



# Principal Pipings

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## Message From the Dean

Happy New Year to all LexAGO Members and Friends!

A new year always reminds us that time marches on. We've barely had time to put away the Christmas stockings, when the demands of Lent and Easter come knocking on the door. A new year is also a time of reflection and taking stock.

Throughout this newsletter, you will enjoy several resolutions shared with me by LexAGO Members, near and far. I have also listed some highlights from our past AGO Program Year, which should help direct our focus into the new year ahead.

In 2016, we said "Goodbye and Thank you" to our outgoing 2014-16 Executive Committee, under the leadership of Dean **Jane Johnson**. For me, Jane represents the gold standard for AGO Chapter Deans. On more than one occasion, I could have made use of one of those WWJD wrist bracelets -- "What Would Jane Do?!" Fortunately, Jane is only a phone call, or text message, away. A new group of officers has been elected and hard at work ever since, planning quality programs and promoting membership and certification goals. I thank each of them for their contributions, efforts and friendship.

Last summer, a superb National Convention was held in Houston, attended by seven LexAGO Members. AGO HQ rolled out a new Mission Statement, Vision and Value Proposition. The Code of Ethics has been updated, and a Settlement Agreement reached between the AGO and FTC.

Locally, the LexAGO hosted its first Pipe Organ Encounter in 2016. Under the guidance of POE Director **Zach Klobnak**, twenty student organists from eight states, plus ten faculty members and countless volunteers, assembled in Lexington for a week of music, learning and fun.

As a result, several new POE students have joined our ranks, bringing our LexAGO membership to a high of 121. Keep in mind that membership numbers are fluid and can fluctuate. Dues must be paid annually, and it is incumbent upon the membership to keep up with individual payment deadlines.

# Upcoming Events

**TUE / 1.17.17**

12.05p

**Charlie Mitchell, Organ**

Asbury University, Wilmore, KY

**SAT / 1.21.17**

9.00a

**Choral and Organ Reading Session**

St. John's Episcopal Church, Versailles, KY

**SUN / 1.22.17**

3.30p Concert

4.00p Evensong

**Concert, Kentucky String Quartet**

**Anna Hess, violin**

**Rebecca Kiekenapp, violin**

**Dale Jones, viola**

**Clyde Beavers, cello**

**Evensong, The Cathedral Choir**

Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY

**SUN / 1.22.17**

5.00p

**Gabriel Evans, Organ**

St. Catherine Catholic Church, New Haven, KY

## New Year's Resolutions

Several LexAGO Chapter Members were brave enough to share their 2017 New Year's Resolutions with us! "In 2017, I resolve to . . . "

**Jane Johnson:** "Always have fun! Whether that comes through playing music, being with family and friends, or other pursuits, having fun is of paramount importance."

**Gwen Frazier:** "(1) Drink more water/better hydration; and (2) Visit my Lexington friends."

**Grant Holcomb:** "Become a more confident player."

**David Lamb:** "Make more time to share with Choir Members, my Dad and family, and myself."

**Betsy Steiner:** "Practice more."

**Lynn Vera:** "Break out my steel drums, after a three-year hiatus, and conquer Bach's 'Prelude in C.' (My family will be receiving earplugs for Christmas!)"

**Anne Willis:** "Recruit more adult choir members, and create more age-appropriate music opportunities so our children can be present in morning worship on a regular basis."

**Nancy Dunn:** "Come up with a resolution!"

**James Humlong:** "Learn at least one new organ piece each month, outside of my standard church repertoire."

**Larry Sharp:** "Help bring the 2018 January Jubilee to Lexington."

# Upcoming Events

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SUN / 1.22.17

4.00p

**Margaret Dickinson, David Pilkinton and Timothy Baker  
A Musical Evening of Recognition for Those Who Have  
Devoted Their Time to Saving the World's Largest Pilcher**

Louisville Memorial Auditorium, 970 S. 4th Street, Louisville, KY

SAT / 1.28.17

8.00a - 4.00p

**2017 AGO January Jubilee Great Lakes Region**

Emmanuel Episcopal Church, LaGrange, IL

SUN / 2.5.17

11.00a

**Celebrating the American Spiritual  
Tedrin Blair Lindsay and Guest Vocalists**

Christ Church Cathedral, KY

TUE / 2.7.17

12.20p

**Brian Hunt, Organ**

Ransdell Chapel, Campbellsville University, Campbellsville, KY

FRI / 2.10.17

**Gabriel Evans Faculty Recital, Organ**

Berea College, Berea, KY

FRI / 2.17.17

7.00p

**Bruce Neswick, Organ**

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington KY

SAT / 2.18.17

10.00a-12.30p

**Open Choir Rehearsal under the direction of Bruce Neswick**

The Choirs of Good Shepherd, St. John's Versailles, And St. Michael's  
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington, KY

