

ANTHEM PETTING ZOO IS NEXT

OCTOBER 2015

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

October 26 Anthem Petting Zoo

Monday 26 October
Second Reformed Kalamazoo (2323 Stadium Dr)

6:30 p.m. Complimentary *Hors d'oeuvres*
7:00 *My Favorite Things* Anthem Petting Zoo

After a gathering with tasty finger foods provided by the good people of Second Reformed and our hostess for the evening, **Mary Peterson**, we will spend some time trying to help all present discover some useful anthems for their choirs. The music will be provided by **all of us**, so your participation is needed to make the evening a success. **Brooks Grantier**, our Sub-dean and program chair, has provided these guidelines to help make the evening a success. Here we go!

- ◆ Please bring no more than two anthems. Pieces that always “work” for your choir, and which they sing with affection and zeal.
- ◆ At least one of the pieces needs to be Unison or Two-part, and the other can be up to SATB.
- ◆ Please plan to play your own accompaniment. If you need a conductor for your piece(s), please arrange for that person to be our guest for the evening.
- ◆ The organ and the piano will be available, though in a reading situation, you might find the piano more helpful.
- ◆ Please provide 30 copies of each piece. If you need to make “temporary educational” copies, please do so, but also please do what’s best with such copies after the program.
- ◆ If you send me the following info, by Friday, October 23, I will compile a list of the repertoire, so that others may order the pieces on their own or make it easier to purchase them later.

Title / Composer / Voicing / Publisher

◆ Is it still in print? Very flexible these days. Even for pieces which are not currently in print, most publishers will make archive copies for you of most of the music in their catalog. So, don't worry about that, until/unless you place an order.

◆ For pre-1976 copyrights, anything published 1925 or before is now in Public Domain. For post-1976 copyrights, it's the composer's lifetime plus 75 years in the USA. The law is murky. But it is still the law.

Are we having fun yet?

Fear not, we **will** have fun on October 26, and you may just find the perfect anthem for a certain occasion which seems just right for your choir. Do send your anthem info to Brooks by October 23:

bgrantier@gmail.com

BOLD PROGRAMMING CONTINUES

Annual Christmas Event is Next

That's right! There is no scheduled chapter event in November, but we will be looking forward to our annual Christmas program and party in December.

Monday 7 December
First Congregational Kalamazoo

The 7 p.m. members recital will be publicized to the public. Our host will be First Congregational organist, Kory Heitzig. The program will include an audience carol-sing with Kory accompanying. Other music has been planned, but members are still welcome to share additional pieces of their choosing. To do so, contact Brooks Grantier at the above email address. Sooner than later would be helpful!

After the public recital, we will adjourn to the festive home of Bill and Joanne Musselman for appropriate seasonal treats and beverages! More details in our next issue.

DEAN'S MESSAGE FOR OCTOBER

from Dr. Stephen White

Greetings!

It was great to see nearly a third of our chapter (with several new members in attendance) at our opening dinner meeting and program! And many thanks to **Mark Wells** and **Brooks Grantier** for a delightful program at St. Philip Catholic Church in Battle Creek, as well as to **Deb Rafferty** for serving as our dinner coordinator and hostess. I do hope you will mark your calendar for the October program and plan to join us and share choral music that means something to you and your church.

This past month I had the privilege of representing our chapter at two functions:

◆ The annual State Dean's Meeting in East Lansing hosted by our State Convener (**Brooks Grantier**) and our Regional Councillor (Karl Bruhn). The meeting was a great opportunity to meet other chapter leaders, hear about their chapter programming, and engage in meaningful discussion about the current and future state of the guild. A great emphasis was placed on the importance of guild certification – plan to hear more about this in the coming months.

◆ The installation of officers for the Detroit Chapter during Choral Evensong at the Cathedral Church of Saint Paul in Detroit. In addition to supporting our colleagues in Detroit, it was great to hear fantastic choral singing from the cathedral choirs, enjoy rousing accompanying on the cathedral organ, and then have the evening topped off with a wonderful recital of music by French composers by Dr. James Kibbie from the University of Michigan.

It is always a joy to share in these experiences with colleagues. I hope that when you travel (even if only Grand Rapids, Holland, etc.) you will seek out chapter events through which the fabric of our guild can be strengthened and your own musicianship emboldened.

Kathryn Loew Scholarship Fund

Applications postmarked by November 1 are now being accepted for this quarter. Contact Dr. Steve White for further information.

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CHAPTER FINANCES ARE HEALTHY

from Treasurer Nate Mattson

Cheers!

It's an honor to serve as treasurer of our AGO chapter and I'm pleased to have the privilege of working with Dean Steve White and the executive committee. Our chapter is in excellent financial shape! Using round numbers, we have \$33 thousand in our treasury, \$17 thousand of which is what we cleared hosting the 2013 regional convention. Our executive committee is working on defining our current needs versus our long-term needs to ensure that we have ample funds available for years to come.

In addition to our treasury, we have the Katy Loew Scholarship Fund, a \$62 thousand endowment fund with the Kalamazoo Community Foundation. As an endowment fund, the custody of these funds stays with the Kalamazoo Foundation. We are able to offer scholarships with the annual earnings. Our executive committee is working on better defining the scholarship criteria, preparing an application form, and posting the information on our upcoming website.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your treasurer. I look forward to the days ahead for our vibrant AGO chapter!

