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A note on *community* . . .

We recently attended a workshop led by Jennaya Robison on "Building Belonging: The Church Music Director's Role in Community and Connection." Dr. Robison is the Artistic Director of the National Lutheran Choir. She posed the question, "Why do people join a choir?"



People join a choir to belong to a *community*. And what a community a choir can be! Studies have shown that when singers are breathing in sync while rehearsing or performing, their heartbeats also become synced, as though the group has become one big human organism.

We all need community and belonging--so don't miss an opportunity to connect with your AGO community! YOU are a vital part of this organ-loving organism! Our first chance this year to get together will be Friday, August 22, for an evening of fellowship and food. See you then!

- Michael & Nancy

Alas for those that never sing, but die with all their music in them!
- Oliver Wendell Holmes
(American physician, poet, and author, 1809-1894)



UPCOMING AGO EVENTS

Friday, August 22, 7:00pm - Potluck AGOLex Dinner, 536 Sayre Ave, Lexington, KY 40508

Plan to attend for fun & fellowship! Bring a side dish or dessert - the entree will be provided. More details to follow by email or text.

Sunday, September 21 through Sunday, September 28: "In One A-Chord":

Lexington Sacred Music Festival, in celebration of Lexington's 250th anniversary - various locations



- October (TBD) Silent Film with organ accompaniment a joint program with the Bluegrass Chapter, American Theatre Organ Society (BGATOS)
- Saturday, February 14, 2026 Lunch and Masterclass with Huw Lewis, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington
- Sunday, February 15, 2026 Huw Lewis concert, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington
- March 2026 (TBD) Members Recital, First Presbyterian Church, Lexington
- Saturday, May 2, 2026 Organ/Choir Festival, Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

Amadeus Lex: "Pastoral Sounds":

Friday, August 15, 7:00 p.m. - First Christian Church, Berea Sunday, August 17, 3:00 p.m. - Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church With guest harpist Yonca Atar and guest flutist Gözde Ramsey; Co-Artistic Directors Madeline Rogers and Jonathan Crosmer amadeuslex

Sunday, September 14, 11:00 a.m. - Troy Presbyterian Church 150th Year of Ministry Celebration - 11021 Troy Pike, Versailles, KY 40383 <u>troychurchky.org</u>

Sunday, September 21 - Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington

(Lex250, In One A-Chord Festival)

3:30pm - Concert: Schuyler Robinson, organ

4:00pm - Evensong with the Cathedral Choir

Amadeus Lex: "Suite Hébraïque":

Saturday, October 4, 7:00 p.m. - Carrick Theater, Transylvania University Sunday, October 5, 3:00 p.m. - First United Methodist Church, Frankfort Monday, October 6, 7:00 p.m. - Union Church, Berea

Sunday, October 12, 5:00pm - Lexington Chamber Chorale
Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington
"How Can I Keep from Singing: Let's Celebrate Our 35 Years"
http://lexingtonchamberchorale.org/

Sunday, October 19 - Christ Church Cathedral

3:30pm - Concert: Scott Wright, clarinet

4:00pm - Evensong with the Cathedral Choir

Sunday, November 2 (All Saints' Day) - Christ Church Cathedral

3:30pm - Concert - Rachel Renee Miller, harp

4:00pm - All Souls Evensong with the Cathedral Choir

Sunday, November 30, 5:00pm - Lexington Chamber Chorale Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington "How Can I Keep from Singing: Sound of the Season" http://lexingtonchamberchorale.org/

Friday, December 5 - Christ Church Cathedral

7:30pm - G.F. Handel's Messiah with Emily Albrink, *soprano*, Joseph Kingbury, *countertenor*, Samuel Powless, *tenor*, Craig Price, *bass* For ticket reservations, visit ccclex.org/messiah.

