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It's time for a post-holiday open house get together at the residence of Dr. Steven Ball on Friday, January 3, 2020 beginning at 7pm. **YOU ARE INVITED!!**

Please RSVP to Kathy Bolduan:

Email: kathleen.bolduan@gmail.com

Please bring a dish and beverage or two to share as well as your spouse/partner. It will be a great evening of fun and a great time for fellowship!

DIRECTIONS:

Iowa Ave is a one way street northbound. You will need to drive down Iowa Ave. directly behind St. Francis de Sales Church and School. As you continue down the street, you will see a large parking lot located on your right. This lot is North of a large gymnasium building which has an address of 2634 posted above the front door. You're in the right place. