



# Dayton Ohio Chapter The American Guild of Organists



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## Dean's Note By Terry Donat

Greetings to my fellow AGO colleagues! It is my sincere hope that you are doing well in the midst of this very challenging year. It was a joy to play my first "face to face" service this morning. While I have done some pre-recorded on-line services, it was a pleasure to see and hear people singing and worshipping together in one space again. Perhaps we can have a deeper appreciation of our callings because the world has been shaken up. We have had to reinvent new and creative ways to pursue our work. There are so many examples of virtual choral performances and organ recitals on line to give us inspiration.

We have some exciting programs ahead of us, but with Covid-19 still out there, it will be a challenge to bring them to pass. Please bear with us, your patience will be rewarded. If all goes well, we can enjoy some great performances from Carol Williams at Westminster and Paul Jacobs at Kettering SDA Church.

I am excited to welcome Danielle Guilbault, Alan Kimbrough and Sharon Vander Gheynst to our board of officers and look forward to their leadership. Also, I wish to thank the outgoing board members, Abby Bowling, Janet Burkett and Donna Larsen for their contributions to the chapter. A big thank you to our treasurer H. Decker Jones as well who will retire from his position this year.

On the topic of Chapter officers, we have a huge need for individuals to step forward and become part of building our future and provide for continued success of our organization. If you have a desire to become more involved, please let me or any other officer know of your willingness to serve. We NEED YOU!

Continue to be safe and healthy to be able to enjoy your summer to the fullest.  
Peace and blessings,

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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](mailto:matt.dierking@agodayton.org) and we will add it to the next Trumpetings, the Dayton Chapter website and Facebook page.

Also, you are more than welcome to write articles to appear in Trumpetings. Send your articles and pictures to Matt and he'll make sure they get in. The articles can be on a wide variety of topics that would be of interest to the chapter.

## Organ Crawl South

The Southern Organ Crawl was a great success and allowed us to see some new churches, play some new organs and meet some new organists.

David Crean organized the Crawl. **Thanks to the churches and their organist who hosted us and showed us the organs.** The Crawl was focused on American organs circa 1900 and included:

(1) A 1908 Barkhoff sanctuary organ and a Brombaugh organ in the assembly room of St. John's UCC, Germantown

(2) an old Kilgen in St. John's Middletown plus a 1901 Austin in a nearby sister parish;

And (3) a 1890 Frank Roosevelt Organ at Covenant Presbyterian in Springboro.

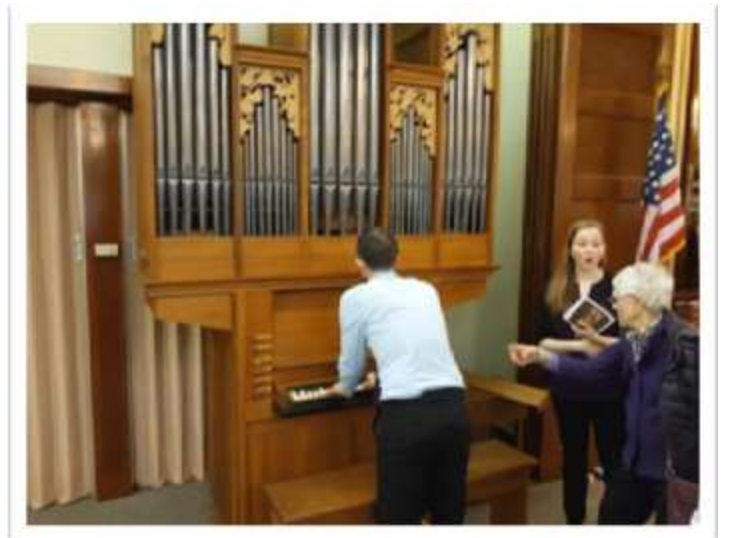
Quite a few folks gave the organs a try.