RECENT MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

Apologies for Those Not Known

Elizabeth Bruce – Organist
First Presbyterian Kalamazoo

Cindy Hunter – Director of Music
First Presbyterian Kalamazoo

Monica Washington Padula – Organist/Pianist
United Church of Christ Portage

Nick Quardokus – Assistant Organist
Trinity Episcopal Indianapolis

Clarence Small – Substitute Organist
First Church, Christian Scientist Kalamazoo

EDITOR'S NOTE

Email response re: the accuracy of your membership directory information was amazing. **Thank you!**

Chapter Event Advisory

The Hymn Festival dates mentioned in our September issue (March 12/13) are currently being reconsidered. We will keep you informed!

ORGANizer CALENDAR

Please send entries to cdayday@chartermi.net as early as you wish. They will be entered in a master calendar and shared in each issue as space permits. Chapter member names are noted in SMALL CAPS.

Music of the Americas: A Musical Travelogue featuring *Ars Voce*, directed by MARK WELLS, with the Holland Chorale and the West Michigan Flute Orchestra. A series of three concerts is planned on Friday/Saturday/Sunday, October 16-17-18: First Presbyterian Battle Creek (111 Capital Ave NE) at 7:30 p.m. on Friday; Saint Frances de Sales Holland (171 W 13th St) at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday; and, the Basilica of Saint Adalbert Grand Rapids (654 Davis Ave) at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets available at each performance or in advance via 269 963-1911 (Battle Creek), 616 494-0256 (Holland) and www.westmichiganfluteassociation.com (Grand Rapids). A newly commissioned piece for flute orchestra and chorus will be featured.

Hymns, Psalms, and Spiritual Songs on Sunday, October 18, at 3 p.m. in Saint John's Episcopal Sturgis (110 S Clay St). Organist CHARLES COLLINS will be joined by the congregation and the Saint John's Choir for this afternoon of sacred music. Free.

STEVE FLICK and ALEXIS YOUNG Organ Recital on Sunday, October 18, at 4 p.m. in First Baptist Kalamazoo (315 W Michigan Ave). Chapter members Steve and Alexis are both students of Dr. KARL SCHROCK. The program will include works by Bruhns, Bach, Mendelssohn, Franck, and Vierne. A reception will follow. Free will offering.

JOHN OURENSMA Organ Recital on Sunday, October 18, at 4 p.m. in First United Methodist Hillsdale (45 N Manning St). His third annual recital, John will share the music of Hollins, Bach, Callahan, Goemanne, and Vierne. He will be assisted by violinist Reneé Nestorak in works by Held, Callahan, and Bach. The program will include informative verbal program notes and a pipe organ demonstration. Free.

David Jones Organ Recital on Friday, October 30, at 7 p.m. in Saint Augustine Cathedral Kalamazoo (542 W Michigan Ave 49007). David is organist at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago. His program will continue the Sacred Music at the Cathedral series and include works by Handel, Sowerby, and Widor, as well as an improvisation on a submitted theme. Free will offering (\$10 donation suggested).

Choral Evensong for All Saints on Sunday, November 1, at 5 p.m. in Saint Thomas Episcopal Battle Creek. Sung by the Choral Scholars. The Director of Music and Organist at Saint Thomas is Dr. STEPHEN WHITE. Free will offering.

Faure Requiem Concert on Sunday, November 8, at 5 p.m. in Saint Thomas Episcopal Battle Creek. Sung by the Saint Thomas Choirs. Free will offering.

WMU Percussion Ensemble Concert on Sunday, December 6, at 3 p.m. in Milwood United Methodist Kalamazoo (3919 Portage St). Under the direction of Professor Judy Moonert, the large ensemble will present a varied program including sounds of the season. Here is your chance to hear Christmas music played on steel drums! The program will conclude the 2015 Milwood Fine Arts Series. Free will offering.

BachFest Christmas on Sunday, December 6, at 4 p.m. in Stetson Chapel at Kalamazoo College. This 46th annual concert includes the Bach Festival Chorus, organist ERIC STRAND, pianist CARL WITT, and the Western Brass Quintet. Tickets at www.KalamazooBachFestival.org or 269 337-7407.

Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 6, at 5 p.m. in Saint Thomas Episcopal Battle Creek. Sung by the Saint Thomas Choir. Free will offering.

"Sing We Now of Christmas" presented by JOHN OURENSMA on Sunday, December 13, at 4 p.m. in First United Methodist Hillsdale (45 N Manning St). The program will include Chancel Choir, Chamber Orchestra, Handbell Choir, and the singing of familiar carols. Free.

THOMAS FIELDING Organ Recital on Friday, February 5, at 7 p.m. in Saint Augustine Cathedral Kalamazoo (542 W Michigan Ave 49007). Dr. Fielding is Director of Music and Liturgy at Saint Augustine. His program continues the Sacred Music at the Cathedral series and will involve strings from the Kalamazoo Symphony including works by Handel, Mozart, Purcell, and others. Free will offering (\$10 donation suggested).