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Thank you.

Dean's Letter:



Effie Sue
Kemerley,
Dean

It's been a while since I've written to you all. I know you've been busy, and so has your AGO board. We have some very interesting programs scheduled for this next year, including a Veteran's Day concert by **Trudy Faber** at Weaver Chapel in Springfield and a trip next April to see the player organ at Rick Rieger's Barn.

TO REALLY DRAW YOU to our first meeting, which is always a **carry-in potluck**, we are holding a **huge MUSIC SALE**, from **4 to 9 pm, Monday, September 17, at Faith Lutheran Church**, in east Dayton. We have recently been given the music libraries of four organists who were former members of our AGO chapter, including our former dean, **Kevin Rose**. There is an amazing selection of music for everyone – simple beginning pieces, anthologies, master's degree level recital music, Christmas and Easter selections, a complete set of the works of J. S. Bach from the library of **Connie Klarer**, another former dean, and also a large single-copy collection of anthems, many vocal solo and duet pieces, oratorios, songbooks, piano solos and anthologies, both classical and popular...

Got the picture? This is a music sale not to miss. You will have five hours to browse, which should work well with any busy schedule, even if you can't make the dinnertime. You will find something you will want, even if you already have a fine library. Spread the word – to other organists, church pianists, students. Build your library or find a new gem for pennies on the dollar. This is as close as your dean will ever get to selling carpet, **but "I just love to sell music."**

Be sure to read in this *Trumpetings* the account by **Priscilla Acuff** of her trip to National Convention in Nashville as our chapter delegate. I have checked out the new free Brigham Young University 12-lesson guide for new LDS organists and believe it is very accessible. As organists, we should all be aware of this website, <http://www.organ.byu.edu/newldsorganist/index.htm>, from BYU and suggest it to any pianist expressing interest in the organ. Thanks, Priscilla.

One postscript: if any of you also have music you are no longer using, consider donating it to the Music Sale! I will do "pickup" if necessary, or you can bring it that evening.

I am really having fun being your dean!

Effie Sue

P.S. Also attached to this email is a poster from our own Organ Academy. Please print some of these (B&W or color) to give to high school pianists. *We need to add more students — for their sakes!*

Positions Available

To list job openings contact:
Terry Donat, Placement Coordinator
(See contact info above)

Position: Organist 1 Sunday/month
Church: Trinity Lutheran Church, 4 blocks north of Shiloh Church on Main. Choir rehearsal 9:30 on Sunday, service at 10:30.
Contact: Tim Guth; Ph# 836-8165, cell#275-8585
Church: St John's United Church of Christ, 201 West Market Street, Germantown, Ohio 45327

Organ: 2 pipe organs; Sanctuary: Barkhoff Tracker (17 ranks); 2nd organ: Brombaugh Tracker (1974) (336 pipes)
Contact: S Pastor Houston Hall; pastorstjohns@woh.rr.com

Position: Organist
1 service at 10:30a
No Choir rehearsal
Church: St Margaret's Episcopal
5301 Free Pike
Trotwood,
Organ: Rodgers Electronic (2 manual.)
Contact: Jim Bolden
Hm: 242-7197;
cell 677-5001

Position: Part-time Choir Director
Church: Triumphant Cross Lutheran
525 North Broadway St
Trotwood, OH

Contact: Rev Melvin Younger,
937 602 4755

Position: Organist/Accompanist
Church: Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1240 S. Maple, Fairborn, OH 45324

Position: Organist / Accompanist
Church: Memorial United Presbyterian Church
343 West Ankeney Mill Road, Xenia, OH 45385
xeniamemorial.org

Organ: Moeller; 30 ranks; 3 manual

Contact: Terry Reiff
tareiff@xeniamemorial.org
937-376-1939
Job description/flyer available upon request from Terry Donat

Our May Meeting



What amazing performances by our academy students! We still have openings for students this fall. Can you help identify young people who would benefit from free organ lessons from one of our superb teachers?

Our May Meeting at Kettering Adventist Church featured our Organ Academy students: **Grant Wareham**, **Daniel Yoder**, and **Elizabeth Wareham** (shown with Dean Effie Sue). At that meeting **Jim Owen** installed our Officers.



American Guild of Organists National Convention

July 1 – 6, 2012 Nashville, TN

Submitted by Priscilla Acuff

What a privilege to attend the AGO National Convention in Nashville as representative of Dayton Chapter. Though Nashville was extremely hot, it was well worth the time and travel.

There was a wide variety of workshops and recitals, and I enjoyed everything. A sampling of the many events I attended is described below:

Sunday, July 1

Opening Festival Worship Service at First Baptist – A 30 minute prelude on the 4 manual, 59 ranks Schantz organ with music of distinguished composer, Craig Phillips. The uplifting service included beautiful choral selections by West End United Methodist Church and Christ Church Cathedral Choirs, an inspiring sermon delivered by Dr. Anna Carter Florence, and joyful congregational singing. How stirring to hear our AGO members raise their voices in harmony!

Monday, July 2

“Getting Off on the Right (and Left!) Foot: The First Lesson” and “Repertoire for the Beginning Organist” workshops -

<http://www.organ.byu.edu/newldsorganist/index.htm> is a website that has free materials and lessons for beginning organists. The information is for *The New LDS Organist - A Guide through the First Months*. Yes, it is for LDS, but most is very applicable to any church organist.

The Thomas Trotter Recital at Schermerhorn Symphony Center on the Schoenstein and Co. 3 manual, 64 rank organ (2007) was exciting and fun. Two of my favorite pieces were *Fourths, Mostly* (2001) by Michael Nyman (cool piece!) and a transcription of the *William Tell Overture* by Gioacchino Rossini.

