

# Principal Pipings

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## Dean's Message

Hello AGO friends,

"It's tough to make predictions, especially about the future." This quote attributed to Yogi Berra sure sums up what we're all probably feeling about life in the time of coronavirus. How hard it is to plan - meaningful worship experiences for our congregations, practice time if we're unable to get to our regular instruments, performances to support our fellow musicians, social activities, the list just goes on and on.

Your Executive Committee has discussed how best to bring you quality programming during this challenging time (won't you be glad to never again hear the words "challenging time", or "unprecedented time", or any other variation of Covid-time that spills so easily from our mouths!) We are investigating livestreams of some upcoming scheduled performances and trying to find the best ways to help everyone stay connected while still staying safe and healthy.

Our September kick-off 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and officer installation will be held as planned on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Look for details elsewhere in this newsletter to find out more about how we will accomplish this. I hope to see you there! Until then, please stay well.

Jane

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# Upcoming AGO Events

Your Executive Committee has come up with a terrific slate of chapter events which we hope we will be able to hold, particularly during this, our 75th anniversary year. Watch your upcoming chapter newsletters for updates on these and other area programs as we continue to cope with Covid-19 and its impact on the arts.

Saturday, 09.26.20 12:00pm	<b>75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Picnic and Officer Installation</b> Walnut Hill Church, Lexington Weather permitting! <b>In case of rain</b> that day you will receive a cancellation notice via email. Please bring your own chair, facemask and food. (More details are on the Announcements page.)
Saturday, 10.17.20 10:00am	<b>Behold the Theatre Organ!</b> Due to the temporary closing of the Kentucky Theatre this has been changed to an online event. Look for more information in the October <i>Principal Pipings</i> .
Friday, 11.06.20 7:30pm	<b>Jillian Gardner, AGOYO Convener Recital</b> Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington
Sunday, 12.06.20 2:00pm	<b>Christmas Pipes Member Recital</b> Southern Hills United Methodist Church, Lexington
Friday, 02.05.21 7:30pm	<b>Marcelo Giannini Recital</b> Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington
Saturday, 02.27.21 9:30am	<b>Pedals, Pipes and Pizza</b> Central Christian Church (DOC), Lexington
Saturday, 03.06.21 9:30am	<b>Choral and Organ Reading Session</b> First Christian Church (DOC), Winchester
Saturday, 04.17.21 12:00pm	<b>Elizabeth George, Director of Member Engagement and Chapter Development, AGO National Headquarters</b> Location TBA
Friday, 05.21.21 7:00pm	<b>Katie Minion Scheetz Recital</b> Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington

For inclusion in the newsletter calendar for local music events, please contact Lynn Vera at [LynnVera@ymail.com](mailto:LynnVera@ymail.com) by the 20th of the month prior to the publication date. Due to space limitations, events will be listed for the current and following month. You can find events beyond that timeframe on our website, [www.agolexington.org](http://www.agolexington.org).

# Announcements

## 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY KICKOFF PICNIC – SEPTEMBER 26

To begin our year-long celebration of Lexington AGO's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we will have a picnic at noon on Saturday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> on the grounds of **Walnut Hill Church**, 575 Walnut Hill Rd. in Lexington. This will be a bring-your-own food, drink, mask and chair event, and social distancing will be observed. The chapter's new officers will be installed during a brief ceremony, and we will have time to just enjoy being together again. Since we will be outside, we will postpone our display of historical chapter items for a later time. We will not have access to any indoor church facilities, so please plan accordingly. To get to Walnut Hill Church, go out Richmond Road (US 421 and US 25). At the traffic signal at Jacobson Park, turn right onto Old Richmond Road (US 25). Go to the second road on the right, Walnut Hill Road. Turn right on Walnut Hill, and you will immediately see the sign for the church on the right. Turn right and go through the stone gateposts and up the hill. You will be able to see the church when you turn. Park along the side of the road. In case of inclement weather, you will receive an email that morning detailing a new plan!

<https://walnuthillchurchky.org/>

## MAKE SURE YOUR YEARBOOK INFORMATION IS CORRECT!

Our yearbook committee is currently hard at work to put together the chapter yearbook for 2020-2021. We want to make sure that everyone's information is correct, so please take a moment now to look at your listing in the current yearbook. Has anything changed? Have you moved? Changed your email address? Gotten rid of your landline phone? Retired from your job? Are you available to substitute? Send any updates to James Humlong, [james.humlong@gmail.com](mailto:james.humlong@gmail.com), by **Friday, September 18**. Thanks for helping to keep our yearbook current!