SAT / 2.18.17

7.30p

**Historic Works Re-mastered, Lexington Chamber Chorale**

Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington, KY

SUN / 2.19.17

11.15a

**Choral Eucharist**

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington, KY

SUN / 2.19.17

5.00p

**Festal Choral Evensong, Bruce Neswick, Director**

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington, KY

SUN / 2.26.17

11.00a Eucharist

3.30p Concert

4.00p Evensong

**Visiting Conductor Series**

**Choral Eucharist, The Cathedral Choir**

**Concert, Mattie Greathouse, Flute**

**Evensong, The Cathedral Choir**

**The Cathedral Choir under the direction of Malcom Archer**

Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY

# Dean's Message

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## (Continued)

Due in part to the influx of new members, our Chapter enjoys sound financial support, thanks to the leadership of Treasurer **James Humlong**, and to **Brian Hunt**, before him.

We have embarked on an ambitious program year, with a total of ten programs, workshops and recitals scheduled over nine months in three cities. While the 2016-17 program year is not yet half over, only one-third of our membership (34%) has participated in the programs held to date.

A new Kentucky AGO Chapter has been formed, and we welcome our neighbors in the "Heartland of Kentucky." I hope this year to revive the annual joint program with our neighbors in the Louisville Chapter.

In order to promote AGO Certification, the Regional Councillor for Education was brought in to conduct a workshop. Of our local membership, 12% are AGO-Certified, which matches the national average. Before and after the fall workshop, several members have indicated their interest in taking AGO Certification Exams. This is a worthy endeavor for the start of a new year, or anytime!

Our recent "Christmas Pipes" Concert raised over \$400 for our POE Scholarship Fund. That money will help pay tuition costs for one or more local POE students next summer. It's not too late to consider donating to this worthwhile cause.

Looking ahead to Lent and Easter, I hope everyone will plan on attending the upcoming Organ and Choral Reading Session to be held on January 21. Details may be found inside this Newsletter.

Riding the momentum from our successful POE, as well as that from Lexington's 2011 Regional Convention, your Executive Committee has voted to submit an application in the coming months to host the AGO Great Lakes Region's 2018 January Jubilee. You will be hearing much more about this throughout the coming year. As with the 2016 POE, be thinking of ways you can volunteer and participate! Also, be sure to share any programming ideas you may have for 2017-18 with me or with other Executive Committee Members. After all, it's that time of year again!

Hope to see you on January 21,

--Larry Sharp

# Chapter Program

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## Organ Choral Reading Session on January 21

The holiday lights are down, and the last drop of eggnog has vanished. Whew! We made it through another hectic holiday season! But we hardly have time to catch our breath -- a quick glimpse at our new 2017 calendars reminds us that Ash Wednesday and Lent are only eight weeks away! What's a busy church organist to do?

Never fear! On Saturday, January 21, at 9:00 a.m., our AGO Organ-Choral Reading Session is scheduled at St. John's Episcopal Church, 210 N. Main Street, Versailles. This always-popular program will feature the new Spring/Lent/Easter musical lineup from our friends at MorningStar Music, plus new choral anthems from GIA. So, leave the planning to us -- you will find everything you need, from Lenten organ voluntaries, to glorious music for Easter morning!

Our host at St. John's, organist **Bill Webber**, will be leading us through several newly-released choral and organ selections. Joining Bill will be other talented conductors and accompanists from our membership, including **Jane Johnson, Jon Johnson, Zach Klobnak, Glenna Metcalfe** and **J.R. Young**.

As at previous reading sessions, you will have a chance to sample several of these new choral and organ arrangements. All the music featured this morning will be on display for purchase, so don't forget to bring your checkbooks!

Breakfast donuts, juice and coffee will be waiting on you at 9:00, and the program will begin shortly after. If you plan on staying until the end of the program, you may wish to join us for lunch at a nearby restaurant.

This program is always one of the highlights of our LexAGO Program Year. Be sure to mark your calendars, and plan on joining us. As always, guests will be welcomed!

