

Principal Pipings

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Dean's Message

Hello AGO Friends,

I hope you are all having a pleasant summer filled with the leisure pursuits that you enjoy. It's hard to believe that back-to-school season is almost upon us. With it comes our kick-off to another great year of AGO activities! Your executive committee is in the process of finalizing the 2021-22 program year. You'll find a preliminary listing of events on pages 2-3 of this newsletter.

Mark your calendars now for our first event of the new year. On Saturday, August 28th, we will have a kick-off luncheon at Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church in Lexington. We will meet at 11 am for a catered meal and music swap. The chapter still has five boxes of music donated from Priscilla Hepburn's estate which will be available for you to peruse and take. Free music! And if you have some music that you'd like to contribute for others to use, please bring it. Did I mention that all the music is free? More info about this event may be found on page 9 in this newsletter.

Our yearbook committee, Brian Hunt, James Humlong, and Larry Sharp, are hard at work on this year's issue which we hope to have available at our first meeting. Don't forget to send in any updates to your contact information so that our yearbook is as accurate as we can make it. And now is the time that many members' dues come due. If this pertains to you, please log on to ONCARD now and pay, or send your check directly to AGO National. Remember that we also have a "Friends" membership category for any of your acquaintances who love the organ. For only \$30 a Friend of the Lexington Chapter can receive our newsletter and support our activities.

This year has been designated the Year of Education by AGO National. Several of our members are working towards the Service Playing Certificate, and I'm sure they'd love it if others joined them in their efforts. Working together on something is always more fun than going it alone. If you've thought about SPC but don't know how to start, we are here for you! Contact me for more information. Maybe 2021-22 is the year we count you among our newly certified members!

Enjoy the rest of the summer, and I hope to see you on August 28th! I'm so happy to be serving another year as your dean.

Jane

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Upcoming AGO Events

Your Executive Committee is in the process of finalizing our 2021-22 program year. A complete calendar will appear in your August newsletter. In the meantime, you can mark your calendars for these upcoming events.

Saturday, 08/28/21 11 am-1:30 pm	Kick-off Luncheon and Free Music Swap; Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church, Lexington Details on page 9. See you there, IN PERSON!
August Virtual Event	LexAGO / BGATOS Collaborative Video: "Summer Lights" Details on page 9. There's still time to sign up if you do it now!
Friday, 10/08/21 7:30 pm	Michael Messina recital presenting Messiaen's Nativity Suite with visual slides; Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington
Saturday, 10/23/21 9:30 am-Noon	Organ Reading Session; First Christian Church (DOC), Winchester
Sunday, 12/05/21 2:00 pm	Christmas Pipes Member Recital; Southern Hills United Methodist Church, Lexington
January TBD	Collaborative Program with Louisville AGO to introduce youth to the organ and other instruments; Christ Church United Methodist, Louisville
Saturday, 03/12/22 11:30 am-3:00 pm	Incorporating Harpsichord into Worship, presented by Jack Ashworth; Southern Hills United Methodist Church. Meet for lunch at 11:30, with workshop following at 1 pm
April TBD	Collaborative Program with Bluegrass ATOS featuring the Silent Film "King of Kings" with theatre organist Mark Gifford; Kentucky Theatre, Lexington

For inclusion in the August newsletter calendar for local music events, please contact [Jane Johnson](mailto:janejohnson@agolexington.org). Due to space limitations, events will be listed for the current and following month. Events beyond that timeframe can be found on our website: www.agolexington.org.

THE EVENTS CALENDAR, CONTINUED

Sunday, 05/08/22, Time TBD	Janette Fishell recital, followed by Evensong; Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington
Friday, 05/13/22, Time TBD	Katie Minion Scheetz recital, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington (postponed from 2021)
Friday, 05/27/22 7:30 pm	Alan Morrison recital, Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington (postponed from 2020)
June, Saturday TBD	Installation Service and Picnic, Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Versailles

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Jane Johnson, Dean

Brian Hunt, Sub-Dean

Grant Holcomb, Executive Secretary

Anna Pan, Treasurer/Registrar

Maria LeRose-Herndon, Member-at-Large 2022

Gabrielle Minion, Member-at-Large 2023

Gwen Frazier, Member-at-Large 2024

Announcements

Welcome to a New Member!

Edward “Ted” Walter, Dean of the Cincinnati AGO chapter, has joined the Lexington chapter as a dual member. Ted lives in Burlington, KY. Welcome, Ted! We hope to meet you at one of our events very soon.

