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Not Capes*

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SUPERHEROES WEAR VESTMENTS NOT CAPES

by Mary Ellen Clinard

Just recently I attempted to call a Board meeting to discuss the upcoming Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza. It took many emails and options to finally settle on a Thursday evening meeting and still, I knew we were leaving one or two out that had conflicts. The one thing we all have in common as AGO members is our love for the organ, whether as a vocation or avocation. After that, our jobs related to the organ are as vast as the stars in the sky! We are juggling rehearsals with choirs, rehearsals on the organ, community events, additional music jobs, planning meetings, committees, and full-time occupations not related to music. We have worship services on Saturdays, Sundays, and throughout the week. After working all week when we hear "TGIF-time to relax the weekend is here!!", we think, "what's a weekend"? We must be "performance ready" for worship services no matter what may have transpired during the week. We put on our vestments and get the job done!

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SUPERHEROES

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I was so pleased to see many of you volunteer for our upcoming Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza for 2025. I know you all are juggling so many responsibilities in all your work! Taking the time to volunteer to spend time with young "future" organists on a Saturday morning is encouraging! So although we won't be wearing vestments (or capes) on Feb. 15th, it will be wonderful to see all of you sharing your superpowers with the next generation! See you there! Your time is greatly appreciated!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Following are upcoming special events featuring members of the Dayton AGO. Great opportunities to hear fellow musicians as well as show our support!



Jimmy Leach, trumpet & voice

Abe Wallace, organ

Thursday, Feb. 6 at 12:05 PM

Christ Church Glendale

965 Forest Avenue, Glendale

Friday, Feb.7 at noon

First United Methodist Church

120 S. Broad Street, Middletown



Yun Kim Organ Recital

Sunday, Feb. 23 at 4:00 PM

First Baptist Church

111 W. Monument Ave, Dayton

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PEDALS PIPES AND PIZZA

Since 2005, this extremely successful event has been held every other year (except during COVID!) to share our love of the pipe organ with youth, grades 1-12. And every single one of those events was organized solely by Priscilla Acuff.



From securing a location, to publicity, to developing the organ demonstration, to gathering volunteers, to making special “pipe pretzels”, Priscilla (assisted by husband, Dan) took responsibility for organizing it all!

But beginning with this year’s program, Priscilla will still demonstrate the pipe organ and make the famous pipe pretzels. But all remaining duties have been assigned to a great troop of volunteers.

If you’ve never attended in the past, you are encouraged to do so this year. We promise you won’t be put to work - unless you really want to! But it is guaranteed you will be touched by the look of awe and excitement in the young faces as they learn the mechanics of the instrument and spend a few minutes on the bench playing a piece they brought from their piano lesson.

It is our duty as organists to ensure that the next generation is properly prepared to take over. No easy task considering all the digital distractions that now exist! So if you are unable to attend, please help spread the news. Information is on Dayton AGO’s website and Facebook page.

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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 temporary editor, Karen Bocko, 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

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

PEDALS PIPES AND PIZZA

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Additionally, there is a dedicated website with complete details and registration form along with a link to a pdf flyer that you can share with fellow musicians, piano teachers, etc. www.ppp2025.org

And with great admiration and gratitude, Dayton AGO thanks you, Priscilla, for your tremendous investment in all past Pedals Pipes and Pizza!

FEATURED JOB OPENING

First Lutheran Church

2899 W Main Street

Troy, OH 45373

3-manual Allen

One Sunday service, 10 AM

Additional services (i.e. Holy Week, Christmas)

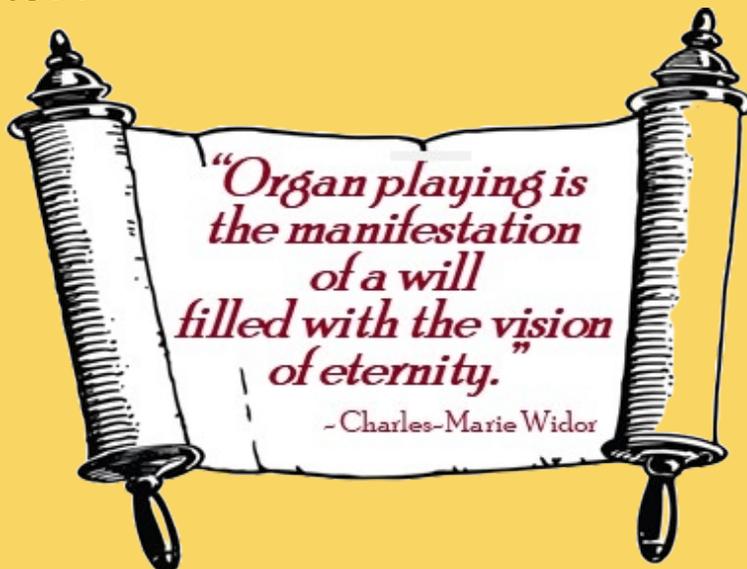
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DAI CONCERTS

1st & 3rd Sundays at 2pm

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.

