

THE TRUMPETINGS

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Dayton Ohio Chapter
American Guild of Organists



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JANUARY CHAPTER EVENT

Host - Michelle Carner

January 14 - 4 pm

How Music Therapy Changes Lives

Emmanuel Catholic Church

149 Franklin Street

Dayton, Ohio

Chapter members Marie Bliss and Michelle Carner are organists and music therapist. Come enjoy their insights into the power of music.



DEAN'S MESSAGE

Mary Ellen Clinard, Dean



I am sure you have all had an experience of playing or singing for an audience in a nursing home. There are times when the assistant brings in a person who seemingly is completely unaware of their environment. As the music begins, you start to see a toe tapping, or hands clapping. In the very best of situations, that person, who is perhaps nonverbal most of the day, suddenly begins to sing the word to the song. Their eyes coming alive with connectivity and joy.

As musicians, we know the miracle music can bring to people who suffer from a host of both mental and physical conditions.

Join us on Sunday, January 14 at 4pm as chapter members Marie Bliss and Michelle Carner present a program about music therapy. Our meeting will be held in the education building at Emmanuel Catholic Church, 149 Franklin Street, Dayton OH.

If the weather looks threatening, we will also have a zoom option and will send out a link through email. Hope to see you there.

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2023-2024 CHAPTER EVENTS

Local events

January 14, TBA How Music Therapy Changes Lives
Emmanuel Catholic

February 4, 4pm Avocation vs. Vocation
Abiding Christ Lutheran

March 9, 2pm Music Library and Dinner
Westminster Presbyterian

April 28, 2pm Organ Crawl
Minster, Ohio

May 5, 4pm Organ Academy/Scholarship Winner Recital
and Installation of Officers
St. George's Episcopal Church

*Do you have ideas for future programs? Please share those
with sub-dean, Karen Bocko.*

AGO MUSIC LIBRARY

Sale at Every Monthly Chapter Meeting

Our Chapter Music Library Ongoing Sale Supports the
Dayton AGO Scholarships for college and adult students!

You can schedule a visit to the music library by
contacting Westminster Presbyterian Church. The library
is located on the third floor. Please send donations of \$1
per book or piece to chapter treasurer Yun Kim.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

*Publication occurs the 1st of
each month. Information on
upcoming concerts, programs,
and articles on organ and
choral related topics are
welcome.*

*Please submit these to our
editor, Rachel Lammi, by the
22nd of the month prior to
desired publication.*

*Please send raw, unformatted
text and jpeg pictures.*

*Please be sure submit changes
to your contact information
to guarantee you receive
chapter communications.*

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USEFUL NOTE

Underlined items are email
or website links.

DAYTON ORGAN ACADEMY

Established 1983

Since 1983, members of the Dayton chapter have donated their time to the education of qualified high school and gifted junior high students. Students apply and audition for a spot with one of our qualified teachers. Auditions are held in late April of each year.

Applicants are asked to play a Bach invention, a contrasting piece, and sight read a hymn. This base skill level leads to the best results with organ lessons.

Do you teach piano students?

Do you encourage learning the art of hymn playing from an early age?

Do you encourage students to consider learning the art of organ playing?

Do you have a home instrument you are willing to gift to a student to practice?

Does your place of employment facilitate the availability of instruments for student practice?

If you said yes to any of these, Thank You! Auditions are coming in April. Please be preparing your own students and inviting local piano teachers to prepare students for organ study. Please contact organ academy chair, Rachel Lammi, if you have interested students or an instrument for practice use.

Some resources to help prepare students:

Alfred Basic Piano Library - Graded Level Hymn Books

<https://www.agohq.org/young-persons-guide/>

JOB OPENINGS

Unless otherwise indicated, these institutions are seeking part-time organists. Complete details can be found at the chapter website.

