

# Principal Pipings

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## LEXINGTON AGO

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## Dean's Message

Hello AGO Friends,

With our festive luncheon and officer installation on June 1st, we have closed out another AGO year! I have been honored to serve as your dean these past four years, and look forward to everything that Lexington AGO has in store going forward. You can read more about upcoming events in the calendar on page 2 of this newsletter.

I want to extend a huge thank-you to the members of this past year's Executive Committee, Brian Hunt (sub-dean), Grant Holcomb (executive secretary), Anna Pan (treasurer/registrar), and at-large members Gwen Frazier, Clif Cason, and Allen Fletcher. Your efforts on behalf of our chapter are greatly appreciated!

I also want to thank Scott Heydinger for his continued excellent work in maintaining our website, and Lynn Vera and Grant Holcomb for their duties as co-chairs of our publicity and social media committee. Ted Gentry has continued to serve ably as chapter historian. And Brian Hunt and Clif Cason put together our yearbook, including all those ads you see in it and in each issue of the newsletter. Richard Dwyer has served for many years as our professional concerns/placement committee chair. And lastly, thanks to our nominating committee of Clif Cason, Wesley Roberts, Larry Sharp, and Richard Dwyer.

Now it's time to introduce you to the newly-elected officers who will be guiding our chapter into the future! Nancy Dunn and Michael Dunn will be serving as Lexington AGO's first-ever co-deans. Mattilda Middleton will serve as sub-dean, Hayden McNeal will be the executive secretary, and Brian Hunt will serve as treasurer. Our newly-elected at-large member is Barbara Rogers, who will join other at-large members Clif Cason and Allen Fletcher on the Executive Committee. It's going to be a great year!

Jane

## UPCOMING EVENTS—AGO sponsored events are in bold

Sunday, June 9, 5:00 p.m.—Lexington Chamber Chorale presents Miniature Masterpieces III at Ashland, the Henry Clay Estate. Free admission.

Sunday, June 16, 4:00 p.m.—Lisa Hall, organ recital. Central Christian Church, Lexington.

**Saturday, September 7—Picnic luncheon and kick-off to the new year! Humlong's farm.**

**October (date TBA) - A member recital featuring Music for the Liturgical Year; Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington. (Begin now to think of what you might want to play!)**

**November (date TBA) - Berea Organ Crawl, with lunch at Boone Tavern.**

**Saturday, January 11—Workshop/Master Class with James Kibbie, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington.**

**Sunday, January 12—James Kibbie Recital, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington.**

**February (date TBA) - Laissez le bon temps rouler! Mardi Gras Party. Location TBA.**

**March (date TBA) - Bach Marathon, St. Raphael's Episcopal Church, Lexington.**

*For inclusion in the Summer newsletter calendar for local music events, please contact Nancy or Michael Dunn, [nncydunn@roadrunner.com](mailto:nncydunn@roadrunner.com) or [mratdunn@roadrunner.com](mailto:mratdunn@roadrunner.com).*

## IS IT TIME TO RENEW YOUR DUES?

Many members have dues that come due in July. You can check your membership status by logging on to ONCARD at <https://www.agohq.org/oncard-login/> and renew there.

AGO National has let us know that they are still having some difficulties with U.S. Postal Service deliveries, so they encourage people who do not want to use ONCARD to renew by credit card. You can call AGO HQ at 212-870-2310, and they will be happy to assist you in renewing your membership over the phone. Due to the mail delays, sending a check may cause your subscription to **The American Organist** magazine to be delayed.

## NANCY AND MICHAEL DUNN ELECTED AS CO-DEANS

In our recent election, Nancy and Michael Dunn were elected as Lexington AGO's first-ever co-deans. Nancy and Michael are regular attendees at chapter events, and have served in various capacities as committee chairs. They also served as the last AGO Co-Conveners for the state of Kentucky, before state convener positions were eliminated. Michael is the Director of Music at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Winchester, KY, and Nancy is the organist. Both hold the Guild's Service Playing Certificate. We look forward to their leadership in the coming two years!



## GREG ZELEK PRESENTS RECITAL AT CHRIST THE KING CATHEDRAL

On Friday, May 10th, Greg Zelek presented a varied program at Cathedral of Christ the King in Lexington. A reception hosted by Lexington AGO followed the recital.





## NEW OFFICER INSTALLATION AND LUNCHEON

Lexington AGO's installation of officers was held on June 1st at Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church in Lexington. After a lovely catered lunch, Regional Councillor Larry Sharp conducted the installation service.



Outgoing officers Gwen Frazier (at-large), Grant Holcomb (executive secretary), Great Lakes Councillor Larry Sharp, and Jane Johnson (dean).

Incoming officers Barbara Rogers (at-large), Great Lakes Councillor Larry Sharp, and Hayden McNeal (executive secretary).