Announcing the new Lexington Chapter AGO YouTube Channel!

Have you subscribed to our official **Lexington Chapter AGO YouTube Channel**? It's the best way to gain easy access to our videos. If we can get more than 100 Subscribers, after 30 days we'll be able to register a custom URL (URL = “Uniform Resource Locator”, which is a unique address for every entity on the web). The custom URL will be a meaningful and easy-to-remember text string that will replace the random sequence of letters and numbers that we now have. Please visit the Lexington Chapter AGO YouTube Channel [HERE](#) and become a Subscriber.

IS YOUR YEARBOOK INFORMATION UP TO DATE?

It's time for a new Lexington AGO yearbook, and we want to make sure your information is correct. Please take a moment now to check your old yearbook and send any updates to your phone, address, degrees, email, and church/work to James Humlong (james.humlong@gmail.com) by **Friday, August 5th**.

And please consider supporting your AGO chapter by placing an ad in the yearbook to promote your church, studio, or business. A business-card-sized ad can be purchased for only \$10. Larger ads are also available. Contact Larry Sharp at agolarry@att.net for more information and to place your ad. The same deadline date applies.

Thanks to our yearbook committee of Brian Hunt, James Humlong, and Larry Sharp for putting everything together for us again this year!

JOB OPENINGS

Music Director – South Frankfort Presbyterian Church Works with a musically attuned pastor and a seasoned organist to select and lead music for worship. Directs a 15-member adult choir that rehearses Wednesday evenings and Sundays prior to a 10:55 service. Offers children's musical learning opportunities. Will form and direct the handbell choir. Averages eight hours a week. Salary based on experience. Submit resume, cover letter, and contact information of 3 to 5 references to sfpc.church@gmail.com Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until position is filled. See full job description at <https://sfpcky.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/SFPC-Music-Director.pdf>

Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville, KY is seeking an Organist to play one Sunday service. Wednesday night choir rehearsals are required. The salary is in the range of \$22K - \$28K depending on education and experience. The Organist will have 4 weeks off every year (4 Sundays and 4 Wednesdays). Please contact The Rev. Robert Gammon, Associate Pastor - Worship and Music, at robert@broadwaybaptist.org. More information about Music at Broadway Baptist Church can be found on the church's website: <http://www.broadwaybaptist.org/music>

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Georgetown KY is seeking a paid part-time Organist/Pianist/Accompanist. Primary responsibilities include working with the Minister of Music to select and provide music for Sunday worship and other services; accompany choir, vocalist, and instrumentalist as scheduled; attends practice sessions and services. Full job description is available upon request. General qualifications include:

1. A degree in music, music education or related field is desirable but not required.
2. Must have sufficient keyboard ability to sight read hymns/anthems.
3. Must exhibit musical skill, knowledge of a variety of church music and how it's used, team building and organizational skill.
4. Works appropriately with FCC and its beliefs and practices despite personal beliefs, which may differ.

Resumes may be submitted via the church office at fccgeorgetown@bellsouth.net For additional information, call the church office at 502-863-2019 or Molly Marsh at 859-967-3295.

MEMBER NEWS

Maureen Howell has moved to Raleigh NC to take the position of Organist/Assistant Musician at First Baptist Church, where her husband Warren will be Minister of Music. We will miss them both, but are happy that they will once again be able to serve together.

Best wishes to **Melinda Storey** on her retirement from St. Raphael's Episcopal Church in Lexington. She will be succeeded as Organist/Choirmaster by **Clif Cason**. Congratulations, Clif!

We are happy to report that **Angela Hurley** has resumed her organist duties at Walnut Hill Church after recovering from two broken wrists suffered earlier this year.

Lisa Hall presented a Fourth of July recital at Christ Church Episcopal in Lexington. The concert featured Bach to Barber, and included a number of patriotic favorites.

Congratulations to **Ethan Neal**, who has been appointed to the AGO Young Organist (AGOYO) Board! Ethan will be serving a two-year term to engage, support, and uplift every organist under 30 in the United States through planning and coordinating educational, informative, and collaborative events to foster a thriving community of musicians who share their knowledge and inspire passion for the organ. Ethan, a baritone as well as organist, recently presented "But the Greatest of These is Love, a Concert of Longing, Loss and Love". You may listen to the recital [HERE](#)

At their recent national convention, the American Theatre Organ Society honored **Bill Webber** as 2021's ATOS Member of the Year! This is an impressive and tremendous honor for Bill and one that is very much deserved. We all know how much Bill has done for the local Bluegrass ATOS chapter and for the theatre organ community overall. Now everyone will know and appreciate his efforts with this national recognition. Bill also serves as Lexington AGO's Education Committee Chair. Congratulations, Bill!

