

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2018

www.SWMichiganAGO.org**NOURISHING CHAPTER FELLOWSHIP***Potluck/Officer Installation/Anthem Reading*

Monday 24 September
St. Luke's Episcopal Kalamazoo [247 W Lovell St]

6:00 p.m. Gathering
6:30 Dinner followed by Officer Installation
and an Anthem Reading Session

We will begin gathering at 6 p.m. for a potluck dinner in the downstairs parish hall dining room. A brief Officer Installation program will also take place in the dining room. Then we will move to the church where an anthem reading session will be held in the chancel. Each of us is asked to bring a food offering:

Last name starts with A-H – main dishes
Last name I-P – side dishes including salads
Last name Q-Z – desserts

All of us are encouraged to bring multiple copies of an anthem or two for the reading session.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL & DIRECTORY*from Registrar Carrie Groenewold*

Because our membership dues are paid directly to the National AGO at varying times in the calendar year, our chapter has an established procedure to determine “who” will be included in each year’s directory. It’s this simple:

If you are a member-in-good standing on October 1, you will be included in the new directory.

If you need to renew your membership between now and October 1, we will do our best to let you know. Headed up by Registrar Carrie Groenewold, this effort will be a combination of emails and phone calls. If you do NOT hear from us at all between now and October 1, you have the right to assume that all is well and that you will be included. **Soli Deo Gloria.**

OUR 2018-19 PROGRAM YEAR*from Sub Dean Graeme Shields*

We hope you will be excited with what looks like a fantastic program year for our chapter!

September 24 (Monday)
Potluck Dinner/Officer Installation/Anthem Reading
6:00 p.m. Gathering
6:30 Dinner / Other Activities to follow
St. Luke's Episcopal Kalamazoo

September 28 – October 7
Orgelkids Project comes to Southwest Michigan
More information is included on page 2

November 18 (Sunday)
3:00 p.m. Létourneau Organ 20th Anniversary
First Baptist Kalamazoo

December 10 (Monday)
7:00 p.m. Annual Members Christmas Recital
First Congregational Kalamazoo
Christmas Party Follows
Bill & Joanne Musselman Home

February 25 (Monday)
7:00 p.m. Composing for Organ
Zion Lutheran Kalamazoo

March 11 (Monday)
7:00 p.m. Aaron Tan Recital (NYACOP winner)
First Presbyterian Battle Creek

May 6 (Monday)
7:00 p.m. Bach Around the Block XXXII
Downtown Kalamazoo Churches
in collaboration with Kalamazoo Bach Festival Society

June 10 (Monday)
Potluck Dinner/Officer Installation/Music Exchange
Includes celebrating a new Lauck Pipe Organ
6:00 p.m. Gathering
6:30 Dinner / Other Activities to follow
St. Ann's Catholic Augusta



Here is a list of places the **OrgelkidsCAN** instrument will appear while it's here with our chapter.

Friday September 28

St. Augustine Cathedral Kalamazoo
6:30 before James Biery's 7 p.m. concert

Sunday September 30

Milwood United Methodist Kalamazoo
as part of Graeme Shields' 3 p.m. concert

Thursday October 4

Kalamazoo Farmers Market
from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Friday October 5

Sarkozy Bakery & Café Kalamazoo
during Art Hop from 5 to 8 p.m.

Saturday October 6

Kalamazoo Farmers Market Reprise
7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday October 7

First United Methodist South Haven
"Orgelkids on the Shore" at 1 p.m.

INTRODUCING THE ORGELKIDS PROJECT
Coming to Kalamazoo This Month

The **Orgelkids** program was started in 2009 by Dutch organist Lydia Vroegindeweyj to give children a chance to learn about, build, and play, a miniature two-rank pipe organ. This program has since spread to Belgium, the United States and now the Royal Canadian College of Organists (RCCO) has brought it to Canada. They are calling the Canadian version of this program **OrgelkidsCAN**. Their vision is to produce eight traveling kits for use by children in schools, music festivals, science fairs, and museums across the country. With leadership from Graeme Shields, our Sub Dean, the Southwest Michigan Chapter has rented one of these traveling instruments.

