

CHATTANOOGA CHAPTER

American Guild of Organists

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American Guild of Organists: Mission and Vision

The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to foster a thriving community of musicians who share their knowledge and inspire passion for the organ.

The vision of the American Guild of Organists is to engage, support, and uplift every organist.

The American Guild of Organist website: <https://www.agohq.org/>

Second Annual Progressive Dinner and Organ “Crawl”

Our first monthly event of the 2016-2017 program year is upon us!
Please join us on **Monday, September 26th at 6:00 p.m.** for our 2nd Annual Progressive Dinner and Organ “Crawl.”



The evening’s schedule will be as follows:

6:00 p.m. Appetizers and program at the Basilica of St. Peter and St. Paul (214 E. 8th St. Chattanooga, TN)

6:45 p.m. Entrée and program at First-Centenary UMC (419 McCallie Ave. Chattanooga, TN)



7:30 p.m. Program and dessert at Christ Episcopal Church (663 Douglas St. Chattanooga, TN)
The cost for this event is \$15.00 per person. Please RSVP by September 19th to program@agochattanooga.org.

From the Dean

Greetings, Chattanooga AGO members! Welcome to another exciting program year! We have so many wonderful events planned for the next nine months, and I sincerely hope that you will make every effort to attend and support these events.

I'd like to point out something new our Executive Board is working on this year. Every member of our Chattanooga chapter now has an Executive Board point-of-contact assigned to them to assist them in any way possible, e.g. renewing/changing membership, event reminders, give/receive feedback, navigate chapter or national email or website, etc. You will be receiving a phone call and/or email from your executive board point of contact very soon, if you haven't already. If you'd like to know who your point-of-contact is, please email me (sarahharr@ymail.com) and I will send you their contact info. Please keep this information handy throughout the year and feel free to contact your Executive Board representative for any reason. We want to help you get involved and stay involved!

AGO Chattanooga Website Updates:

If you haven't seen our website lately, take a moment to check it out:
www.agochattanooga.org.

Our new publicity chairperson, Tristen Rowland, is dedicated to keeping our website up-to-date, so please let him know if you would like to be added/removed from the substitute list or professional directory, if you have an available position to advertise, or if you would like to provide any feedback to help improve our website.

You will notice that our member directory has been removed from our website. The reason for this is two-fold. First, we are concerned for the privacy of our members and would like to have more control over who has access to our private member information. Second, since AGO national headquarters is keeping track of all our member information via ONCARD, it is now possible for us to pull a database of our current member information in real time, which is a more comprehensive and up-to-date option. If at any time you would like a PDF of our current member directory, please email your request to news@agochattanooga.org and it will promptly be emailed to you. Also, please let Tristen know if you are not receiving email announcements from the chapter. We want to keep you in the loop! Tristen's email is tristenparker123@yahoo.com and he'd love to hear from you!

Blessings to each of you as we look forward to an exciting program year!

Sarah Harr, DMA, FAGO

Available Positions

The Church of the Nativity (Episcopal) in Fort Oglethorpe, GA is seeking a part-time organist/choirmaster to direct the music program of the church. Approximately 10-12 hours per week average, which includes weekly planning/administration as well as personal practice time and preparation for choir rehearsal and worship service. High holy days and holy week will require additional time. The qualified candidate will have, preferably, at least two years of experience as a church organist/musician and choir director. Professional training on the pipe organ is required. The organist/choirmaster will provide suitable organ and choral music for the Sunday morning worship service, and will be responsible for preparing the choir to lead in worship, including a Sunday afternoon post-service rehearsal. The person chosen for this position will be an integral member of the liturgical team led by the rector. The position is accountable to the rector of the church. Salary is negotiable based upon experience. Please submit inquiries and application materials to Rev. Lori Fehr at ltfehr@gmail.com.

If you have an available position you'd like to advertise, please send the job description to news@agochattanooga.org.

