

# The Chattanooga Organ

American Guild of Organists

*Soli Deo Gloria*



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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/>



## Chapter Member Checkup!

Okay, the new program year has begun! Time to reflect, assess, appreciate, and prepare! What have you done, so far, to make a difference in our chapter? We want to hear from you!

**Please** take a moment to call or email your designated board liaison and share what you've done or what you plan to do to help. We want to know what is working well, what doesn't work, and what specific ideas you have in order to help to grow our chapter and share the benefits of our organization with the Chattanooga area. Again, here are some of our ideas to give you some inspiration:

### Share your time:

- shop for food, decorations, or reception supplies to help prepare for an upcoming program
- serve on a committee (e.g. investment, hospitality, etc.)
- host a monthly program or a board/committee meeting at your church or your home
- call fellow chapter members to see how they're doing and invite them to programs

### Share your talents:

- cook or bake a special food item to serve at our next event
- participate in a program as an organist, accompanist, presenter, etc.
- design a graphic for a particular event or create the printed program
- share your expertise

### Share your financial resources:

- sponsor a guest recitalist yourself, as a group, or with your business
- support a young organist by paying for one month, six months, or a year of organ lessons
- donate to our endowment fund or our scholarship fund in honor or in memory of someone special

Moving forward, we will be highlighting your stories and ideas in our monthly newsletter, and we would like to recognize you for your efforts by treating you to supper at our next event or cover the cost of admission. It's the least we can do! Remember – **teamwork makes the dream work!**

– Sarah Harr

## What a wonderful opening program!



Many thanks to all who had a part in last month's 2019 - 2020 kick-off. It was a stellar evening and gave us a chance to hear (and play) the newly redone Ruffatti/Allen organ at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Our special thanks to Bruce Clark - who not only hosted us but prepared the delicious meal before the program and then played on the instrument he helped design. Appreciation is also extended to our performers and their helpers and to Jeff Scofield for organizing the event.

This month our program will be of special interest to all church musicians preparing for the upcoming Advent/Christmas/Epiphany season. Elizabeth Smith from Lois Fyfe Music (Nashville) will lead a choral reading session and play selected organ works suitable for churches with limited numbers (small/medium size choirs, instruments of moderate resources). The chapter is encouraged to attend and bring another church musician with you (organist/choirmaster/minister/section leader) to discover some new and "new-to-you" music. Music packets and multiple copies of selected pieces will be available for purchase at the conclusion of the evening. As an added "sweetener" we are asking members to bring a favorite holiday treat (cookies/finger food AND the recipe) to share at a reception after the reading session is finished. We thank Jeff Scofield and the Brainerd United Methodist Church for hosting this month's event, 10/22/19 @7p in the church sanctuary. One personal word - we just learned of the passing of member Tom Shields' mother. Our thoughts and prayers extend to Tom and his family.

Since I never wish anyone a "fall" - Happy Autumn you all!

— Jim Bailiff, dean

## 2019-2020 Program Calendar

Event	Date	Location
Music Sharing (choral and organ) and Christmas Cookie Exchange	<b>October 22, 7:00 p.m.</b> (Dinner out with Elizabeth Smith beforehand – location TBD)	Brainerd UMC
David Stultz, RCYO chapter competition winner	<b>November 18, 7:00 p.m.</b>	Christ Episcopal Church
Small Group Events	<b>January</b>	
Student Recital	<b>February 18, 7:00 p.m.</b>	First Christian Church
Nathan Laube Recital & Masterclass	<b>March 30,</b> <b>10:00 a.m. (Masterclass);</b> <b>March 31, 7:00 p.m. (Recital)</b>	Southern
End of Program Year Picnic	<b>May 16, 5:00 p.m.</b>	Jim's house



### Series: Featured Small Groups

Our most recent small group model began in 2015, during my first year as dean of the Chattanooga Chapter. I had only lived in Chattanooga for about a year. My family became members of First-Centenary United Methodist Church shortly after our move, and I was intimidated by the sheer size of the congregation. Fortunately, a mutual friend invited us to her small group, and we all became instant close friends. I had that positive experience in mind when our AGO executive board began brainstorming the possibility of forming small groups within our chapter. At first, we based the groups solely on zip code, and assigned 6 to 10 members to each member of the executive board. As the years have passed, our small groups have continued, and they have morphed a bit. This year, we organized the small groups based on similar interests, proximity of age, mentorships, as well as geographic location.

