Sylvania Ave.**

**Toledo, Ohio 43623**

**General Scholarship Amounts to be given up to \$500.** All awards are given at the discretion of the judges. Anyone who has received a large scholarship two years in a row will be limited to a \$100 award.

**The \$500 Mary Anderson Award is given to the top High School qualifier and can only be received once by the same person.**

Scholarship Monies are to be used for organ lessons from a member of the Toledo AGO and will be made payable to the student's instructor. Students who have previously been awarded a scholarship should have completed all previous year scholarship lessons before applying.

### **Applicant Requirements:**

Each applicant will prepare two contrasting pieces (limited to 10 minutes total) and a hymn of their choice. They will also be asked to sight-read a hymn.

Students auditioning for the first time may play their audition on the piano.

Up to 1 hour of practice time will be scheduled for each student. Please **do not** call the church to arrange this time, as Denise Mathias will schedule this with you.

Each applicant must complete and submit the attached form and a letter of recommendation from their private instructor, pastor, or church musician.

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The *application and letter of referral* must be mailed
(or emailed) by *September 16* to:

Denise Mathias

AGO Scholarship Auditions

3930 Grandview Ct.

Toledo, OH 43614

419-708-6953

dmathias@monroestumc.com

**Scholarship winners will perform in the
Toledo AGO Scholarship Winners Recital**

Sunday, March 6, 2016, 3:00 pm

Christ Presbyterian Church

4225 West Sylvania Ave.

Toledo, Ohio

Toledo Chapter AGO
Scholarship Audition Application
2015

Applicant's Name: _____

Grade (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Current Instructor: _____

2 Contrasting Pieces to be performed (limited to 10
minutes): _____

Hymn to be performed: _____

Please describe your music background and your future musical interests.

This application and a letter of recommendation must be mailed (or emailed) by *Sept. 16, 2015* to:

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