

Guild of Organists

A.G.O. Pipe Notes

November 2017



Soli Deo Gloria

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

Colossians 3:16

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From the Dean

Congratulations and thanks to Maryanne Beery, Rob Hlebnsky, the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, Caron Farmer, John Deppe, David Gritter who took part in the creative and very successful *SPOOKTACULAR* program last month. Extraordinary efforts to introduce music for the organ to a wider audience are clearly rewarded when people of all ages are exposed to the King of Instruments.

There have been a good number of extraordinary events in recognition and celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. In Grand Rapids, there were simultaneous programs on October 29 at La Grave Avenue Christian Reformed Church and the Cathedral of St. Andrew. The church buildings are located only one city block apart, and I wondered whether the distance had perhaps diminished by a few yards after that day.

I attended the 6:00 P.M. service at La Grave, which featured inspiring readings and reflections by clergy and lay persons from a number of faith communities. The resplendent music, great hymns, Bach, Vaughan-Williams, but also songs in Korean and Spanish, as well as featuring the Calvin College Alumni Choir, brass, and Dr. Larry Visser at the organ. All of this, of course, only took on its true purpose and meaning through the agency of the massive throng of people who came to reflect, pray and sing exuberantly in common worship.

It was inspiring to me to experience such an astounding example of traditional Christian worship in our “contemporary” era. My pastor at Holy Family Parish in Sparta, Monsignor Terrence Stewart, related that the service at St. Andrew’s was also splendid in every way. He was inspired by the diverse community singing of *Praise To the Lord*.

Two organists, presented under the auspices of our chapter’s Young Artist series, are continuing in successful performing careers. In September of 2016, a competition was held in China. That event, which attracted an international field of 57 applicants, awarded First Prize to Amanda Mole, and Third Prize to Kaitlyn Emerson. Both of these accomplished and personable young women had played memorable recitals at First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven.

John Mattson has completed a stellar tenure as Director of Music and Organist at Central United Methodist Church in Muskegon. His service in promoting great sacred music at the church, to the community, and through our AGO Chapter has been exemplary. John has assumed the position of organist at First Congregational Church.

Carry on, and may God continue to bless you in your life and in your work,

Sincerely,

Richard T. (Dick) Hoogterp, CAGO, Dean

Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter

November

January 12, 2018 — 6:30 PM

“Holiday Party”

Home of Shane Arkels

February 24, 2018 — 10 AM-12 PM

“Start Here—Progressing from Piano to Organ”

Samuel Lutheran Church—Muskegon

March 11, 2018 — 4 PM

“Young Artist—Matthew Bickett”

First Presbyterian — Grand Haven

April 15, 2018 — 3 PM

“Members’ Recital”

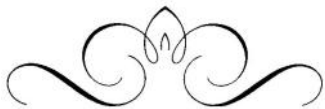
First Congregational Church— Muskegon

May 4, 2018 (date could change) — 6:30 PM

“Celebrating Healey Willan: Organ & Choral Works”

Potluck Supper

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints—Muskegon



Feeding the Soul of the City

2017-2018

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church — Muskegon, MI

12:15 PM-12:45 PM

November 28, 2017 —

AnDro (Celtic/world music)

December 12, 2017 —

“Christmas at the Organ” with Jonathan Tuuk

December 17, 2017 — 5:00 PM

Festival of Lessons & Carols with The Grand Rapids Choir of Men and Boys

February 27, 2018 —

Olde Thyme Harmony Quartet (barbershop quartet)

March 27, 2018 —

Solee Lee-Clark, piano

April 24, 2018 —

Folias (Tango and South American folk)

May 22, 2018 —

“Il Duo Lyrico” (classical)

June 5, 2018 —

Ruth and Max Bloomquist (folk and bluegrass)

Financial Report

As of October 31, 2017

General Fund

\$1,256.52

Scholarship Fund

\$2,219.51

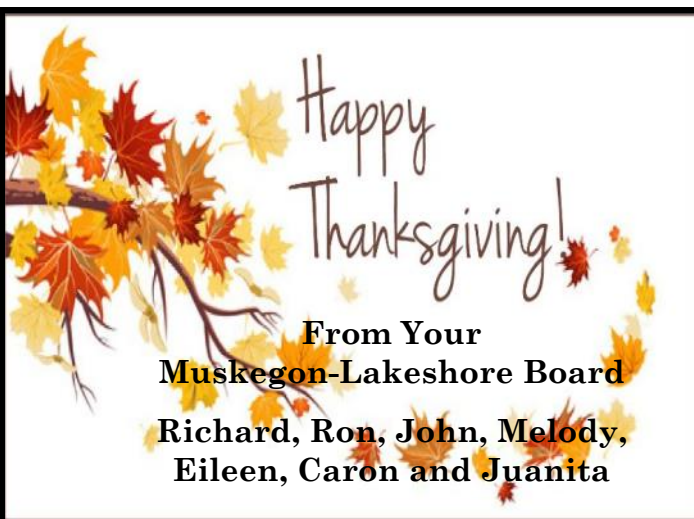
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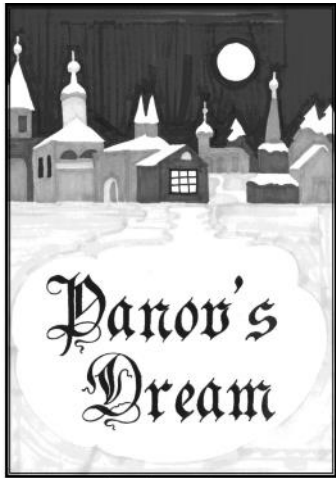
\$1,143.00



Contributions are always accepted!

Submitted by: *Juanita R. Joiner, Treasurer*





First Congregational Church
1201 Jefferson Street
Muskegon, MI

November 19, 2017
3:00 p.m.

FREE ADMISSION

Panov's Dream

an unstaged opera in one act

Libretto by
Foley Schuler

based on a short story by Leo Tolstoy

Music by
Floyd Farmer

Synopsis

The story takes place in the humble home and shop of an old shoemaker named Papa Panov who lives in a small unnamed village in Russia. The time is long ago and it is the evening before Christmas, followed by Christmas Day. Panov has a dream that he will have a special visitor on Christmas Day and that he should wait by his window so as not to miss him. Papa does as he is told, meeting many different people who help him discover the real meaning of his dream.

GRAND RAPIDS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols



Director:
Scott Bosscher

Organist:
Dr Kenneth Bos

December 8, 2017 at 7:30 PM - Friday
Grand Haven
St. John's Episcopal Church

December 10, 2017 at 3 PM - Sunday
December 15, 2017 at 7 PM - Friday
December 16, 2017 at 7 PM - Saturday
Grand Rapids
Cathedral of St Andrew

December 17, 2017 at 5 PM - Sunday
Muskegon
St Paul's Episcopal Church

80th Annual Candlelight

Featuring:
"A Winter's Night"
A cantata by Cecilia McDowall

December 10, 2017
3:00 & 7:00 pm

First Congregational Church
1201 Jefferson St, Muskegon



KEVIN J. VAUGHN, ORGANIST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12
3:00 P.M.

RIETBERG CONCERT



The program will include works by
Bach, Distler, Martinson, Krebs,
Mendelssohn, & Litaize.

Third Reformed Church
111 W. 13th St.
Holland, MI 49423





Next Meeting
January 12, 2018

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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