**We finished up with dinner at Doubleday's Tavern which gave members a chance to catch up just before the Covid Shutdown began.**

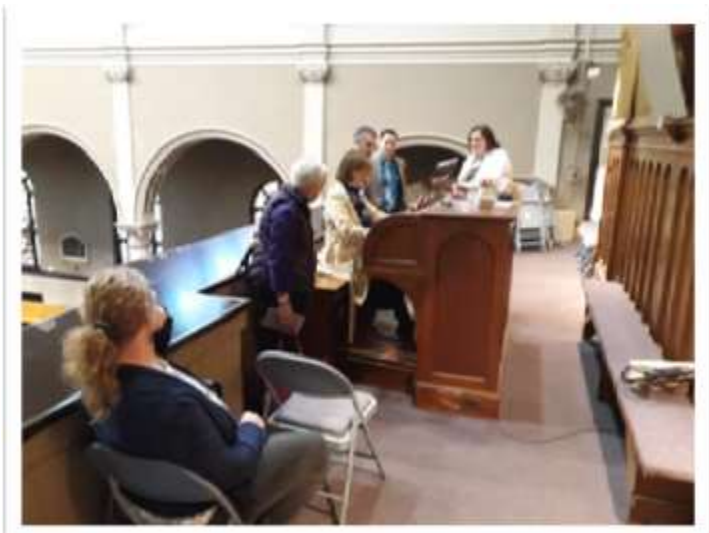
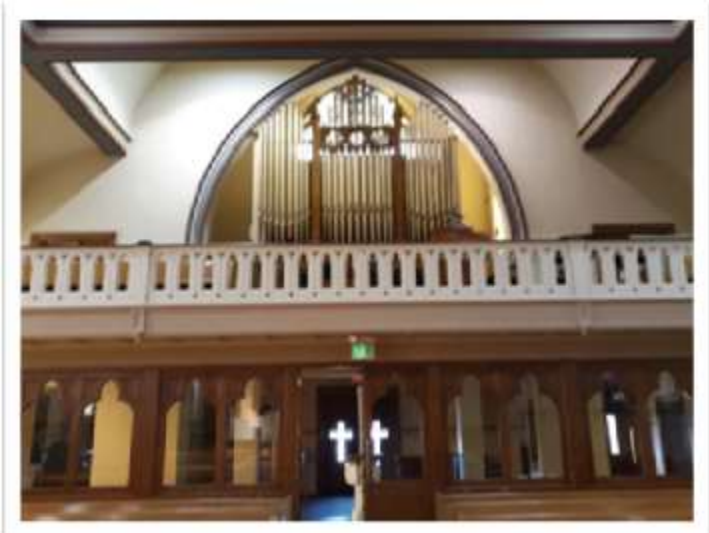
**Some Pictures from the Crawl Follow**



The 1908 Barkhoff sanctuary organ and a Brombaugh organ in the assembly room of St. John's UCC, Germantown



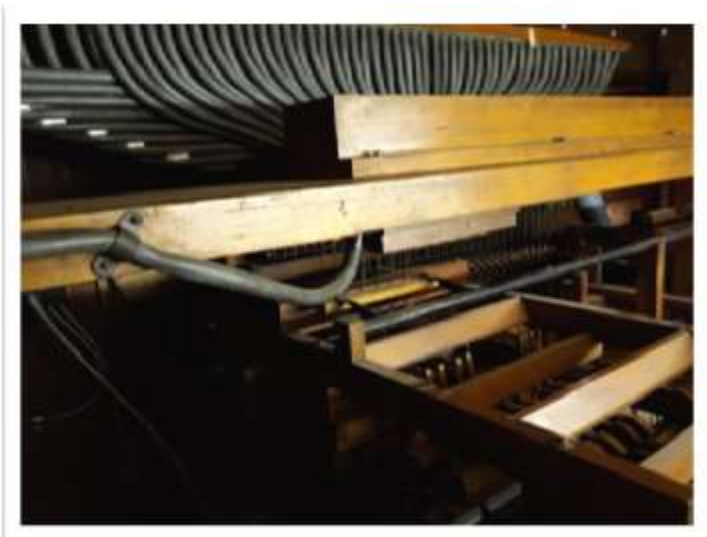
The Kilgen in St. John's Middletown, St. John Church, plus a 1901 Austin in a nearby sister parish.





