

MAY 2014

**THIS YEAR'S BACH AROUND THE BLOCK**  
*Twenty Seventh Annual Collaboration*

Monday 19 May at 7 p.m.  
Beginning at First Congregational Kalamazoo  
Free to everyone

Program arrangements have been coordinated by Tom Fielding. Under the title "The OK Chorale," we will be treated to variety of the master's chorale preludes. Performers include Stephen White, Mark Wells, Steve Flick, Janet Hill, Carolyn Hiestand, and Bernie Foulk. *The program is included as page 3 of this issue.*

Bach Around the Block is presented by the Southwest Michigan Chapter of the American Guild of Organists in collaboration with the Kalamazoo Bach Festival. Please join us for a delightful walk in and around Bronson Park in Kalamazoo beginning at First Congregational (129 S Park St), continuing on to First Presbyterian (321 W South St), and concluding at St. Luke's Episcopal (247 W Lovell St). There will be a closing reception at St. Luke's.

**OFFICER ELECTION TIME IS HERE**  
*Please mail your ballots by May 19*

Those of you receiving this newsletter via email should find a separate ballot document attached. Please print it out, mark your votes, and mail it by May 19. If you receive your newsletter via the US Mail, the ballot will be enclosed. Again, mail it by May 19. *We thank all those who have agreed to serve our chapter during 2014-15. Soli Deo Gloria!*

**DINNER AND INSTALLATION SERVICE**  
*Final Chapter Gathering on June 2*

Please plan to be with us on Monday, June 2, at Chapel Hill United Methodist Portage. After dinner at 6:30 p.m. we will join together for a worship service which will include our officer installation ceremony. Our hosting member musicians will be Barbara Hong and Caleb Williams. Preliminary indications are that the dinner will be \$10 or less. *Watch for more details in our June issue.*

**DEANLY PARAGRAPHS**  
*Dr. Mark Wells*

As many of you are aware, our chapter created a website with online registration for convention goers last year. Chapter member Paul Flyger worked with a design consultant, John Fetter, to create this site with the understanding that we would convert it into our chapter website after the convention. The cost of creating the website was approximately \$2,000 which was covered, of course, with income generated by the convention.

However, the domain will expire later this month, meaning that it will be up for sale. I would hate for us to lose this website, as our chapter needs to have this means of communication and visibility. Mr. Fetter has indicated that our chapter would be able to buy the site for a cost of \$757, with minimal annual fees in addition. The proposal was revealed too late to include the \$757 in this year's budget.

I would ask that able chapter members consider a contribution for acquiring the domain. Ten members contributing \$75 would help us to realize this goal. Three members of our Executive Board have already made a financial commitment, so the actual figure we still need to pledge for this purpose is around \$530. I am hoping you will consider this appeal. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at either [mwells@stphilipchurch-bc.org](mailto:mwells@stphilipchurch-bc.org) or 269 339-8852.

*I hope to see you at Bach Around the Block on May 19!*

**NEW MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL SYSTEM**  
*Now handled by the National AGO*

As revealed in some detail in last month's issue, the National AGO has launched an online membership renewal system. At some time in the near future, all current members with a valid email address will receive membership renewal instructions via email. All others will receive these instructions via US Mail. Our renewals will go to the National AGO which will then send our chapter its portion of those funds. *Please see the top of the next page as you prepare to renew your membership via this ONCARD system.*

## RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP

### *Via the National ONCARD system*

1. You do nothing until you receive an invoice from AGO's National Headquarters. It will come to you via either email or the US Mail.
2. You can position yourself to expedite online renewal by establishing your own ONCARD account. Doing so also gives you the opportunity to update your personal information in the national membership data base.
3. To login to ONCARD, you will be prompted for a username and password. Your username is your first initial plus your last name; your password is your Member ID; both can be found on your TAO mailing label. Those who do not receive the TAO will find an assistance path to click on in the link below. As our Chapter ONCARD Liaison, Steve Lieberman can also assist you: [steven.m.lieberman@gmail.com](mailto:steven.m.lieberman@gmail.com) or 269 369-1668.
4. Creating your ONCARD account is a good introduction to this system. Remember: Those who do not use the internet and/or email will receive their invoice via mail without creating this account.
5. Here is the link to ONCARD. Give it a try!

<https://www.agohq.org/oncard-login/>

## POSITION POSTINGS

**Choir Director/Organist needed** at St. Luke's Episcopal Kalamazoo. Seeking highly skilled, exciting and team-oriented candidates, we are blessed to be a vibrant and growing congregation with an average weekend attendance of 190. Our choir averages 15 singers whose musical skills range from minimal to advanced. We have a Dobson Opus 57 pipe organ with 29 stops and 43 ranks which was built in 1992. This half-time position requires a professional who can interpret and integrate a variety of musical genres from classical Anglican to contemporary. Flexibility, team work and excellent communication skills are a must. Our parish motto is, "Spirituality in Action," therefore, where choir direction is concerned, our musician must understand that a significant experience of prayer in community is of more value than technical musical perfection. Competitive salary and benefits for a master's level musician. To receive a more detailed position description and to apply, please contact (e-mail preferred): The Rev. Randall R. Warren, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 247 W Lovell St, Kalamazoo 49007 or [www.priest@stlukeskalamazo.org](mailto:www.priest@stlukeskalamazo.org).

