

SEPTEMBER
2023

THE TRUMPETINGS

Dayton Ohio Chapter
American Guild of Organists



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SEPTEMBER CHAPTER EVENT

Host - Danielle Guilbault

September 24 - 4pm

POTLUCK & MUSIC SALE

Christ Church, United Methodist
3340 Shroyer Rd., Kettering, Ohio

Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy fellowship with your fellow AGO members as we celebrate the start of the 2023-24 Program Year! Drinks and tableware provided.

Browse and purchase music from our Music Library!

\$ Cash only please

Money raised supports our college scholarship program!

We will have some interesting topical discussions and hear about our upcoming events.

Bring a friend or a fellow Chapter member.

Door prizes!!!



DEAN'S MESSAGE

Mary Ellen Clinard, Dean



With the “changing of the guard”, your Dayton AGO Officers and Board of Directors have worked this summer to plan what we hope is a meaningful and rewarding year of programming for our membership. As your new Dean, along with Sub-Dean Karen Bocko and the Board, our goal is to offer opportunities for our members to get to know one another better, and to do more networking and problem solving together as organists. This increased socialization of our membership doesn't mean we don't take the organ seriously, but it means that we need to focus for a time on the care and feeding of our members.

Who else understands our problems better than another organist?

Who else has a sympathetic ear when it comes to describing a frustrating job situation, a messy performance, or a frantic search for unobtainable music on short notice?

Who else can share that deep joy of a difficult piece well performed, or a concert that went better than you ever expected?

Your fellow organists, that's who!

People get involved in organizations that WORK for them--groups where they can find answers and where they can share their knowledge to help answer questions of others. We welcome your input and anticipate your participation in our programs this year. Most importantly, we want to get to know each of you by name and discover how our Dayton Chapter can support you in your work.

In this issue you will find the Calendar of Programs for 2023-24. You may notice that many of them involve roundtable discussions and opportunities to network. This is by design, to create moments that we can share experiences and knowledge.

My biggest surprise after deciding to get involved with the Dayton AGO, was the variety of backgrounds found in our membership! There are those with full-time positions and part-time positions; there are those with advanced degrees in organ; and there are organists with backgrounds that include educators, IT specialists, chemists, engineers, music therapists, city planners, specialists on other musical instruments, and more.

There's room on the bench for everyone! See you at the potluck September 24!

2023-2024 CHAPTER EVENTS

Local events

September 24, 4pm Pot Luck
Christ Church, UMC

October 7, 10am James O'Donnell Workshop
Westminster Presbyterian

October 8, 4pm James O'Donnell Concert
Westminster Presbyterian

November 12, 3pm Playing our Favorites
Urbana UMC

January 14, TBA How Music Therapy Changes Lives
Emmanuel Catholic

February 4, 4pm Avocation vs. Vocation
Abiding Christ Lutheran

March 9, 2pm Music Library and Dinner
Westminster Presbyterian

April 28, 2pm Organ Crawl
Minster, Ohio

May 5, 4pm Organ Academy/Scholarship Winner Recital
and Installation of Officers
TBD

CHAIRPERSONS

Organ Academy Chair

Rachel Spry Lammi

Educational Concerns

Judy Bede

Placement

Effie Sue Kemerley

Membership & Directory

Ellen Bagley

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Rachel Spry Lammi

Publication occurs the 1st of each month. Information on upcoming concerts, programs, and articles on organ and choral related topics are welcome. Please submit these to our editor by the 22nd of the month prior to desired publication.

Please be sure submit changes to your contact information to guarantee you receive chapter communications.

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LOCAL CONCERTS

Local events

September 10, 3pm

Tommy McGuffey and True Worship

Christ Church, UMC Activity Center

Energy, praise, and power will enter the activity center as a team of worshipers bring their mission of God-centered worship to Joyful Sounds concert series. Their fresh musical style combines vocal power and rich arrangements. Experience this phenomenal season opener as you are captivated and engaged.

Free

September 17, 4pm

Paul Jacobs concert

Hyde Park UMC, Cincinnati

Free

NOONDAY ORGAN RECITALS

Thursdays in October, 12:10-12:35 p.m.