## Request for Music

Chapter Member **Anne Willis** is requesting assistance in locating an out-of-print organ composition, Toccata in G by Dennis Eliot. Anne reports that the piece appeared years ago, possibly in the 1980's, in a monthly Lorenz publication. Anne may be reached at [benlabannie@yahoo.com](mailto:benlabannie@yahoo.com).

Thank you!

## Why I Am An AGO Member

“Why I am an AGO member” is a very easy question for me to answer. The AGO has been such an important influence for my career and ministry of music over the years. I was first introduced to the Guild as an undergrad and grad student in Lexington many years ago, attending the Lexington Chapter. In every state I have served, I have always sought out membership and leadership opportunities in a local chapter. These experiences have always been framed by my first experience in Lexington. What a joy and privilege it was to return to the Lexington Chapter about twelve years ago and meet new colleagues, plus renew friendship with colleagues I knew from those school years. Even though I am not able to be as regular now in attendance at Guild events, due to distance and schedule, I remain grateful for the wonderful educational, concert and fellowship events sponsored by the Chapter. The Lexington Chapter is so blessed and fortunate to have had in the past and even now, such talented and dedicated leadership. Thank you!

Rev. **Larry Sivis**

First Christian Church

Ashland, KY

## Welcome, New Members!

The Lexington AGO welcomes two new members:

1. **Allan Kendall** (jakendall2000@yahoo.com)
2. **Grant Holcomb** (hholc2@aol.com)

## With Sympathy

The Lexington AGO extends heartfelt sympathy to longtime member **Marian Soule** upon the recent death of her husband, **Don**. Cards and notes of condolence may be sent to Marian at her home. No services are planned.

## Get Well Wishes

The Lexington AGO extends “Get Well” wishes to former dean **James Fitzpatrick**, who is recuperating from recent surgery. Cards and notes may be sent to Jim at his home.

## “Christmas Pipes” Concert a Success

Many thanks to everyone who helped make our “Christmas Pipes” Concert a success! This hour-long program of festive and varied seasonal music was well-attended and enjoyed by audience and participants alike.

In addition to host organist **Mark DeAlba**, of Central Baptist Church, other performers included organists **Grant Holcomb**, **Jane Johnson**, **Larry Sharp**, **Betsy Steiner**, **Anne Willis**, and violinist **Madison Jones**.

This marked the AGO debut of our newest member, Grant Holcomb, who is a senior at Lafayette High School and a student of **Lisa Hall**. Madison Jones, also a Lafayette SCAPA senior, is no stranger to the Lexington AGO. Many of you will remember Madison as our violinist from September’s AGO/POE Banquet.

In addition to those making their AGO debuts, other highlights included an original organ piece performed by one of our members, an organ duet, and the AGO premiere of a newly-commissioned setting of Appalachian carols.

Once again, our Hospitality Committee outdid themselves with an impressive holiday reception for all members and guests to enjoy. And, the best news of all, over \$400 was raised in donations for our 2017 POE Scholarship Fund! Thank you to all who contributed so generously. Please keep in mind that it is not too late to contribute to this fund. You may submit donations anytime to Dean **Larry Sharp** or Treasurer **James Humlong**.



## A Note from Amy Roth

Those of us who have spent many (or even a few...) Advent seasons lashed to the organ bench, dealing with tenors with bronchitis, basses who can't find the pitch, and sopranos who won't BREATHE on the David Willcocks descant to "Once in Royal...", approach January with very mixed feelings: fatigue, relief, and the realization that it isn't all that many weeks until Lent! Lent is longer and gloomier, but at the end is spring, glorious spring. Advent is, however, overwhelmingly, the season of Hope. The music is beautiful, and at the end, the peace of Christmas. My wish for your January is that the energy and the hope continue on into the new 2017. Your chapter has demonstrated over and over that you are filled with energy and insight and the ability to get things done. As a former very minor official within the structure of the AGO, I continue to be very proud of you! Happy New Year!

**Amy Weston Roth**

Former Kentucky AGO District Convener

## Bach Marathon 2017

Dear Friends of Bach,

It's time to begin planning Lexington's annual Bach Marathon! The 2017 Marathon will be on Saturday, March 25. And, a change this year: we have moved the event back to its original location at Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church.

At this point we are announcing the "call for performers"- if you, your group, or your students plan to perform, please respond to Kristy Kirsh at [klkirsh@windstream.net](mailto:klkirsh@windstream.net) with names and instrumentation by February 1. We welcome participation from musicians of all levels, including young students.