Congratulations to our own Sarah Harr, FAGO

As last year's chapter education coordinator, it was my great pleasure to facilitate the certification exams for Georgia, here in Atlanta. With the able help of Rachel Ficklin, *proctor*, and David Brensinger and Russell Meyer, judges for the playing portions, the exams were conducted on May 26 & 27. There were two candidates. Happily, they both successfully earned their FAGO certification and will be formally announced in the October issue of *The American Organist*. They were two out of six successful candidates nationally in 2016 who achieved the guild's highest distinction. Thus, the Atlanta examination center can doubly celebrate.

Brian Parks (MA, FAGO) has served as Organist and Associate Director of Music at First United Methodist Church in Marietta since August 2015. For the previous seven years, he was director of music at First Church of Christ, Congregational (UCC) in Suffield CT (2012-2015), and Higganum Congregational Church (2008-2012), and Teacher of Harpsichord at Wesleyan University. **Dr. Sarah Harr** is currently on faculty at Cleveland State Community College in Cleveland, TN. She serves as the Dean of the Chattanooga AGO chapter and has a private organ studio in Chattanooga. You can read more about them and their careers in *The American Organist*. Congratulations to these two highly accomplished organists for their excellence and dedication to their profession and the guild. These esteemed new Fellows are also fine, collegial people; it was a pleasure and privilege to be the exam center coordinator for their pinnacle examinations. – Sue Mitchell-Wallace

Upcoming Information

Beginning in September, the Leadership Program for Musicians will be offering the Liturgy and Music course online! Details can be found at www.lpm-online.org. Additional online courses will be offered next year. For more information, please contact Sue Mitchell-Wallace: smw30076@bellsouth.net.



Leadership Program
for Musicians

Financial Report for 2015-16

Financial Report for 2015-2016

by Virginia Marion, Treasurer

INCOME

Dues, Local	\$1,811.00
Dinner Income	\$733.00
Workshop Income	\$440.00
Donation	<u>\$30.00</u>
Total Income	\$3,014.00

EXPENSES

Catering	\$1,648.78
Honoraria & Travel	\$718.80
Room rentals & Sexton	\$400.00
Software & Website	\$169.99
Supplies & Copying	\$97.06
Gifts and Prizes	<u>\$185.46</u>
Total Expenses	\$3,220.09
Net for the year	\$ (206.09)

CURRENT CHECKING BALANCE (as of 8/31/16):	\$2,909.45
INVESTMENT BALANCE (as of 8/24/16)	<u>\$26,438.90</u>
TOTAL WORTH:	\$29,348.35

What's to come!

2nd Annual Halloween-themed "Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza"

Monday, October 24, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 630
Mississippi Ave., Signal Mountain, TN
37377**

All school-age children are cordially invited to celebrate Halloween and the spooky sounds of the pipe organ with the Chattanooga AGO chapter at our second annual "Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza" event. Join us at 6:00 p.m. for pizza, Halloween candy, and an indoor music-themed Trunk or Treat. Chattanooga AGO members and friends, dressed in their Halloween costumes, will then present an organ demonstration and a brief musical program of their spookiest selections. Prizes will be awarded for best costume in all age categories, so please dress festively! The cost for this program is \$5.00 per person. Please RSVP to program@agochattanooga.org no later than Wednesday, October 19, so we can have enough food and candy for everyone. Flyers for this event will be available at our September 26 monthly event. Please pick up several copies to display at your church, school, or business. Thanks for helping us spread the word!

Chattanooga AGO Music Sale

We are currently accepting donations of organ, piano, instrumental, vocal, sacred, classical, and any other music editions you have and are no longer using for an upcoming Music Sale. All proceeds from this sale will benefit a future organ scholarship fund. If you would like to make a donation or volunteer to coordinate the Music Sale, please call or email Sarah Harr to coordinate a pick up/drop off day and time. Please consider making a donation to help us establish a scholarship fund for future organ students to pursue their educational and professional goals. Thank you!