Sunday, December 7- Christ Church Cathedral 4:00pm - Blue Christmas with Pleasant Company

Sunday Evening, December 7 - (TBA) Kentucky Bach Choir Winter Concert kentuckybachchoir

Sunday, December 14 - Christ Church Cathedral

6:30pm - Organ Prelude

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

Sunday, December 21 - Christ Church Cathedral

4:00pm - Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols* with the Cathedral Girls Choir, Rachel Renee Miller, harp

Amadeus Lex: "Souvenir de Florence":

Friday, January 9, 7:00 p.m. - St Raphael Episcopal Church, Lexington Saturday, January 10, 7:00 p.m. - St Mark Catholic Church, Richmond



MEMBER NEWS

THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATED ...

Our chapter collected \$800 in donations to help with replacing music and instruments at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Somerset. May's tornado all but destroyed the church building, including the organ, baby grand piano, and hymnals. We received this note from AGOLex chapter member Marcia Moser, organist at Our Redeemer:

Dear AGO friends,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to our church as we recover from the tornado. Your thoughtfulness blessed my heart and the hearts of church members as the announcement of your gift was made.

With much appreciation, Marcia Moser

CONGRATULATIONS...



Lexington Chapter AGO member Vicki Bell has been named Co-Artistic Director of the Kentucky Bach Choir, along with Stephen Bolster, former Professor of Music at Berea College. In a joint statement, Drs. Bell and Bolster shared their enthusiasm regarding their new roles: "As long-term conductors, college/university music educators, church musicians, collaborators, and personal friends, we are thrilled

with this opportunity to continue our work together in the company of this marvelous and talented ensemble of dedicated music professionals. We look forward to using our collective creative energies to produce quality performances." Read more: kentuckybachchoir

NEW HYMN TO CELEBRATE 150 YEARS OF MINISTRY . . .

On September 14, 2025, Troy Presbyterian Church will be celebrating their 150th year of ministry. The church has commissioned Lexington Chapter AGO member Hayden P. McNeal, Music Director and Organist, to compose a brand new hymn for the occasion. Brittany Cooper, a member of



the Chancel Choir, has written the lyrics, and Hayden has arranged the new hymn, entitled "God's



Love," for small chamber orchestra and organ. It will be premiered at the 11:00 a.m. worship on Sunday, September 14. Previous ministers of the church will also be there to speak. Hayden writes: "Hopefully we'll have a bit of a homecoming for the congregation as well as the choir, so previous members can come and join in a well known anthem."

Troy Presbyterian Church is located at 11021 Troy Pike, Versailles, KY, 40383.

CHAPTER MEMBERS ATTEND REGIONAL CONVENTIONS in June and July . . .

Lexington AGO chapter members Larry Sharp, Katelyn Emerson,

and Michael Bedford attended the



Fort Worth Regional AGO Convention. Katelyn was the opening recitalist for the event. Grant Holcomb attended the Phoenix Convention.



Larry Sharp, Katelyn Emerson, and Kentucky native Tony Thurman in Fort Worth

Grant Holcomb

REPORT FROM THE ATOS CONVENTION 2025 IN MILWAUKEE ...

Lexington AGO member William Webber attended the 2025 National Convention of The American Theatre Organ Society in July. After serving on the national board for two years, he was reelected for a second term, this time for three years. Bill received the largest number of votes of any candidate running this year. Here he is at the console of one of his favorite theatre pipe organ installations, the 3-manual eleven rank Robert Morton organ.



The convention featured some very fine pipe organs two of which are also pictured here. From British Organists Richard Hills and Simon Gledhill to American organists Walt Strony and David Wickerham, the performances on these beautiful instruments were superb. Next year's convention will be in Rochester, New York where a recently rebuilt Barton theatre pipe organ with 4 manuals and 23 ranks will be one of the featured organs.







The two organ consoles pictured here are the 5-manual 80-rank Wurlitzer at the Sanfilippo Estate in Barrington, Illinois and the 3-manual, 14-rank Barton at the Capitol Theatre for the Overture Center of the Arts in Madison, Wisconsin.



