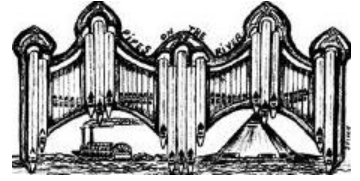




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## *Dean's Corner...*

Greetings, and welcome to The International Year of the Organ!

I hope you are feeling refreshed, renewed and inspired after the summer months. Many of you have spent time at conferences, and with family and friends. It will be fun to reconnect at our first chapter meeting, Sept. 8, and hear about your experiences.

The Memphis AGO chapter was represented at the National AGO Convention in Minneapolis in attendance by David Ouzts and myself. The two major themes coming from the national office are 1) Get the word out about what you're doing – publicize!, and 2) Nurture the young organist. In addition, we rang in this new year, The International Year of the Organ, with noisemakers in a concert that was recorded live for future broadcast on Pipedreams. Locally, we will celebrate with the internationally organized Organ Spectacular recital on October 19 - more on that later.

Over the summer, SubDean Geoff Ward and the program committee worked hard to schedule an outstanding year of programs. Give a special thanks to Geoff, Sumner Jenkins, Leo Davis, James Feddeck, Ted Gibboney, Karen Strawhecker and Charles Nolen for their great work. It couldn't start off any better; we begin the year with our esteemed colleague, Dr. John David Peterson, speaking on Bach's *Orgelbuchlein*.

Our membership has been steadily declining over the past several years. Let's grab the opportunity this special year and be "ambassadors of the organ," just as Sarah Hawbecker (our Regional Councillor) spoke to us about last January. Let's begin by trying to grow the number of chapter members. These are members who are basically local supporters. They pay \$30 a year and receive the chapter newsletter. I challenge each member to publicize the AGO meetings in your church newsletters and invite church members to *three* programs this year, especially for the Oct. 19 Organ Spectacular concert.

We all have a special love of our instrument and our work – let's share it and cultivate it in our community.

Yours,

Kristin Lensch

### *Our Next Meeting*

The Memphis Chapter's next meeting will be Monday, September 8, 2008 at **Lord of Life Lutheran**, 6865 Poplar Pike. The social hour is at 6:00 p.m., dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and the program is at 7:30 p.m. **Dr. John David Peterson** will speak on J. S. Bach's *Orgelbuchlein*.

Be sure to bring your copy.

### *What an Exciting Year to Come!*

Monday, October 6 – Dr. Mona Kreitner,  
"Choral Rehearsal Techniques"  
(Saint Brigid Catholic Church)

Sunday, October 19 –  
Organ Spectacular: Organ Plus One, 6:00 p.m.  
(Bartlett United Methodist Church)  
<http://www.agohq.org/events/index.html>

Sunday, November 9 -  
Cameron Carpenter Recital, 4:00 p.m.  
(Lindenwood Christian Church)

Monday, December 1 – Members perform  
"La Nativité" - Olivier Messiaen  
(Holy Rosary Catholic Church)

Monday, February 2 – Leo Davis,  
"African American composers/worship"  
(Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church)

Monday, March 2 - Handel Organ Concertos - James  
Feddeck with members of the MSO  
(First Congregational Church)

Monday, March 30 - Bob Capra,  
"Organ Maintenance and Members Recital"  
(Holy Apostles Episcopal Church)

Monday, May 4 - Guild Installation Service  
(Germantown Presbyterian)

### *A Note About our Meal Prices*

Beginning with the September meeting, the price for a meal at our monthly meetings will move to \$10/\$8 seniors. The chapter has been fortunate in avoiding raising the cost in many years. However, it has become a problem to consistently find caterers or even some church kitchens who can meet our low budget meal costs. The delightful feedback given last year when this item was presented to the chapter was, from a senior citizen only by the math, "Who said seniors need a price break?!?" By all means, seniors, you are welcome to choose your price!

**Submission Deadline for  
the October issue:  
September 18, 2008**

### *Organ Spectacular*

So far, 42 states and 10 countries are participating the AGO's efforts to have an Organ Spectacular concert on or near the date of Oct. 19, 2008. Our chapter is participating with an "Organ Plus One" concert on Sunday, Oct. 19, 6:00 p.m. at Bartlett United Methodist Church on the Kimball organ. You can see all the listings at <http://www.agohq.org/events/index.html>

This is our opportunity to widen the local organ audience, and publicize the work of the AGO. Some featured works include Albright's "The King of Instruments" for Organ and Narrator, played by Ted Gibboney, and "Stars and Stripes" performed by Gary Beard and Chris Nemeč. I'll be asking for everyone's support in this, by providing help with a reception and as greeters. Most importantly, the chapter needs you to publicize this important event in the International Year of the Organ. Materials will be provided at the September meeting. A special door prize – an additional publicity aid – will also be awarded at the September meeting! See you there!

### *In Memory...*

A memorial contribution has made to the St. Rose of Lima School Library, in memory of Donna Sloan's father, Mr. Vincent Joseph DeGeorge. Mr. DeGeorge passed away on July 20, 2008.

### *A Note from our Regional Councillor*

The BIG news I have is that I have established our own Region IV AGO blog. This is meant for everyone to easily access information, so please share this address: <http://www.agoregion4.blogspot.com>. My intent is to add a calendar of major events of interest to our region. I have had requests for this before – people traveling who want to know what's going on in the chapter of the city they're visiting. It would be too much to list every musical event happening in our seven and a half states plus Bermuda, but I would like to list Chapter programs, major recitals, workshops, and church music conferences. Please e-mail me information: event, date, time, location, sponsoring organization, cost, perhaps a link to a website or e-mail contact. If the calendar feature becomes too overwhelming, I may be asking for help maintaining it. This whole blogging thing is brand new to me, so I welcome your suggestions on how to make it useful to our members.

### *Calendar of Events*

#### *SEPTEMBER*

7 – 4 p.m. "You Must Remember This...As Time Goes By" – pianist Chris Nemeč in a concert benefitting MIFA. \$10 general admission donation; \$50 Golden Circle. Lindenwood Christian Church, 2400 Union Ave. at East Parkway. 901-458-1652 or online orders: [www.acteva.com/go/mifa](http://www.acteva.com/go/mifa)

## OCTOBER

3 – 7 p.m. A program of music by American composers presented by **The Memphis Men's Chorale, Mathew Bowlin**, artistic director; **Fred Bickel**, accompanist. **Our Lady of Perpetual Help**, 8151 Poplar, Germantown.

5 – 7 p.m. A program of music by American composers presented by **The Memphis Men's Chorale, Mathew Bowlin**, artistic director; **Fred Bickel**, accompanist. **St. Peter Catholic Church**, 190 Adams, Memphis.

## NOVEMBER

2 – 5:30 p.m. **All Saints Evensong** at **St. George's Episcopal Church**, 2425 So. Germantown Rd (note new address), Germantown. The **St. George's Coventry Choir** will be joined by harpist **Melodie Moore**. A reception will follow. For nursery reservations or other information please call 754-7282 x33 or email [music@stgeorgesgermantown.org](mailto:music@stgeorgesgermantown.org).

9 – 4 p.m. Organist **Cameron Carpenter** making his Mid-South debut. Free, non-ticketed. Call 901-458-1652 for additional information. **Lindenwood Christian Church**, 2400 Union Avenue at East Parkway. Handicap accessible and nursery provided.

*Do you know of an event that should be on the calendar?  
Email it to [marc.cerisier@ic.cdom.org](mailto:marc.cerisier@ic.cdom.org).*

### Positions Available

Notice of a position must be submitted in writing by an authorized person on church letterhead stationary to: Jane Scharding Smedley, 22 South Reese, Memphis, TN 38111 or via fax: 526-6882.

If you have questions before submitting a notice, please contact Jane at 327-7801 or 527-8282, ext. 15, or [mrsjane@bellsouth.net](mailto:mrsjane@bellsouth.net). However, the actual listing cannot be taken over the phone or via email. The notice should include a complete description of the position's duties as well as pertinent details: (e.g., number and times of rehearsals and worship services; type of organ or other instrument, etc.). List a contact person for more information or to arrange an interview.

A position will be listed for 4 months in the printed newsletter and on the Chapter's website. If requested, an extension may be granted by contacting Jane at the numbers above.

NOTE: Please direct questions about salary ranges, contracts, and related issues to: David Perry Ouzts, Chair of our Chapter's Professional Development Committee at 767-6987, ext. 13, or [douzts@holycommunion.org](mailto:douzts@holycommunion.org).

All listings are part-time unless noted otherwise.

### Music Director

**Asbury UMC**, 2969 S. Mendenhall. 1 Sunday (10:15 AM); Wednesday rehearsals (children- 6 PM; adults - 7:30 PM) Usual special services throughout year; musical programs for Wed PM dinners. Church hopes to add contemporary service in future. Contact Rev. David Garrett: 901-363-1135 or [pastor@asburyumc.org](mailto:pastor@asburyumc.org).

