



September 2025

**Dayton Chapter  
American Guild of Organists  
NEWSLETTER**

**September Program**

**Koch & Company Pipe Organ Factory Tour**

**Saturday, September 13, 2025 at 10:00 AM**

266 Bainbridge Street, Dayton, Ohio 45402 (near Trinity Lutheran)

The parking lot is on the north side (far end) of the building.

We will have our chapter flag and a greeter at the entrance you should use.

Nicholas Koch will lead a tour of his Dayton based Koch Organ Company. We will visit the pipe storage room which holds a wide variety of reclaimed pipework, the voicing room where the pipe work is voiced and tested prior to installation and the electronics rooms. A highlight will be to see the buildup of the new organ for St Joseph's Catholic Church. Next year, we will visit this organ installed its new home.

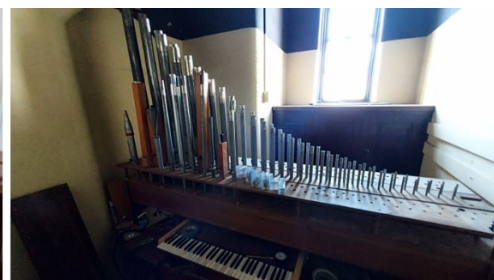
Social: So we can catch up with all our chapter friends, we will go to lunch right down the street at Wheat Penny Oven & Bar immediately following the tour. Wheat Penny is located at: 515 Wayne Ave, Dayton. Google Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/kaY77kjsLuLcjVzu8>

John Richardson is the social host for this program. (more photos on page 2)

*Nicholas Koch with Residence Console*

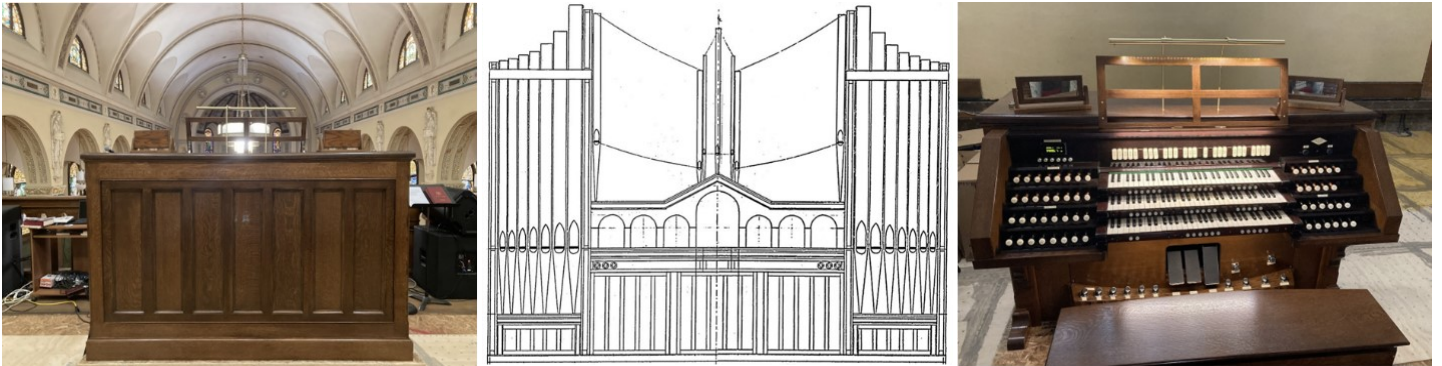


*Voicing Room*



## KOCH and COMPANY con't.

*Koch design for St Joseph's Catholic Church – We'll see the buildup on this tour & the final organ next spring*



Joe Severyn serves as the organist and pianist at Grace United Methodist Church. He has worked as a church musician at various churches in Dayton, Cincinnati, and western Pennsylvania. He has also served as a collaborative pianist and accompanist at Wright State University, the University of Dayton, Stivers School for the Arts, Grove City College, and private voice, string, and woodwind studios in the Dayton area.

Joe holds the Service Playing Certificate from the American Guild of Organists, a Master of Humanities (Emphasis in Music) from Wright State University, and a Bachelor of Music from Grove City College. His instructors have included Charles Moore, Terri Konzen, Richard Konzen, and Jackson Leung. He has performed with John Weaver, Adrienne Danrich, Morten Lauridsen, Larry Combs, and Stephen Schwartz.

Joe helped with our Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza in 2025 and was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Dayton Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

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### Member Spotlight

**JOE**  
**SEVERYN**



## Welcome New Member!

Welcome Joel Hootman! Joel has been a member in the past and recently renewed his membership. Thank you Joel and we hope we will have a chance to enjoy your company at our programs this year.

Joel joined Trinity Episcopal Church in Troy, OH in June 2025 as their organist and lives in Greenville.

## **2025-2026 Program Calendar is Here!**

**A more detailed description of each program will be in the newsletter prior to each event**

### **Saturday, October 4, 2025 10:00am *Improvisation Workshop***

Westminster Presbyterian Church 125 N Wilkinson St, Dayton, OH 45402

### **Sunday, October 5, 2025 4:00pm *Concert by Joshua Stafford***

Westminster Presbyterian Church 125 N Wilkinson St, Dayton, OH 45402

### **Sunday, October 26, 2025 2:00pm *Dayton Art Institute Halloween Spooktacular***

Dayton Art Institute Rose Auditorium 456 Belmonte Park N, Dayton, OH 45405

### **Saturday, November 22, 2025 10:00am *New Organ Crawl Part 1: Reuter/Muller Organ*** Christ

United Methodist 3440 Shroyer Rd, Kettering, OH 45429

### **Sunday, January 11, 2026 4:00pm *Registration Part 1: "Organ Stops-Unlocking the Code"***

Kettering Seventh Day Adventist Church 3939 Stonebridge Rd, Kettering 45419

### **February TBD, 2026 Time TBD *New Organ Crawl Part 2: Koch Organ***

St Joseph's Catholic Church 411 E 2nd St, Dayton, OH 45402

### **Saturday, March 7, 2026 4:00pm *Dr. Devon Howard Organ Concert***

Kettering Seventh-Day Adventist Church 3939 Stonebridge Rd, Kettering 45419

### **Sunday, April 19 2026 4:00pm *Organ Registration and History***

Westminster Presbyterian Church 125 N Wilkinson St, Dayton, OH 45402

### **Sunday, May 31, 2026 4:00pm *Dayton AGO Organ Academy Student Recital***

Christ United Methodist 3440 Shroyer Rd, Kettering, OH 45429

## **BONUS!!**

After each meeting, we'll go out for dinner, drinks, and have a chance for some fellowship.

## QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What makes you feel prepared for playing your worship services?

For some, it's organizing all the music in one notebook, in performance order, and placing it on the organ bench the night before. For others, it could be a special ritual or prayer. A few might just slide on the bench and sight-read whatever music they find in the pile on top of the organ.

Share your experience and what works for you! Email your response by September 20th to [music@myfumc.net](mailto:music@myfumc.net) and submissions will be printed in the October newsletter.

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## Combinations

### ALWAYS DREAMED OF BEING AN EDITOR??

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### NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION DEADLINE

Deadline for sending information and photos for the monthly Dayton Chapter Newsletter is the 20th of the month prior to publication date. Deadline for upcoming October Newsletter is September 20th. Please send information to [music@myfumc.net](mailto:music@myfumc.net)

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