

Principal Pipings

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Dean's Message

Hello AGO Friends,

Another AGO year is almost in the books! We will close out the season with a picnic social on Saturday, June 11th, at which time the officers for 2022-24 will be installed. There will also be several tables of organ music donated by some past members, all FREE for the taking! At last count we had 16 boxes of newly-donated scores, plus several boxes that we have stored since last year. We would love it if all these pieces could find new homes. So please plan to bring a chair, your favorite pot-luck dish, and come join your AGO friends at Walnut Hill Church as we say hello to summer.

Your Executive Committee has come up with some fantastic programming ideas for 2022-23. We are finalizing these arrangements with workshop presenters and recitalists, as well as finding some good venues for the social events we all love. We hope to have a complete schedule of events ready for the summer newsletter, which should come out in late July/early August.

Many of you have dues that are due sometime in the summer. You won't want to miss out on our activities, so when you receive the dues renewal notice from AGO national, please don't delay—renew right then so you won't forget.

Thank you all for your support of Lexington AGO this past year. I am so happy to be serving as your dean for the next two years, and hope that we can continue to be a great resource for our membership.

Jane

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, June 11, 2022; 11:00 am	Installation Service and luncheon, Walnut Hill Church, Lexington
Sunday, June 12, 2022; 3:00 pm	Grant Holcomb, organ, followed by Evensong, Episcopal Church of The Good Shepherd, Lexington
Sunday, July 3, 2022; 4:00 pm	Brass and Organ Concert, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington

OFFICER INSTALLATION AND POTLUCK LUNCH—JUNE 11TH

Join us on the beautiful grounds of Walnut Hill Church, 575 Walnut Hill Road in Lexington, for a potluck luncheon and installation of officers for 2022-24. We will begin congregating at 11 am for socializing and browsing many tables of FREE music donated by some of our members. Of special interest will be about 16 boxes of organ scores donated recently by Dan Uhl.

We'll plan to eat around noon, with the installation of officers taking place after lunch. The chapter will supply meat and drinks along with plates, cups and utensils. So plan to bring your favorite potluck offering and a chair and come celebrate the beginning of summer with your AGO friends!

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 2022-24

Executive Secretary Grant Holcomb reports that the following nominated candidates were unanimously elected to serve the Lexington chapter AGO for 2022-24:

Jane Johnson, Dean

Brian Hunt, Sub-Den

Grant Holcomb, Executive Secretary

Anna Pan, Treasurer and Registrar

Clif Cason, Member-at-Large (Class of 2025)

The Executive Committee also includes the following Members-at-Large:

Gabrielle Manion (Class of 2023)

Gwen Frazier (Class of 2024)

Our thanks to Maria LeRose-Herndon for her service as a Member-at-Large, class of 2022.

MEET A MEMBER by Ted Gentry, Lexington AGO Historian



Betsy Steiner has been a loyal AGO member since the 1950s. She has served in many official offices in the Lexington chapter, including two terms as Dean in 1962-64 and 1971-72. Betsy began her organ studies at the age of 15. Past organ positions include First Presbyterian of Paris, and, most recently, the Episcopal Church of the Advent in Cynthiana. Though many of us value Betsy's fine musical skills, many younger members of our chapter may not know that she is an ordained Presbyterian minister and that she has pastored three churches in Scott County. When asked what advice she would like to give young aspiring organists she said, "Practice and become familiar with the instrument. Above all, develop your sight reading ability."

POSITION AVAILABLE

Organist - Part-time

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- Provide organ music weekly for Sunday morning service, mid-week services (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week), and for weddings and funerals.
 - Music selections made by the Pastor.
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Contact Information

Questions? Interested? Email: todd.trivisonno@gmail.com

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SUBSTITUTE NEEDED

Hunter Presbyterian Church in Lexington is in need of an organist for their 11:00 Sunday services on August 7 and 14. You would be responsible for a prelude, offertory, postlude, and 2-3 congregational hymns (plus communion music on the 7th). The choir will not be in session at this time. Compensation is \$125 per service. If you are interested please contact Allen Fletcher, the current organist, at allen.fletcher23@yahoo.com.

MAY RECITAL ROUNDUP

With so many programs having to be postponed in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid-19, we had a rescheduled plethora of riches last month. Janette Fishell presented the pre-Evensong recital at Church of the Good Shepherd (and unfortunately we didn't get any photos), Katie Minion Scheetz gave a recital at Christ Church Cathedral, and Alan Morrison performed a brilliant program at Cathedral of Christ the King. In addition, Grant Holcomb gave the pre-Evensong recital at Christ Church Cathedral. We hope you were able to attend one or more of these wonderful events!



Above: Katie Minion Scheetz at Christ Church Cathedral;
Below: Robert Whitaker, organ builder Randall Dyer, Gabrielle Manion, recitalist Alan Morrison, and Brian Hunt at Cathedral of Christ the King.

Facing Page: Alan Morrison at the console of the Dyer organ at Cathedral of Christ the King.

Photo credits: Lynn Vera, Lisa Hall, Jane Johnson





MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to **Larry Sharp**, who has recently been elected to serve as the Great Lakes Region Councillor for AGO National! Great Lakes Region covers the states of Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio. We will be well-represented with our former Dean at the helm. Larry also has a new email address: larryb.sharp@icloud.com.

Bill Webber also has a new email address: williamawebberiv@gmail.com.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

We welcome **Charles Baker**, who has transferred to Lexington AGO from the Durham-Chapel Hill Chapter in North Carolina. In returning to Lexington, Charles says, "I look forward to participating in Chapter events and meeting fellow Guild members. My church home will be St. Michael Episcopal, where I will return to my old place amongst the choir. And my dear friend Ruth Witt will be so kind as to allow me to play an occasional voluntary (my fave thing is to improvise on Gregorian melodies during communion)." Charles' email is chasebaker001@gmail.com.

ORGAN NEWS

The pipe organ removal at Central Christian Church in Lexington has begun! The Holtkamp Organ Company will be performing a full renovation and enhancement of the 1960 Holtkamp instrument. At right, Chris Holtkamp removes pipes from the Choir Division. Below, more Choir Division pipes packed for transport.



COMING EVENTS

GREAT MUSIC

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SUNDAY, JULY 3
4:00pm

CATHEDRAL ORGANISTS
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Jeff Barrington, *trumpet*
Abby Temple, *trumpet*
Sherry Baker, *horn*
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November 7

May 22



Friday, December 3

7:30pm George Frideric Handel's *Messiah*

Part 1 and Hallelujah Chorus

with the Cathedral Choir

For ticket reservations visit

www.ccclex.org/messiah



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*

with the Cathedral Choir



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