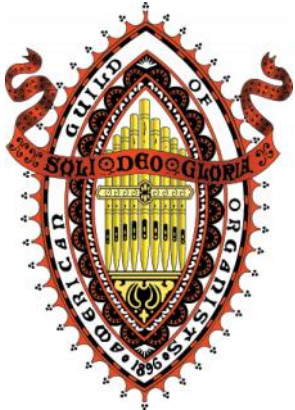


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Soli Deo Gloria

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

Colossians 3:16

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From the Dean

Greetings,

Welcome to the beginning of the 2018-2019 Program Year of the Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. I believe our Board has worked diligently to arrange varied and interesting events for us. We can look forward to an Opening Vespers and Installation of Officers Service; a pair of Young Artist Recitals (October and March); a Halloween Music Program; a presentation on the magnificent Fritts Organ at Notre Dame; our annual 12th Night Holiday Party; a Choral Workshop and *In Memoriam: Members' Recital*. I believe that our calendar of programs offers many opportunities for involvement by our members and attendance by people of the greater Muskegon community.



I was able to take in most of the Funeral Service for Senator John S. McCain III at the National Cathedral on Saturday. It was a striking event in many ways, but I personally was stunned by the singing of two hymns, one patriotic, My Country 'Tis of Thee; and the other, How Great Thou Art. It seemed to me that the throng of people, including several past-Presidents of the United States, sang with remarkable energy, enthusiasm and

apparent faith. The hymns were of course led by the historic (although altered over the years) E.M. Skinner organ, originally of 125 stops. The dedication recital for that instrument was played by Cathedral Organist Robert G. Barrow on November 10, 1938. Skinner, never one to withhold praise of his own work, later wrote that, “desiring the future to be as kind to the present as we have been to the past, we have, we believe, created a masterpiece. The completed organ in the National Cathedral at Washington will stand as a supreme example of the art of organ building for the next century.” Barrow himself opined that the organ was ‘the greatest instrument as yet produced in this country, and one of the really great organs in the world.’ Even filtered through the medium of television, the sound of the organ and organ playing was magnificent.



It is not too early to encourage everyone to plan on attending the 2019 Great Lakes Regional Convention of the American Guild of Organists in Grand Rapids. Regional Conventions have taken place in that city in 1985 and 2005, and I expect the future event to exceed the high standards set at those times. It happens that several members of our chapter serve on the upcoming convention committee: Dr. Peter Kurdziel is Convention Chair; Ron Vanderwest, Treasurer; Caron Farmer, Competition Coordinator; and Richard Hoogterp serves on the Steering Committee.

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David Gritter has spent time and expertise adding several new links to our Chapter website. I think you will find much of interest there, as I have, and I recommend a visit. It is also possible that you might offer additional information or history related to the instruments featured. Also, Juanita Joiner deserves recognition for her fine work creating our chapter newsletters and compiling the membership booklet.

I hope we are all able to attend the *Vespers and Installation of Officers Service* at 5:00 PM on Sunday, September 16 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church located at 1132 West Southern Avenue. Our Chaplain, Reverend Kenneth Michnay, will preside, with Dr. Peter Kurdziel as organist. We are also planning dinner afterward at the Lake House Restaurant.

**Please R.S.V.P. for dinner
by Wednesday, September 12th!
John Mattson (231-638-3462 or
jrmattson513@gmail.com)**

I expect this prayer service combined with the meal and social time will prove to be a wonderful experience. I look forward to seeing each of you as we embark on the adventure of a new Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter program year.

**A Financial Report
As of August 31, 2018**

**General Fund
\$1,438.09**

**Scholarship Fund
\$2,510.51**

**Young Artist Fund
\$743.00**



Contributions are always accepted! While renewing your 2018-2019 membership there is an option to do this very thing.

*Submitted by: Juanita R. Joiner, Treasurer
(Feel free to ask for a more detailed report.)*

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Colossians 3:16

Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter

2018—2019 Program

Complete details will be printed in your directory.

September 16, 2018 at 5 p.m.

“Vespers and Installation of Officers”
Our Savior’s Lutheran Church followed by dinner at
The Lake House. **Make reservations by 9-12-18,**

October 14, 2018 at 3 p.m.

“Young Artist Recital” — Jillian Gardner
Central United Methodist Church

October 28, 2018 at 4 p.m.

“Spooktacular Organ Recital”
First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven

November 16, 2018 at 7 p.m.

“Magnum Opus — The Fritz Pipe Organ at the Uni-
versity of Notre Dame” — Dr. Andrew McShane
Location TBA

January 4, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

“Twelfth Night Party”
Home of Floyd and Caron Farmer

February 23, 2019 at 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

“Vocal Techniques for Choral Singing”
Dr. Michael Match, clinician
Mona Shores Middle School

March 10, 2019 at 4 p.m.

“Young Artist Recital” — Daniel Chang
First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven

May 5, 2019 at 3 p.m.

“In Memoriam — Members’ Recital”
Central United Methodist Church

IT’S RENEWAL TIME!! —

Now that our lazy days of summer are behind us, I need to remind SIX of our chapter members to please double check on their status with AGO and renew at your earliest convenience. National has been dropping you if renewal doesn’t happen by two months of your renewal date. If this happens you will have to reactivate your membership with National.

I will plan on handing out the 2018-2019 directories at our September 16th meeting.

~ Juanita Joiner, Registrar



Next Meeting

September 16, 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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