On July 18th, **Don SeEVERS** presented a concert to celebrate his retirement from 48 years of ministry. Held at Tates Creek Christian Church in Lexington, where Don has served as Worship Minister since 2004, the concert featured several vocal and organ solos by Don as well as music from his Worship Choir. You may listen to the concert [HERE](#) Don has accepted a part-time worship ministry position at First Christian Church in Sun City Center, FL, which will start in October. We'll miss you, Don, and wish you all the best as you begin this new chapter.

PISGAH PICNIC

To close out the program year, we were actually able to meet in person for a picnic on the grounds of Pisgah Presbyterian Church in Versailles on Saturday, June 5th. The weather was perfect, and those in attendance enjoyed gathering under the large tent to socialize.

Six boxes of various organ scores from Priscilla Hepburn's estate were set out in the parish hall for everyone to take what they could use. (The music will also be available for your perusal at our August 28th luncheon.) After we ate, there was a brief installation service for our new member-at-large, Gwen Frazier.

Thanks to Anna Pan, organist at Pisgah, for making the arrangements for this lovely gathering. Everyone agreed that we need to meet there for another picnic next year!





More picnic pictures:

Top – Dean Jane Johnson leads the installation service for new member-at-large Gwen Frazier.

Bottom – Gwen and Don Frazier and Rose Daniels.

Photos by Lynn Vera

AUGUST 28TH KICK-OFF LUNCHEON

We will kick off our 2021-22 program year with a luncheon at Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church, 180 E. Maxwell Street in Lexington on Saturday, August 28th. In addition to lunch, there will be LOTS of free music for you to take home! We still have five boxes of music from Priscilla Hepburn's estate, including some real gems that are no longer in print! Other members are also bringing music that they no longer need, so you'll have plenty of music to look through.

We'll meet at 11:00 am for socializing and music browsing before we eat lunch. Maxwell St.'s caterers are once again fixing for us their ever-popular hot chicken salad casserole, spinach salad with fruit and poppyseed dressing, and brownie sundae with vanilla ice cream for dessert. Iced tea, water with lemon, and coffee will also be provided. All this is available for only \$16 per person.

Please RSVP by sending your check, made payable to Lexington AGO, to Jane Johnson, 3456 Belvoir Drive, Lexington KY 40502, **no later than Wednesday, August 18th**. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

ARE YOUR DUES DUE?

Many of our members have dues that come due in the late summer. Don't miss out on any activities this year. Make sure your dues are up-to-date. Check ONCARD at <https://www.agohq.org/oncard-login/> to update your records and renew your membership when it's due. Thanks for supporting Lexington AGO!

SUMMER LIGHTS VIDEO COMING SOON!

Video artist Lynn Vera reports that our Summer Lights collaborative video is almost ready, but there is still time for you to participate! Contact Lynn at lynnvera@ymail.com for information on submitting your video to be a part of this fun end-of-summer virtual event!

ORGANS AVAILABLE

Grant Holcomb reports that Central Christian Church has a beautiful Lowrey home organ that needs a new home. Grant says that it is in pristine condition, with the only issue being a pinched wire (connecting the pedal board to the console) that needs to be repaired, but that is a very small and perfunctory repair. It's a 2004 Lowrey Grand Royale, Model SU/600 and has a 2-octave pedalboard. The organ comes with its own leather bench with backrest, and the original owner's manual and accessories. It's FREE to a good home!

Colleen Ames has a friend with an organ for sale. It's a 4 full-rank Baldwin made by Viscount, and is in Elizabethtown KY. For more details, contact Kyle Dusenbury at 270-304-7133.

YEAR OF THE YOUNG ORGANIST

Do you know someone under the age of 30 who is interested in the organ? The American Guild of Organists is offering a free year of membership for organ students under the age of 30. Click [HERE](#) for more information. The Year of the Young Organist will provide online education programs that include master classes, webinars on organ maintenance, planning resources for the liturgical year, resume writing, and workshops that cover insurance, health and retirement, focused on both personal and professional development, to strengthen the young organist's career pathway.

The AGO is also creating an Organ Scholar Program that offers two young people the opportunity to experience a one-year internship at a significant music ministry program in the United States. This gap-year program will take place during 2022-23 and 2023-24 (one recipient per year for a total of two recipients in two different locations) and will provide \$30,000 in salary, as well as housing and health care for the organ scholar.

