

Evansville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
Newsletter: November-December 2015



November Meeting – Workshop on Teaching the Organ
Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 5130 Lincoln Avenue, Evansville
Saturday November 21, 1 PM – 3 PM.

The Evansville Chapter is excited to present a timely workshop on various aspects of organ teaching and learning. Goals will include:

- Encourage local church musicians to consider teaching students on the organ
- Give current/considering teachers some methods/strategies/advice on various aspects of teaching
- Help church music directors incorporate students' work into a service
- Present a variety of method books and repertoire for the beginning organist

Special guest **Michelle Johnson**, a music specialist with EVSC, will discuss her experiences teaching elementary school children in a piano class setting, and recommend age-appropriate activities to keep students engaged. **Henry Maurer, Mark X. Hatfield, Neal Biggers**, and others will share information and resources for organ teaching.

This workshop is free of charge and promises to be helpful to all of us as we work to fulfill the AGO mission: to enrich lives through organ and choral music, by nurturing future generations of organists.



October Meeting – Pedals Pipes and Pizza

Thanks to **James Wells** for heading up this year's event in Owensboro. Attendance this year was very small, but that didn't prevent those who participated from having a great time! Thank you to **Neal Biggers** for bringing his field organ, **Helen S. Reed** for helping with instruction and refreshments and to **Robert Nicholls** for lending demonstration pipes.

Chapter Notes

Condolences to the family of long-time Evansville AGO member Mary May, who died on October 21. Before her retirement she was the organist at St. Philip Catholic Church. Another long-time former member of the Evansville Chapter, Hope Nelson, died in Indianapolis on August 29 at the age of 87. Her funeral was held September 4 at St. Lucas UCC, where she had been the organist for many decades. As is our chapter's custom when a member or former member passes away, a donation of \$100 in memory of each of these ladies has been made to the Dufford Scholarship Fund.

Coming Events

The chapter will not have a regular meeting in December. Please try to take advantage of the many special holiday programs in our area, as your own hectic schedules will permit! Here are just a few of them.

- December 3 and 4, 7:30 pm—Kentucky Wesleyan College Festival of Lessons and Carols—St. Stephen Cathedral, 610 Locust St., Owensboro
- December 4, 7:30 PM – Candlelight Vespers, University of Evansville, Neu Chapel, 1800 Lincoln, Evansville
- December 6, 2:30 pm—Owensboro Choral Society, Handel’s Messiah—Third Baptist Church, 527 Allen St., Owensboro
- December 6, 7:00 PM -- Handel’s Messiah, First Presbyterian Church, 260 W McLaughlin Ave., Madisonville KY
- December 7, 6:00 pm—Owensboro Community Chorus Christmas Concert—St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
- December 9, 12:00 Noon – Mark X. Hatfield and Eulalie Wilson, Arts Council “Brown Bag,” 318 Main St., Evansville
- Dec 13, 8:30 AM and 11 AM Strange Places: Intergenerational Christmas Pageant by Eleanor Daley. Methodist Temple UMC, 2109 Lincoln, Evansville
- December 17, 7:00 pm—Kentucky Youth Chorale Christmas Concert—St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
- December 18, 7:00 pm – Handel’s Messiah, Evansville Philharmonic Chorus and Orchestra, Trinity UMC, 216 SE 3rd St., Evansville
- December 19, 7:00 pm Eastern Time – EPO Messiah repeat, St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1029 Kundek St., Jasper, IN
- December 20, 4:00 pm – Handel’s Messiah, First United Methodist Choir and orchestra, 338 3rd St., Henderson KY

To list your event in the next newsletter, send information to evansvilleago@yahoo.com or helen.s.reed@gmail.com



Winter Social and Potluck: January 10, 2016

Chapter Event: Winter Social and Potluck, home of Kristin and Wayne Jones; 12741 Red Gate Rd, Evansville, IN 47725, 6 PM. Soft drinks and tableware provided; bring a dish and/or beverage of your choice to share. Reservations aren’t necessary, but please email waynekristin@twc.com if you plan to come so we can have an approximate head count!

For more information about 2016 Evansville Chapter events, check our web site, www.evansvilleago.org

Looking ahead --

The Southern Indiana chapter of AGO is sponsoring a “February Flourish” workshop for church musicians on Saturday, February 15, 2016 at Trinity United Methodist in New Albany, IN. For more information, see the November 2015 issue of TAO, or visit www.siago.org

AGO National Convention in Houston TX, June 2016 – Early Registration Now Open at www.AGOHouston2016.com

AGO Pipe Organ Encounter-Advanced, Cincinnati, OH, July 10-15, 2016. More info at www.cincinnatiago.org

AGO Pipe Organ Encounter, Lexington, KY, July 17-22, 2016. More info at www.agolexington.org/poe2016

Electronic Organ Available: Two manuals and short pedal board, purchased from Schuttler Music in 1979. Located in Newburgh. The instrument is free, but the recipient would have to provide transportation. For more details, please call 812.774.1551. Other instruments and positions available are listed on our website, www.evansvilleago.org

Music Streaming Service Launched: There is yet another way to experience great organ music online. The Organ Media Foundation has rolled out its third Internet streaming audio station, The Organ Experience. This station broadcasts classical organ music 24 hours a day via its website at <http://www.organexperience.com/>. A built-in web player automatically handles connecting listeners to the stream, and complete information about each work being played is displayed on the site. The Organ Media Foundation is a listener-supported non-profit 501(c)3 organization. All of its broadcasts are free to hear, and are commercial-free. This newest station joins the Organ Media Foundation’s other two outlets, <http://www.organlive.com/> and <http://www.positivelybaroque.com/>. All of these stations have their own web players, but are also available on internet radio devices, AppleTV, Roku, Iphone, Ipad, and Android devices. For more information about the Foundation and its projects, visit organmedia.org, and to tune in to The Organ Experience, visit organexperience.org.

The next issue of the Evansville AGO Newsletter will come out in early January 2016.

Happy Holidays to All.

