

# Weekly Update

American Guild of Organists Cleveland Chapter

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### Dear AGO Cleveland Colleague,

Welcome to the Weekly Update from the Cleveland Chapter of the American Guild of Organists! Each week on Thursday, we publish this email newsletter to help you stay informed about activities and programs of the Cleveland AGO Chapter. Questions or comments? Please let us know: [admin@agocleveland.org](mailto:admin@agocleveland.org) Have a news item for a future issue? Send to: [newsletter@agocleveland.org](mailto:newsletter@agocleveland.org). The deadline each week is Wednesday at noon for Thursday publication.

## From the Dean



Fern Jennings

Friends,

This past Sunday was Ingathering Sunday at my church. You may have a similar type of Homecoming, Rally Sunday or other term for the Sunday when traditionally everyone gets back from vacation, school starts and regular church activities begin. Ours was a festive affair. We had a Brass Quintet playing music on our portico while everyone gathered on the lawn and then processed into the Sanctuary. We had a story for all ages and homily by our new Religious Education Director as well as our Pastor. We taught the congregation a new up tempo hymn, and my new tenor sang a rousing Gospel solo backed up by the choir. There was so much energy in the room it gave me chills.

I was thinking this morning as I was practicing in that same room, now empty, of how some of that energy seemed to come from the presence of new people. New leaders, but also guests. And then I thought that the energy came from each person present. There was also the remembered energy of people missing- Ron Bishop, who usually plays Tuba, but is ill, another member of the congregation, also ill. There was a little empty space there where they should have been.

The same is true for an organization such as ours- the AGO. The energy of the organization comes from the presence or absence of each of us. Your name in the Yearbook, your presence or absence at events. When we lose or gain members the force of the group changes in some way. Leadership changes. People move. Some are ill. Others have died. New people join.

Our opening Social event- this Sunday's picnic- is a time to gauge the energy of the organization. The dynamic of the group will change if you are not there. Truly your presence is important! Please

come!

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday!  
Fern

## Upcoming Cleveland Chapter Events

### Next Cleveland Chapter Event

First Chapter Event of the new season - Annual Picnic



#### Oktoberfest-themed Picnic

Sunday, September 16, 4 to 7 pm

Home of Hildred and Ed Tornberg, 14417 Crestview Dr. in Novelty, OH 44072 (Russell Twp) near Routes 87 and 306, 3 miles south of Chesterland. Park along frontage on the east side of Crestview Dr. Use driveway for drop-off access.

In case of severely inclement weather, the picnic will move to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 11900 Chillicothe Rd. (Rt. 306) in Chesterland.

Our hosts will supply cook-out meats and soft drinks. In the spirit of Oktoberfest, AGO will provide a keg of Great Lakes beer. If you prefer wine please bring your choice. We are asked to bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert to share. If you have a folding lawn chair bring it along. Dress is very casual.

Appetizers and outdoor games begin at 4 pm so that those involved with Rosh Hashanah services can join us for fellowship before sundown. Our hosts have a 10-rank Ruggles pipe organ, a piano and a 1912 parlor organ in their home. Bring music to try any of these instruments after dinner.

Spouses, guests are welcome. Please RSVP to Hildred by September 10 at 440-338-3268 or email: [etornberg@windstream.net](mailto:etornberg@windstream.net). This will be a great time to meet new colleagues and to catch up on each other's news as we begin an exciting year together.

Barbara MacGregor, Sub-Dean/Program Chair

Picnic committee: Hildred Tornberg, Tim Hemry and Carol Neff.

Driving directions: Some roads are closed in the area but are expected

Here is a link to Google maps to help you find your directions:

<http://goo.gl/maps/bOjX5>

### 2012/13 Chapter Programs Announced

See the complete list of Cleveland AGO Chapter Programs [here](#). Be sure to mark the dates on your calendar. The link to the complete list is also found in the main menu of the [chapter web site](#).

### NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS AND OTHER INFORMATION

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DON SHULTZABERGER** is now recovering at home. We wish him the best.

**We send our deepest condolences** to chapter member **Portia Miles-Smith** and her husband, Ken,

on the unexpected death of their daughter Karen Hamilton. Services were September 8th in Galion, Ohio.

## **DON E. SALIERS APPOINTED CHAPLAIN OF THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS**

AGO President Eileen Guenther Appoints Celebrated Theologian, Scholar, and Musician to Honorary National Office

NEW YORK CITY-The American Guild of Organists (AGO) announces the appointment of the Rev. Don E. Saliers, PhD as AGO Chaplain for a term of two years, 2012-2014. The chaplain is an honorary national officer appointed to serve the diverse pastoral needs of the AGO National Council and the international membership of the Guild. Dr. Saliers will also contribute an editorial column to THE AMERICAN ORGANIST Magazine. The appointment was made by AGO President Eileen Guenther and ratified by the AGO National Council at the AGO National Convention in Nashville in July.

In speaking of his appointment, Dr. Guenther declared, "Don Saliers is a musician, a scholar, and a theologian. Don understands 'both sides of the aisle' and will be a bridge in addressing their common interests and concerns. I am confident that his insights will be invaluable to the readers of THE AMERICAN ORGANIST."

DON E. SALIERS is the Wm. R. Cannon Distinguished Professor of Theology and Worship (Emeritus) at Emory University's Candler School of Theology. He also served as Director of Emory's Masters of Sacred Music Program. Educated at Ohio Wesleyan, Yale Divinity School and Cambridge Universities, he received his doctoral degree from Yale University.

Don Saliers taught at the Yale Divinity School before joining the faculty at Emory in 1974 and has served local churches in rural Ohio and the inner city of New Haven. For the past 33 years he has been organist/choirmaster at Emory University's Cannon Chapel, and has contributed to the United Methodist Hymnal, The Book of Worship, and to the recent Upper Room Worshipbook.