What I love most about having small groups in our chapter is the support and accountability that come with them. It means so much when someone reaches out to me personally, whether over email, text, or with a phone call. Our board truly wants to connect with each of you and help you in any way we can. That means helping with membership renewals, soliciting available positions and placements, as well as lifting you up when you are celebrating personal or professional achievements or supporting you through a difficult time. Each member of the board serves as your liaison – sharing your thoughts, ideas, and opinions with the rest of the board, and further strengthening the communication between all of our members.

At the CSO, our staff frequently builds each other up by saying “Go Team!” or “Teamwork makes the dream work!” It sounds silly, but at the heart of it is mutual support. We support one another by bearing one another's burdens and celebrating each other's achievements. When one of us is feeling overwhelmed, the rest of the staff drops everything to help. We all do a little bit of everything, which helps us to feel valued and important. A great lesson to keep learning! I hope you are as excited about our upcoming program year as I am! We have lots to look forward to! Blessings, Sarah Harr, certification chair





# October Happenings

**Choral Arts presents "A Wound in the Water"**

Thursday, October 10, 7:30 p.m.  
Second Presbyterian Church

**Opera Tennessee presents Mozart's *Don Giovanni***

Friday, October 11, 7:00 p.m.  
923 Mississippi Avenue, 37405

**PrideMass**

Saturday, October 12, 5:30 p.m.  
Grace Episcopal Church

**The CSO presents "An Evening with Bernadette Peters"**

Saturday, October 12, 7:30 p.m.  
Tivoli Theatre

**Chattanooga Flute Choir, presented by the Chattanooga Music Club**

Sunday, October 13, 3:00 p.m.  
Christ Church Episcopal

**Yellow Dragon Productions presents "Three Viewings"**

October 18-27  
St. Luke's United Methodist Church

**David C. Huff Requiem**

Friday, October 18, 7:30 p.m.  
Chattanooga State Humanities Building

**Dali Quartet**

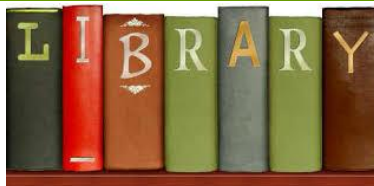
Friday, October 18, 7:30 p.m.  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church

**Chamber Music Recital**

Saturday, October 19, 3:00 p.m.  
Cadek Hall Auditorium


**Chattanooga Bach Choir: Cantata BWV 96 / Herr Christ, der einge Gottessohn**

Sunday, October 20, 5:00 p.m.  
Christ Episcopal Church



## **AGO Certification Materials Loan Library**

Several of our members are currently pursuing various levels of AGO certification. The repertoire for the exams no longer changes from year to year, however, sometimes it's difficult for students to find or afford the correct edition of music requested by the national AGO. If any of you currently own any of the music selections listed on the National AGO website ([www.agohq.org/certification](http://www.agohq.org/certification)), please email me and let me know if you're willing to loan it to someone preparing for an upcoming certification exam. Please share the list with your choir directors, as well, since there are several anthems on these lists. Let's support one another and encourage each other to pursue this challenging, yet very rewarding milestone! Thank you, Sarah ([sarahharr@ymail.com](mailto:sarahharr@ymail.com)).



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Save the Dates:  
Jan.31–Feb.2, 2020

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& Competition

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# CUMBERLAND @ 4 Concert series

Sept 15

BRUCE ALAN CLARK - ORGANIST

Sept 22

PAUL THOMAS - ORGANIST

Sept 29

DAVID STULTZ - ORGANIST

Oct 6

ETHAN MCGRATH - ORGANIST

Oct 13

INSPIRIT MEN'S CHORUS

Oct 20

DAVID FREIBERG - ORGANIST

Oct 27

JIM FRYE - ORGANIST

Nov 3

THE KING'S QUIRE

Nov 10

RACHAEL LODENKAMP - HAPIST

Nov 17

ASHTON FAMILY ENSEMBLE

Nov 24

JAIME JORGE - VIOLINIST

Dec 1

KIDS & VIOLINS

Dec 8

SCENIC CITY CHORALE

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church  
1505 N. MOORE RD 423-698-2556

## Available Positions

Please visit our chapter website for more details: [www.agochattanooga.org](http://www.agochattanooga.org) and select "Available Positions."

1. Part Time Music Director/Organist of Music Director and Organist, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Athens, TN
2. Part Time Director of Music Ministry: Rivermont Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Chattanooga, TN
3. Part Time Organist/Choirmaster, Central Christian Church, Murfreesboro, TN
4. Full Time Director of Music, Grace Lutheran Church, Clarksville, TN
5. Part Time Organist/Choirmaster, Christ Church Episcopal, South Pittsburg, TN
6. Part Time Director of Music, Pilgrim Congregational Church, Chattanooga, TN
7. Part Time Organist, Grace Episcopal Church, Chattanooga, TN

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