



The Prelude

October 2024



Dear Toledo Chapter members,

I just returned from a day of reflection led by [Dr. Jem Sullivan](#) in which she talked about the importance of beauty in the human encounter with God. She explained how art, both visual and musical, become a vehicle for encountering that which we cannot see as humans. Based on her presentation, I reflected on the fact that while the visual arts are static - the created art is unchanging and available anytime for our contemplation - music is fleeting and restricted by time. It becomes important that we work as diligently as possible to create beauty with our music, beauty that

will touch hearts, minds and spirits, especially within worship. Even within a concert performance, creating beauty to express what words cannot is an important goal we should bear in mind as we prepare and present musical art.

All AGO members should have recently received an email from the National Office concerning a vote to change several items in the National By-Laws. Please click on the link and vote. Eileen Hunt explained in some detail these changes in her August column in the TAO (page 6).

The Toledo AGO website has been updated. The Scholarship information is available there as well as past newsletters and much more information. You can access the membership directory with the password: **ago\*\*1970**

I look forward to seeing many of you on October 19 as well as any guests you might invite, especially choir directors.

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**Saturday, October 19th 10am - 12 noon**  
**FREE Workshop: "Choral Techniques for Church Choirs"**  
**at Park Congregational Church**  
**1456 Harvard Blvd., Toledo**

In this workshop Dr. Micah Bland from the University of Toledo will address techniques for developing the vocal abilities of church musicians, with special emphasis placed on caring for the maturing voice. The workshop will 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.



**All are welcome!**

### **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*

**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.

## **CONCERT CALENDAR**

Adam Brakel, organist

**Sunday, October 13, 2024**

3:30 PM

*Presented by Musical Arts Series/Port Clinton*

**Immaculate Conception Catholic Church**

Port Clinton, OH

<https://musicalartsportclinton.com/>

## **TOLEDO AGO OFFICERS**

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Membership Coordinator - Ken Stoops  
Scholarship Coordinator - Kathy Mumy  
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## **JOB LISTING**

### **TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Monroe, MI**

Position: Part-time organist, \$150 per service

One Sunday morning service (10:00) and other liturgical seasonal services,

weddings and funerals, if the organist is available

Instrument: small 1966 Cassavant

Worship Style: liturgical, mainly the 1979 Book of Common Prayer; 1982 Hymnal

Contact: The Rev. James M. Bischoff,

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**Through the efforts of our membership coordinator, Ken Stoops, we have recently been notified of the passing of Chapter member Frederick Honemann, Jr. on March 13, 2023. He lived in Hamler, OH and was a long time member of the Toledo Chapter.**

His obituary can be found here: [FrederickJR-Honemann](#)

Items for the Newsletter are due by the 25th of the preceding month. Send items to [toledoagonewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:toledoagonewsletter@gmail.com) and [deantoleado419@gmail.com](mailto:deantoleado419@gmail.com).

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