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## Worship Service Celebrates Chapter's New Program Year

It is with a sense of excitement and anticipation that we launch the St. Louis AGO Chapter's 2010-2011 program year with the celebration of a worship service together. Webster Groves Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 1320 West Lockwood Ave., Webster Groves, MO 63122, will be our site for the Sept. 27 service.

We will be welcomed by the church's pastor, Rev. Dr. Jeff Moore, and the message will be delivered by The Very Reverend Michael D. Kinman, provost at Christ Church Cathedral. Our evening will begin with a catered dinner at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall, and the service will be in the sanctuary at 7:30.

The theme of the service is "We Celebrate!" We will be invited throughout the service to celebrate our creation, redemption, fellowship, and commitment as musicians, individuals, and our collective humanity. The worship celebration will combine the talents of a diverse group of musicians

including joyous congregational singing, handbells, choir, harp, flute, brass quintet, and organ. AGO members Chuck Peery, director of music, and Robert Chamberlin, organist, will be our hosts. The organ is a 3-manual, 30-rank 1965 Möller, dedicated in October 1965. The instrument speaks directly into the central axis of the sanctuary. Tonal design and voicing of the pipes

are in the spirit of the classic organ of the eighteenth century, with special consideration to the organ's function to accompany and embellish worship services. In 1982, additional funds were contributed to add an antiphonal division in the balcony. During the summer of 2004, the organ was renovated and the electronic systems were upgraded by Robert Dial to

con-form with up-to-date digital electronics.

In preparation for the opportunity to honor members who are not longer physically among us, you are invited to think of chapter members you have known who have died within the last 10 years and send these names to Chuck Peery ([cepeery@earthlink.net](mailto:cepeery@earthlink.net)) or phone the names to Bill Wade at 314-258-2520. We will celebrate the memory and contribution of those individuals during the service.

I hope you will be able to join us for the renewal and inspiration our opening meeting will provide as many of us embark on a new season of music in our own churches.

— Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO

### The Details

**Date:** Monday, September 27, 2010  
**Event:** Guild Worship Service  
**Location:** Webster Groves Christian Church  
1320 West Lockwood  
St. Louis, MO 63122  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m. Dinner  
7:30 p.m. Program  
**Co-Hosts:** Chuck Peery and Bob Chamberlin  
**Cost:** \$10 for dinner  
**Reservations:** Kathleen Bolduan (314-725-1251 or [kathleen.bolduan@gmail.com](mailto:kathleen.bolduan@gmail.com))  
(Please confirm reservation by Wednesday, Sept. 22)

#### Directions:

**From the east via I-44:** Take the Berry Road exit. Turn right off the exit, cross the railroad tracks and continue up the hill. At the stop sign at the top of the hill, turn left onto West Lockwood. Look for the second cut through the median and turn left into the church driveway. Park in the back and enter the rearmost door right off the parking lot.

**From the west via I-44:** Take the Big Bend Rd. exit. Turn right off the exit. Follow Big Bend to the stoplight at Berry Road (it only goes to the left.) Turn left on Berry Road. Pass under I-44, cross the railroad tracks and go up the hill. At the stop sign at the top of the hill, turn left onto West Lockwood. Look for the second cut through the median and turn left into the church driveway. Park in the back and enter the rearmost door right off the parking lot.

## CELEBRATE!

**A**s my first official act as dean, it is my great pleasure to invite all of you join me and **CELEBRATE!** This is my theme for the next two years. Each month, in this column, I will explore and expound on the culture of the pipe organ and the people who sustain it.

This organ is unique! Its vast array of colors, scientific (sometime physics defying) apparatus and impressive presentation are reasons alone to celebrate. What about the varied repertoire? How often have you been moved by the atmospheric harmonies of Maurice Duruflé or excited by skyrocketing Finales of Louis Vierne. The variety of composition is outstanding.

Last, but certainly not least, anyone who has dared to play the organ is to be highly praised. Becoming a good organist requires years of intricate instruction and endless hours of practice. Might I add, what a thrill it is to play the organ and feel the church shake under crashing chords. How many musical instru-

ments can do that? Another reason to rejoice.