Capitol Theatre

If you have member news you would like to share in future editions of the newsletter, please contact Nancy Dunn at this email address or text to 859.333.0526 by the 20th of each month

MISCELLANY



THE AGO NATIONAL CONVENTION ...

... will be in St Louis next summer! Only 4 hours, 59 minutes away from Lexington!

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR AGO DUES?

If you haven't yet paid your dues, or can't remember if you've paid them, or want to find out when they are due, go here: <u>AGO sign in</u>.

If you require assistance with your membership, or experience difficulties with the iMIS system, call (212) 870-2310 during business hours, or email info@agohq.org.

If you prefer to be a Chapter Friend rather than a member, please send a check for \$40 made out to **Lexington Chapter AGO** to: Brian Hunt (Treasurer), 1008 Claiborne Way, Lexington, KY 40517. Chapter Friends receive our monthly newsletter but are not eligible for AGO discounts and do not receive *The American Organist* magazine.



JOB OPENINGS

Beaumont Presbyterian Church, Lexington: Organist

One Sunday service at 11:00 with choral rehearsal preceding.

Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday, and other occasional services.

Wednesday evening choral rehearsal.

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Submit resume to: <u>beaumont@bpclex.org</u> (please put "organist" in the subject line)

or mail to: Wayne Gebb

Minister of Music

Beaumont Presbyterian Church

1070 Lane Allen Road Lexington, KY 40504

[posted 6/1/25]

Church of the Holy Trinity (Episcopal), Georgetown:

Holy Trinity in Georgetown, Kentucky, is looking for someone to play the organ at our 10:30am Sunday Services and any special services throughout the year. More details can be found in the full description below. Compensation will be commensurate with experience and ability.

Please direct inquiries to office@holytrinitygt.org.

full description

[posted 5/1/25]

First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster:

Our church is searching for a part time **organist/pianist** starting immediately. This position is for Sunday worship and special events. Pay is negotiable. Musicians will have the option of playing a 2 manual pipe organ or a baby grand piano.

Interested parties may contact Donna Powell <u>dmpowell44@roadrunner.com</u> or Kitty Barsotti@windstream.net

[posted 9/1/24]

JOB OPENINGS, Continued

Holy Trinity Church (Catholic), Springfield:

Holy Trinity Church, a Catholic parish near Bardstown, Kentucky, is looking for someone who could play organ for any or all of our weekend Masses at 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. Sundays, and/or 11:00 a.m. Sundays. The expectation would be for hymns appropriate for the church season (one for the procession in, one at the offertory, one for communion, and one for the recessional). Additionally there would be some simple Mass parts sung by the congregation or cantors. Compensation is negotiable. For more information, please contact:

Fr. Augustine Judd, O.P Pastoral Administrator Holy Trinity Catholic Church 306 Fredericktown Road Springfield, KY 40069 htr@bardstown.com 859-284-5242

[posted 4/1/25]

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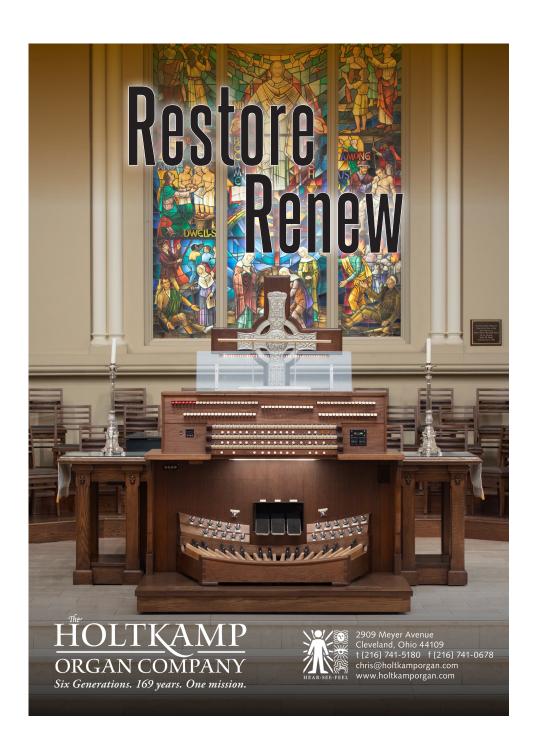
The Boys and Girls Choirs follow a dedicated curriculum, promoting excellence in church music through its graduated standards and educational materials.

