AGO Toledo

bridging our musical past and future...

The Prelude October 2026



Dear Toledo Chapter members,

An enjoyable afternoon was spent in the “western” region of the Chapter at St. Martin Lutheran Church. Our Installation of Officers was enhanced greatly by the skillful and imaginative leadership from the organ by our new Sub-dean, Matthew Wachtman. As has become somewhat a traditional opening of the season potluck, a typically flavorful and plenteous buffet was provided by those in attendance. As well, there was ample conversation on many topics throughout the room. Thanks to St. Martin Church for hosting the service and dinner.

I have reflected on the fact that in years past AGO Chapters were more geographically compact due to a higher concentration of members in a particular area. Sadly, many Chapters have made the

difficult decision to disband. While there are no firm boundaries to our Chapter, we do have members as far East as Sandusky & Norwalk and as far South as Tiffin & Findlay. To our West we have the good fortune of the Fort Wayne Chapter providing options for exciting programs both n Toledo and Ft. Wayne that are about equidistant for members there. And Detroit is not that far North! The challenge for the Chapter is to be creative in how we serve (and invite) members from a larger geographic area to share in the educational and social aspects of the AGO. While there is always room for creative ways to expand our outreach I feel the Chapter has done a good job of hosting events and engaging members in various areas. I look forward to heading west again to Napoleon next May for the Organ Crawl!

Plan to attend the workshop on October 24 led by Nicole Keller. Ms. Keller was here a few years ago to present a service playing workshop and it was excellent. Don't miss this opportunity - please share the news!

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Click this link to Register for this free workshop https://forms.gle/sWKU9swvVFQfg3edA

TOLEDO AGO PROGRAMS

2026 - 2027

Sunday, September 20, 2026

3:00 PM

Installation of Officers and Potluck

St. Martin’s Lutheran Church

203 S. Defiance St.

Archbold, Ohio

Saturday, October 24, 2026

9:00-11:00 AM

Improvisation Techniques for the Church Service

Presented by Nicole Keller (University of Michigan)

St. Paul Episcopal Church,

310 Elizabeth St.

Maumee, Ohio

Sunday, October 25, 2026

3:00 PM

Scholarship Auditions

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

5856 Heatherdowns Blvd.

Toledo, Ohio

Applications are available on the Chapter website.

If you have an interested student or questions contact Kathy Mumy.

Sunday, November 22, 2026

3:00 PM

Organ Dedication Concert (Muller Organ, 2026)

Todd Wilson, organist

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church,

871 E. Boundary St.

Perrysburg, Ohio

The program will include the premiere of a new work by Dan Locklair commissioned for the occasion.

Sunday, February 7, 2027

3:00 PM

Community Hymn Sing &

Sharing of Literature (Member's Recital)

First Presbyterian Church

200 E. Broadway

Maumee, Ohio

Sunday, April 25, 2027

3:00 PM

Scholarship Winners Recital

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

5856 Heatherdowns Blvd.

Toledo, Ohio

Friday, May 7, 2027

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Organ Crawl in Napoleon, Ohio!

- Emanuel Lutheran (Pilcher/Muller, 1915/2002)
- First Presbyterian (Zimmer/Fowler, 1990s)
- St. Augustine Catholic (Votteler, 1880s)
- St. Paul Lutheran (Schantz, 1960s)

• Lunch at Spengler's (proposed)

SUBSTITUTE ORGANISTS

Denise Mathias is available to substitute

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Pam Stover is available for teaching organ lessons and as a substitute organist or pianist - weekends and weekdays.

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UPCOMING CONCERTS:

Sat. Oct. 24 at 7pm Phantom of the Pipes
Grace Episcopal Church
315 Wayne Street Sandusky, OH

Fri. Oct. 30 at 7pm Spooktacular Organ Concert
Huron United Methodist Church
338 Williams Street Huron, OH

Sun. Nov. 1 at 3pm Organist Daniel R. Boyle
Solomon Lutheran Church
305 W. Main St. Woodville, OH

Concerts will also be advertised on the Toledo AGO Facebook page.

