

Evansville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
Newsletter: September 2015



September Meeting: Choral Workshop with Dr. Dennis Malfatti
Old North United Methodist Church
4201 Stringtown Rd. Evansville

Mark your calendars now for **Monday, September 21, 2015 at 7:30 PM**. Dennis Malfatti, Director of Choral Activities at the University of Evansville and Director of Music at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, will present a workshop which will be valuable to choral directors, singers, and everyone tasked with leading music in worship! Dr. Malfatti's presentation will cover basic pointers about working with a small church choir -- recruiting, scheduling, warmups, fundamentals of vocal health -- and will also include a brief reading session featuring a variety of anthems that are attractive, challenging, but not too difficult for amateur singers. All are welcome. This would be a great time to invite members of your choir or congregation to come and learn about the AGO and its programs for the community.



August 2015 Chapter Meeting – Summer Social

We had a great turnout on August 28 at St. Margaret's Chapel in Henderson. Thanks to **Neal Biggers** for making the arrangements and also for leading the prayer service that concluded the evening. It was wonderful to hear about all our members' activities over the summer. This chapter is full of very busy and dedicated people. It was also wonderful to hear our two youngest members, **Nolan Snyder** and **Jonathan Hauke**, playing the reed organ for the service. Nolan, who attended the Valparaiso POE with support from the chapter's Dufford Scholarship Fund, wrote a note to the chapter which reads as follows:

"I would like to thank the chapter for providing the scholarship for me to attend the Valparaiso University Pipe Organ Encounter. I really enjoyed my time there, and it was great seeing people my age as enthusiastic about the organ. Having one-on-one time with an organist was really beneficial to me, and I hope to continue my organ studies. I met many faculty from different universities with music programs and it has led me to discover that this may be something that I wish to continue studying all the way through college."

You are welcome, Nolan. The future of the organ in southwestern Indiana is looking very bright indeed!

Help Needed – Pedals Pipes and Pizza, Owensboro

James Wells is heading up the committee working on this event at First Presbyterian Church on October 24. We need help in getting the word out to teachers, parents, and grandparents who might know of young people (especially in Kentucky) who might enjoy this program. Participants must be at least 10 years old and should have some experience with the piano. Adult observers are also welcome! The link to the application form is on our web site, www.evansvilleago.org.

Chapter Leadership Notes

Thank you – to **Tammy Gieselman** for serving on the Executive Committee for the past two years. We have benefited from your energy and creative thinking! Thank you also to **Mark X. Hatfield**, who has agreed to serve the remainder of Tammy's three-year at large term. The chapter still needs an Education/Scholarship person and a Membership Coordinator. Please get in touch if either of these sounds like something you would like to do!

Jacobs School of Music, Indiana University Fall Organ Conference

Three members of the Evansville AGO chapter lead important parts of the activities of the **Fall Organ Conference at Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, September 13-16, 2015.**

On Monday, September 14, **Robert Nicholls** will lead the music for the Opening Convocation in Auer Hall beginning at 9:00 a.m. (EDT). Noted theologian Barbara Brown Taylor will speak during the convocation and will later give the Keynote Address, "What in God's Name Are You Doing?" **Tammy Gieselman** and **Douglas Reed** will join Barbara Brown Taylor and several other leaders in a panel discussion which expands on the Keynote Address. Registration for Monday morning events is \$30. **Robert Nicholls** will lead a Hymn Festival in Auer Hall at 8:00 p.m. (EDT) which is open to the public. For more information: music.indiana.edu/organ-conference

Allen Organ For Sale. For pictures and more information contact Dennis Carr, at 812-453-6078 or therobinhill@sbcglobal.net

For other instruments and positions available, check the pages on www.evansvilleago.org. There is no charge for either of these services!

Membership Renewal, Ongoing

The membership renewal process is still continuing. If you have not yet renewed for 2015-16, there is plenty of time! To renew online, visit www.agohq/ONCARD and follow the instructions for setting up an account and paying by credit card. If you would prefer to fill out the paper form and mail a check to our chapter treasurer, that will work too. The link to the paper form is on the home page of our chapter web site, www.evansvilleago.org. New members are welcome any time during the year!

Upcoming Evansville Chapter Events – Update

Saturday, Oct 24, Pedals, Pipes and Pizza, First Presbyterian, Owensboro KY 11 AM -- 2 PM

Saturday, Nov 21, Workshop: teaching the organ to beginners, Aldersgate UMC, 1 – 3 PM

Sunday, Jan 10 2016, Winter Social, home of Kristin and Wayne Jones, 6 PM

Sunday, Feb 21, Concert by Kirk Rich at First Presbyterian, 4 PM

Sunday, Mar 6, "Organ Plus" Members' Recital, St. Mary Catholic Church, 6 PM

April, date TBA, Historic Organ Study Tour, Vincennes IN

Monday, May 9, Annual meeting and installation service, Neu Chapel, U of Evansville, 7:30 PM

For more information about these and other chapter events, check our web site, www.evansvilleago.org

Next month's newsletter will contain a listing of community events. If your church or organization is planning a holiday program, recital, or other event, please send the details to helen.s.reed@gmail.com or evansvilleago@yahoo.com