

FEBRUARY 2018

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Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza

from Carrie Groenewold

If you plan to attend and eat, please rsvp to the following address: agokalamazoo2014@gmail.com.

IT'S PEDALS, PIPES, & PIZZA TIME

*Coming Soon to a Church Near You!***Saturday 17 February**

10 a.m. to noon

Prince of Peace Lutheran Portage – 1747 W Milham

We have already shared a great deal of information about this major event including that it is intended for middle school and high school students who are interested in the organ. Once more, if you currently have a piano studio, please contact Carrie Groenewold so she can work with you to invite your students. Also contact Carrie if you have a passion for recruiting young organists, so you can be involved in this event. (785) 766-4543 or music@stlukeskalamazoo.org.

This additional information from Carrie was sent over the past week: We need your participation to make this event a success. We need four volunteers to assist with serving the pizza and pouring drinks, and two others to staff the welcome and registration table. Please respond to agokalamazoo2014@gmail.com if you can help with our event. Thank you!

At this writing, I do not know if help is still needed, but checking with Carrie at the phone number above is the best way to find out. Either way, please do be with us to support not only the event, but the students as well. **Soli Deo Gloria!**

TWO MORE EVENTS THIS SEASON

Fellowship potluck and music exchange on Monday, April 30, at St. Thomas Episcopal Battle Creek.

Bach Around the Block XXXI in Kalamazoo on Monday, June 4.

OUR DEAN'S MESSAGE

Stephen White, PhD

Now that 2018 is firmly underway, I wanted to touch base regarding a few things happening in the life of the chapter.

We have had two additional successes with the Service Playing Exam – many thanks to Drs. Carrie Groenewold and Karl Schrock for spearheading this component of professional development for our chapter. We will recognize and honor these two individuals (student members **Daniel Tucker** and **Jared Montgomery**) at our April meeting. Daniel passed the exam after only three semester of organ study. If you have ever considered taking one of the Guild Exams, perhaps now is the time. I would encourage you to reach out to Carrie and Karl about the process.

We continue to seek ways of engaging a broader cross-section of our community – from local music students to those who are simply lovers of music. Ideas are being fleshed out regarding new chapter events that will help us spread our excitement and love of the pipe organ and all its possibilities.

As mentioned on this page, Pedals, Pipes & Pizza is truly an event for everyone. It offers us an excellent opportunity to come together, to engage with young people (and their parents), and to be ambassadors for the instrument.

Our chapter continues to be a positive force for the promotion of the pipe organ in our communities. As with every organization, our members must accept the responsibility of being ambassadors and help promote and participate in chapter events. **Soli Deo Gloria!**



**In Memory of Delores Leftwich
1934–2018**

Delores Leftwich was a member of our chapter from 1986 until she suffered a debilitating stroke in 2009. She served Stockbridge United Methodist Kalamazoo for many decades as organist and much of that time also as choir director. Her memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday, February 16, at Milwood United Methodist with visitation to begin at 3 p.m. Flowers from our chapter will be sent.

**FEBRUARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
from Kay Ensfield and Steve White**

Our Executive Committee spent time reviewing plans for our upcoming Pedals, Pipes, & Pizza event. They rejoiced that two of our student members have passed the Service Playing Exam as mentioned on page one in our Dean's Message. Our next David Sly Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Daniel Johnson, a high school senior studying with Karl Schrock. Daniel has also been awarded a full scholarship to begin college study this coming fall.

ORGANizer CALENDAR

Tenor Aaron Humble on Friday, February 9, at 7 p.m. in St. Augustine Cathedral Kalamazoo (542 W Michigan Ave). Humble is from Minnesota State University in Mankato. His concert is a continuation of the Sacred Music at the Cathedral series. Freewill offering.

Andrews University Choir on Sunday, February 11, at 3 p.m. in Milwood United Methodist Kalamazoo (3919 Portage Rd). Under the direction of Stephen Zork the 35-voice choir from Berrien Springs will present a program titled "Love Is in the Air" centered on the themes of love, romance, compassion, and belonging. Freewill offering.

Abersold and Nieweem Piano Duo on Sunday, February 11, at 4 p.m. in First Congregational Battle Creek (145 Capital Ave NE). The internationally known duo will continue this year's Sunday Afternoon Live concert series. Their program will include works by Schubert, Debussy, and Gershwin. Freewill offering.

Love is Love on Wednesday, February 14, at 7 p.m. in First Congregational Kalamazoo. Featuring the Bach Festival Chorus, Kalamazoo College Singers, and Kalamazoo Male Chorus. More information at www.KalamazooBachFestival.org.

The Saline Fiddlers on Sunday, February 25, at 4 p.m. in First Congregational Battle Creek (145 Capital Ave NE). This amazing array of young stringed instrument players will continue the church's Sunday Afternoon Live concert series. Freewill offering.

Organ Recital and Choral Evensong on Sunday, March 4, in St. Thomas Episcopal Battle Creek (15 E Van Buren St). A 4:30 p.m. recital by HEIDI ORDAZ will be followed by Choral Evensong at 5 p.m. with the Trebles & Ladies of the St. Thomas Choir directed by STEPHEN WHITE. Freewill offering.

MEME – Music Educators Male Ensemble on Sunday, March 11, at 4 p.m. in First Congregational Battle Creek (145 Capital Ave NE). The eight-member male vocal ensemble is made up of established Michigan choral music director/teachers. Their concert will conclude the regular 2018 Sunday Afternoon Live series. Freewill offering.

Audivi (professional vocal ensemble) on Sunday, March 18, at 5 p.m. in St. Augustine Cathedral Kalamazoo (542 W Michigan Ave). Under the direction of Dr. Noah Horn, this Audivi concert will conclude the 2017-18 Sacred Music at the Cathedral season. Freewill offering.

The Raisin Pickers on Sunday, May 6, at 3 p.m. in Milwood United Methodist Kalamazoo (3919 Portage Rd). Based in Manchester, Michigan, the four-member string band has cultivated a loyal following with its deft mix of rustic Appalachian music, old time swing, bluegrass, and swamp driven Louisiana sounds. They were last on The Milwood Series in 2010. Freewill offering.

Organ Recital and Choral Evensong on Sunday, May 6, in St. Thomas Episcopal Battle Creek (15 E Van Buren St). A 4:30 p.m. recital by CARRIE GROENEWOLD will be followed at 5 p.m. by Choral Evensong with The Trebles & Gentlemen of the St. Thomas Choir directed by STEPHEN WHITE. Freewill offering.