

# The Guilder

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The Newsletter of the Columbus Chapter of the American Guild of Organists



The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to enrich lives through organ and choral music.

- February 2024 Columbus AGO Chapter Event -

## New Organ Music Reading Session

**Saturday, February 10 ~ 10:00 A.M.**

*Presented by:*  
**Brian Johnson, Sub-dean**

*Graciously hosted by*  
**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**Upper Arlington**

This reading session will focus on music for the Lent, Easter, summer and fall seasons which will be helpful to all. A representative from Stanton's Music will be present at the workshop to assist everyone's musical needs.

We've all heard the axiom, "The only constant is change." This paraphrase of the writings of Heraclitus brings with it a challenge; accept change or be left behind. As society changes so too does our profession. It is up to each of us to sort out which changes bring about progress, and which changes require further reflection.

"The more things change, the more they stay the same." This witty retort to the aforementioned axiom is often accompanied with undertones of sarcasm, yet brings with it hints of truth. On one hand, as society and our religious beliefs and interpretations thereof undergo progress, certain negative elements remain stubbornly persistent. On the other, positive elements such as our faith and resolve to better our world also persist.

What changes have you experienced in your career over the past year? What changes do you welcome in the new year? What changes may require further reflection?

*Editor, Ryan J. Boyle*

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### **Family Organ Day**

Saturday, January 20 at 12:00 P.M.

Our first Family Organ Day is a not-to-be missed opportunity for children of all ages to get up close and personal with the Kimball and Beckerath organs of First Church. There will be an organ demonstration, a brief concert, and even an opportunity for children to play the organs!

### **Choral Evensong**

Sunday, January 21 and February 18 at 4:00 P.M.

### **QinYing Tan, Harpsichordist**

Wednesday, February 7 at 12:15 P.M.

[www.first-church.org/music](http://www.first-church.org/music)

## Prince of Peace Lutheran

5475 Brand Road, Dublin

### **The Gustavus Choir**

Tuesday, January 30 at 7:30 P.M.

<https://www.princeofpeacedublin.org/music-ministry/>

## St. Joseph Cathedral

212 East Broad Street, Columbus

### **Joshua Stafford, Organist**

Sunday, February 11 at 3:00 P.M.

[www.cathedralmusic.org](http://www.cathedralmusic.org)

## Columbus AGO Members!

### PLEASE POST ON YOUR CALENDARS FOR 2024

Our **Student Recital** (all ages welcome) will be

**Sunday, APRIL 7, at 4:00 P.M.**

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Upper Arlington.

The instrument at St. Mark's is a 1987/2015 III/41 Casavant.

More information about the organ can be found here: <https://saintmarkscolumbus.org/organ-specifications/#PlannedOrganSpecs>

Each student player will receive an honorarium from our chapter that may be applied to lessons, music or even a new pair of organ shoes.

**Please plan on attending this event to show your support!**

Michael Schreffler and Brian Johnson are coordinating this event.



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**AGO Columbus Spring 2024 Programs**

**Saturday, February 10, 2024 ~ 10:00 A.M.**

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Upper Arlington

*New Repertoire*

Columbus AGO Sub-Dean Brian Johnson will present the latest music from a wide variety of composers and publishers.

**Saturday, March 16 ~ 8:30 A.M.**

St. John Lutheran Church, Grove City

*Winter Choral Workshop*

Presented by Christopher Bowling, Gayle Walker, and Mark Pinnick

**Sunday, April 7, 2024 ~ 4:00 P.M.**

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Upper Arlington

*Student Recital*

**Monday, May 6, 2024 ~ 6:00 P.M.**

Brennen Loft, London

*Spring Social/Dinner*

The annual dinner will feature a talk by Paul Droste, retired director of the OSU Marching Band and founder of the Brass Band of Columbus.



Mark your calendars for the [AGO 2024](#) national convention to be held in San Francisco June 30 through July 4. Register now through January 31 to receive the early bird rate of \$595, a \$100 savings!