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Lexington AGO welcomes Jennifer Baxter. Jennifer lives in Harrodsburg, KY and can be reached at [baxterjennifer@hotmail.com](mailto:baxterjennifer@hotmail.com).

## MEMBER NEWS

**Grant Holcomb** has accepted a full-time position as Director of Traditional Music/Organist at River Road Presbyterian Church in Richmond, VA. We hate to see Grant leave Lexington, but are so excited for him as he begins this new life chapter. Godspeed, Grant!

**Lisa Hall** will present the last in the series of dedicatory recitals on the Holtkamp organ at Central Christian Church in Lexington on Sunday, June 16th at 4 pm. If you haven't yet had a chance to hear the lovely refurbished instrument, here's your opportunity!

We send our condolences to **Dr. David Lamb** on the recent death of his father Charles. Many of you may remember meeting the elder Mr. Lamb at our January Jubilee a few years ago.

**William Robinson** recently played for the Lexington Catholic Diocese Priest convocation at St. Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad IN.

Several of our members, including **Roland Herzel** and **Larry Sharp**, will be attending the AGO National Convention in San Francisco next month. We can't wait for a full report!

We welcome our newest Lexington AGO baby, **Samuel Creason Humlong!**

Sam was born on May 29th to **Kelleigh and James Humlong**. He weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 inches long. Big brother Isaac is excited to get to know his little brother. Congratulations, Humlong family!



## GREAT LAKES REGIONAL UPDATE

### by Dr. Larry Sharp, Regional Councillor



It has been the highlight of my years of AGO membership to represent the forty Great Lakes chapters, including Lexington, on the Board of Regional Councillors. Thanks to your encouragement and support, I have recently been re-elected to a second two-year term, receiving 58% of the votes cast.

As of July 1, we will no longer be known as Regional Councillors, but will become Regional Ambassadors, to better reflect our newly-defined roles. On Wednesday of national convention week in San Francisco, I will conduct the Great Lakes business meeting, and I hope to see several of you there. It's not too late to register for this summer's convention!

During my second term, I'll look forward to establishing a quarterly Great Lakes regional newsletter for chapter officers and leaders. We will also continue our tradition of holding online state deans' meetings in the fall.

I appreciate all the chapters who have reached out and invited me into their EC meetings and other programs of interest, via Zoom or in person. If I may ever be of service to you, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Sharp

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## LONG-TIME MEMBER BETTY WOOD DIES



Betty Wood, beloved wife of the late Woodson T. Wood, passed away at age 93 on November 11, 2023.

Mary Betty Bower was born on July 17, 1930 to Louis Stockton Bower and Julia Wallingford Bower. She grew up in Flemingsburg, Ky and graduated from Fleming County High School. She attended the University of Kentucky before her marriage and later completed her education at Morehead State University, earning a B.A. in Music in 1981.

Betty was married for 62 years to Woodson T. Wood and spent time raising her children before returning to college to complete her education. She taught piano and organ in her home for many years.

She loved her family, her beloved cottage at Park Lake, church, her garden, her home where she lived for 62 years, candy bars, shopping and laughter. She was an excellent cook and a wonderful hostess. Music was a big part of Betty's life. She served the First Presbyterian Church as organist, choir director and choir member, sang in the Limestone Chorale, played piano for the Woodie Wood Big Band, was a member of the Maysville Players and made sure that her

six children took piano lessons. Betty was a past regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a member for many years. She was a member of the American Guild of Organists.

In spite of significant medical obstacles during the past four years, Betty had a great spirit and a strong will to enjoy life to the fullest (see "chocolate bars and shopping, above").

Friends who wish may contribute to the First Presbyterian Church, 21 W. 3rd Street, Maysville KY, or the Morehead State University Department of Music via the MSU Foundation, PO Box 628, Morehead, KY 40351.

