

# AGO Toledo

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# The Prelude

November 2024



Dear Toledo Chapter members,

No, you did not miss Halloween or All Saints Day! But with the many activities happening the remainder of October and early November it seemed like an early newsletter was in order.

Many thanks to Dr. Micah Bland from the University of Toledo for an engaging and informative workshop for choral directors. He covered so much in two short hours; vocal anatomy, the maturing voice, effective warm-ups and developing a choral tone. We all will benefit greatly from his insights. Thank you Sara Wade for securing the venue and making all the

needed preparations.

Please see in the information below about the November meeting at Temple Shomer Emunim. I hope many of you will be able to attend.

On the National level, the new iMIS system has gone active. This will replace ONCARD as your portal to renew membership and otherwise connect with the National Office. The website is also updated and easier to navigate. When you next go to <u>agohq.org</u> you will need to create a new password, so be prepared for an extra step before you can log in.

There are many opportunities to support our fellow members with attendance at their concert offerings. Check out the concerts listed in this newsletter.

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Experience Shabbat (Sabbath) at Temple Shomer Emunim with praise for God, reading of the Torah, Psalms, and prayer for community, country, and peace. Following the one hour service Cantor Jen Roher will meet with us and share the traditions and contemporary trends of Jewish music for worship. Roher has served as a Cantor for about 20 years and she is an active

volunteer in the American Conference of Cantors on a regional and national level, editing publications, leading workshops, and mentoring new members of the ACC.



#### TOLEDO CHAPTER

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Friday, November 8, 2024
Experience Shabbat at 6pm
followed by a presentation about Jewish
Liturgical Music and Q&As
with Cantor Jen Roher



at Temple Shomer Emunim 6453 Sylvania Avenue Sylvania, OH 43560

All are welcome! RSVP to toledoago419@gmail.com

Kathy Mumy reported that there were seven applicants that auditioned for the Chapter Scholarships. She noted that it was a particularly talented group. We wish them well in their studies and look forward to hearing them perform on March 23!

Scholarships in the amounts of \$300-400 were awarded to the students. In addition to our Chapter funds we have received monetary gifts from Musical Resources, Muller Organ Company and a gift certificate from Organmaster shoes. Many thanks for their support of our young musicians.



Back Left: Justin Drees, Lukas Sadowski

# Front left: James Thomas Daly V, Naomi Grace Francis Right: Carlos Bowers, Nicandres Hernandez, Ann Whitta

#### 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

#### Friday, November 8 - 6:00 PM Shabbat Service

followed by a meeting witc cantor Jen Roher

**Temple Shomer Emunim** 

6453 W. Sylvania Ave. Toledo

#### 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**

The Phantom of the Pipes

Randy Ruthsatz, organist

Sandusky on Saturday, October 26, 7:00 p.m.,
Grace Episcopal Church
315 Wayne St., Sandusky, OH

A frightfully delightful evening of music, and prepare to be thrilled by spooky tales and haunting melodies that will send shivers down your spine ending with the famous Toccata and Fugue in D minor. Costumes are encouraged! Seasonal treats after the concert. This program is family-friendly!

## Dan Boyle, organist

Sunday, October 27 - 3:00 PM Solomon Lutheran Church 305 W. Main St., Woodville, OH

#### **Cathedral Concert Series**

Rosary Cathedral
2535 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo
Sunday, November 3 - 3:00 PM

Merwin Siu, violin

Michael Boyd, piano

Damon Coleman, cello

#### Ken Stoops, organist

also featuring Grace Mauk and Chelsie Cree
Tuesday, November 12 - 7:00 PM
Trinity Episcopal Church
316 Adams St., Toledo

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