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From the Co-Deans . . .

The organ is considered by many to be THE most difficult musical instrument to play. And yet we are all in love with it! Members of the AGO are bonded together by little else than a mutual admiration for the instrument.

Next week Mike and I are driving to Columbus, OH, for one of Augsburg Publishing's free two-day church music clinics; composers Mark Sedio and David Cherwien (some of you will remember David from an AGOLex workshop at Centenary United Methodist a few years ago) will be leading workshops and putting together a hymn festival. At our home in Winchester we are in the midst of a messy and complex front porch remodel, so leaving town at this particular time is not convenient. And when we get to Columbus chances are we won't see a soul that we know. But we'll be glad we made the trip; we'll learn some new things, hear some new organ music, and feel connected to our fellow organists, even though we don't really know them.



Likewise, attending an AGO workshop, recital, or even a social event is often not "convenient." But there is something special about rubbing elbows with others who feel the same way you do about the "big box of whistles."

Mike & Nancy

<https://www.agohq.org/> The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to foster a thriving community of musicians who share their knowledge and inspire passion for the organ, and its vision is to engage, support, and uplift every organist.

UPCOMING AGO EVENTS

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT AGO EVENTS!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 12:00p: Picnic at Kelleigh and James Humlongs' Duncastle Farm

This is not to be missed! The Humlongs will provide hamburgers, hotdogs (and the fixins) and drinks; come and bring a lawn chair (if possible) and a side dish or dessert to share. If it rains come anyway – James says they have plenty of room inside. Address, driving directions, and a plea for RSVP will be in your email inbox soon.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 12:00p: Members' Recital: "Music for the Liturgical Year" at The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 533 East Main St., Lexington KY 40508

Mattilda Middleton writes: "Good Shepherd is lucky to have Lexington's best pipe organ, and I am very grateful to any and all organists who can perform on this recital. I love to share this instrument, and beautiful sacred space, as much as possible. Welcome!" Instructions for signing up to play and arranging practice times will be in your email inbox soon!

Web: gslex.org

Organ - General Information: <https://www.gslex.org/organ>

Organ Specifications:

https://faithconnector.s3.amazonaws.com/5945/files/organ_specs.pdf

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 10:00a: Organ Tour in Berea and Lunch at Boone Tavern

Clif Cason writes: "Last year's tour of organs in Paris and Cynthiana was a big hit for our first meeting. We are following up that successful meeting with another organ tour, this time in Berea, KY. The colors on the trees may have faded by November 2 but the sounds of the organs will stir your senses.

"At 10:00a we will gather at Union Church and enjoy the two Steiner-Reck organs which were installed during John Courter's tenure. I am sure many of you

remember John and his devotion to our chapter. He bequeathed several thousands of dollars to our chapter. Part of those funds have been used to purchase the portativ organ from the Louisville Bach Society after it folded. The portativ organ is currently housed at Christ Church Cathedral but is open to anyone who would like to use it at their venue or church. Arrangements can be made with Lisa Hall if you would like to borrow the instrument.

“Back to the tour. After visiting Union Church, we will proceed to Boone Tavern for lunch. Then it's a short walk across the street to Berea College where several more organs are located. Again, these were taken care of by John. His vision for these organs, along with the world-class carillon, is a testament to the impact John had on the people at Union Church and Berea College.

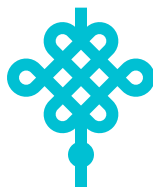
“**Now for the appeal.** Obviously, we can't hear the organs unless someone plays them. If you would like to play an organ composition or provide the attendees with an improvisation, please let me know. Dust off some of your favorites and share them with others.

“It's going to be a special day. Let's dedicate this meeting to John Courter and show up in great numbers like we did in Paris and Cynthiana last year.”