Please make any young organists you know aware of these fantastic opportunities!

THE SAGA OF THE BLANK PAGE THAT WOULDN'T DELETE

This was once a blank page. It wasn't needed, so deleting it was attempted. It wouldn't delete, despite all manner of manipulation, viewing and deleting embedded codes, and spending way too much time looking at tutorials on how to delete blank pages in Word. All to no avail. So, here it is.

And here is my plea: Lexington AGO is in need of a newsletter editor. Lynn Vera did a wonderful job at this last year, but she has other commitments now that prevent her from being able to continue in this role. Your dean (me) does not have the expertise to put out a newsletter in the manner to which we all have become accustomed. Trying to manipulate inserting photos and hyperlinks, mysteriously losing several pages to cyberspace and having to recreate them, and now dealing with this page that won't go away when I tell it to have made me a very cranky person today.

So please, if you have any experience in crafting newsletters and would like to serve your chapter in the capacity of newsletter editor, give me a call! I promise that I'm fairly easy to work with, will give you information for the newsletter in a timely manner, and will give you free rein to be creative. So pick up that phone now, please! My cell is 859-338-5364, or home is 859-277-0327. I and the entire membership will thank you! Love, Jane

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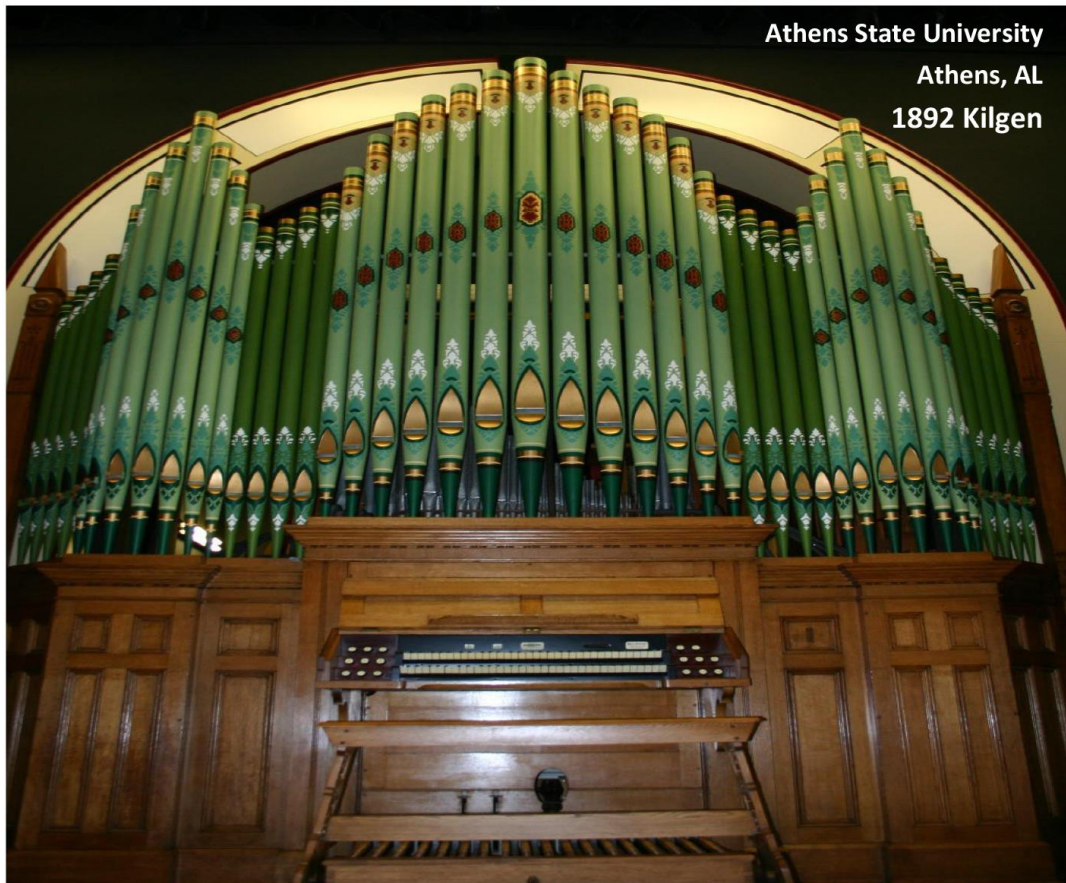
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Divertimento

During this challenging season of Covidtude we all need a chuckle now and then! These bits of humor have been selected from several music groups on Facebook.