*Holy Trinity Lutheran
Abington, PA*

*Covenant Presbyterian
Springfield, Ohio*

*Troy Church of the Brethren
Troy, Ohio*

*Mosaic Church
Beavercreek, Ohio*

*High Street UMC
Springfield, Ohio
Director/Keyboard*

*First Presbyterian
Troy, Ohio*

*St. Paul UCC
New Bremen, Ohio*

*First Church of Christ, Scientist
Dayton, Ohio*

*First Presbyterian
Troy, Ohio*

*Royal Redeemer Lutheran
Liberty Township, Ohio*

*St. Paul's Episcopal
Greenville, Ohio*

*First Lutheran
Troy, Ohio*

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Rachel Spry Lammi, CAGO

What drew you to the organ?

I remember being fascinated with idea of playing music with my feet from the first time I saw the organ in the loft at church. In sixth grade, while other confirmation students took their turn reciting memory verses, I messed around on the pedals figuring out how to play silly things like the Jaws theme.

When I was 15, the regular organist at church asked me to fill in for her the next day. It was an adventure being thrown in the deep in with little time to prepare. But, I was hooked, especially with leading congregational singing.

If you had/have another career, please tell a little about that part of your life.

I spent ten years as Family Ministry Coordinator / Deacon in an ELCA Lutheran church. This was in addition to musical duties. These two positions combined into one full time job. I encourage students to be creative with their careers and even consider a bi-vocational lifestyle. While a full time music position is the goal for many, most church music positions are part time. A bi-vocational lifestyle is an option for ministry to which some are called. I took twenty theological credits at Trinity Lutheran seminary and went through the intensive candidacy process to become a Deacon. I now serve under call through the Southern Ohio Synod as an uncompensated Christian Education consultant for my husband's congregation.

What inspires you about your current or past organist positions?

Kettering SDA church has always been a place to encourage young persons to learn music. My students often play for worship in both the Sanctuary (classic/family style) and Ascent (contemporary style) services. The congregation appreciates them sharing their gifts and support my teaching with enthusiasm.

What bits of advice would you give a beginning organist?

This should be no secret. Practice. If you spend the time in intentional practice you will progress in anything!



QUICK FACTS

BORN & RAISED

Dayton, OH

CURRENT POSITIONS

Organist
Kettering SDA

Private Studio
organ & piano

Chair, Dayton Organ
Academy

DEGREES

Ball State University
Duquesne University

FAVORITE SMELL

Fresh Outdoor Air

HOBBIES

Swimming, gardening,
painting, amusement parks

Want to know more about Rachel? You can meet her at many of our chapter events.

LOCAL CONCERTS

Local events

Stivers Choral Club

February 18, 3pm

Christ Church, UMC

3440 Shroyer Rd, Kettering

Jeremy Winston Chorale

Singing a New Song

February 10, 3 pm

Kettering SDA

3939 Stonebridge Rd., Kettering

Featuring Hailstork's epic work for chorus, brass, percussion, and organ *Shout for Joy*

Your event could be shared here

Send information to newsletter editor by the 24 of the month prior to your desired publication date.

WOMEN COMPOSERS SUNDAY

Everyone should participate

Women Composers Sunday

March 10

Where? Wherever you play. March 10 is set aside by the national AGO task force on gender equality and Society of Women Organists as a day to highlight and celebrate music composed by women.

Detailed information and resource lists can be found at <https://www.agohq.org/task-force-gender-equity/>

DAI CONCERTS

1st & 3rd Sundays at 2pm

Jan 7 - Matt Dierking

Jan 21 - Matt Dierking

Want to play a DAI concert?

All Dayton AGO Chapter members are encouraged to take turns presenting these concerts. Contact [Matt Dierking](#) if you wish to perform one of these 1 hour programs.

Begun in 2010 by Matt Dierking, these concerts serve to generate interest and educate museum patrons on the pipe organ by playing a wide variety of music and showing off the many varied dimensions of the DAI Skinner Organ.

