

**Evansville Chapter of the
American Guild of Organists
December 2014 Newsletter**



November Event: Historic Organ Recital, November 9, St. Boniface Church, Fulda



The Evansville Chapter put together an hour of great music on the historic Giesecke organ in Fulda. Thank you to members and friends of the chapter who performed, attended, and helped publicize this event! The organ built by Evansville organ builder Edmund Giesecke is one of two in our area that are still in use. Special thanks to Neal Biggers, who coordinated the program, and to the members of St. Boniface who made everyone feel welcome and arranged the reception which followed. An especially encouraging aspect of the program was the fine contribution of the two young people who are currently organists at St. Boniface. Clearly, the organ is alive and well in Spencer County!

Fulda recitalists pose with the Edmund Giesecke organ.

Front row, L to R: Helen Skuggedal Reed, Bernadette Linne, Nolan Snyder.

Back row, L to R: Debra Dyko, Taylor Blalock, Neal Biggers.

2015 Schedule of Events

By now, everyone should have received the 2014-15 Membership Directory by US Mail. If you didn't get one, please get in touch with Carol Grimm, carol6870@att.net or 812-471-2743, to make sure we have your correct mailing address. The directory also includes the full list of chapter events. Here is what's coming up in 2015. The Executive Committee has worked very hard to provide a variety of programs on different days of the week. We hope you will all find something of interest and value here!

Friday, January 2, 2015, 7:00 PM (Executive Committee will meet at 6:30)

Winter Social, at the home of Helen Reed, 1435 Brookside Drive, Evansville

Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 6:30 PM

Rabbi Gary Mazo, "Sacred Music in the Jewish Tradition," Temple Adath N'nai Israel, 8440 Newburgh Rd., Evansville

Sunday, March 1, 2015, 3:00 PM

Annual Bach-a-Thon Fund Raiser

Neu Chapel, University of Evansville campus, 1800 Lincoln Avenue, Evansville

Friday, April 10, 2015, 7:00 PM

Organ and Brass Concert, Douglas Reed and American Brass Quintet, featuring world premiere of commissioned work by William Bolcom, First Presbyterian Church, 609 SE Second St., Evansville

Monday, May 4, 2015, time TBA

Chapter Annual Meeting, recital and installation service

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 100 E. Michigan St., Evansville



It's not too early to start making plans to attend this event! Here is a message from Todd A. Saul, Convention Coordinator:

The AGO 2015 Great Lakes Region Convention would like to wish all of our AGO members in the Great Lakes Region Happy Holidays and Good Wishes for the New Year! We know the month of December is

one of the busiest times of the year for you and the Regional Convention may not be an item that tops your list of "To Do's" during the month of December. But, we would like to remind our members that the end of the year might be the time your congregation or institution finalizes its budget for 2015, and now would be a great time to submit any educational/professional funding requests to help fund your journey to Indianapolis **for Friends, Music and Inspiration.**

Bolcom Commission Countdown

The world premiere of *Fantasia da Chiesa* by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer William Bolcom is now little more than four months away! Mark your calendars for this concert at First Presbyterian Church, Evansville, Friday, April 10, 2015, 7 PM, with Douglas Reed and the American Brass Quintet. This will be an event not to be missed. As a chapter member, you can help in at least three ways. First, it's not too soon to start telling your friends and spreading the word. Second, please respond generously when you receive a letter this month asking for financial support. Third, please post the flyer which you will receive along with the letter at your church or workplace. Many individuals and organizations have already helped make this project a reality. There is still work to do! Much more information will appear in future issues of the Newsletter. If you have questions in the meantime, please contact Robert Nicholls, robertn@firstpresevansville.com.

Upcoming Community Events

Saturday, December 6, 7 PM Evansville Chamber Singers , Christmas Concert

First Presbyterian Church, 609 SE Second St., Evansville.

Sunday, December 14, 6 PM Christmas Concert ,St. Mary Catholic Church, 613 Cherry St. Evansville
Organ solos by James Wells, Sr. Darlene Boyd and Mark Hatfield; choral performances by various choirs of St Mary & St. John Parish.

Monday, December 15, 7:30 PM James Wells, senior organ recital (Rescheduled)

First Presbyterian Church, 1328 Griffith Ave., Owensboro KY

Sunday, December 21, 4 PM Handel's Messiah, First United Methodist Choir and Orchestra

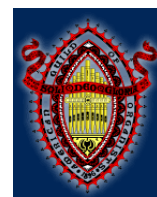
Matthew Vanover, conductor

Henderson Fine Arts Center, HCC campus, 2660 S. Green St., Henderson

To list your event here, please send information to Helen Reed – hsr@evansville.net

Recent positions listed on our Positions Available Page (www.evansvilleago.org)

- Grace Episcopal Church, Hopkinsville KY
- First Presbyterian Church, Owensboro KY
- St. Paul's UCC, Evansville IN
- First United Methodist, Mt. Vernon IN
- Trinity Episcopal Church, Owensboro KY



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