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# HOLLAND A.G.O. NEWS

Mar 2023

## **A Letter From the Dean**

Dear AGO Colleagues,

On Feb. 27 you should have received a notice about our upcoming organ crawl. Karen Howells has worked very hard on it. The time is 6:30 p.m. on Monday March 13. The details are included in this newsletter. We look forward to having an exciting time on this three point crawl. Plan on a time of refreshments and fellowship at the last stop.

We were so pleased to have a Q and A with Frederic Blanc from Notre Dame, Paris, for our February meeting. The recital which followed was quite breath-taking. I'm sure there was not a bit of dust left in those pipes when he finished. It was wonderful to have a full house. As usual, Zeeland Second.Reformed put on quite a spread afterward. Many thanks to Aaron Goodyke for arranging and hosting this outstanding event.

We have more good organ recitals to anticipate. On Sunday, March 19 at 4:00, there will be a recital by one of our newer members, Audrey Gorman (Thomas), at First Presbyterian in Grand Haven. Audrey was recently married. Those of us at Linda Fulton's Epiphany party signed a card. We do wish her well!

On two successive Wednesdays, April 5 and 12, Kelli Trudeau and Bethany Dame will be giving their senior organ recitals at Miller Auditorium, Hope College. Both are at 6 p.m.

Our remaining programs for the '22-'23 season are a community hymn sing at Central Avenue Christian Reformed at 5 p.m.on Sunday, April 23 (NEW DATE), a member recital at Grace Episcopal in Holland on Monday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m., and our traditional end of the year potluck picnic at the home of Gordon Bruns on Monday, June 19 at 6:00 p.m.

There are opportunities for you to help plan the community hymn sing and/or play on the member recital!!! Please give this serious consideration.

If you know of a church musician or person who enjoys organ music, please invite them to attend with you. Remember that our chapter pays the dues for student members. Please help grow our chapter.

The Regional Convention is coming up soon, June 21-24, in the North Shore of Chicago. See your magazine for details and please speak up if you are considering going. We ought to carpool.

Oh, one last important piece of information. In the past, the national office has let members slide by for awhile on renewing dues. It seems that the policy has changed, and members whose dues have lapsed need to pay a reinstatement fee. So to avoid that, please stay up to date on paying your dues.

With wishes for a meaningful Lenten and Easter season,

Julia Colingsworth



**The Holland Chapter of the AGO will host an Organ Crawl on Monday, March 13, 2023 starting at 6:30 pm.**

**We will visit the following Holland Churches:**

**Maplewood Reformed Church  
133 E 34<sup>th</sup> Street  
at 6:30**

**Trinity Reformed Church  
712 Apple Avenue  
at 7:00**

**First United Methodist Church  
57 W 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
at 7:30**

**Light refreshments will follow at FUMC.**

**Information about each organ:**

**Maplewood Reformed Church's organ is a Reuter from 1973. It has two manuals, 27 ranks, 26 stops and 1,409 pipes. Joyce DeRidder, the organist at Maplewood will be on hand to share information about the organ.**

**Trinity Reformed Church's organ was built in 1935 by WW Kimball Organ Company, Chicago. The organ was moved from the original church at 20<sup>th</sup> Street and Central Avenue in 1984 by Schantz Organ Company, Orrville, Ohio. It has three manuals, 22 ranks, and over 1500 pipes. The pipe closet will be open for viewing.**

**Our own Judy Koeman has played both the Maplewood and the Trinity organs and will be with us for additional information.**

**First United Methodist Church's organ is a Harrison and Harrison and was built in 1982. It has two manuals, 24 ranks, 18 stops, 26 registers and 1,480 pipes. Julia Colingsworth, our Dean, is the organist there and will give more information.**

**Please come and see, hear, and perhaps play each of these beautiful organs. Hope to see you on Monday, March 13 at 6:30.**

**Peace, Karen Howells**

## **Young Organist Upcoming Programs**

Three of our young chapter members will be presenting recitals in March and April:

Audrey Gorman (Thomas) will be at First Presbyterian Church, 508 Franklin Avenue in Grand Haven on Sunday March 19 at 4:00 p.m.

