

**NOVEMBER
2023**

THE TRUMPETINGS

**Dayton Ohio Chapter
American Guild of Organists**



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NOVEMBER CHAPTER EVENTS

Host - Karen Bacco

November 12 - 10am

PLAYING OUR FAVORITES

Urbana United Methodist Church

238 North Main Street

Urbana, Ohio

Bring your favorite pieces to share with fellow chapter members. Advent and Christmas Issues of *The Organist* and *The Organist Companion* will be available for purchase from our chapter library. \$1 Cash each.



DEAN'S MESSAGE

Mary Ellen Clinard, Dean



Sharing "Gems" from our music libraries

We all have those weeks when we are gone nearly every night for something. The days are filled with our regular job responsibilities; meetings or rehearsals. Maybe you've had funerals or weddings that take your attention away from getting your service music ready for Sunday. Maybe you are a substitute and have been called in the last minute. What do you play when prep time is short?

At our next meeting we want to share our "Go To" favorites with each other. Maybe it is something that is an accessible crowd pleaser, or something that sounds really difficult but is actually pretty easy to play. It could be a piece you have had under your fingers for many years. Do you have a favorite collection or composer you enjoy playing often? Bring your favorites and join us on November 12 from 3 to 5 pm as we share these gems with our fellow members. We will meet in the balcony of the Urbana United Methodist Church Sanctuary for an informal experience of playing the music that forms the core of our personal music libraries. Our goal is that you have at least one new piece to add to your own music library"!

CHAPTER OUTREACH BOOTH

Helping the community learn and get involved



Our newly created Outreach Booth made its debut at the lecture and concert of James O'Donnell the first weekend in October. It was a great opportunity to talk with members and meet people interested in the organ and the AGO. At the table were membership nametags, information about our programming, a membership dues sheet, and a TAO magazine for anyone to take and enjoy. Thanks to all who donated their magazines and volunteered at the table. Our next co-sponsored event is November 7 at Christ Episcopal in Dayton. Please consider volunteering at the booth. Contact Mary Ellen Clinard if you are interested in helping.

YOUNG ORGANIST NEWS

Laura Bottei



Laura Bottei joined our chapter this fall and serves as music intern at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Dayton. Ms. Bottei has expressed an interest in seeking out young organists in our chapter and in the Miami Valley who may not yet be members of the AGO. Laura is part of the Committee for Young Organists for the National Guild. We are excited to have her as a member of the Dayton Chapter!

If you are a chapter member under the age of 30 and have not received an email recently regarding plans for an AGOYO (American Guild of Organists Young Organists) meeting; or you know a young organist under age 30 in the area who will benefit from being part of this group, please contact Laura Bottei. Let's all support the young organists in our chapter and region!

AGO MUSIC LIBRARY

Sale at Every Monthly Chapter Meeting

Our Chapter Music Library Ongoing Sale Supports the Dayton AGO Scholarships!

Grab issues of *The Organist* and *The Organist Companion* for \$1 CASH each at our November 12 meeting!

OFFICERS

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Mary Ellen Clinard

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JOB HIGHLIGHT

Covenant Presbyterian, Springfield



Church Organist

Covenant Presbyterian Church

Springfield, Ohio 45503 (Downtown area)

Part-time: Program staff. Average 12 hours per week

Covenant Presbyterian Church is a mission-driven, inclusive community in downtown Springfield, Ohio. Covenant is seeking an organist to join our music program.

We offer a weekly traditional service at 10:30 am in our beautiful sanctuary. Covenant has a long tradition of quality music programs that enhance the worship experience and engage the community-at-large and a congregation that loves and appreciates good music. Our Schantz organ has 3046 pipes, three manuals, full pedalboard, and 56 ranks. It was built and installed in 1962 and is maintained by Peebles-Herzog, Inc.

This part-time position includes a weekly Sunday morning rehearsal and service and negotiable Thursday evening rehearsals.

The service music includes prelude, hymns, anthem, Doxology, Gloria Patri, and postlude.

The organist is also responsible for evening holiday services as needed including Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Carols & Lights, Christmas Eve, and Christmas occurring on a Sunday. For additional compensation, the organist serves as the point of contact for weddings and funerals and, if requested, provides music for these services. Ability to play the piano is preferred.

Full position description available upon request.

Education/Experience: Bachelor of Music in Organ Performance preferred or equivalent experience.