AGO Convention Report Continued:

Wednesday, July 4

The District V Regional Meeting – Some AGO districts are redrawing their state lines, but our District V will remain the same. The 2013 District V Regional Convention will be June 30 – July 3 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. All events will be in the immediate area, and they are calling it the “car free convention.” Hotel parking is only \$5 per night! **Our own Yun Kim** will be one of the recitalists.

Thursday, July 5

“Nurturing the Vocal Development of Preschoolers and Younger Children’s Choirs” and “Repertoire and Pedagogical Techniques for Preschool and Younger Children’s Choirs” presented by Madeline Bridges – She demonstrated many fun techniques to promote healthy singing. Madeline gave us a list of choral repertoire in addition to suggestions for teaching duration and rhythm, pitch and melody, and methods to teach a rote song.

In addition to attending recitals and workshops, the fellowship with organists was great. I met AGO members from many parts of the country. I even made a good friend who is from Anchorage, Alaska. She is so excited to have just joined the AGO.

The next National Convention is at Boston in 2014. If you have never attended an AGO National Convention, I heartily recommend it.

Shiloh Church UCC, Aaron Sheaffer, Senior Organist, has “paid forward” a gift it received. Last December they were awarded a grant of \$141,855 to replace the console on their Möller organ (and add MIDI and a few new stops). At the same time, **Trent Sims**, organist of Oak Creek UCC was looking for a used console he could rebuild for Oak Creek! So the “old” console will “be made new.” At the same time Shiloh members have doubled the size of its worship platform. New console is expected in August.

Dear Friends -

Wilbur Held will be celebrating his 98th birthday on August 20. As most of you know, he has a very rich history with Columbus chapter and is known to most. For those of you interested in participating in a card shower for Wilbur, his address is:

**Wilbur Held, 650 Harrison Avenue
Claremont, CA 91711**

Organ Concert by David Comer

The concert is **Sunday, August 26, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.** at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 141 S. Ludlow Street. David’s concert there two years ago was a packed event.

News of our members

- From our former Dean **Kevin Rose**:

I will be transferring to the Santa Barbara chapter. Dayton is a fun chapter, and it was great to grow up with! Actually, I credit the Dayton chapter for nurturing the interest when I was young. I’ll never forget going to the John Obetz recital in 1975 at Westminster - Church Music Workshop. A week later I heard the late Gerre Hancock at Wright State, and my dad told me to ask him for his autograph. After that I was hooked!

- From **Kristen Kosey**:

Hi Judy, Effie Sue.

I want to thank you for your help and support with my Service Playing Exam. I received word that I have passed the exam, with dual certification with NPM.

I would not have been able to follow through with this without the encouragement you and the local chapter gave me. Thank you so much.

Kristen Kosey

- From **Sharon Minturn**

I hope all is well with you. I am selling my home in Kettering and moving to Nashville. TN. While I am able to take my piano, unfortunately there is no room for the organ.

Sharon Minturn

Additional Available Positions:

Position: Organist, substitute/interim/or full-time.

Church: First Church of Christ Scientist
105 Sawmill Rd., Dayton, OH 45409

Choir: No Choir; There is a soloist.

Service: 10:30a

Organ: Hook & Hastings

Contact: Amy Houck
Ph; 937- 439-5300
amyhouck@woh.rr.com

Position: Part-time Choir Director

Rehearsals: Thursday evening; Worship Sunday 10:30

Position: Part-time instrumentalist

Instruments: Allen Protégé organ, Kurzweil keyboard, Pearl River piano

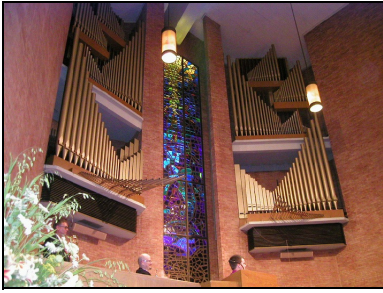
Church: Aldersgate United Methodist Church
5464 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights

Contact: 937-233-8151

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Nashville, July 1-6, 2012

By Jim Owen



First Baptist Church, 1970 Schantz, 4/59
Opening Festival Worship Service;
Concert; Trinity College
Choir Concert, Cambridge, England



Concert, Schermerhorn Symphony Center
2007 Schoenstein and Company 3/64
St. Cecilia Concert, Thomas Trotter,
Organist; Nashville Symphony Orchestra
Concert with Nathan Laube and Todd
Wilson, Organists



St. Henry Catholic Church,
2006 Schantz 3/50
Raul Prieto Ramirez Organ Recit



Christ Church Cathedral,
2003 Lively Fulcher 3/58
Rising Stars Recitals; NYACOP/NCOI
Winner's Recital



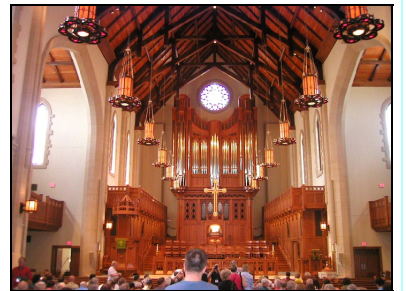
Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1985
Schlicker 3/73
Organized Rhythm; Service of Psalms



Ryman Auditorium,
The Birthplace of Bluegrass
Straight No Chaser Concert



Belmont University Concert Hall, 1969
Aeolian-Skinner 3/54
Matthew Dirst with Baroque Players;
Nashville Chamber Singers



Covenant Presbyterian Church,
C.B. Fisk 3/52
Sophie-Veronique Cauchefer-Choplin
Organ Recital



Gardens, Biltmore Estate,
Asheville NC