The 1890 Frank Roosevelt Organ at Covenant Presbyterian, Springboro. Unfortunately, this organ was nearly unplayable, but seeing the chambers was very interesting.





## Luke Tegtmeier at Schantz Organ



Schantz Organ Company announces the recent appointment of Luke Tegtmeier as Service Manager. “I am honored to take on this role with such an historic company,” Tegtmeier said.

In addition to building new organs and restoring historic organs across the country, Schantz Organ Company regularly maintains nearly 200 organs throughout Ohio and surrounding states. These instruments range from the large Skinner concert instrument at Severance Hall in Cleveland to a new instrument at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Cincinnati. They also maintain many small instruments in parish churches and residences all over the region.

Tegtmeier grew up near Orrville, and has fond memories of the 125th anniversary of Schantz. “I was in high school when Schantz had an Open House to celebrate their anniversary. I can remember being impressed at how much work goes into making a pipe organ when I toured the shop.”

Tegtmeier went on to complete church music degrees from Valparaiso University and Luther Seminary. While a student at Valparaiso, he was a summer intern at the famous Henry Willis Company in Liverpool, England. After completing school, he held full-time music director positions at Episcopal and Lutheran churches in Minnesota before moving to Ohio. “I still enjoy playing for churches around the region – but I have to admit that I also enjoy getting an occasional Sunday morning off!”

Since starting at Schantz, his goal has been to grow the service department. “We have an incredible level of expertise about the pipe organ, and we could easily send two or three teams out on tuning trips every day. We also do everything we can to coordinate service trips to minimize travel costs to our clients.”

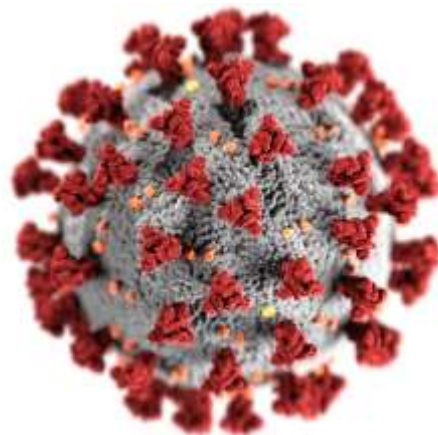
If you would like more information about the Schantz Service Department, please contact [luke@schantzorgan.com](mailto:luke@schantzorgan.com).

## Dayton AGO Programs and Officers In the Era of COVID-19

Unfortunately, our last few programs of the 2019-2020 season had to be postponed and/or Cancelled. **Clark Wilson's Silent Film program** was postponed and will be held sometime next year. The Academy recital may be held sometime this next year, but it will depend the state of the virus progression.

Due to the Virus and the shortened program year, the board voted to extend the Dean (Terry Donat) and Sub-Dean (David Crean) terms for one year. This will provide leadership continuity and experience to help us get through this very difficult planning year. Decker Jones has decided to step down after many years of faithful service as treasurer. Thank you so much Decker for all you have done. If you would like to serve as treasurer or in any of the chapter leadership positions, please contact Terry Donat. The Chapter Board has met to begin planning programs for 2020-2021; however, due to the virus uncertainty the significant programs will be planned for winter/spring 2021. The board hopes to have a program schedule out in August, but it will depend on the rules and restrictions as we get closer. **If you have program suggestions for this year, please contact David Crean.**

**Watch for program updates from Terry and posting on the website for the latest information.. The next Trumpetings will be in August, and will also include a program update.**



## Visit the Dayton AGO Music Library at Westminster

The Dayton Chapter has a growing music “library” that is currently housed at the Westminster Presbyterian Church. The library is primarily composed of organ literature, but has piano works, choral music and method books as well. The music is arranged by composer for much of the work but also has groups organized by holiday, collections, anthology, wedding music, sheet music and lots of monthlies like the Organ Portfolio. The library is open to everyone. Just stop in and peruse the music. Take what you would like to use and leave a donation. We highly encourage teachers (and students) to use the library. There is a lot of the standard literature for study spanning all levels of difficulty.

To access the library, visit Westminster on a weekday. Enter through the Office door on the east side of the church and let the administrator know you would like to go up and review music in the AGO library. It is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor in room 301.