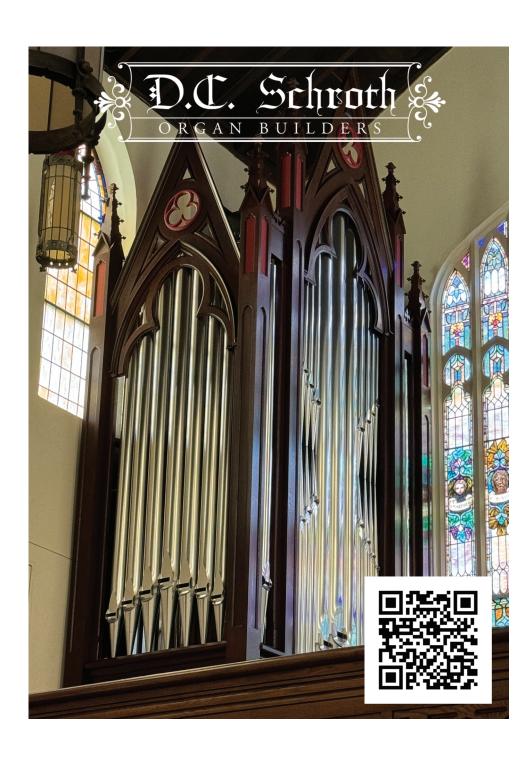
Choir is open to children of all faiths, for girls, ages 8-17, and boys, ages 8 through voice change. No previous training required.

For more information on our choirs, visit ccclex.org/choirs or contact Associate Choirmaster, Kathleen Balling at kballing@ccclex.org.



Our choirs were featured in "Off the Beaten Path" with Sam Dick on the choirs' special connection to England. Click here to view the video.







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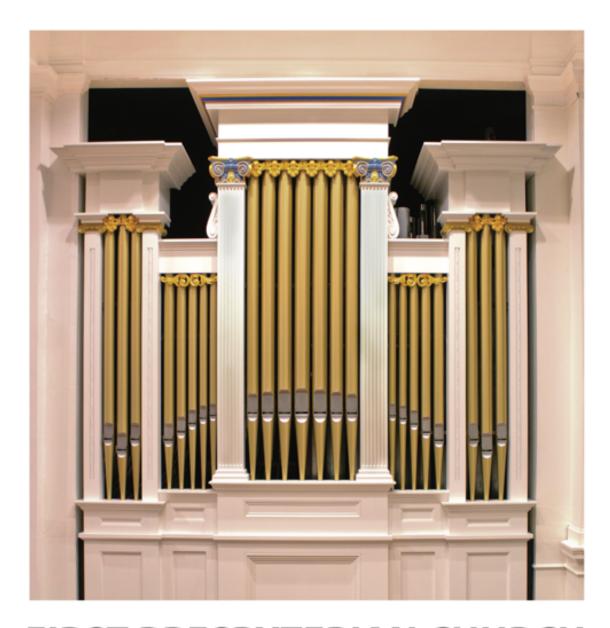


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Study Shows Frequent Sex Enhances Pregnancy Chances

Lane County will spend up to \$250,000 this year publicizing its tight financial picture, in hopes that voters in November will approve higher taxes for public-safety corrected.

services.

It's an amount for county spending on publicity that has been unparalleled in at least the past 10 years. And it illustrates the seriousness of the effort to normally across

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