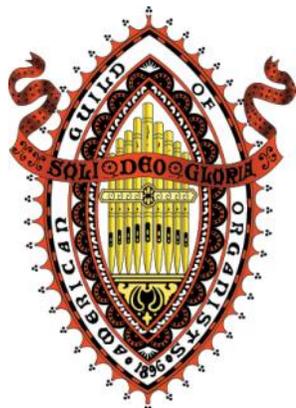


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February 2017



Soli Deo Gloria

*“Sing psalms,
hymns, and
spiritual songs
with gratitude
in your hearts
to God.”*

Colossians 3:16

From the Dean



It is a beautiful snowy day here in western Michigan. I hope you all have recovered from the hard work and long hours of the holiday season. Many thanks to Shane Arkels for hosting such a festive and warm social gathering on January 6. I always appreciate the delicious potluck meal, interesting conversations around the fire, and meeting new colleagues from our area. Thank you, Shane!

What a nice break in the church schedule for many of us this year: two full months to plan and prepare for Lent and Easter seems like a luxury. Are there new works you are learning and teaching in 2017? Are there a few favorites you will revisit? I found a wonderful new Ash Wednesday anthem from JW Pepper, *To Dust*, by Karen Marrolli. (I like the close harmony and the poetry of the text.) *There Is a Green Hill Far Away* has also made it into my stack of music. (This I found on CPDL.) You might youtube the Cambridge Singers at Easter for an excellent recording of this particular hymn. *Cantique de Jean Racine*, by Gabriel Faure, is a favorite choral work for professionals as well as the church choir singer. How about you? I would love to have a list of your go-to organ, piano, hand bell and choral music favorites.

Please, send your list so we might publish and share our resources.

Our chapter will host a workshop for hand bells in February. Please read your Pipenotes for all the important details. I hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

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RINGING IN THE ROUND

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

**Saturday, February 18, 2017 2:30 p.m.
1206 Whitehall Road, North Muskegon**

Sharlene Bourdon, Massed Choir Director

Additional information can be found on page 2.

Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter

2017

February 18, 2017

“Ringing In The Round”

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

March 12, 2017

“Young Artist’s Recital—Amanda Mole”

4 PM

First Presbyterian Grand Haven

April 9, 2017

“In Memoriam—Members’ Recital”

3 PM

First Congregational Church

May 7, 2017

“Hymn Festival with Bob Batastini”

4 PM

Prince of Peace Catholic Church

Grand Rapids AGO Chapter

February 20, 2017 — 8 PM

Members’ Recital: Music for Lent & Easter
Westminster Presbyterian Church—GR

Holland AGO Chapter

February 9, 2017 — 7:30 PM

“Organ Concert” — Tony & Rhonda go to
Church

Hope College Jack H. Miller Center

Feeding the Soul of the City

February 28, 2017 — 12:15 PM

GVSU Cantate Chamber Ensemble
St. Paul’s Episcopal Church—Muskegon

The editor had some difficulty finding a good YouTube of the anthem Maryanne was writing about in her greeting but did find just an audio [HERE](#). I think it will give you an idea of how To Dust goes and I agree, it is very nice.

I’m also encouraging others to share their new ideas. After all, aren’t we here to help other colleagues? Send your titles my way and I will be happy to publish them in future newsletters.

“Ringing In the Round”

February 18, 2017

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 2:30 PM our membership and the community at large is invited to attend a program of handbell music which will be provided by area handbell choirs located in the Western Michigan area ~ from Shelby to Grand Haven and points in between!

We will be hosted by First Evangelical Lutheran Church located at 1206 Whitehall Road, North Muskegon. The church is very accessible to all and the concert will take place in the Family Center. The program is free and all are welcome!

The Director of the Massed Choir pieces will be Mrs. Sharlene Bourdon, Director of Music at First Evangelical Church. Mrs. Elise McDonald is the parish organist and accompanist and is a member of our Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter. We would like to thank Shar, Elise and the Pastor of the Church, Pastor Bill Utrecht for their gracious hospitality on this day!

Because this program is not taking place in a church or within a service of prayer and music, many of the selections will be secular in nature and feature instruments not often heard with handbell choirs. In order to keep the suspense and intrigue of these non-traditional pieces for handbell choir/ensemble, you will just have to come and hear for yourself!

Financial Report

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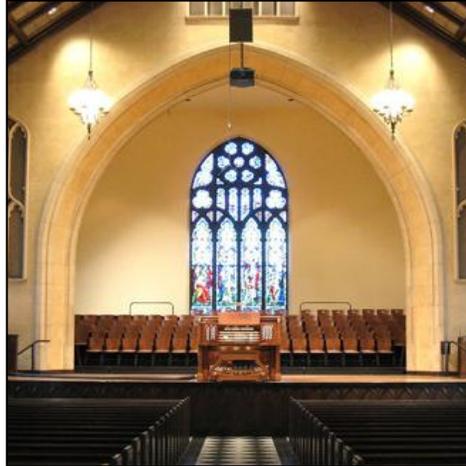
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Submitted by: Juanita R. Joiner, Treasurer



Organ Notes: *Pipedreams Live!* in Holland (Mich.)

February 5, 2017—7 a.m.
Blue Lake Public Radio—90.3



...a visit with Professor Huw Lewis and students following the renovation of the 1929 Skinner organ in Dimment Memorial Chapel at Hope College in Holland, Michigan.

Performers: David Schout, Huw Lewis, Abigail Rockwood,
Susan DeKam and Christopher Decker

Click [HERE](#) for all the information on this program.



THE 2017 GREAT LAKES REGIONAL CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN YOUNGSTOWN, OH JULY 2-5, 2017

My name is Adam Zagotti and I am the coordinator of our next **Great Lakes Regional Convention in Youngstown, Ohio!** We have quite a fantastic lineup of artists, organs, and workshops as well as some spectacular meals and other fun things planned for you!

We hope that every chapter in our region will have representation at our convention. We have set the early registration fee, which will begin on January 1, 2017 at \$275.00. We thought this was a very reasonable fee and that would be attractive to many people. We will stay at the beautiful and newly expanded and remodeled Holiday Inn in Boardman, Ohio a suburb just south of downtown. The hotel room rate is \$129.00 per night with free parking and many free amenities. <http://holidayinnboardman.com/>

We will also feed you breakfast each day, and two dinners are being underwritten for you as well! We have one of the finest chef's in Ohio cooking dinner for you twice during the convention!

We hope everyone will find our social media page on Facebook as well as our convention website: www.agoyoungstown.com There you can find links to artists, view convention instruments etc

We hope to see everyone in Youngstown in 2017!

Adam Zagotti
Convention Coordinator



Next Meeting...

February 18, 2017

MISSION STATEMENT

The American Guild of Organists is an organization devoted to the advancement of organ and church music in the United States.

Since its founding in 1896, the Guild has grown from approximately 100 members clustered around New York to over 24,000 nationwide, with chapters in all 50 states and abroad. Synagogues and churches of all denominations and sizes are represented in the Guild's membership, which ranges from students to world-renowned recitalists and teachers.

The Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter currently has some 30 members serving churches throughout the Western Michigan area.

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