In June, we began our celebration with our second POE. It was a tremendous success (see Page 4). An abundance of thanks to Andy Peters, our fearless director. Andy and Mrs. Peters put in many, many unseen and difficult hours. In addition to directing the POE, Andy played a very exciting recital. Andy's hard work is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to the committees, faculty, guest artists and all volunteers who participated.

In September we will continue our celebration with a guild service at Webster Groves Christian Church. This meeting offers us an opportunity to unite, worship and reaffirm our belief in a noble profession. My hope is that all of you will attend the evening and take enormous amounts of enthusiasm back to your home, worship community and perhaps students.

I predict that the next two years will be infectious with inspiration. **CELEBRATE!**

— Henry Evans

## New Chapter Officers, Directors Elected In Annual Membership Balloting

St. Louis AGO Chapter members elected new officers and two directors from the ballot in the April *OPUS* issue. Results are as follows:

Dean — Henry Evans, organist and choirmaster, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Edwardsville, Ill.

Sub Dean — Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO, minister of music/organist, Trinity Presbyterian Church, University City.

Secretary — Cathy Cassy, St. Elizabeth Church, Granite City, Ill.

Treasurer — Dennis York, St. Peter's Cathedral, Belleville, Ill.

Auditor — Denis Doelling, First Christian Church, Edwardsville, Ill.

Membership on the Executive Committee (Class of 2013) —

John Cargile, Organist/Music Associate, Manchester United Methodist Church, Manchester, Mo.

Bruce Ludwick, St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, St. Louis, Mo.

(The outgoing dean, Chuck Peery, is the third member of this class.)

Those elected were installed during the Chapter's annual meeting in May.

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You are invited to submit material to the editor for publication consideration. Material and calendar items should be e-mailed to [jason418@aol.com](mailto:jason418@aol.com).

**October issue deadline - Sept. 28**

# St. Louis Chapter, American Guild of Organists

## 2010 - 2011 Programs

In this year of “Celebration,” the Chapter program committee has crafted a series of programs designed to inform, educate, and entertain. Of course, fellowship is always a part of every meeting, no matter what the topic. Here are the individual “celebrations” for this season, including the first meeting described on Page 1.

**Monday, October 25, 2010**

**Choral Conducting Seminar with John Stewart**  
 (joint meeting with National Association of Pastoral Musicians)  
**Venue: St. Gabriel the Archangel Church**

Mr. Stewart is director of vocal activities and teacher of applied music - voice at Washington University.

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**Monday, November 15, 2010**

**Members' Recital**  
**Venue: Trinity Lutheran Church**

Chapter members scheduled to perform are Henry Evans, Wes Kassulke, Bill Stein, John Cargile, David Erwin, Emily Pearce, Mary Hitchcock-Reinhart, Heather Cooper-Martin and Nancy Ypma.

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**Monday, January 3, 2011**

**Epiphany Party**  
**Home of Dr. Bill Wade and Mike Kaberline**

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**Sunday, January 23, 2011**

**Ken Cowan in recital**  
**St. Louis Cathedral Basilica**  
 2:30 p.m.

**Monday, January 24, 2011**

**Ken Cowan lecture at regular chapter meeting**  
**St. Louis Cathedral Basilica**

Mr. Cowan is assistant professor of organ at Westminster Choir College of Rider University in Princeton, N.J.

**Friday, February 25, 2011**

**Clive Driskill-Smith in recital**  
**St. Mark's Episcopal Church**

Mr. Driskill-Smith is sub-organist at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. His scheduled April 2010 performance on the church's new Juget-Sinclair organ was postponed after a volcanic eruption in Iceland cancelled air travel from Europe.

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**Sunday, March 27, 2011**

**Children's Choral Workshop conducted by Dr. Michael Burkhardt**  
**Memorial Presbyterian Church**

**Monday, March 28, 2011**

**Hymn Festival conducted by Dr. Michael Burkhardt**  
**Memorial Presbyterian Church**

Dr. Burkhardt is in frequent demand as a choral clinician, organ recitalist, and hymn festival leader throughout the United States and abroad.