Take advantage of the [reduced hotel rate](#) and extend your stay! The AGO group hotel rate of \$169 per night is available from June 23 through July 10. Take this time to enjoy San Francisco sights, neighborhoods, restaurants, concerts, museums, and shopping.

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# Columbus AGO Winter Choral Workshop

Saturday, March 16, 2024 ~ 8:30 A.M.

St. John's Lutheran, Grove City



8:30 - Registration, Coffee & Donuts

## 9:00 - **Emergency Anthems**

*Christopher Bowling*

If you have ever needed a quick choir anthem, this presentation is for you. Christopher Bowling will present some techniques for manufacturing instant anthems and will also offer suggestions on easy literature. Mr. Bowling is the Director of Music and Worship Arts at Church of the Master in Westerville. He is also on staff at Stanton's Sheet Music in Columbus.



## 10:00 - **Basic Vocal Production**

*Gayle Walker*

Whether you have conducted choirs for years or are relatively new to the job, you will appreciate this presentation. As Director of Choirs at Otterbein University, Dr. Walker has a wealth of experience in getting the best out of both college and volunteer choirs. She will discuss vocal production and effective warm up techniques.



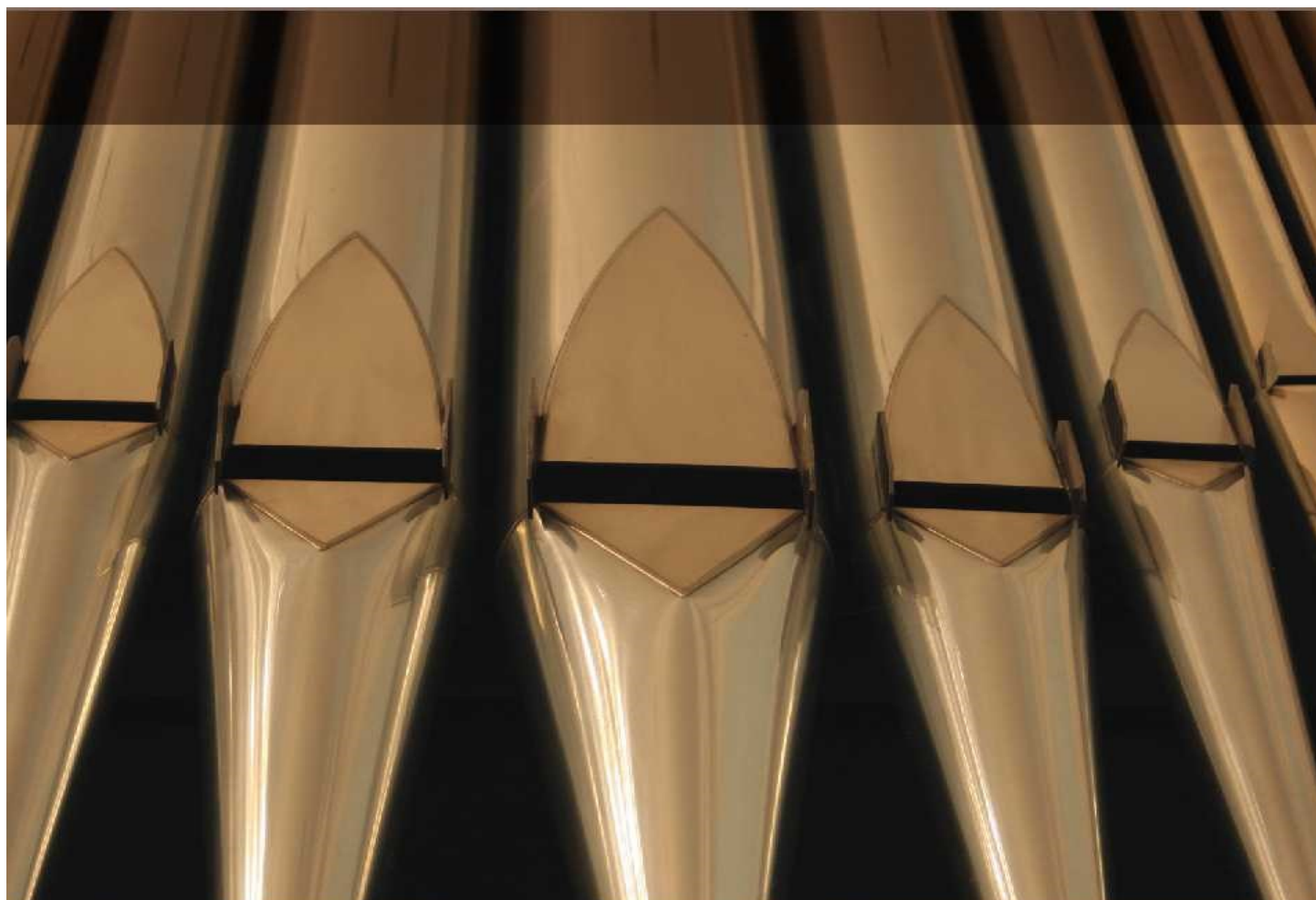
## 11:00 - **Conducting from the Console**