Westminster Presbyterian

October 5 – Trent Sims

October 12 – John Sherer

October 19 – Brent Manley

October 26 – Victor Kovacs

Lunch follows each recital. \$7.00

Your events could be shared here. Please submit information to Rachel Lammi by the 22nd of the month.

JOB OPENINGS

The full list of openings and details for each opening can be found at our [job listing](#) page on our website.

DAI CONCERTS

1st & 3rd Sundays at 2pm

Sept 3 – Matt Dierking

Sept 17 – Matt Dierking

Want to play a DAI concert?

All Dayton AGO Chapter members are encouraged to take turns presenting these concerts. Contact [Matt Dierking](#) if you wish to perform one of these 1 hour programs.

Begun in 2010 by Matt Dierking, these concerts serve to generate interest and educate museum patrons on the pipe organ by playing a wide variety of music and showing off the many varied dimensions of the DAI Skinner Organ.

Look for a special article about Matt and the DAI organ in our October issue!

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Dr. Alan Kimbrough

When did you know you wanted to be an organist?

When I was about 3 and 1/2 years old, so the story goes, I became impatient because of all the older students who would come in and out of our house for piano lessons with my mother, and I said, "Mother, teach me!" She did, and I had some decent very basic piano skills by the time I started kindergarten. When I was a sophomore in high school, we knew that our choral director, who was also the choir director in my parish church, was going to move. He strongly urged me to start acquiring some organ skills. I began lessons with the organ instructor at nearby Carthage College and began playing for my parish in the spring of my sophomore year at age fourteen. I enrolled as an undergraduate organ performance major at Carthage College in the fall of 1961, and soon took over my teacher's position as the organist at Trinity Lutheran Church, Carthage. While there, I also gave piano and organ lessons on Saturdays. Eventually, I became the choir director there as well, in addition to playing and singing for weekday chapel services at the College.

What bits of advice would you give a beginning organist starting a church job?

(1) Perfect your hymn-playing (and service-playing) skills so that you can effectively promote good congregational singing.

(2) Promote collegiality as much as possible--both with other musicians at the church and with the clergy so that you can be the most effective team player you can be.



QUICK FACTS

BORN

Keokuk, Iowa

RAISED

Rural Western Illinois

CURRENT MUSIC POSITION

Co-organist at Frist Baptist

Accompanist for Bach

Society of Dayton

OTHER CAREER

Retired English Professor

Univerisity of Dayton

REPEATABLE MOVIE

West Side Story, both the original and the remake

FAVORITE SMELL

Gardenias

Want to know more about Alan's multifaceted life?

You can meet him at many of our chapter events. Sit with him at a potluck or chat with him at a concert reception.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

Mary Ellen Clinard

Marketing & Branding Expert

At our most recent Board Meeting, we voted to spend some time looking at rebranding and refreshing our Dayton AGO logo, literature, and website. This needs to happen every few years to stay current and relevant.

If you have expertise in marketing/visual arts/communications/branding, we would love your input and guidance. Email [Mary Ellen Clinard](mailto:MaryEllen.Clinard@duquense.edu) and we can start a conversation!

Outreach Volunteer

The Dayton AGO co-sponsors several events each year as part of our Chapter programming and we need people to know it! Connecting with those attending these events is the first step in getting the word out about our Dayton AGO and the larger National organization. Our vision is to have a booth or display table with Dayton AGO representatives and literature at every single event we sponsor or co-sponsor. Our newly formed Outreach Team may be calling you to volunteer to spend some time hosting our table during these events. We need everyone's help to increase our visibility and presence in the Dayton area!

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to our 2023 college organ scholarship winners. Priscilla Acuff led the auditions. Thank you to all chapter members for your financial support of these scholarships through music sales and donations.

Nate Hanson \$2000

Freshman at Duquense
Sacred Music Major
Organ

Noah Yalaz \$750

Freshman at Valparaiso
Engineering Major
Emphasis in music/organ

Isabelle Ford \$1000

Wright State University
Vocal Performance Major
Studies organ with
Dr. David Crean

You can help continued support of organ studies by donating to the scholarship funds and coming to the Septbemer meeting to purchase music. All proceeds from music sale go to the scholarship fund.