Two Hope College students will be giving their senior organ recitals:

Kelli Trudeau on Wednesday April 5 at 6:00 p.m.

Bethany Dame on Wednesday April 12 at 6:00 p.m.

The Hope College events will be in the concert hall of the Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts.

## **Summer Organ Encounter**

The Summer Organ Encounter teams are planning for this year's programs. Note that I used a plural! We will have program sessions in Kent, Ottawa and Muskegon Counties this year. Lakeshore AGO Chapter will have Rob Hlebinsky and Dr. Peter Kurdziel as instructors. Ottawa AGO will have Dr. Elizabeth West and Rhonda Sider Edgington. Kent will have Norma DeWaal Malyfyt, Chan Jang and Julia Brown. All-star staff all around!

Teaching venues will use several different organs, teasing the students with different sounds and organ features. And then allowing them to demonstrate their new-found skills on large organs in significant spaces. Relatives, friends and organ-lovers will be welcomed to attend the Recitals and to meet with students afterward.

Lesson days will be a little different for each session as the high schools finish up on different days. We aim to get as much teaching and practice time in with each student as possible before the closing Recital, which is planned for Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, before the Fourth of July celebration weekend.

While planning for the next year we are so pleased to tell you that we have had three students taking lessons with private tutors since last June. These scholarship lessons are being taught by Chan, Elizabeth, and Dr. Joan Ringerwole. Each student has progressed very well, we are proud of their accomplishments.

Final details will be ready by the end of March, then we will begin to advertise for student sign-ups. if

you personally have students to recommend please encourage them to look at our website and to fill in the application Form. [SOEGR.ORG](http://SOEGR.ORG)

Bob Houskamp

### **Bach Birthday Bash – From the Southwest Michigan AGO Chapter**

On Monday, March 20, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1747 W. Milham Avenue in Portage, our chapter will be presenting a 7 p.m. **Bach Birthday Bash** program. It is a very ambitious chapter event spearheaded by our always-creative-and-tireless dean, Dr. Janet Hill.

There is the possibility to sing in the small choral ensemble involved, and you are also invited to suggest this possibility to other singers in your church, etc. It's not too late to do that. This would involve a 1 p.m. rehearsal at Prince of Peace on Sunday, March 19. It would begin with a light lunch. The singers will present the melodies of both the Schübler Chorales and the “companion” songs being used.

Here is a paragraph to help you grasp the concept.

*Imagine this. You have been asked to prepare a Bach Cantata for a Sunday service and to plan other hymns/songs from our own time and in a diversity of styles which speak the same message as the cantata. The diversity of time and style will enrich the meaning of the original. But, you can't manage a whole cantata, so you plan to rearrange one part and play it on the organ. That's sort of what we'll be doing with each of the Schüblers! Gathered singers will be the leaders of the singing with audience participation including both the original chorales and the companion songs/hymns.*

The program will be “framed” by Bach's E-flat Prelude and Fugue (St.Anne) performed by Tom Fielding.

2022-2023 Calendar		
Mon Mar 13, 6:30 p.m.	Holland Church Organ Crawl – <b>NOTE TIME AND STARTING LOCATION CHANGE!</b>	Starts at Maplewood Reformed Church, 133 East 34 <sup>th</sup> St., Holland
Sun Mar 19, 4:00 p.m.	Audrey Gorman (Thomas) Organ Recital	First Presbyterian Church, 508 Franklin Ave., Grand Haven
Wed Apr 5, 6:00 p.m.	Kelli Trudeau Senior Organ Recital	Hope College Jack H. Miller Concert Hall
Wed Apr 12, 6:00 p.m.	Bethany Dame Senior Organ Recital	Hope College Jack H. Miller Concert Hall
Sun Apr 23, 5:00 p.m.	Community Hymn Sing (note: date has been finalized and the location has changed)	Central Avenue Christian Reformed Church, Holland
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 <sup>th</sup> Street, Holland 49423

## Chapter Officers for 2021-2022

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