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Dean's Note: Service in the AGO By Matt Dierking

The Dayton Chapter of the AGO provides educational opportunities, networking and comradery, as well as a wide variety of recitals and programs for both our members and the community at large. Like any organization, the success of these endeavors in the AGO depends on its members who serve as officers, organizers, teachers, mentors, participants and friends. So what are the most important things that you as a member can do to help make the Dayton Chapter a success?

Be Active and Participate in chapter programs and events,
Contribute Time and Effort to organize or implement events,
Serve in the Chapter Leadership to help plan and run the chapter.

Participating in Chapter events is fun and rewarding. The events span a broad range from fun events like movie nights and organ crawls to workshops and masterclasses. Contributing time and effort to make the programs happen can be even more rewarding (and enjoyable). You can really get to know other members when working a program together. If you want to make a difference in the chapter, join the chapter leadership. Involvement will provide both challenges and rewards while helping to guide the direction and programs of the chapter.

The Chapter has made a huge impact inspiring and educating young organists. We provided many college scholarships including Grant Wareham and Jared Post for the last two years. Our recent recitalist, Dr. Kevin Vaughn, was taught by one of our members and also received a chapter scholarship. Priscilla Acuff's Pedals, Pipes and Pizza inspired countless youth and many have joined the Organ Academy. We conducted our first Adult Pedals, Pipes and Pizza last year and one of those pianists now plays the organ every Sunday. Rachel Lammi, who now Chairs the Organ Academy, was once an Academy student herself under Wilma Meckstroth.

Thanks to all the Board Members, Officers and Academy Teachers who are serving now with special thanks for the long term service by Priscilla Acuff (Secretary), Decker Jones (Treasurer) and Ellen Bagley (Membership Chair & Directory). Your service has been invaluable and we hope we can count on your continued service.

Finally, the nominating committee will soon begin its work to find the next class of board members and officers. I hope you will consider serving in the Chapter.

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**EXTRA! EXTRA!
COMING NEXT ISSUE!**

If you have an announcement for an upcoming program or event, send it to Matt Dierking at matt.dierking@agodayton.org and we will add it to the next Trumpetings, the Dayton Chapter website and Facebook page.

Kevin Vaughn Recital at St. George's Episcopal Church

Dr. Vaughn played an outstanding recital on October 30th at St. George's Episcopal Church. The concert was sponsored by the Dayton Chapter of the AGO and hosted by St. Georges Organist, Jeff Powell. After Kevin recently graduated from Notre Dame with a DMA, he contacted the Dayton Chapter about playing a concert honoring one of his former teachers, Chapter member, Ms. Phyllis Warner. Phyllis helped Kevin start his organ career at Cedarville University. He was also awarded a Dayton Chapter scholarship under past Dean Yun Kim. Kevin was very grateful for the encouragement and support of the Dayton Chapter and its members. The Chapter is very proud to have had a role in the nurturing of this talented young organist.



Kevin's recital ranged from Bach to Litaize whose music was the subject of his doctoral dissertation. The recital was played and tailored to the St. George's wonderful Fiske tracker organ. He was assisted by Chapter member Matt Hunt who pulled the manual stops and turned pages. Kevin joined Chapter members and friends for an informal dinner after the concert giving members time to discuss the recital, his career and reminisce about his time with us in Dayton.

Dr. Vaughn is Director of Music and Organist at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in South Bend, Indiana; Instructor of Organ at Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana; and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Piano and Organ at the University of Notre Dame. He performs regularly as a solo organ recitalist and also appears in collaborative programs of sacred music for voice and organ with baritone Stephen Lancaster.

Kevin was a semifinalist in the 2013-2014 cycle of the National Young Artist Competition in Organ Performance sponsored by the American Guild of Organists, and, in February 2015, he won first prize in the Immanuel Lutheran Church Organ Scholar Competition in Evanston, Illinois. He holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in piano, organ, and sacred music, including the first Doctor of Musical Arts degree in organ performance conferred by the University of Notre Dame (May 2016). **His former teachers include Phyllis Warner, Gail Walton, and Craig Cramer.** An active member of the American Guild of Organists, Kevin currently serves as Dean of the St. Joseph Valley (IN) Chapter and holds the Guild's Colleague certificate.

Kevin Vaughn takes a bow in front of the Fisk Tracker at St. Georges Episcopal.



The sanctuary and audience at St. George's.



Chapter members and friends greet Kevin.



Dinner with the Chapter after the Recital.



