

The Bellows

Greater Lansing Chapter - AGO

November/December 2015

From the Dean

Barbara Hiranpradist

“Be who you are and be that well.” St. Francis de Sales



The weekend of October 9–11 with the National AGO Chaplain Don Saliers was quite energizing with hardy hymn singing, improvisation, and an in depth analysis of the purpose of the psalms in worship. We had a nice representation from our Chapter at the weekend events, and Edgewood United Church was most pleased that we attended their special presentation.

An entire session was devoted to the importance of the psalms in worship. I have noted a few of Don’s thoughts that reflect his dual positions as church musician and cleric.

- The psalms are integral to the Christian assembly at worship as well as essential for the individual’s devotional life and spirituality. They move from season to season and from age to age across multiple cultures as the on-going prayer of the church.
- Praying the psalms opens up every distinctive theme in Scripture: creation, covenant, sin, fear and anger, prophecy, messianic hope, trust, and the continuing desire for God.

Jeremy Tarrant, who hails from Haslett, performed a stunning recital on October 16 at the Plymouth Congregational Church. It was wonderful to see 13 of our Chapter members in attendance.



I look forward to seeing you at our November and December events! More information appears on page 2.

Regional Deans meeting at St. Thomas Aquinas in September.

Upcoming Chapter Events

November 15, 2:15–5 p.m.

Organ Crawl in Downtown Lansing
Meet at Christ Community Church

December 6, 7 p.m.

Holiday Party at Home of Bob Miller
2247 Burcham Drive, East Lansing

January 17, 1–3 p.m.

Winter Brunch at Tavern 109
109 E. Grand River, Williamston

February 29, 7 p.m.

Creative Hymn Playing
With Jeffrey Walker
Our Savior Lutheran Church, Lansing

March 5, All-Day Choral Workshop. Concert at 4 p.m.

“Requiem for the Living,” Dan Forrest
With Clinician Andrew Minear
Central United Methodist Church,
Lansing

April 24, 3 p.m.

Members Recital
Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansing

May 23, 6 p.m.

End-of-the-Year Banquet and
Retirement Tribute to Cecelia Costigan
St. Gerard Catholic Church, Lansing

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November 15 – Organ Tour: “Historic Buildings, Heroic Instruments”

Brian Fowler, Convener

Please join us on November 15, 2:15–5 p.m. for “Historic Buildings, Heroic Instruments” an organ tour in downtown Lansing. *Please note the start time is slightly earlier than listed on the 2015–2016 event brochure.*

Members are encouraged to invite friends, family, and church members. (See the announcement at right, which can be copied directly into church bulletins/newsletters.)

The tour will feature brief performances by GLC-AGO members, a recognition of veterans that will include the singing of a patriotic hymn, and the children’s presentation, “Rex, the King of Instruments.”

Members are needed as:

- Ushers for each venue.
- Guides (“to herd the cats”) from one venue to the next and to assist with those who need handicap access.

Please plan to meet at Christ Community Church by 1:45 p.m. for instructions and to familiarize yourself with the program route, etc.

Also needed are “fall decorated” cookies and other treats for the reception at Central United Methodist Church. We are planning to serve cider – hot and cold. The plan is based on a total audience of 150, so we are keeping it simple.

Please contact Brian Fowler at 517-974-4203 or bmforgans@aol.com to volunteer, or if you have any questions. Your help and participation are greatly appreciated!

December 6 – Holiday Party

On December 6, 7 p.m. the chapter’s holiday party will be held at the home of Bob Miller, 2247 Burcham Drive, East Lansing. Please bring an hors d’oeuvre or dessert to share, a white elephant gift to exchange, and your favorite Christmas music to play. We hope to see you there!

Roster Correction

Conrad L. Donakowski, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Michigan State University College of Music. Substitute organist, pianist, conductor and consultant in church music.

Announcement for Church Bulletin/Newsletter

Downtown Lansing Organ Tour

The Greater Lansing Chapter–American Guild of Organists is pleased to present “Historic Buildings, Heroic Instruments,” an organ tour in downtown Lansing on November 15, 2:15–5 p.m. The tour will include brief performances, a recognition of veterans at St. Mary’s Cathedral, and a demonstration for children plus refreshments at Central United Methodist Church. The public is welcome to follow the entire tour or may join at any of the stops. There is no admission.

Schedule

- 2:15 p.m. Christ Community Church, corner of Ionia & Capitol
- 3 p.m. St. Mary Catholic Cathedral, corner of Ionia & Seymour
- 3:45 p.m. St. Paul Episcopal Church, corner of Seymour & Ottawa
- 4:30 p.m. Central United Methodist Church, corner of Ottawa & Capitol

Please contact program facilitator Brian Fowler at bmforgans@aol.com or 517 974-4203 with any questions.

New GLC-AGO Members in 2015–2016

Kate Kent, Organist, Church of the Resurrection, Lansing

Lance Klamers, Associate Pastor, Hope Lutheran Church, DeWitt

Jeffrey Walker, Organist/
Choirmaster, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Lansing

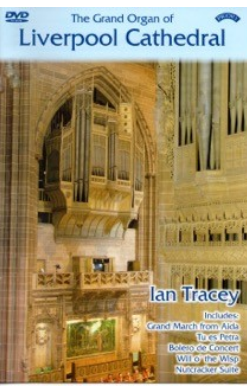
Recitals by GLC-AGO Member Jeffrey Walker

Jeffrey Walker, who was recently appointed as Organist/Choirmaster at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Lansing, will play recitals at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 218 West Ottawa St., Lansing, on November 8 at 3:30 p.m. and at Court Street United Methodist Church, 225 West Court St., Flint on November 15 at 3:30 p.m. The program will include works by Buxtehude, DeGrigny, Bach, Arnatt, Guilmant, and Jongen.

DVD Review

By Ed Corey

Looking ahead to Christmas, here is a gift suggestion for a friend or yourself: *The Grand Organ of Liverpool Cathedral*.



On the DVD, cathedral organist Professor Ian Tracey gives a great overview of the instrument and its stops plus several other sections.

At the time it was installed in the cathedral, this 5-manual, 164-stop organ was the largest musical instrument in the world. If I were to pick my favorite instrument this one would be near the top of the list.

The concert portion can be watched and listened to on the DVD. The sound and video quality are excellent. For me, this is a "must have". It is available from Priory Records and also Amazon. The cost should be under \$50.

The Organ Experience

The Organ Media Foundation is pleased to announce its third internet streaming audio station, the Organ Experience (www.organexperience.com), which broadcasts classical organ music 24 hours a day. The station generates playlists grouped into 30-minute, 1-hour, or 2-hour blocks based on more than 80 different themes. Extensive information is included for each piece, including details about the composer, recording, and performer, and links to sheet music or free scores if the work is in the public domain. The Organ Media Foundation is a listener-supported 501(c)3 organization.

"The Bellows" Now Bi-Monthly

To get more information to members at one time, "The Bellows" will now be sent to members every other month. Please forward all newsletter submissions to Tim Costigan (tpcostigan@yahoo.com) by the last Wednesday prior to the forthcoming issue. *Deadline for next issue: December 30.*

Position Available

Pastor Bev Marr of Durand First United Methodist Church has contacted the GLC-AGO to make members aware that the church is seeking an Organist or Organist/Choir Director.

If interested, send your resume to:

First United Methodist Church
Attn: Staff Parish Relation Committee
10016 Newburg Road
Durand, MI 48429

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