*Mark Pinnick*

Conducting from the console presents a multitude of challenges. Mark Pinnick will offer his insights and demonstrate techniques that make those challenges less daunting. Mr. Pinnick is the Cantor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Zanesville, and he is active in both the AGO and the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians.

Parking is in the lot west of the church, and the entrance is through the Parish Hall door just east of the sanctuary.





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## ***What you missed...***



On November 11th, Columbus AGO gathered for a presentation by Jeremy Bankson on innovative ways to “orchestrate” hymns from the organ. Through a variety of hymns, Bankson illustrated his text-based approach to hymn-playing and registration, considering such elements as historical style, poetic imagery, distinct wording, and punctuation. The question and answer session, as well as the fellowship afterwards, proved that these insights sparked inspiration among the attendees. The AGO board would like to express its sincere gratitude to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for hosting our chapter event.

- Olivia Connors

Photos by Ryan J. Boyle





# Organ Celebration Recital

featuring  
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March 3, 2024 | 5:00 p.m.



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New Dues Structure, Effective July 1, 2023				
Membership Category	Description	TAO Format	National/Chapter Split	Total Dues
Regular	Ages 30–64, full voting	Print + online	\$75/45	\$120*
		Online only	\$67/45	\$112*
Special	Age 65 and older, full voting	Print + online	\$60/35	\$95*
		Online only	\$52/35	\$87*
Young Organist	Under age 30, full voting	Print + online	\$40/20	\$60*
		Online only	\$32/20	\$52*
Regular Dual	2nd chapter or more	n/a	\$0/45	\$45
Special Dual	2nd chapter or more	n/a	\$0/35	\$35
Young Organist Dual	2nd chapter or more	n/a	\$0/20	\$20
National Subscriber	Nonvoting	Print + online	n/a	\$85
		Online only	n/a	\$77
International Subscriber	Nonvoting	Print + online	n/a	\$105
		Online only	n/a	\$77
Lifetime Membership				\$3,500
* Independent members without chapter affiliation pay the total dues amount to AGO National Headquarters.				

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Yearly	Monthly
Full Page - \$120	Full Page - \$20
Half Page - \$78	Half Page - \$13
Quarter Page - \$48	Quarter Page - \$8

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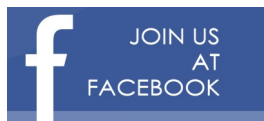
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To achieve this, we:

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- Inspire, educate, and offer certification for organists and choral conductors;
- Provide networking, fellowship, and mutual support;
- Nurture future generations of organists;
- Promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles; and
- Engage wider audiences with organ and choral music.

**Available Positions**

The following positions were posted on the chapter web site within the last six months. Please see <http://www.agocolumbus.org/index.php/forum/positions-available> for full descriptions, as well as for positions posted more than six months ago.

Organist/Pianist - St. Patrick, Bellefontaine  
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 Organist/Accompanist - North Broadway UMC, Columbus  
 Organist - First Community Church, Columbus  
 Organist/Accompanist - First Presbyterian, Mount Vernon  
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