Dr. Saliers lectures, preaches, and leads retreats widely across North America, and has taught regularly at Notre Dame, St. John's, Vancouver School of Theology, and Boston College. He has served as president of the North American Academy of Liturgy and of the Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality. He is the author and co-author of 15 books and over a hundred essays and book chapters. Among his recent publications are Filled with Light; Music and Theology; Worship As Theology: Foretaste of Glory Divine; Worship and Spirituality; Worship Come To Its Senses; and Music and Theology. In 2005 he wrote A Song to Sing, A Life to Live, with his daughter Emily who is one-half of the Grammy-Award winning Indigo Girls. Don serves on the editorial boards of the Weavings, Spiritus, and Worship journals, and took part in the founding of the Academy for Spiritual Formation.

## **Concerts**

Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m.: St. Paul's Episcopal Church 317 East Liberty Street, Medina, Ohio. Brown Bag Concert Bring your own lunch or brown bag lunches are available for \$5.00. Just call the church office 24 hours prior to the concert at 330.725.4131.

September 18 at 12:00 p.m.: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 317 East Liberty Street, Medina, Ohio. BROWN BAG CONCERT. We are excited to announce that our first Brown Bag Concert of the season will once again be A Celebration of Music and the Visual Arts. The date is the third Tuesday, September 18h at 12 noon. It will include a display of selected art work from Medina County children. In our sanctuary a recital of musical instruments will be performed by young students in our local area. To complete the celebration, we have obtained the musical talent of Jay Albert, classical guitarist and graduate of Baldwin Wallace. Please mark this date on your calendar and support this endeavor to "....be our city's leading Christian church advancing the Kingdom of God through vibrant and exciting liturgy and worship, social justice ministries, promotion of the arts, and support of education....." Once again Melinda Rucinski will create our brown bag lunches for \$5.00.

Just call the church office at 330-725-4131 and reserve yours at least 24 hours before the September 18th concert date. A heartfelt thanks to Linda Garman, for her past assistance in creating the lunches.

Sunday, September 16 at 4:00 p.m.: Oktoberfest Chapter Picnic, Home of Hildred and Ed Tomberg, Novelty, Ohio.

Sunday, September 16 at 2:00 p.m.: Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2031 West 30th St., Cleveland. CONTACT: Florence Mustric: 216.321.1393. Marathon 4. A free event to thank all of the people who generously supported the campaign to raise funds to restore Trinity's Beckerath organ. Music by Bach, Vivaldi, Barber, Vaughan Williams and a number of others.

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Saturday, September 22 at 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.: Stambaugh Auditorium, 1000 5th Avenue, Youngstown, OH. Youngstown Chapter AGO. Improvisation Master Class with Bruce Neswick. Open to the public.

Sunday, September 23 at 3:00 p.m.: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2747 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Karel Paukert, organ. Music by K. Husa, J. Teml, B. A. Weidemann, J. Alain, F. Liszt.

Sunday, September 23 at 4:00 p.m.: Stambaugh Auditorium, 1000 5th Avenue, Youngstown, OH. Hymn Festival, Bruce Neswick, Organist. Massed Choirs, Brass and Percussion. Dr. Hae-Jong Lee, Conductor. Ticket Information - website: Stambaugh Auditorium/Youngstown (Events).

Sunday, September 23 at 5:00 p.m.: Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1250 W. Exchange Street, Akron, Ohio, 44313. Akron Baroque.

Tuesday, September 25 at 8:00 p.m.: The Church of the Covenant, 11205 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44122. Chamber Choir from the Liszt School of Music, Weimar, Germany. In collaboration with the Case Concert Choir and the Covenant Choir. Free Admission.

Friday, September 28 at 7:30 p.m.: Divinity Lutheran Church, 11877 Blossom Avenue, Parma Heights, Ohio 44130. Rodney Barbour, music director at the Crestview Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, will present an eclectic and entertaining program on Divinity Lutheran Church's Rodgers/Ruffatti pipe organ. Cost is \$5.00. Call Divinity Lutheran Church, 440.845.2060, e-mail: [divinitychurch1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:divinitychurch1@sbcglobal.net).

Saturday, September 29 at 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.: Divinity Lutheran Church, 11877 Blossom Avenue Parma Heights, Ohio 44130. Divinity Lutheran Church's Arts In Action and the T. S. Good Church Organ Company present: Rodney Barbour, well-known for his ability to artistically integrate orchestral sounds with traditional organ voices, will present a two hour workshop that will also include the ten general pistons every organist should set, plus tips on expanding the organ's tonal resources through the use of MIDI. Divinity Lutheran Church to RSVP call 440.845.2060. [divinitychurch1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:divinitychurch1@sbcglobal.net) or, for more information, call David Powers at 440.823.9268

Sunday, September 30 at 3:00 p.m.: St. Paul Catholic Church, 1580 Brown Street, Akron, Ohio

44301. Summit Bells Professional Handbell Choir. Come and listen and be amazed at the level of artistry. The ensemble is made up of ringers who are recruited and chosen based on experience and audition. There are over 300 years of combined ringing experience within the group.

The ensemble has performed at many area and civic events and has appeared on television twice. The group has also toured and released a CD, "As the Page Turns," which will be available at the concert.

The concert is free, however, a free will offering will be taken with all proceeds going toward the purchase of the ensemble's own set of handbells.

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## A Note About Job Postings

Gerry Mass, our Cleveland Chapter Placement Officer collects and updates job openings in the area. Although they are not listed in the weekly updates, there is a link in the "Quick Links" section every week that will take you to the updated list on the chapter website. Questions or need help finding a position? Email: [placement@agocleveland.org](mailto:placement@agocleveland.org)



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