## TWO NEW FEATURES FOR OUR 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEAR!

In celebration of our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year we've added two new features to this newsletter! Ted Gentry, our chapter Historian, is writing the History Corner column. Portable Pipes is for all of us who are missing live concerts during this time of social distancing. Both features will appear throughout this program year. Enjoy!

## OCTOBER MEETING AT THE KENTUCKY THEATRE CANCELLED

Due to the temporary closing of the Kentucky Theatre, our scheduled October meeting showcasing the theatre organ there has been cancelled. Instead, we will have a virtual event! Check next month's newsletter for details.

## CAMPBELLSVILLE UNIVERSITY FALL ORGAN RECITALS CANCELLED

The Noon Organ Recitals on October 13 and November 3 have been cancelled, as the chapel is being used as a classroom this Fall to accommodate physical distancing.

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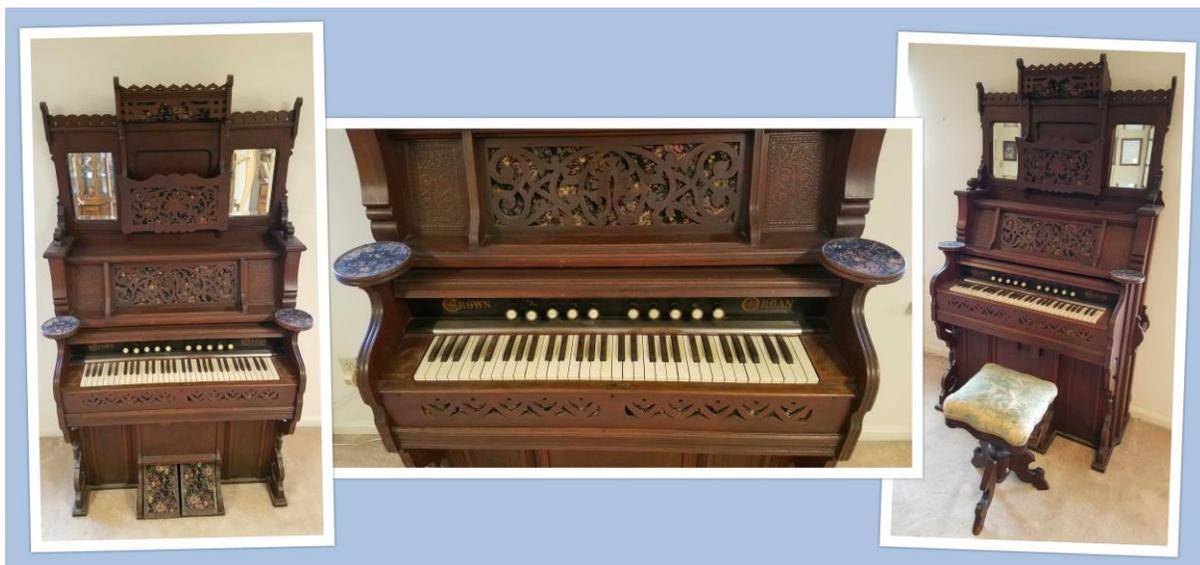
It has a beveled mirror and candle holder on each side, with a carved music rack at the top.

It is approx. 45" wide, 76" tall, and 22" deep. It does have a stool.

It has several numbers on the back of the organ.

I am asking \$350 including the stool, not including shipping from Elizabethtown, KY.

**CONTACT:** Frances Scott at [fscott@stithvalley.com](mailto:fscott@stithvalley.com).



# Member News

Congratulations to several of our members on their recent **retirements**:

**Bill Webber** retired from First United Methodist Church Andover after serving as a church musician on and off since he was a junior in high school. Bill says that was a long time ago!

**Cathy Hunt** has retired from her position as choir director and organist at Arlington Christian Church (DOC) after 17 years in that position. Cathy has also been a church musician for over 40 years.

Joining his wife in a life of leisure, **Brian Hunt** has retired from his position as music director for Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary. Brian is another long-term church musician, having been employed at a number of churches in the Lexington area over the past several decades.

