



The Prelude

September 2024

Dear Toledo Chapter members,

I often look for new repertoire for preludes and postludes when the tried and true might seem a little "tired." Sometimes it is just a matter of looking through my music files and finding a piece I have not yet learned or something that I have on my list to learn. But I have also recently noticed the wonderful resources and lists published in TAO. There have been articles about women organists with whom I was not acquainted, lists of repertoire by under-represented composers (see August, page 60), and this month the list of organ works by Rachel Laurin - including the score for her "Chant Vespéral" on page 62! The AGO offers so many opportunities to explore music that we can add to our repertoire. Choose a few selections from these resources when you are looking to expand and refresh your repertoire.

For the meeting next week an RSVP to toledoago419@gmail.com would be greatly appreciated. Just a note about those responses. While we always have room for everyone who attends a meeting, if a response is requested and you plan to attend, please do respond! It makes the planning so much easier if we have an idea of how many will be there. It is understandable that plans change and you may not be able to attend or, at the last minute, you find that you can be there - again, always room for everyone but it is so helpful to have an idea of attendance in advance.

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!

I look forward to the opportunity to see many of you on September 8 as we set off on a new AGO season.

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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. You can be "green" and bring your own reusable table service but we'll have some disposables available.

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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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: glevey@accesstoledo.com

Hammond 2300 organ

Willing to donate to a church or student

Contact Janet Fenn

419-266-5097

Items for the Newsletter are due by the 25th of the preceding month. Send items to toledoagonewsletter@gmail.com

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