Many thanks,

**Kristy Kirsh**

**Jenni and Zach Marshall**



# For Fun

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## Trivia Contest

Congratulations to our December Trivia Contest co-winners, **Bill Webber** and **Ed Tiemeyer**! Bill and Ed both recalled that Spike Jones and the City Slickers recorded a 1948 Christmas Classic with “All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth.” After all, which other tune would you expect your orthodontist/dean to select?! For their efforts, Bill and Ed will each receive a prize.

For our January New Year’s Trivia Challenge, be the first to identify the author of the following quote:

“Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man.”

Remember -- you can’t win if you don’t play! Contact Dean **Larry Sharp** at [agolarry@att.net](mailto:agolarry@att.net) with the correct answer, and you may be the January prize winner! Good luck!

## Bad Music Joke of the Month

Q: What’s the difference between a pipe organ and a fish?

A: You can’t tuna fish!



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February 26

November 6

March 19

January 22

May 21



### Friday, December 2

7:30pm George Frideric Handel's *Messiah*  
with the Cathedral Choir

*For ticket reservations visit*  
[www.ccclex.org/messiah](http://www.ccclex.org/messiah)



### Sunday, December 18

7:00pm A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols  
with the Cathedral Choir

### Wednesday, December 21

Noon *A Ceremony of Carols* by Benjamin Britten  
Roseanna Shafer, harp and the Cathedral Girls  
Choir



### Palm Sunday, April 9

4:00pm Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem* with the Choir of  
Men and Boys



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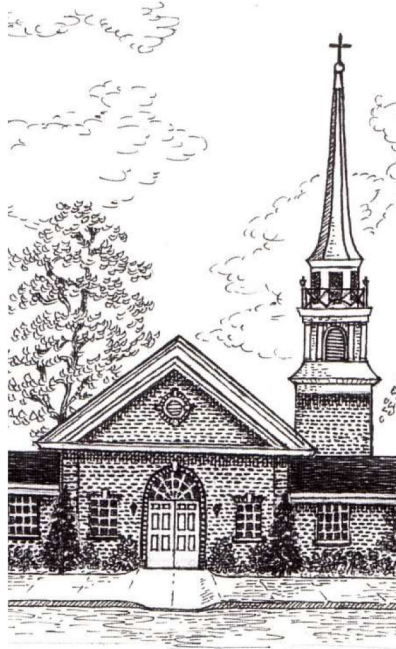
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# 2016 - 17 Music

at

## Beaumont Presbyterian Church

*1070 Lane Allen Road  
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Dr. Wayne Gebb  
Music Director

Dr. Larry Sharp  
Organist

Sunday, October 9	Merrilee Elliott, flute Mozart, Faure'
Sunday, November 6	David Powell, oboe Telemann, Lynn Trapp
Sunday, November 27 Advent I	Bailey Yates, violin Rutter, Dandrieu, Bach
Sunday, December 4 Advent II	Advent Lessons & Carols SCAPA String Ensemble
Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve	Premiere of Original Organ Composition by John S. Dixon
Lent, 2017 (TBA)	SCAPA String Ensemble
Sunday April 16 Easter	Brass Ensemble with Beaumont Choir

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## *Music & Liturgy at Good Shepherd*

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**9 October 2016 at 4:30 p.m.**

Organ concert - Dr. Schuyler Robinson,  
followed by Festal Choral Evensong at 5:00 p.m.

**6 November 2016 at 5:00 p.m.**

All Saints' Concert featuring the Fauré *Requiem*

**18 December 2016 at 5:00 p.m.**

A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

**17 February 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**

Organ Concert - Bruce Neswick

**18 February 2017, 10:00 – 12:30**

Open choir rehearsal under the direction of Bruce Neswick  
The choirs of Good Shepherd; St. John's, Versailles; & St. Michael's

**19 February 2017**

Choir Festival

11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist & 5:00 p.m. Festal Choral Evensong  
under the direction of Bruce Neswick

**19 March 2017 at 4:30 p.m.**

Organ concert – Dr. Robert Bozeman,  
followed by Solemn Choral Evensong at 5:00 p.m.

**7 May 2017 at 4:30 p.m.**

Oboe concert by Dr. ToniMarie Marchioni,  
followed by Festal Choral Evensong at 5:00 p.m.

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