The **Orgelkids** organ is a complete, craftsman-built organ. It arrives in a box that contains all the required parts along with assembly instructions and a complete set of educational materials. During the building phase, children learn about the technical aspects of the mechanics of a pipe organ and discover how the sound is created. And, of course, when the organ is built, they play it! When they are done, the kit is disassembled and put back in the box for the next presentation. To see how it's done, copy this link to your browser: <https://vimeo.com/166271700>

OUR DEAN'S MESSAGE
Stephen White, PhD

Does the summer seem to go by more quickly each year – or is that just something I experience? At any rate, the new program year is upon us and I hope each of you is ready to actively participate in what has been planned. You'll note that we have a few different activities this year - all in hopes of a) getting our current members to actually show up to chapter meetings/programs, b) engage the broader community, and c) help us spread the word about the great things happening in the world of the pipe organ.

Please note carefully the chapter event happening on September 24 – it will be a great opportunity to catch up, share stories about our summer adventures, and to provide encouragement as we all launch into the busy seasons ahead.

As always, I do hope you will seriously consider inviting a friend or two to join you at chapter programs – yes, they are open to everyone! The AGO isn't only an organization for organists, but also for those who might be in another musical discipline or simply be a lover of music.

Soli Deo Gloria!

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUMMARY *from Secretary Kay Ensfield*

Our newly elected Executive Committee met on August 16. New board members Deb Rafferty and Jared Montgomery were warmly welcomed! Sub Dean Graeme Shields brought us up to date on our programs for this year; his report was received enthusiastically. Registrar Carrie Gronewold had let Dean White know that we currently have 73 members.

All agreed that this year's Bach Around the Block event worked very well and was a big success both musically and in attendance. We had one applicant for the David Sly Scholarship. This was Graeme Shields who left the room while the committee deliberated. His application for the \$500 award was approved unanimously.

The committee decided to begin using our current savings account exclusively for David Sly Scholarship funds. This will make it easier for us and all future boards to track these funds separately. We were reminded that the Kathryn Loew funds reside with the Kalamazoo Community Foundation.

The 2019 Great Lakes Regional Convention will be held in Grand Rapids next summer. We will want to make a big push to encourage our members to attend.

Soli Deo Gloria!

AN ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY *Help Us Cover Our Directory Costs*

Registrar Carrie Gronewold will soon begin to solicit display ads for our yearbook/directory. If you, your church, or an affiliated organization you know would like to place a display ad in our new directory, the prices are \$35 (one-third page), \$50 (half page), or \$100 (full page). Carrie would love to hear from you via music@stlukeskalamazoo.org or 785 766-4543.

MIXTURES

Our second **Pints & Pipes** event at The University Roadhouse on September 10 was a festive event. Regular members were joined by several guests many of whom were students.

FYI: We used to include **Position Postings** in our newsletter, but now we blast them forth via email as soon as they are received. We hope this expedites and improves the notification process.

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**.*

Organist James Biery on Friday, September 28, at 7 p.m. in St. Augustine Cathedral Kalamazoo (542 W Michigan Ave). The concert will open the Sacred Music at the Cathedral concert season. Minister of Music and Organist at Grosse Pointe Memorial, Biery's program will include works by Bach, Franck, Richter, and Biery, plus duo pieces with Marilyn Perkins Biery! Freewill offering.

Composer/Organist GRAEME SHIELDS on Sunday, September 30, at 3 p.m. in Milwood United Methodist Kalamazoo (3919 Portage Rd). Part of The Milwood Series, his program will focus on "creative music and sounds for organ" and feature the first performance of a work he has composed specifically for the church's Möller/Rodgers combination pipe/analog instrument. Freewill offering.

Organ Recital and Choral Evensong on Sunday, October 7, in St. Thomas Episcopal Battle Creek (15 E Van Buren St). The organ recital by STEPHEN WHITE at 4:30 p.m. will be followed by Choral Evensong sung by the St. Thomas Schola Cantorum at 5 p.m. Freewill offering.

Organ Recital and Choral Evensong on Sunday, November 4, in St. Thomas Episcopal Battle Creek (15 E Van Buren St). The organ recital by JANET HILL at 4:30 p.m. will be followed by Choral Evensong sung by the Boy & Girl Choristers and the St. Thomas Choir at 5 p.m. Freewill offering.

Organist THOMAS FIELDING on Friday, November 9, at 7 p.m. in St. Augustine Cathedral Kalamazoo (542 W Michigan Ave). Works by Bruhns, Haydn, Bach, Arvo Pärt, Tournemire, Widor, and Reger are programmed. Freewill offering.

Advent Lessons & Carols on Sunday, December 2, at 5 p.m. in St. Thomas Episcopal Battle Creek (15 E Van Buren St). Sung by the St. Thomas Choirs. Freewill offering.

Coda: Tom Fielding presented a recital in Evansville IN in early September. Former chapter member Phil Niece attended. He sends his best to us all!