Program Year 2016-17

September 26 – Progressive Dinner and Organ Crawl, \$15/person, reservation required by Sept. 19 to program@agochattanooga.org

An opportunity to experience the instrument at three of our local congregations, as well as fellowship with the chapter! The evening's schedule will be as follows:

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6:45 p.m. Entree and program at First-Centenary United Methodist Church (419 McCallie Avenue, downtown Chattanooga).

7:30 p.m. Program and Dessert at Christ Episcopal Church (663 Douglas Street, downtown Chattanooga).

October 24 – Halloween-themed “Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza” Spooktacular

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 630 Mississippi Ave., Signal Mountain

This program of introduction of the organ to students of all ages. Members are encouraged to attend and to participate in the various needs of the program.

6:30 pm Meal

7:00 Program

\$5 per person (reservation required)

November 14 – Elizabeth Smith of Lois Fyfe Music, Nashville, TN

Presentation on choral music resources for all size choirs with a focus on the upcoming calendar of January through Easter.

Covenant Presbyterian Church, 8451 East Brainerd Rd., Chattanooga

6:00 pm Chapter meal and fellowship at a local restaurant TBA

7:30 pm Program

January 30 – Student Recital

Brainerd United Methodist Church, 4315 Brainerd Rd., Chattanooga

7:00 PM

Followed by a reception

In conjunction with the January 30 student recital, the chapter will promote “Student Musician Sunday” on January 29th. We encourage all chapter members to seek out local student talent to participate in worship that Sunday.

Program Year 2016-17 Continued

February 16 – Katelyn Emerson, AGO 2016 NYACOP winner

AGO will sponsor workshop with Katelyn on Thursday evening entitled "Registering historic organ works on contemporary American organs"

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 305 W. Seventh St., Chattanooga 6:30 pm

7:45 pm Chapter meal and fellowship at a local restaurant TBA

St. Paul's will sponsor Katelyn in a recital the following evening, Friday, February 17.

April 24 – Dr. Calvert Johnson Narrated recital on Minority Composers

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 211 Franklin Rd. at Scenic Highway, Lookout Mountain

7:00 pm

A reception will follow.

May 22 – Banquet, elections and chapter service. \$15/person, reservation required

First Lutheran Church, 2800 McCallie Ave., Chattanooga

6:30 pm

Looking Ahead!

5th Sundays usually occur four times a year and are ideal times for out-of-the-ordinary events. The first 5th Sunday of 2017 is Jan. 29th. (a "low" Sunday) and we are encouraging all members to support and promote a "Student Sunday" that day. The idea is for as many organists as can share the bench with a young person who has interest/talent in organ playing. The student can play a single piece to an entire service depending on their ability/familiarity with each individual worship service. With enough participation across the chapter we can get good media coverage and highlight the guild's outreach to the next generation. A note in the parish newsletter would be a great way to begin developing prospects for this event. Anyone needing assistance with training/coaching a prospective player is welcomed to contact the board for further help. If you are willing to join in this effort, please contact Jim Bailiff and let him know as he will begin a registry of participating churches and start the publicity process with the Times/Free Press. We are all keenly aware how busy the last quarter of the year can be for a church musician, so this ninth month is a great time to get this going. – Jim Bailiff

FREE Hammond Organ to a good home!

Annette White, a member of First Baptist Church (Chattanooga) has a Hammond organ at her home on Lookout Mountain. She is offering it for free to anyone who would like to have it and is willing to pick it up. It works well and would make a nice practice instrument. Her phone number is 423-240-8748.





Upcoming Events at Sewanee

Choral Evensong with the University Choir

University of the South (All Saints' Chapel), Sunday September 25 at 4 pm
University Choir, Geoffrey Ward, University Organist and Choirmaster & William Stokes, Assistant Organist

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Catherine Rodland, Organ Recital

University of the South (All Saints' Chapel), Friday November 18 at 7:30 pm

There will be a reception following the recital at the Alumni House.

Masterclass on Saturday November 19 10 am to noon with students from Nashville and Chattanooga.