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 12:00p: Lunch and 1:00 Workshop
with James Kibbie at Christ Church Cathedral, 166 Market
St., Lexington, KY 40507**

James Kibbie is an internationally renowned authority on the organ music of Bach. More details will follow in the next newsletters.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 4:00p: James Kibbie Recital and
Dedication of the Dirksen Portativ Organ at Christ Church
Cathedral**



RECENT AGO EVENTS



AGO members and friends gathered on June 12 at Puccini's restaurant to bid a fond farewell to **Grant Holcomb**, who has taken a position at River Road Presbyterian Church in Richmond, VA. *Clockwise from left in the photo: Larry Sharp, Jane Johnson, Bill Johnson, Anastasia Curtis, Dave Brown (Buzard Organ Builders), Gabrielle Manion-Wrightson, Joseph Wrightson, Don Frazier, Gwen Frazier, Nancy Dunn, Michael Dunn, David Cooper, Grant Holcomb, and Mark DeAlba.*

The 2024 AGO National Convention was held in San Francisco, CA, June 30 to July 4. Attending from our chapter were Roland Herzal, Robert Whitaker, Katelyn Emerson, Larry Sharp, and workshop presenter Zach Klobnak.



Larry Sharp with Brenda Portman



Congratulations to the 2024-2026 Regional Ambassadors



Great Lakes Region Business Meeting at the Convention



Larry Sharp with National Councillor Sue Mitchell-Wallace and AGO President Eileen Hunt



Larry Sharp and David Enlow in San Francisco



Congratulations to Gabrielle Manion-Wrightson and Joseph Wrightson on the birth of Jude Christopher Wrightson, born on June 21! We welcome this soon-to-be organist and future AGO member!

JOB OPENINGS

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St. Andrew Catholic Church, Lexington:

“We are looking for an individual that would be available to play the piano and/or organ at our weekend liturgies and other special liturgies during the year. There would also be choir practice on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 PM. The musician will need to work closely with the choir members.

“If there is a funeral mass at St Andrew and the musician is available to play, it would be greatly appreciated if the musician would play.

“If there was a wedding at St Andrew we would provide the musician’s name and contact information to the couple, with the musician’s permission, if the couple requested it. All music must be approved by the Pastor or the music selection committee one month prior to the day of the wedding.

Salary: \$100.00 per mass and choir practice (Easter and Christmas liturgies that would last longer than one hour will be adjusted accordingly to the time the liturgy ends).

Liturgy starting times: Saturday 4:00 PM
 Sunday 11:00 AM
 Christmas Eve, 2 Masses
 Christmas Day 11:00 AM
 Easter Season: Mass on Holy Thursday, Service on Good Friday
 Mass on Easter Vigil 9:00 PM, Easter Sunday 11:00 AM

“There are four Holy Days in the year that the dates change due to the calendar, and if the musician is available and willing, we would like the person to consider playing at those services. You would know well in advance when those services would be scheduled.”

Contact Jennifer Fister at jfister@cdlex.org if you are interested.

MISCELLANY

HAVE YOU REMEMBERED TO PAY YOUR AGO DUES?

You can check your membership status by logging on to ONCARD at agohq.org/oncard and renew there. If you do not want to use ONCARD you can call AGO HQ at 212-870-2310, and they will be happy to assist you in renewing your membership over the phone.

FREEBIE VINYL RECORDS!

Clif Cason has a large collection of recordings on vinyl – “maybe 200 organ records and double that for classical works” that he must get rid of. Contact Clif if you are interested.

THANK YOU . . .

From Anna Pan: “It’s extremely thoughtful of our Lexington AGO Chapter for giving me a Ricardo’s Grill & Pub gift card. I felt truly honored to serve as our Chapter’s treasurer and much enjoyed everything I did and meeting so many kind people through that position.”

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

PERMISSION MUST NOW BE OBTAINED FROM EACH CHAPTER MEMBER to have his/her contact information included in the new Yearbook! Even if your information is already in the Yearbook, you must give permission to include it in the 2024-25 publication. Members whose dues are current will receive an email request for this permission. PLEASE respond as quickly as possible.



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*Choir is open to children of all faiths,
for girls, ages 8-17, and
boys, ages 8 through voice change.*

**For more information or to set up an audition,
please contact Canon Musician, Erich Balling at
eballing@ccclcx.org or Associate Choirmaster,
Kathleen Balling at kballing@ccclcx.org.**



A photograph of the interior of Saint George's Episcopal Church in Nashville, TN. The view is from the back of the sanctuary looking down a central aisle. The floor is made of large, light-colored stone tiles. On either side of the aisle are rows of dark wood pews. At the front of the church, a large, ornate pipe organ is visible, featuring multiple tiers of pipes and a central stained-glass window. The ceiling is high and features a complex wooden truss system with recessed lighting.

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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
MAY 9, 2024 - 7:00 P.M.

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