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**No April meeting due to Easter date**

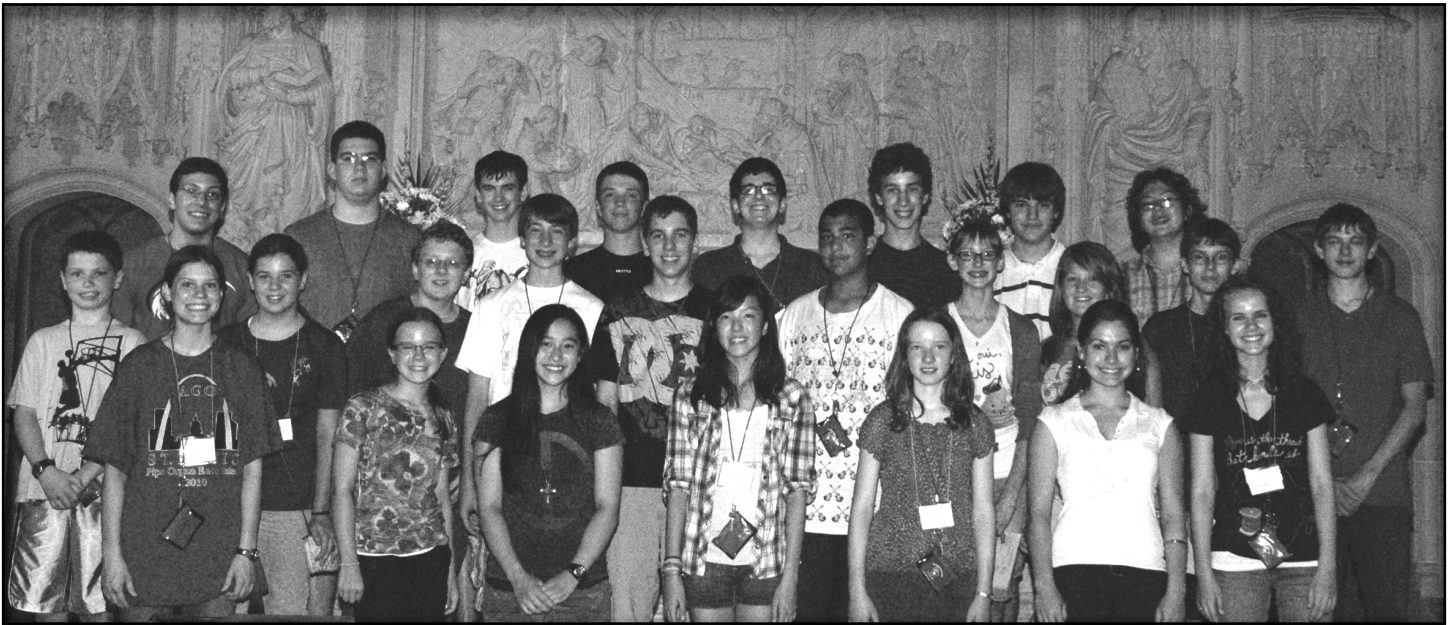
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**Monday, May 9, 2011**

**Annual Banquet and Business Meeting**  
**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**

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**NOTE:** Monday meetings begin at 7:30 with a catered dinner preceding the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Consult *OPUS* for the front-page story and details about individual meetings. Any scheduling changes will be reported there. Reservations are required for dinner, but please come, celebrate and make some new friends.



## POE Participants Prove that 'Future of Organ Is in Good Hands'

On behalf of the Pipe Organ Encounter Steering Committee, I would like to thank our chapter for its part in our wonderful POE. The guest faculty, chapter faculty, volunteers, and host churches worked perfectly together in providing a highly successful program for our students. The participants had a good time during the week, learned new things, and met others with an interest in the organ and its music. The fine playing on the closing student recital showed that the future of the organ is in good hands.

Thank you also to our generous donors whose contributions made a wonderful week possible for the POE students. Congratulations on a job well done and for showing all of our guests the strengths and hospitality of the St. Louis AGO Chapter!

