



Statement of Purpose

Restore the glory of the *King of Instruments* throughout our society.

Mission Statement

The purpose of the *American Guild of Organists* is to promote the organ and its music in their historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of guild members.



September, 2011

Great New Season starts with Social on September 24, 2011

Dear Evansville area chapter members in Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois, The second half of our 50th anniversary celebrations is commencing this month with our annual summer social. The location is St. Margaret's Chapel in Henderson, KY, on Friday, September 24, starting with an optional walk in the woods at 5:30 p.m.

Take a look at the reverse of your newsletter to see all of the events we have planned this year. They fall on a number of different days of the week including some on Sunday, Monday, and Saturday.

During the summer months, the AGO Executive Committee, spearheaded by Barbara Waite, our new Membership Coordinator, has been in contact with all of the students from Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza from earlier this year. As a result of this, a number of young students have

received introductory individual lessons on the pipe organ from a number of different local members.

The Exec is also looking into other ways to provide scholarships for potential organ students. The Dayton, Ohio Chapter has an interesting program called *The Dayton Organ Academy*, which provides scholarships for high school age students who audition and qualify for free organ lessons. Each student plays at a special Academy recital chapter event during the year. Teachers who take on a student receive free AGO membership for a year.

If you have an idea about setting up an "Evansville Organ Academy" and how it could work in our community and chapter, contact Robert Nicholls or Neal Biggers.

It's not too soon to start planning your attendance at the AGO national convention July 1

-6, 2012. Fortunately for us, the convention is in Nashville, Tennessee, a mere two hour drive away. \$350 early registration ends in February. Online registration opens in October.

Remember to invite people to watch and listen to you playing the organ. The most common way the average American will hear the organ these days is in a church service. Make sure your playing is interesting and engaging not only for the benefit of worship, but the legacy of the pipe organ too. We need to be a forward-looking group, constantly thinking of new ways to get the populace engaged with our instrument.

Look for your 2011-2012 membership book at our gathering in Henderson this month. Special thanks to Edie Uhde for helping in the First Presbyterian Church office.

- Robert Nicholls, Dean

St. Mary Church in Evansville Dedicates New Organ 9.18.11

St. Mary Catholic Church in Evansville will dedicate its new Schleuter pipe organ Sunday, September 18 at 6:30 p.m. with a concert by Mark X. Hatfield. The concert will include music by Bach, Vaughan Williams, Pote and Widor.

The new organ has two manuals, slider chests, electro-pneumatic action, 38 ranks and

2,250 pipes. It is 32 feet tall, 9.5 feet deep and 16 feet wide and stands in the front left of the church.

St. Mary Catholic Church is located at 609 Cherry St. in downtown Evansville. The concert is free and open to the public. A reception in Rager Hall will follow the concert.



Proposed

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Evansville AGO Programs for 2011—2012

We encourage you to get involved in your chapter activities in the 2011-2012 season. If there is an event which appeals to you, please contact the Coordinators directly. Special thanks to Neal Biggers for leading our program plans for the coming season.

September 24, 2011

End-of-Summer Social at St. Margaret's Chapel in Henderson, KY. Optional walk in the woods at 5:30 p.m., Evening Prayer at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner and a chapter meeting with sharing of reports from summer conferences, travel experiences, etc. Barbecue and drinks will be provided, side dishes and desserts are potluck.

Coordinator: Neal Biggers
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October 14, 2011, 7:30

Silent movie, *Nosferatu*, with improvised organ music sound track by Robert Nicholls at First Presbyterian Church in Evansville.

Coordinator, Robert Nicholls

November 6, 2011, 4:00

Members' Recital on historic Giesecke organ in Poseyville, IN followed by a reception. Dinner afterwards at *The Red Wagon*, formerly The Feed Mill.

Coordinators: Kristin Jones and Dean Parker

January 23, 2012, 7 pm

Organ tuning and basic maintenance workshop led by Dr. Douglas Reed at Neu Chapel on the University of Evansville campus.

February 18, 2012

9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza in Owensboro at First Christian Church. Led by chapter members as an outreach to youth aged 10 to 18 who play the piano and are interested in the organ. \$10

February 2012 TBA

Pedals, Pipes and Pinot An event for adults to whet their whistles whilst learning the basics of playing the pipe organ. Must be over 21.

March 19, 2012, 7:00

Hymn and Service playing skills workshop at Trinity United Methodist Church in Evansville.

April 22, 2012, 4:00 p.m.

Recital in Honor of Dr. Douglas Reed's teaching career, at First Presbyterian Church in Evansville. Followed by dinner.

May 7, 2012, 5:30 p.m.

Annual Chapter Meeting with dinner, recital and installation of officers. The recital will be organ plus and is part of a series of events featuring the new pipe organ at St. Mary Catholic Church in Evansville.

If you have an event idea, or concern to be addressed, please let a member of the Executive Committee know or contact Neal Biggers, our Sub-Dean with your input.

Send concert information to Robert for inclusion, space permitting, in the Evansville AGO newsletter.

Other events of interest in the Evansville area in coming weeks:

First Presbyterian, E-ville

Monday, November 7, 7:00 p.m.
American Boychoir in concert.

<http://www.evansvilleago.org/>

To view Evansville and Tri-state area church music positions available visit the AGO website: <http://www.evansvilleago.org/>