Salary range: Minimum \$24,000. Salary is commensurate with education and experience.

Applicants should submit resume to Pastor Jody Noble at

Fire2Last@aol.com or call

937-325-2427 for questions.

JOB OPENINGS

Unless otherwise indicated, these institutions are seeking part-time organists. Complete details can be found at the chapter website.

*Covenant Presbyterian
Springfield, Ohio*

*Troy Church of the Brethren
Troy, Ohio*

*Mosaic Church
Beavercreek, Ohio*

*High Street UMC
Springfield, Ohio
Part-time choir director*

*Good Shepherd Lutheran
West Milton, Ohio
Part-time keyboardist*

*First Presbyterian
Troy, Ohio*

*St. Paul UCC
New Bremen, Ohio*

*First Church of Christ, Scientist
Dayton, Ohio*

*First Presbyterian
Troy, Ohio*

*Royal Redeemer Lutheran
Liberty Township, Ohio*

*St. Paul's Episcopal
Greenville, Ohio*

*First Lutheran
Troy, Ohio*

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Janet Burkett

If you had/have another career, please tell a little about that part of your life.

I graduated from UD in 2022 with a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering. While in college, I worked for the Leek Pipe Organ Company in Berea, Ohio. This fulfilled my grade school desire to work with pipes organs. Shortly after graduating college, I start my full time position as an Associate Research Engineer at the UD Research Institute where I do materials research with the Multifunctional Structures and Materials Group. After moving to Dayton, I deeply missed building and repairing these magnificent instruments and started my own firm, Koch & Co. Pipe Organs. Our current project is the restoration of the 1860/1919 Koehnken/Wangerin organ at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

What inspires you about your current or past organist positions?

Every day is a new adventure, whether playing solo works or accompanying a congregation. Working around challenges and successfully accompanying a full singing choir and congregation each week is an incredibly wonderful feeling.

What bits of advice would you give a beginning organist?

Make sure to familiarize yourself with the instrument you are playing. Learn what it does best. Listen to each stop before setting registration. Also, make sure to develop a good relationship with a local tuner, builder, or technician so you have someone you can turn to when unexpected issues arise.



QUICK FACTS

BORN & RAISED
Cleveland, Ohio

CURRENT MUSIC POSITION
Assistant Organist
UD Chapel

OTHER CAREER
Engineer
UD Research Institute

FAVORITE SMELL
Sugar Pine

Want to know more about Nicholas? You can meet him at many of our chapter events.

LOCAL CONCERTS

Local events

**Piano Masterclass & Gala Concert featuring
Kara Huber, Grammy-nominated concert pianist
joined by Dr. Yun Kim, concert organist**

Masterclass: Saturday November 4 - 3pm

Concert: Sunday November 5 - 3pm

Christ Episcopal Church

20 West First Street

Dayton, Ohio

This gala concert will showcase the church's new Steinway "Sterling Edition" 9 foot concert grand piano, played by dazzling prize-winning concert pianist Kara Huber. Kara, who is Instructor of Piano at Interlochen Academy, will also offer a master class for junior high and high school ages pianists. Our very own chapter member, Yun Kim will be featured in an organ/piano duet and organ transcriptions of piano literature as part of our chapter's outreach program.

Choral Vespers

**Chichester Psalms - Bernstein
with harp, percussion, and organ**

Sunday, November 19, 4pm

Westminster Presbyterian Church

123 Wilkenson Street

Dayton

Your event could be share here

Send information to newsletter editor by the 24 of the month prior to your desired publication date.



OCTOBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

James O'Donnell

Here's what our members are saying

"I really enjoyed hearing James O'Donnell speak. He provided some repertoire ideas in the areas of Gregorian chant and medieval polyphonic works for the choir at my new Catholic church job. It was amazing to hear about his employment history at Westminster Cathedral and Westminster Abbey. He said that we, as church musicians, need to take music seriously. It has got to be good, and of the highest quality because it is for the glory of God. I couldn't agree more. It was very inspiring!"

"I came away with his humbleness and how we, as organists, have common paths. His journey is ever evolving and he questions but does not fear opening new doors."

"I was surprised to learn that Westminster Abbey, Mr. O'Donnell's church, covered their expenses through tourism. The short amount of practice time for the daily choir also surprised me."

DAI CONCERTS

1st & 3rd Sundays at 2pm

Nov 5 - Matt Dierking

Nov 19 - 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.

