

PIPELINES

NASHVILLE CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

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DEAN'S COLUMN

Dealing with Current Events

Friends, we are very aware of area cancellations and closings due to the coronavirus. Our AGO Executive Board has decided that it would also be prudent to cancel our next dinner meeting on March 30. I talked with Wyatt Smith, the March 30 organ recitalist. He would have been flying from Seattle, Washington, and said that it “was getting really bad” there. He also said we should cancel here.

As far as the future, we will continue to monitor what the national and state health agencies advise. We will send out timely announcements about our AGO chapter cancellations. Watch the Arts Calendar on our website as well for church and community concert cancellations.

It is only human to be overwhelmed with fears about this virus. Fear can be as devastating and immobilizing as the dreaded disease itself. Fear not! Be assured that we are actively working to keep our members safe and in communication with one another's needs. Please use email, Facebook, telephone calls—whatever works for you—to keep in touch with one another. If there are specific needs we can respond to, let us know. We will work on it.

*In you O Lord, I put my trust;
Keep me from fear and shame.
You hear the prayers of all in need
Who call upon your name.*
(Psalm 71, versification by Michael Morgan)

~~MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2020~~
CANCELLED

LENTEN RECITALS

The Lenten recitals scheduled for March 18 and 25 and April 1 in Wightman Chapel at the Scarritt-Bennett Center have been cancelled.

~~March 18: Isaac Johnson~~

~~March 25: Adam Lutz~~

~~April 1: Jennie Lou Smith and cellist Brad Mansell~~

The following chapter members will present 30-minute recitals at noon on Thursdays at West End United Methodist Church. These events will be livestream-only and may be watched at westendumc.org/livestream/.

March 19: Elizabeth Smith

March 26: Nicholas Bergin

April 2: Andrew Risinger

NOTE THESE UPCOMING CHANGES!

Our chapter will be implementing some new operating procedures that the chapter approved in October. The first one will be coming up April 1 as we begin officer elections with electronic balloting. Melissa Emerson, our chapter secretary, along with communications coordinator, Dawn Seidenschwarz, will be emailing the ballot to our chapter members along with directions on how to vote. (See Melissa's separate article with details.)



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Executive Board approved moving the time of our **May 4 dinner and program to 6:00 and 7:00 respectively**. All of the St. Andrew Lutheran Church choirs, including children, will be participating in the final festival service and installation service. Because it is a school night, I requested that we eat and meet earlier. Also, due to the developing situation around COVID-19, it is possible that this event will be cancelled. Please stay tuned for further details.

The Executive Board also has been discussing the cost of dinners and voted unanimously to reduce the price for all dinners to \$16 beginning on May 4. The sharing we do with one another and gathering at mealtime are important to our members. This one hour a month is the only time most of us can find out what is happening in our colleagues' lives and churches. We felt a reduction in the meal price would encourage members to join in this supportive fellowship without jeopardizing our chapter finances.



MEMBER NEWS

Our student member **Isaiah Evans** (middle row, far left) competed as one of the finalists in the High School Organ Festival & Competition sponsored by the Piedmont NC AGO Chapter, Salem College, and the University of North Carolina School of the Arts on February 1. We are proud to announce that he won second prize. Mr. Evans currently studies organ with Dr. Woosug Kang and previously studied with Nick Bergin. He played the first two movements from the Trio Sonata No. 1 in E-flat by J.S. Bach as well as the Te Deum by Jean Langlais and a hymn. He also had a great time connecting with other organ students his age and had the opportunity to play a number of different organs.



Congratulations, Isaiah!

VOTING FOR NASHVILLE AGO OFFICERS

This year's ballots will be done electronically. You will receive an email with a link and text that reads as follows:

Click this [link](#) for online voting. Thank you for voting.

After clicking on that link, you will automatically be directed to a Google Forms page titled Nashville AGO Elections. From there, select your candidates, one for dean-elect, secretary, and treasurer, and three for representatives. At the bottom of the page, click on SUBMIT. Be sure to double check your selections before hitting SUBMIT as there is no way to change your vote after clicking SUBMIT. All voting is anonymous.

Elections will open April 1 and votes can be submitted any time up to April 15. If there is a tie in any category, you will receive the same instructions again for a tiebreaker election.

AGO OFFICER NOMINEES FOR 2020–21

Dean-Elect (vote for one)

Woosug Kang
Dawn Seidenschwarz

Secretary (vote for one)

Melissa Emerson
Melvin Potts

Treasurer (vote for one)

Joyce Byrd
Hank Woerner

Executive Board Representatives (vote for three)

Robert Klingbeil
Tim Murphy
Nancy Sutton
Kenneth Varner
Thomas Zimmerman



POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Faith Lutheran Church, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, would like to find several dependable organists who would be willing to substitute on an occasional basis. They will soon be hiring a full-time organist; more details are forthcoming. This is a Missouri Synod Lutheran church with liturgical services. Please contact Vicar Neely Owen at vicarfaithlutheran@yahoo.com or 540-520-2231.

