

Principal Pipings

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Dean's Message

Hello AGO Friends,

Greetings of the season to you all! Our chapter kicked off Advent in a big way with our annual Christmas Pipes member recital last weekend. If you weren't able to be there in person, watch for the audio recording to appear on our chapter's youtube page soon. And if you haven't yet had a chance to do so, remember to subscribe to our "Lexington Chapter AGO" youtube channel.

The new year is nearly here, and many of us are making resolutions. If you're so inclined, here are a few AGO-related suggestions for your consideration:

- Learn some new music. Maybe you picked up a few new pieces at either our organ reading session or at one of our music swaps. Won't it be fun to explore something fresh and exciting?
- Challenge yourself by exploring one of the Guild's certification exams. You can do it, and you'll learn so much through the process that will make you a better musician, whether you've been at this profession for 3 years or 30.
- Reach out to a young musician. Encourage him/her to sign up for a FREE membership in AGO!
- Support the AGO on a national level by attending a convention or making a donation, perhaps in honor of someone who has influenced you musically.
- Support the AGO on a local level. If you've considered running for office, Richard Dwyer is heading up our nominating committee this year—let him know of your interest. Support your chapter by attending our events. And if you have ideas for programs you'd like to see next year, let one of the chapter officers know. Remember, it's YOUR Guild!

Happy New Year!

Jane

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UPCOMING EVENTS - AGO sponsored events are in blue

Saturday, December 18, 2021; 8:00 pm	A Cathedral Christmas with Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra and Lexington Singers; Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington (tickets www.lexphil.org or 859-233-4226)
Tuesday, December 21, 2021; Noon	A Ceremony of Carols; The Cathedral Girls Choir and Rachel Renee Miller, harp; Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington
Sunday, January 23, 2022; 4:00 pm	Online Presentation: Jazz Concert featuring Ben Rosenblum Piano Jazz Trio; sponsored by Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington
Saturday, January 29, 2022; 9:30 am	Collaborative Program with Louisville AGO to introduce youth to the organ and other instruments; Christ Church United Methodist, Louisville
Sunday, February 20, 2022; 5:00 pm	Unity Through Music; Lexington Chamber Chorale; Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington
Sunday, February 27, 2022; 2:30 pm	Ethan Neal, organ; Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington
Sunday, February 27, 2022; 3:30 pm	Concert and Evensong with UK Faculty Brass Quintet; Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington
Saturday, March 12, 2022; 11:30 am	Incorporating Harpsichord into Worship; presented by Jack Ashworth; Southern Hills United Methodist Church, Lexington; lunch at 11:30 am, program at 1:00 pm
April 2022 TBD	Collaborative Program with Bluegrass ATOS featuring the Silent Film "King of Kings: with theatre organist Mark Gifford; Kentucky Theatre, Lexington
Sunday, April 10, 2022; 4:00 pm	Gabriel Faure's Requiem; Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington
Sunday, April 24, 2022; 5:00 pm	A World of Music; Lexington Chamber Chorale; Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington
Sunday, May 8, 2022; 3:00 pm	Janette Fishell recital, followed by Evensong; Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington
Friday, May 13, 2022; 7:30 pm	Katie Minion Scheetz recital; Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington
Friday, May 20, 2022; 7:30 pm	SCAPA Madrigal Singers; Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington
Sunday, May 22, 2022; 3:30 pm	Grant Holcomb, organ, followed by Evensong; Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington
Friday, May 27, 2022; 7:30 pm	Alan Morrison recital, Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington
June 2022 TBD	Installation Service with Meal, location TBD

CHRISTMAS PIPES MEMBER RECITAL—December 5th



Our annual Christmas Pipes Member Recital was held on Sunday afternoon, December 5th, at Southern Hills United Methodist Church in Lexington. This was a chance for us to play the newly-enlarged Reuter organ, with enhancements and new three-manual console by Randall Dyer and Associates.

Those playing were, from left to right in the photo above, Gwen and Don Frazier, Jane Johnson, James Humlong, Larry Sharp, and Lynn Vera. Donations of nearly \$300 were collected for Lexington AGO's scholarship fund for young organists!

James Humlong was our host and emcee for the afternoon's program.



WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Welcome to **Carson Crovo**, our newest member. Carson joined as part of the AGO's Young Organist initiative. His contact information is crovo77@gmail.com, 859-420-5115, 250 Lexington Ave., Lexington KY 40508.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2022-24

With the coming of 2022, it's time to begin to put together a slate of officers to serve Lexington AGO for the next two years (July 2022 through June 2024). Richard Dwyer has graciously agreed to serve once again as chair of the nominating committee. If you are interested in serving on the committee, or if you are interested in being considered for one of the positions on Lexington AGO's executive committee, please contact Richard at richarddwyer99@yahoo.com or 859-797-5084. Our thanks to Richard for serving in this important capacity. Elections will take place in April 2022.

COLLABORATIVE PROGRAM WITH LOUISVILLE AGO—Saturday, January 29th, Christ Church United Methodist, Louisville

Shawn Dawson of Christ Church United Methodist in Louisville has planned an exciting event for children to interest them in the organ and other instruments. There will be an "instrument petting zoo" from 9:30-11:00 that morning. This will be a casual time for families to roam around the church fellowship hall and get to see (and hopefully touch) various instruments. There will also be two stations at the church's organs for the children to explore – the Letourneau in the Sanctuary and the Schantz in the Chapel.

There will be a concert at 11:00, and we intend to feature the organ with various instruments in most or all of the pieces if possible – including one or two hymns sung by all. We hope to keep the concert length to 45-50 minutes. We need organists from the Lexington chapter to play on the concert! If you would like to play please contact Brian Hunt, bbhuntky@gmail.com, or 859-351-8355.

Pizza will be served around 12:00 noon after the concert. We will probably have time after the concert for the children to come up and see the organ as well.

We hope many of the members from both chapters will want to be involved in this special event to bring more young people to the organ!

MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to **Gabby Manion** on her recent engagement to Joseph Wrightson! An August wedding is planned at Gabby's home church in Bardstown.

We send our get well wishes to **Bill Webber**, who has been battling pneumonia and other health issues. Our prayers for a swift recovery, Bill, so you can soon be back to enjoying all your normal activities!

Welcome to the world, **Isaac James Humlong**! Isaac was born on December 6th and weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces. Happy parents are **Kelleigh and James Humlong**. The day before Isaac's birth James hosted Christmas Pipes at his church, and he was one of the recitalists.



PROGRAMMING FOR NEXT YEAR

Your Executive Committee will soon be meeting to discuss programming for 2022-23. If you have ideas for particular workshops, recitalists, or other programs that you would like to see presented next year, please let us know! This is your Guild, and we want to give you the types of programs that you feel will be most beneficial. If you would be interested in hosting a meeting, workshop, or recital at your church or other venue, please let us know that too. Send your ideas to Jane Johnson, jhjohn@email.uky.edu, or 859-338-5364.

NEW EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIR

Due to some ongoing health issues, **Bill Webber** has regretfully resigned as Chair of our Education Committee. Bill has done some wonderful work while chairing this committee over the past several years. His contributions include the development and implementation of our scholarship program for young organists, the conception and organization of our exploratory committee for a Pipe Organ Encounter for Adults, and continuing to champion the importance of Guild Certification among our membership. Thank you for your service, Bill. We will miss you in your leadership role, but know that you will continue to work behind the scenes as you can.

We welcome **Zach Klobnak** into the role of Education Committee Chair. Zach is familiar with the workings of the Education Committee as a member for the past several years. He plans to continue and build upon the work that Bill has started. Zach recently finished a three-year term as an at-large member of Lexington AGO's executive committee, and has also served on several national AGO committees including one on Pipe Organ Encounters. And he chaired the Pipe Organ Encounter that Lexington AGO hosted in 2016. Thank you for stepping up to serve as our Education Chair, Zach!

JOB OPENING

Part-time Music Director, Old Union Christian Church, Fayette County, KY

Old Union Christian Church, 6827 Russell Cave Rd., Lexington, is looking for someone to lead their music after the retirement of their choir director (after 50 years of service!) Their choir consists of about 14 members. Two pianists select hymns for worship each week. It is estimated that the job will require one night of choir rehearsal per week and approximately 2 hours on Sunday mornings during worship. Their board has approved compensating the new director at \$50 per hour with no more than 4 hours a week required. Interested parties should contact Taren Robin, Elder and choir member, Old Union Christian Church. Taren's cell phone is 859-707-7290.

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Sunday, December 12

7:00pm A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

with the Cathedral Choir

Tuesday, December 21

Noon *A Ceremony of Carols* by Benjamin Britten

Rachel Renee Miller, harp

and the Cathedral Girls Choir



Palm Sunday, April 10

4:00pm Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*

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