PROGRAM DELAY: Note that the Dayton Art Institute Organ & Members Concert has sadly been **DELAYED** and may be **CANCELLED**. The organ required more extensive repairs than planned, and will not be back in working order until February 2017. We are talking with the DAI about rescheduling, but cannot proceed further until the organ is completed. Watch the future Trumpetings and the Chapter Website for further information.

Next Program: John Sherer—in Recital

Sunday, February 12, 2017 at 4:00 pm, John Sherer—in Recital, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 5 North Wilkinson St, Dayton Host: Jerry Taylor, John Neely. A

native of Xenia, Dr. John Sherer is organist at Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago, “one of the top ten places to be enthralled by heavenly music.” Reviewers have praised him for his “great creativity and élan” and described “his remarkable virtuoso technique and sensitive musical sense to serve the requirements of the music.” Dr. Sherer has performed numerous recitals throughout the United States, abroad and for regional and national organist conventions.

Next Program: John Sherer—in Recital

Saturday, February 25, 2017 at 10:00 am, Pedals, Pipes and Pizza at Shiloh United Church of Christ, 5300 Philadelphia Dr, Dayton. Host: Priscilla Acuff. Our

popular **Pedals, Pipes and Pizza** is back once again for younger students! We encourage piano teachers to invite students to give their music a whirl at the organ. We'll figure out how all those pipes fit inside the organ, get info about their sounds, have it make sense! Priscilla plays, many young pianists find this exciting workshop stimulates their interest in church organ.

Upcoming Area Events

Saturday and Sunday, December 3rd & 4th, Messiah at Sulphur Grove: The Greater Dayton and Springfield Area Community Chorus and Soloists will perform selections from Handel's Messiah at Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church at 7pm on Saturday December 3 and 3pm on Sunday December 4 under the direction of Basil Fett. Mr. Fett is the retired Director of Choral Music at Wayne High School and the current director of the Springfield Symphony Chorale. The concert is accompanied by organist Trudy Faber, Professor Emerita of music at Wittenberg University. The concert is free and open to all with a free will offering conducted at intermission. Sulphur Grove UMC is located at 7505 Taylorsville Rd., Dayton, Ohio

Sunday, December 4th, 7:30 p.m., Kettering Adventist Church - Concert by the Bach Society of Dayton – “Sweet Sounds of the Holidays” – Featuring the Bach Society Chorus, Kettering Children's Choir Chorale, Kettering Advent Ringers, and Jim McCutcheon, classical guitarist. For ticket information visit www.bachsocietyofdayton.org or call 937-294-2224.

36th Annual Community Sing of Handel's Messiah Monday, Dec. 5th, 7:30 pm, Weaver Chapel, Wittenberg University. Basil Fett (conductor), Trudy Faber (organ and harpsichord).
Co-sponsored by the Music Department and the Ruth B. and Thomas F. Mackey Charitable Trust

Noonday Carol Sing - Friday, December 16th – Westminster Presbyterian, Dayton - 12:00 Noon – Handbell Music by the Westminster Ringers. 12:10-12:40 p.m. - Carol singing by all and choral music by the Xenia High School Choir. Eric Neuenschwander, Director. Lunch follows at a nominal cost.

**Dayton Chapter 2016-2017 Programs
We have a Great Lineup this Year!**

This year’s programs truly have something for everyone with recitals, a Southern Organ Crawl and Pedals, Pipes and Pizza. We hope you can make them all!

Saturday, July 30, 2016, 7:00 p.m. North Riverdale Lutheran Church,
45 Kurtz Ave, Dayton, Ohio
“Thank you recital,” Jared Post & Grant Wareham – Chapter Scholarship Recipients

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**Sunday, September 18, 2016, 4 p.m.** St. Charles Borromeo Church,  
Host: Jeanne Schierloh 4600 Ackerman Blvd, Dayton, Ohio  
**Meat and Greet Dinner with a program of Piano Organ Duets**

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October 9th 2016, Sunday at 4 p.m. Westminster Presbyterian Church
125 N Wilkinson St, Dayton, Ohio
Isabelle Demers Recital

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**October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Sunday at 2:30 p.m.** St. George’s Episcopal Church,  
Host: Jeff Powell 5520 Far Hills Ave., Dayton, Ohio  
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Pipes Pedals and Pizza

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**April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 Sunday at 3:00 p.m.**  
**Organ Crawl of Middletown, Hamilton, and Lebanon organs**  
Leave Dayton at 2:00, Dinner after the Crawl

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May 7, 2017 Sunday at 4:00 p.m. St. Paul’s Episcopal Church
Host: Rachel Spry Lammi 33 W Dixon Ave, Oakwood, Ohio
Academy Recital and Installation of Chapter Officers



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