

Newsletter for the Evansville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
October 2013



Favorite Voluntaries, Presented by Mark X. Hatfield



Photos by Carolyn Adams

Chapter members, guests and visitors enjoyed a very informative and entertaining presentation by Mark X. Hatfield at St. Mary Catholic Church in downtown Evansville on Monday evening September 23. After the program at St. Mary the group enjoyed dinner at Rí Rá Irish Pub in downtown Evansville.

Evansville AGO October Chapter Meeting

What: Strategies for Successful AGO Certification

Where: Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 5501 Washington Avenue, Evansville IN 47715
(Enter through the covered entrance on the northwest side of the building)

When: Monday, October 21, 2013, 7:00 PM CDT

Who should attend?

- Organists preparing to take the Service Playing or Colleague exams
- Organists interested in improving their skills (that would be all of us, right?)

We will get helpful tips from chapter members who have passed these exams recently, and share materials from AGO national headquarters and our regional education convener. We will learn how to get the most out of the preparation process.

Bonus: There will be free organ music! This has been a popular attraction at several previous meetings. There is still a lot of good stuff available. If you have music you aren't using any more, please consider bringing it along to add to the mix.

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Future Evansville Chapter Programs:

- **A Winter Social** will be held on Sunday, January 12, 2014 at 5pm at the home of Jenni Taylor.
 - **Improvisation Workshop by Dr. John Schwandt**, February 22, 2014
Location: First Presbyterian Church, Evansville, 1:30 p.m.
 - **A Pedals, Pipes and Pizza event will be held in Henderson**
Saturday morning February 22, 2014 at First United Methodist and Holy Name Catholic Churches.
 - **Bach-a-thon, Sunday March 2, 2014 beginning at 3:00 p.m.**
Location: Neu Chapel on the campus of the University of Evansville
 - **Historic Organ Concert: Sunday April 6, 2014**
Location: First Presbyterian in Mount Vernon, IN (Time TBA)
 - **Monday May 5, 2014. Dinner/Chapter Meeting/Installation Service.** (Time TBA)
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Related Community Events:

NOON PRAYER @ NEU: MEDITATION WITH MUSIC will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2013 beginning at 12:10 in Neu Chapel. The 40-minute service of music, silence, and the spoken word provides a time of contemplation, reflection, and inspiration for University of Evansville students, faculty, staff, and the larger Evansville community.

Thomas Drury, Trinity United Methodist Church Director of Music/Organist, will provide musical portions of the service including his own jazz piano arrangements and organ music by Arvo Pärt, an Estonian composer of classical and sacred music. Accompanist, jazz pianist and composer, Drury is an Instructor of Music at the University of Southern Indiana. He holds music degrees from the University of Iowa and the University of Michigan. In addition to his other musical pursuits, Drury is an avid fiddler of traditional Irish music.

Provided by the Neu Chapel Department of Religious with support of the Neu Chapel Society, NOON PRAYER will be framed with the ringing of a Peace Bell. Refreshments will be available after the service. All are welcome. Future Programs in this series include:

- November 21, 2013: Mark X. Hatfield
- January 16, 2014: Robert Nicholls
- February 20, 2014: Neal Biggers
- March 20, 2014: Rachel Bennett and Henry Maurer
- April 17, 2014: Douglas Reed

The Evansville Bach Singers and Orchestra, conducted by Dennis Malfatti will be presenting a program titled "A Light in the Darkness" on Saturday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 5501 Washington Avenue. The program will feature two contrasting cantatas by Johann Sebastian Bach. The first cantata, Johann Sebastian Bach's Cantata 6, Bleib bei uns denn es will Abend werden (Stay With Us As Night Descends) is centered around the Road to Emmaus story in the Gospel of Luke. It is a moving statement of fear and isolation in which the opening chorus bears striking resemblances to choruses in Bach's monumental St. John Passion and St. Mathew Passion. This will be followed by a performance of Bach's very famous Cantata 140 Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme ("Awake" A Voice Calls to Us) centered on the famous hymn "Sleepers Wake."

October 25, 2013: National award-winning improviser Robert Nicholls will accompany a silent film, in the spirit of Halloween, on the Fisk organ at the First Presbyterian Church in Evansville beginning at 7:00 p.m.

February 21, 2014: John Schwandt will accompany Cecil B DeMille's movie King of Kings on the organ at First Presbyterian Church, Evansville, beginning at 7:00 p.m. (central time).