## ESTABLISHING AN ORGAN MUSIC LIBRARY

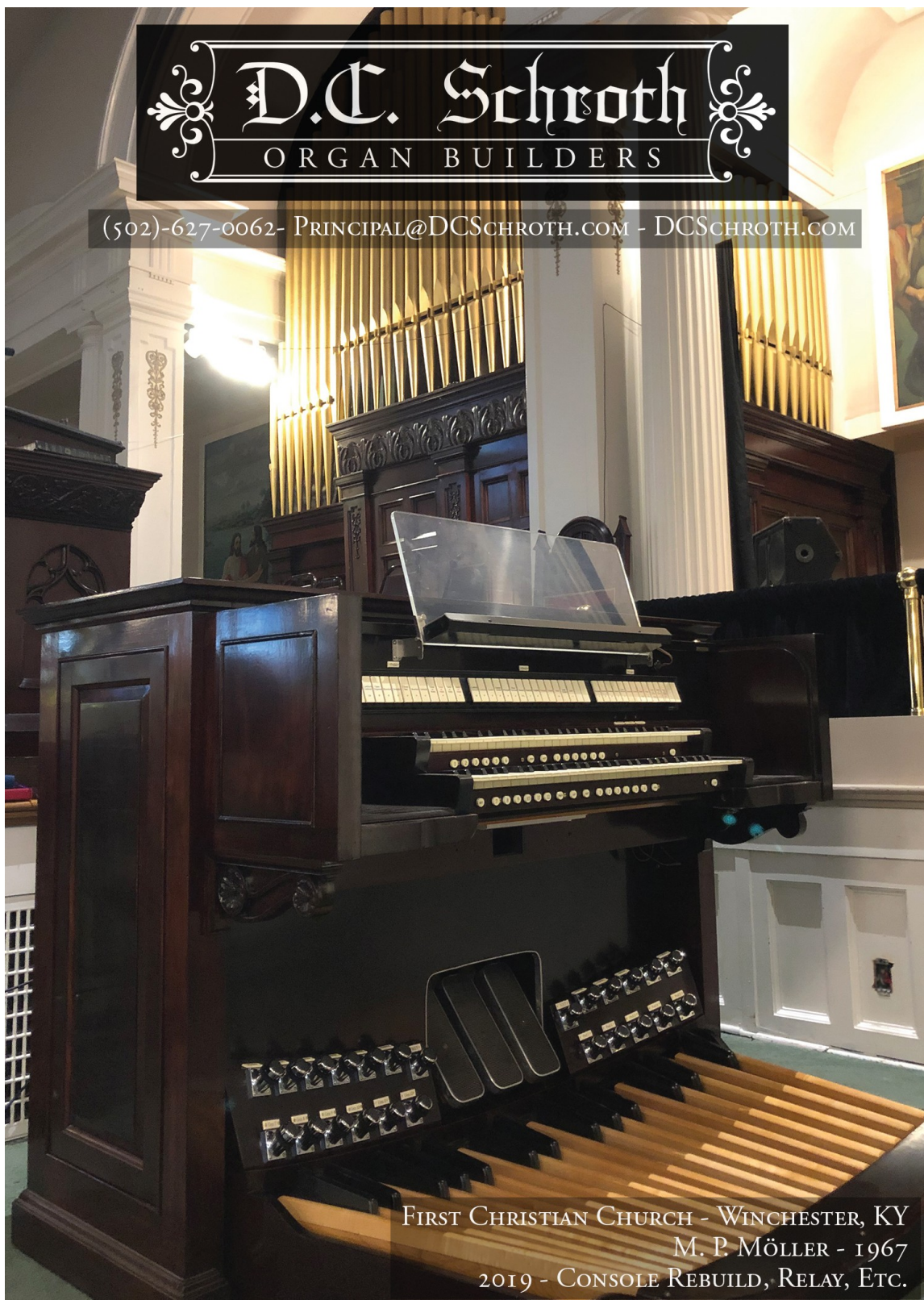
Recently we have had several members donate their organ music to Lexington AGO for distribution among our members. It has been proposed that instead of giving all of the scores to a few people maybe we can set up a library system for organists to borrow scores and return when they are finished. The "library" could also include bins of duplicates and unwanted scores that patrons could pick up and keep permanently.

Potentially, the music could be divided between sacred and non-sacred works, alphabetized by composer for non-sacred works, with collections of several works in one volume in a separate category. If time permits, hymn arrangements could be listed by tune name as well as record compositions by composer's name.

The big issue is space. There are several boxes of organ music stored at Central Christian. Some of our members also have boxes of donated music stored at their homes. It would be good to see the music to be placed in bins instead of cardboard boxes. Filing cabinets could also be used, but would be more expensive.

One of our members who holds a degree in library science is willing to take on the project of sorting and cataloging our donated music if we can figure out the logistics. If you think this is a project you would like to support, think about available storage space in your church. Once the project is completed, we can let AGO people know about the collection.

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September 24      April 21

November 5        May 19

February 4

## Friday, December 1

7:30pm George Frideric Handel's *Messiah*  
with the Cathedral Choir

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## Sunday, December 17

7:00pm A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols  
with the Cathedral Choir

## Wednesday, December 20

Noon Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*  
Rachel Renee Miller, *harp*  
The Cathedral Girls Choir



## Palm Sunday, March 24

4:00pm Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*  
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AUGUST 27, 2023  
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**ORGAN CONCERT  
BY DAVID BRIGGS**

OCTOBER 7, 2023 - 7:30 P.M.

**ALL SOULS' SERVICE**

NOVEMBER 2, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.

**LESSONS & CAROLS**

DECEMBER 17, 2023 - 5:00 P.M.

**CHOIR CABARET**

FEBRUARY 2, 2024 - 7:00 P.M.

**ASCENSION DAY EVENSONG**

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