*Andrew Peters, POE director*

*POE Steering Committee: JD Brooks, Cathy Cassy, Denis Doelling, Brent Johnson, Bruce Ludwick, Dr. Stephen Mager, Emily Pearce, Andrew Peters and Janet Spencer*

## Karen and John Romeri Given Avis Blewett Award At Chapter's Annual Meeting

In recognition of their many contributions to the musical fabric of the St. Louis community, Karen and John Romeri were recognized with the St. Louis AGO Chapter's highest honor, the Avis Blewett Award, during the Chapter's annual meeting in May. The event was held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, hosted by Rick Burk.

Chapter Dean Chuck Peery (shown at right with the Romeris) made the presentation, recounting a number of the recipients' roles in leading a much-appreciated program of sacred and classical music, including the well attended Cathedral Concerts series.

John Romeri held several positions with the Archdiocese of St. Louis including Cathedral Basilica organist. Karen Romeri was assistant music director at the Basilica. The Romeris recently resigned their positions so that John could accept employment as music director for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.



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# Positions Available

## Minister of Music

Unity Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 8454 Glen Echo Drive, St. Louis, MO 63121, seeks a keyboardist, proficient in both organ and piano and fluent in a variety of styles to lead worship and direct one adult choir. Willingness to enter into collaboration with pastor and worship ministry for worship development and an openness to different forms of musical expression are important qualities. For complete job description, e-mail Pastor Karen Scherer at [pastor@unitybelnor-elca.org](mailto:pastor@unitybelnor-elca.org).

## Music Director

St. Mark Lutheran Church, 105 East "D" Street, Belleville, IL 62220, seeks part-time director of music to rehearse and direct both voice and handbell choirs, working closely with an accomplished, supportive organist. Excellent acoustics. A full job description can be obtained by e-mailing a request to [smlc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smlc@sbcglobal.net). Send resume and references to St. Mark Lutheran Church.

## Choir Director

Christ UCC, 26 North 14th Street, Belleville, IL 62220, is seeks chancel choir director. Duties include directing a small (12-15) member choir in one service per week, one song per service (with a possible introit and benediction response). There is no choir from Memorial Day to Labor Day. For more information contact the church secretary at [Christucc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Christucc@sbcglobal.net) or 618-233-1962, Monday-Thursday.



## ON THE CONCERT HORIZON

**Friday, September 10, 7:30 p.m.** St. Paul United Church of Christ, 115 West 'B' Street, Belleville, Ill. Elvis Gospel Concert featuring Steve Davis and River Town Quartet. Free-will offering. Information 618-233-3303, ext. 118.

**Saturday, September 11, 7 p.m.** Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2030 Union Road, St. Louis, Mo. Cale Hoeflicker and Michael Lich, classical guitarists, in concert. Diverse program of solos and duets featuring classical, Spanish and world music. Free. Information 314-544-3737.

**Sunday, October 10, 3 p.m.** First Church of Christ, Scientist, 5000 Westminster Place, St. Louis, Mo. Martha Shaffer, organist, in recital. Works of Batiste, Rheinberger, Russell and Fletcher. Free.

**Friday, October 22, 7:30 p.m.** St. Paul United Church of Christ, 115 West 'B' Street, Belleville, Ill. Celebration brass quartet. Free-will offering. Information 618-233-3303, ext. 118.

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**NOTE:** Holiday/Christmas musical events to be listed in the "Concert Horizon" section must be received by **October 20** for the November *OPUS* edition.

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## Congratulations...

to St. Louis AGO Chapter member Cornelia Tolbert, children's choir director, assistant organist and pianist at Union Memorial United Methodist Church, 1141 Belt Ave., St. Louis, Mo., who received her Honorary Doctorate in Sacred Music on August 20 from The Spirit of Truth Institute; Richmond, Va.

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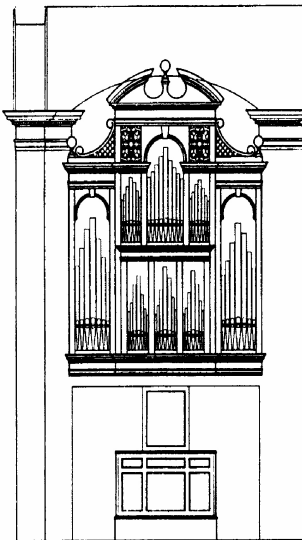
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