

A Letter From the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

This November newsletter is going out a little early due to our next meeting being at the beginning of the month.

What a grand time we all had at the potluck at 1st Reformed earlier this month. Rick Van Oss was a wonderful host, and we had a nice crowd, including our most senior member, Marie Blauwkamp. Marie just turned 97. You are such a good role model for all of us, Marie, and it was wonderful to have you at the meeting. We had much delicious food, including Jane Bosko's pulled pork sandwiches, Rick's sushi, Jim Folkert's yummy cheesy potatoes, and after a full day of teaching, Judy Koeman got there just in time for dessert with a terrific finale. After stuffing ourselves, we gathered in the sanctuary to get down to the serious business of music for funerals. Thank you to all who participated, starting with Rick, who shared the gigantic notebook of pieces he uses, then Bryan Westra and ending with Jerry Jelsema, who came with a handout of things he has found useful for funerals and memorial services. We all gained new ideas from those who shared. That is what AGO is all about, sharing and learning together. We were so pleased to have some of our newer members with us for this event.

Our monthly meeting will be on Monday, November 7, 7:30, at Harderwyk Church, 1627 West Lakewood Blvd. The topic is Organ with Instruments. Jane Bosko and Rhonda Edgington are putting together a nice selection of pieces with some guest soloists. Treats will be provided by our favorite baker, Linda Fulton. Come and enjoy both the music and the fellowship. I have a strong conviction that we have a lot to offer each other, and to those who have yet to come and be with us.

Sadly your dean had to miss Bethany Dame's recital in Muskegon this month, but we have several things to look forward to in November:

The Joy Huttar Memorial Organ Recital will be given by Dr. David Hurd from Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Manhattan at Grace Episcopal Church, 3:00 p.m. on Sunday November 6. Joy was the first person recognized by our chapter in our League of Distinguished Service. She was a long time organist there at Grace Episcopal and active member of our chapter.

Marie Blauwkamp is playing a program of piano music on Thursday, November 17 from 2:00 to 4:00 at the New Gronigen Schoolhouse, 10537 Paw Paw Drive in Holland. Light refreshments will be served.

The next day, Nov. 18, Alex Cross will present his senior recital at 6:00 at Hope College's Miller Auditorium.

The first Sunday of Advent, November 27, Rick Van Oss will present "Joy to the World", an annual Advent recital, at First Reformed, 630 State Street in Holland.

Blessings to all,

Julia Colingsworth
Holland AGO Dean

Position Available at First Reformed Church in Zeeland

First Reformed Church, Zeeland, is looking for someone to play the organ 1-2 Sundays a month with the option of playing for special services (i.e. Christmas Eve., Thanksgiving Eve., etc.)

Pay: \$100/service (negotiable based on experience)

Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m.

Contact Jordan Clegg: jordan@frcz.org

2022-2023 Calendar		
Sun Nov 6, 3:00 p.m.	Dr. David Hurd Recital	Grace Episcopal Church, 555 Michigan Ave., Holland 49423
Mon Nov 7, 7:30 p.m.	Music for organ with other instruments	Harderwyk CRC, 1627 W. Lakewood Blvd., Holland 49424
Fri, Nov 18, 6:00 p.m.	Alex Cross' Senior Recital	Hope College Jack H. Miller Concert Hall
Sun Nov 27, 3:00 p.m.	Rick Van Oss' Annual Advent Concert, with Handbells	First Reformed Church, Holland
Mon Jan 9, 6:00 p.m.	Epiphany party Soup Supper	Linda Fulton's home, 957 Songbird Lane, Holland 49423
Late Feb	Hoping to schedule a master class with French organist M. Frederic Blanc	Location, date, and time T.B.A.
Mon Mar 13, 7:30 p.m.	Another Holland church organ crawl	Starting church TBA
Sun April ??, 5:00 p.m.	Community Hymn Sing	Christ Memorial Church, 595 Graafschap Road, Holland 49423
Mon May 22, 7:30 p.m.	Members' Recital	Grace Episcopal Church, Holland
Mon Jun 19, 6:00 p.m.	Annual potluck picnic	Gordon Bruns' house, 4033 66 th Street, Holland 49423

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