**Balmoral Presbyterian Church**, 6413 Quince Road, 1 Sunday AM; usual special services throughout year, 1 Wed PM adult choir practice (plus occasional Sunday afternoon), Oversees/coordinates with church pianist, children's choir and handbell choir directors. Detailed job description available. Contact Henry Bartosch, III: 901-683-8349 or [hb331stnic@aol.com](mailto:hb331stnic@aol.com)

### Organist

**Calvary Episcopal Church**, PO Box 292, Osceola, Arkansas 72370, 1 Sunday AM service/some Wednesday PM service Allen electronic - 2 manual, Familiarity with Episcopal liturgy and music helpful. Contact: Rev. Bindy Snyder - 901-240-1492 or [revbindy@bellsouth.net](mailto:revbindy@bellsouth.net)

**Second Baptist Church**, 4680 Walnut Grove Road, Memphis, TN 38117-2599, Sunday AM rehearsal and service; Wed. PM rehearsal. Special services/concerts with rehearsals throughout year. Wicks pipe organ (2 manual, 29 rank). Traditional/blended worship. Contact Wayne H. Randolph: 901-682-3395, ext. 105 or [wrandolph@2ndmemphis.org](mailto:wrandolph@2ndmemphis.org)

**First United Methodist Church**, 200 West Lampkin Street/PO Box 2585, Starkville, MS 39760-2585. Contact Ted Beverly, Director of Music Ministries: 662-323-5722, ext. 233. 2 Sunday AM; Wed PM rehearsal. Special programs throughout year. Aeolian-Skinner (2 manual/17 ranks).

**First Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)**, 1573 North Highland, Jackson, TN 38301, [www.fpcjacksontn.org](http://www.fpcjacksontn.org), 1 Sunday 10 AM; choir rehearsal, Position available September 1 through 2009, 3 manual/56 rank Schantz (2001), Contact: Brenda DePriest (731-668-5086)

### Organist/Choir Director

**Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 531 S. McLean Blvd at Peabody. 1 Sunday AM; Wed PM rehearsal. 3-manual Gallanti electronic organ. Contact Sherry Richardson: 276-2708 or 270-3491

**Ripley Presbyterian Church**, 302 West Cooper Street Ripley, MS, 1 Sunday AM; Sunday afternoon choir practice. Usual special services throughout year. Wicks pipe organ (2M); Kawai grand piano. Contact Rev. Bill Connolly: 662-837-3765 or [billc@ripleycable.net](mailto:billc@ripleycable.net)

**Emmanuel Episcopal Church**, 4150 Boeingshire Drive, Contact Candace McRae Walsh: 767-1180 or church: 346-7434 1 Sunday AM; choir rehearsal follows service. Weddings/funerals. 3 references requested. Rogers W-5000 electronic organ

**Church of the Incarnation (Catholic)** 360 Bray Station Road, Contact Rev. William Parham: 901-853-7468, 1 Saturday, 3 Sunday AM Masses; holydays, Choirs: Adult, Handbell, Children's, Teen (oversee volunteer directors for last two) Wed pm rehearsal, others TBD, Wicks pipe organ (8 rank, 2 manual) in Chapel, Sanctuary (prepared for future pipe organ) currently

has Kawai grand piano. Knowledge of Roman rite and choral repertoire desired.

### Keyboardist

**Morning Sun Cumberland Presbyterian**, 2682 Morning Sun Road, Cordova, TN 38016. 1 Sunday 11 AM service. Yamaha Clarinova CVP-65 keyboard used. Contact Mary Patrick Smith, Clerk of Session: 568-7340; mscpc13@bellsouth.net

### Section Leaders (Tenor)

**St. George's Episcopal Church**, 2425 S. Germantown Road 1 Sunday AM; usual special services through year, Wed PM rehearsal during school year, Extra Services, Teaching privileges, Contact Dr. Angela G. Saunders: 901-754-7282, ext. 13 or music@stgeorgesgermantown.org

**Attention Substitutes:** Please update your availability to play. Don't rely on 'word of mouth' if you are no longer able to serve as a sub! The Substitute Organist List has been expanded and updated on our Chapter Website. If you are listed in the current directory as a substitute, your contact information is now included on the website. Please check your listing for accuracy. Contact Jane Scharding Smedley, who maintains a list of subs for our chapter, at 901-327-7801 (h); 901-527-8282, ext.15 (ch); or email mrsjane@bellsouth.net. For information on available substitutes, go to

<http://www.agomemphis.org/Substitutes.htm>

### Name That Tune

If you think you know what work the excerpt is from, please send an email to marc.cerisier@ic.cdom.org.

Of the correct respondents, one entry will be chosen at random, and the winner will receive a voucher for one free AGO dinner (a \$10 value). The deadline for submission is September 18.

This year, to add some additional interest, the measure(s) might not necessarily be the beginning of the work, but a major thematic moment.

And now, this month's mystery measure—*good luck!*



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