Second Annual Virtual Pedagogy Conference

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LIFELONG LEARNING:
Building the Organist's Toolkit

October 8 - 10, 2026

WATCH LIVE ON ZOOM OR LATER ON DEMAND

THURSDAY, OCT. 8
WHAT'S IN A TOOLKIT?:
WELCOME, OPENING KEYNOTE, AND PRESENTATIONS
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. ET

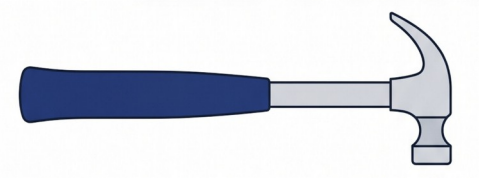
Welcome and Opening Remarks
Eileen Hunt, DMA, AAGO, President
Cathy Brigham, PhD, Executive Director

Committee on Educational Programming
David von Behren, DMA, CAGO, Director
Laura W. Henderson, MALS, SPC
Andrew Johnson, AAGO, ChM
Catherine J.E. Meyer, MSM, SPC
Leslie Wolf Robb, CAGO, Councillor-at-Large, *ex officio*

Respecting Your Tuner and Builder
Jonathan Ambrosino

10 Ways to Build an Effective Clergy-Musician Team
Eileen Guenther, DMA

Ditch the Spreadsheet: Building Your Music Management Hub in Notion
Andy McBeath, MM, CAGO



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FRIDAY, OCT. 9
THE LEARNER'S JOURNEY: BUILDING YOUR TOOLKIT
9:45 a.m. – 6 p.m. ET

Exploring Educational Resources
Members of the AGO Committee on Educational Resources

Working Through and Preventing Burnout
Bridget Deveney, MM, SPC

Rhythmic Consciousness
Ed Broms

The Organ Broke and Who is APOBA?
Donny Hobbs, APOBA

Practice Makes Perfect: How to Be at Your Best
Roberta Rowland-Raybold, CAGO

Pedal Technique: Building and Maintaining a Solid Foundation
Marya Fancey, DMA

Unnerved: Managing Performance Anxiety
Melissa Plamann, DMA

Integrating Vocal Technique into the Weekly Church Choir Rehearsal
Matthew Hoch, DMA, ChM, CAGO

Discussion Panel: Lifelong Learning
Katrina Liao, MM
Nat Gumbs, DMA, CAGO
Tom Trenney, MM, CAGO

Virtual Networking Session

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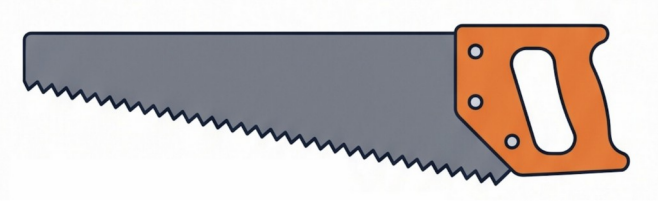

SATURDAY, OCT. 10
THE MENTOR'S ROLE: REFRESHING YOUR TOOLKIT
9:45 a.m. – 5 p.m. ET

The Power of Attentional Focus
Molly Gebrian, DMA

Teach the Organ
Wayne Leupold, MM

Trauma-Informed Pedagogy: Supporting Learning, Resilience, and Musical Excellence
Grace Jackson, MSM

Coaching + Mentoring: Their Differences and Why You Need Both
Jonathan Gregoire, DMA, PCC

Discussion Panel: How to Prepare Students for Higher Education
Stephen C. Price, DM
Katelyn Emerson
Zachary A. Peterson, MM

Choral Accompaniment at the Organ
Mattilda Middleton, DM, AAGO

The Traveling Organist: Registration in Solo Repertoire
Amanda Mole, DMA

Building the Bench: Educational Challenges and Opportunities in the

Managing the College Bound Student: Auditions and Repertoire Priorities
Terry Yount, DMA

Current National Landscape
Cathy Brigham, PhD



REGISTER TODAY

The AGO Virtual Pedagogy Conference will take place entirely in Eastern time. All sessions will be recorded and available to registered attendees for viewing after the conference, so participants will be able to catch up on anything you may miss during the live sessions. Registration also includes access to the conference program booklet, as well as contact information for presenters and presentation handouts, giving attendees resources they can continue to use and reference after the conference.

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Items for the Newsletter are due by the 25th of the preceding month. Send items to deantoledo419@gmail.com or toledoago419@gmail.com.

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