**Lynn Vera** has retired from her position as organist and music director at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Lynn has been a church musician for 50 years in Connecticut, Florida, Pennsylvania, Washington DC and Kentucky.

We wish all our new retirees well, and hope that they will now be available and willing to substitute for the rest of us!



**Don Seevers** recently presented a wonderful **program of organ and piano music**, livestreamed from the sanctuary of Tates Creek Christian Church in Lexington. Don reports that he had over 500 people tune in! He also had a socially-distanced and masked live audience. If you missed it, you can still watch the video [HERE!](#)



We are happy to report that **Richard Sowers** has **rejoined the Lexington Chapter AGO**. Many of you may remember Richard as one of our former deans (2005-2007). He is moving back to Lexington after living in Virginia and more recently in Maysville. Welcome home, Richard!



**Jerry Martin** sends **greetings from Portsmouth, OH**. "I do miss the Lexington organ crew. However, I have been making some music in quarantine. Here is my latest addition. <https://tinyurl.com/y4u4hssp> Best wishes to everyone in the Lex AGO!" Check out Jerry's YouTube link for a beautiful rendition of Bach's Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 550.



If you have any member news that you would like to report, please email it to Jane Johnson: [jhjohn@email.uky.edu](mailto:jhjohn@email.uky.edu)



**by Dr. Ted Gentry, Lexington AGO Chapter Historian**

The first meeting of the AGO's Lexington Chapter was held on Sunday afternoon, February 25, 1945, at Central Christian Church. World War II was still raging. In fact, on that particular day, Allied forces captured the wealthy city of Düren, Germany.

Our chapter began with fifteen members. Officers elected at that inaugural meeting were Mrs. Lela W. Cullis, dean; Mrs. Earl T. Bryant, sub dean; Perry G. Parrigin, secretary; Mr. B. A. Cheek, treasurer; and Mrs. Eleanor Brogle Knox, auditor. At the second meeting on April 8, the treasurer reported that the treasury had a balance of \$29.75. By June, the balance had dropped to \$22.50. Discussions at early meetings focused on wedding fees (no decision), as well as the "problems pertaining to organists and to choir directors." Seventy-five years later, we're still discussing those issues!

Significantly, the first chapter dinner was held at the Lafayette Hotel on May 8. That was V-E Day; therefore, much of Europe and North America were ecstatically celebrating victory. Curiously, no mention of the celebration was mentioned in the minutes, but the ongoing perennial problem of wedding fees was duly noted by the chapter secretary.





## A Virtual Concert Series for our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year

During this time of social isolation many of us are sorely missing live organ performances. There's no better time to start up a virtual concert series! Every month during our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary program year we'll present a set of video links of organ performances selected according to a theme. The kickoff theme for September is "Celebration". Thank you to our Education Committee for their submissions of this festive music! All videos are freely available to watch on YouTube.

In upcoming months we welcome submissions from our chapter. October's themes are "Autumn" and "PipeScreams". These will be pieces you probably haven't heard during a worship service! Please send your submissions for the October newsletter to Lynn Vera at [LynnVera@ymail.com](mailto:LynnVera@ymail.com) (yes, it's ymail, not gmail!)

And now, let the concert begin!

### ~ CELEBRATION ~

**"Fanfare"** by **Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens**, performed by **Timothy Coriddi**

Marshall & Ogletree Opus 10 at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Wheeling, WV

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FosLwsT0YWg>

**"Trumpet Tune in G"** by **Jeremy Bankson**, performed by **Mark Pace**

First Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, TN

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VryoKfvz1wQ>

**"Festal Flourish"** by **Gordon Jacob**, performed by **Frederick Swann**

M.P. Moller organs (Chancel & Gallery) at Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7-yAQ4eque0>

**"Fête"** by **Jean Langlais**, performed by **Christopher Young**

2010 dedication of the Seward Organ [2008 C.B. Fisk] in Auer Hall at Indiana University

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8gWPI-kMMJs>

# Concerts

## GREAT MUSIC

at Christ Church Cathedral

September-October 2020



### Evensongs

*Digital Presentations*

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020**

4:00pm with the Cathedral Choir



### Concert

*Digital Presentation*

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020**

4:00pm

Concert with Katharine Dain, soprano



*Please visit our website [www.ccclex.org/music](http://www.ccclex.org/music) for more information on the Cathedral Choir, Great Music Series, and Friends of Cathedral Music.*

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# Campbellsville University

13th Annual Noon Organ Recital Series

2020-2021

## ANNOUNCEMENT:

*The Noon Organ Recitals on October 13 and November 3 have been cancelled, as the chapel is being used as a classroom this Fall to accommodate physical distancing.*

**February 2**..... Our Lady of Perpetual Help

*Marcelo Giannini*

Organist, Temple of Carouge  
Professor, Haute École de Musique  
Geneva, Switzerland

There will also be an Evening Recital in Ransdell Chapel at 8:00 p.m.

