

THE TRUMPETINGS

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DEANS NOTE

Mary Ellen Clinard

January's program, so incredibly well done by members Marie Bliss and Michelle Carner, addressed the topic of Music Therapy and its ability to change lives. We couldn't help but think of all the groups and agencies that could benefit from being exposed to this effective but often overlooked and under used therapy. Unfortunately, the bitter cold weather may have kept many people from getting to the meeting. Therefore, we have decided to offer this program again, giving members and the larger community another opportunity to attend. Please join us! Won't you?

February 4, 4pm

How Music Therapy Changes Lives PART 2

Abiding Christ Lutheran

326 Dayton-Yellow Springs Rd.

Fairborn, Ohio

2023-2024 CHAPTER EVENTS

Local events

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
St. George's Episcopal Church

*Do you have ideas for future programs? Please share those
with sub-dean, Karen Bocko.*

WOMEN COMPOSERS SUNDAY

Everyone should participate

Women Composers Sunday

March 10

Where? Wherever you play. March 10 is set aside by the national AGO task force on gender equality and Society of Women Organists as a day to highlight and celebrate music composed by women.

Detailed information and resource lists can be found at
<https://www.agohq.org/task-force-gender-equity/>

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YUN KIM FEATURED ON PIPEDREAMS

Yun Kim

Pipedreams just released some of Yun Kim's live performance from the AGO national convention in Seattle in 2022. This features the world premier of Hina Sakamoto's Tamayura for marimba and organ as well as two spiritual settings by Ian Farrington:

<https://www.pipedreams.org/episode/2024/01/29/ago-seattle-2022-v>

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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, Rachel Lammi, by the 22nd of the month prior to desired publication.

Please send raw, unformatted text, and jpeg pictures.

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

JOB OPENINGS

There are no new job openings this month.

Complete details of current openings can be found at the chapter website.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Mary Ellen Clinard, Dean

What inspired you to become an organist?

I studied piano in my small town until my teacher retired. In eighth grade I began organ lessons. In college, I had a job as an accompanist in the university's music department. I continued organ lessons in college and since have always had a church job on the side. Now my church job is my main job!

What are a few things that inspire you about your past or current position?

I have always been fortunate to work with loving and generous congregations, serving small, rural, and urban churches. I love hymnody and the challenge of hymn interpretation to bring out the text. My current congregation LOVES the organ!

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

Learn to be sensitive to the congregation's needs musically. Then, gently broaden their exposure to new music. Don't sacrifice solid theology just to get modern hymns in the service. Offer a broad range of musical styles at each service. If the anthem or hymn is more modern, then I play a traditional/classical prelude, etc. It's a balancing act all the time.



QUICK FACTS

BORN & RAISED
Cushing, Oklahoma

CURRENT POSITIONS
Director of Worship
1st UMC, Middletown

MOVIE TO REWATCH
Planes, Trains, and
Automobiles

MAKES HER HAPPIEST
Depends on her mood

FAVORITE SMELLS
Freshcut wood, a new
book, hyacinths and lilacs

Want to know more about
Mary Ellen? Come meet her
at our chapter events.

LOCAL CONCERTS

Local events

Jeremy Winston Chorale

Singing a New Song

February 10, 3 pm

Kettering SDA

3939 Stonebridge Rd., Kettering

Featuring Hailstork's epic work for chorus, brass, percussion, and organ *Shout for Joy*

David Crean, organist

February 11, 4pm

First Baptist Church, Dayton

Stivers Choral Club

February 18, 3pm

Christ Church, UMC

3440 Shroyer Rd, Kettering

Your event could be shared here

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

DAI CONCERTS

1st & 3rd Sundays at 2pm

Feb 4 - Matt Dierking

Feb 18 - 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.