**Music Director/Organist needed** at St. Joseph Parish Watervliet. The preferred candidate must be familiar with the Catholic Mass. Must be available to play for Saturday Vigil Mass and two Masses on Sunday mornings, for funerals, special Holy Days, and to practice with the adult

choir and a small youth choir. If interested, please contact the parish office at [sjatholicwatervliet@gmail.com](mailto:sjatholicwatervliet@gmail.com) or (269) 463-5470. Start date as early as June 1.

**Minister Director needed** for Trinity Lutheran Church in Paw Paw. The part time position includes playing organ for services and directing the Senior Choir. Interested candidates should contact Pastor Eric Gledhill at 269 290-5464 or Kathy Roedel at [kathyroedel@yahoo.com](mailto:kathyroedel@yahoo.com) or 269 998-4187. *Revised posting.*

## ORGANizer CALENDAR

**Visitatio Sepulchri** by Early Music Michigan on Saturday, May 10, at 10 a.m. in Western Michigan University's Kanley Chapel. The performance is part of the 49th annual International Congress on Medieval Studies. No information available re: public attendance.

**Kalamazoo Ringers Spring Concert** on Sunday, May 18, at 4 p.m. in Westwood Church of God Kalamazoo (711 Gorham Ln 49006). Free will offering.

**Violin and Piano Recital** on Sunday, May 18, at 4 p.m. in Central Reformed Grand Rapids (10 College Ave NE 49503). The Barker Series program features Jennifer Walvoord, violin, and Andrew Le, Piano. Free.

**Colin Knapp Organ Recital** on Sunday, May 18, at 5 p.m. in St Thomas Episcopal Battle Creek (16 E Van Buren St 49017). Free will offering.

**Choral Evensong** on Sunday, June 1, at 5 p.m. in St Thomas Episcopal Battle Creek (16 E Van Buren St 49017). Sung by the St Thomas Choir and Treble Choristers. Free will offering.

**Year End Summer Concert** for the Grand Rapids Choir of Men and Boys with Martin Neary on Friday/Saturday, June 6/7, at 7 p.m. in the Cathedral of St Andrew Grand Rapids (301 Sheldon Blvd SE 49503). Free will offering.

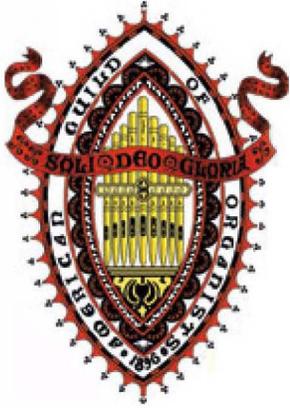
**Grand Rapids Choir of Men and Boys** on Sunday, June 8, at 5 p.m. in Third Christian Reformed Kalamazoo (2400 Winchell Ave 49008). Free.

**Pentecost Concert** on Sunday, June 8, at 7 p.m. in St Thomas Episcopal Battle Creek (16 E Van Buren St 49017). Presented by the St Thomas Schola Cantorum. Free will offering.

## CONN ORGAN AVAILABLE

*In the Battle Creek area*

"Theatre" model 650 type 1 or 2 built around 1965. Two sets of "electric pipes" plus an additional large speaker. Three manuals. In excellent condition. Will donate to the right home. If interested, contact Richard Taylor at 269 986-2554 or [rpt009@gmail.com](mailto:rpt009@gmail.com).



# The American Guild of Organists

## Southwest Michigan Chapter

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### BACH AROUND THE BLOCK XXVII • 19 MAY 2014 "THE OK CHORALE!"

#### First Congregational Church, UCC

from the *Orgelbüchlein*:

Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV625  
Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV639  
Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes-Sohn, BWV601  
Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich, BWV605

Dr. Stephen White (St. Thomas Episcopal, Battle Creek)

from *Partite diverse sopra il Corale Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig*, BWV768

Choral; Var. 1; Var. 2 (à 2 Clav.); Var. 8; Var. 10 (à 2 Clav. e Ped.); Var. 11 (à 5 voci, in organo pleno)  
Dr. Mark Wells (St. Philip Roman Catholic, Battle Creek)

#### First Presbyterian Church

from the *Schubler Chorales*:

Wachet Auf, Ruft Uns Die Stimme, BWV645  
Meine Seele Erhebt Den Herren, BWV648  
Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott Lasst Walten, BWV647

Mr. Steven Flick (First Congregational, Battle Creek)

Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit (*Clavierübung*)

alio modo, manualiter, BWV672  
à 5, Canto Firmo in Basso, Cum organo pleno, BWV671

Dr. Janet Hill (Prince of Peace Lutheran [ELCA], Portage)

#### St. Luke Episcopal Church

from the *Orgelbüchlein*:

O Mensch beweine deine Sünde groß, BWV622  
Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten, BWV642

Ms. Carolyn Hiestand (St. Mary Roman Catholic, Kalamazoo)

Herr Gott, nun Schloß den Himmel Auf, BWV617  
O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig, BWV618  
In Dir Ist Freude, BWV615

Mr. Bernie Foulk (First United Methodist, Kalamazoo)