**March 2**.....Ransdell Chapel

*Colleen Ames*

Organist, Memorial Methodist Church, Elizabethtown  
Our Lady of the Hills Catholic Church, Finley

**April 13**.....Ransdell Chapel

*Wesley Roberts*

Professor of Music  
with Faculty from the School of Music  
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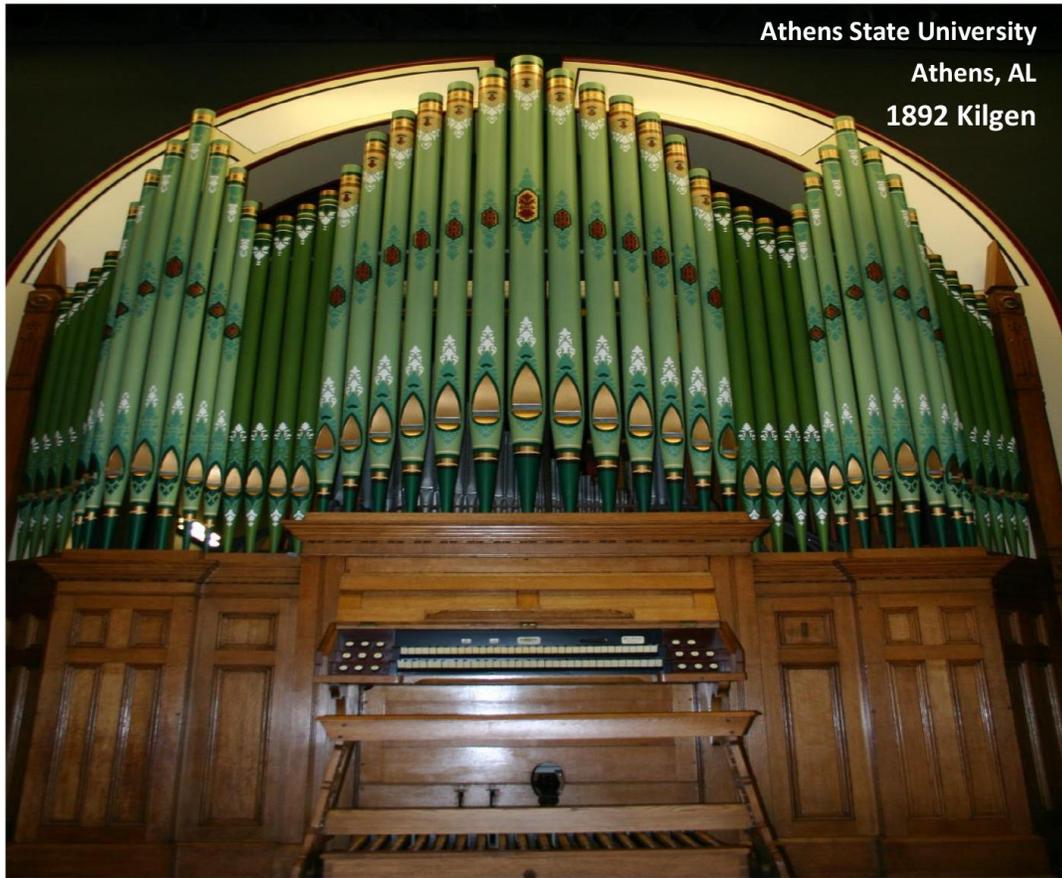
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at Christ Church Cathedral



## Evensongs

*Digital Presentations*

Sunday, September 20, 2020

Sunday, October 11, 2020

*All Souls Evensong*

Sunday, November 1, 2020

4:00pm

The Cathedral Choir

## Concerts

*Digital Presentations*

Sunday, October 18, 2020

4:00pm

Concert with Katharine Dain, soprano



Sunday, November 15, 2020

4:00pm

Organ Concert with Maxine Thévenot

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