First Presbyterian Church, Springfield, is searching for a choir director. The position requires a Wednesday rehearsal and Sunday worship service at 11:00 a.m. (one choir, one rehearsal, one service). The 1916 organ underwent a significant process of tonal renovation by the Parkey Organ Co in 2018. There is a seven-foot Kawai grand to lead worship with a choir of twelve singers. Contact person is Ross Thomas at 615-772-4870.

Greater Taylor Chapel AME Church, Franklin, Kentucky, is seeking a pianist/keyboardist for its 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sundays and 5:00 p.m. rehearsal on Wednesdays. Interested persons should contact Linda Brown-Saffore, pastor, at 615-513-7599 or ladytcol@aol.com.

Trinity United Methodist Church, Franklin, is searching for an accompanist who is competent on organ and piano to provide service music and accompany the Chancel Choir for 11:00 worship and Wednesday evening rehearsals. For more information, contact Mr. Lynn McGill, director of music, at lynn.mcgill@comcast.net or 615-804-1878.

ARTS CALENDAR

Please confirm events listed on this calendar on the websites of the venues where they are scheduled to take place.

MARCH 2020

~~3/19/2020, 12:00 noon STREAMING ONLY
Lenten Concert Series
Elizabeth Smith, Organist
West End United Methodist Church
2200 West End Avenue, Nashville~~

~~3/22/2020, 3:00 p.m. CANCELLED
Young Musicians' Corner
St. George's Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Pike, Nashville~~

~~3/22/2020, 4:00 p.m. CANCELLED
Organ Concert
J.D. Plant, Organist
Middletown United Methodist Church
11902 Old Shelbyville Road
Louisville, KY~~

~~3/25/2020, 12:30 p.m. CANCELLED
Lenten Recital
Adam Lutz, Organist
Wightman Chapel
Searritt Bennett Center
1008 19th Avenue South, Nashville~~

~~3/26/2020, 12:00 noon STREAMING ONLY
Lenten Concert Series
Nicholas Bergin, Organist
West End United Methodist Church
2200 West End Avenue, Nashville~~

~~3/27/2020, 4:00-10:00 p.m. CANCELLED
14th Annual Bachanalia
Christ Church Cathedral
900 Broadway, Nashville~~

~~3/27/2020, 7:00 p.m. CANCELLED
Anderson Jazz Trio
Juilliard School, New York
First Presbyterian Church
4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville~~

~~3/29/2020, 2:30 p.m. CANCELLED
Songs of War and Love-
Vocal Arts Nashville with Early Music City
Matthew Phelps, Conductor
Belmont United Methodist Church
2007 Aeklen Avenue, Nashville~~

~~3/29/2020, 5:00 p.m. CANCELLED
Handbell Concert
Carillon Handbell Choir of Belmont UMC
Gayle Sullivan, Director
First Presbyterian Church
405 North Main Street, Springfield~~

APRIL 2020

~~4/1/2020, 12:30 p.m. CANCELLED
Lenten Recital
Jennie Lou Smith, Organist
Brad Mansell, Cellist
Wightman Chapel
Searritt Bennett Center
1008 19th Avenue South, Nashville~~

~~4/2/2020, 12:00 noon STREAMING ONLY
Lenten Concert Series
Andrew Risinger, Organist
West End United Methodist Church
2200 West End Avenue, Nashville~~

~~4/10/2020, 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday Tenebrae Service
First Presbyterian Church
4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville~~

~~4/26/2020, 3:00 p.m.
MTSU Women's Chorale and Meistersingers
Angela Tipps, Conductor
Wright Music Building
1439 Faulkinberry Drive, Murfreesboro~~

~~4/26/2020, 4:30 p.m. CANCELLED
Sanctuary Choir Concert
Gayle Sullivan, Director
Belmont United Methodist Church
2007 Aeklen Avenue, Nashville~~

ARTS CALENDAR

MAY 2020

5/10/2020, 5:00 p.m.
Choral Evensong
Woosug Kang, Conductor
Gerry Senechal, Organist
St. George's Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

5/17/2020
Guest Organ Concert and Choral Evensong
3:30 p.m., Kristen Lensch, Guest Organist
Organist/Choirmaster, Calvary Episcopal Church
Memphis, TN
4:00 p.m., Solemn Choral Evensong in Eastertide
Cathedral Choir
Michael Velting, Canon for Music, Conductor
Christ Church Cathedral
900 Broadway, Nashville

5/17/2020, 4:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Choral Evensong
Andrew Risinger, Conductor
West End United Methodist Church
2200 West End Avenue, Nashville

5/20/2020, 9:15 p.m.
Compline
Woosug Kang, Conductor
St. George's Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

JUNE 2020

6/25/2020, 7:00 p.m.
Organ Concert
Cristiano Rizzotto, Organist
<https://cristianorizzotto.com/bio/>
St. Timothy Lutheran Church
650 East Main Street, Hendersonville



At the Franklin Art Crawl on February 7 we had a pair of sisters—one of whom had been partaking of the face painting. Her sister had “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” for piano, by memory. Here she is playing it while her console assistant, Carl Berg, is finding the Swell Trumpet and encouraging her to alternate phrases between the two manuals. She was delighted at the contrast.



MARCH MEETING
AT COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH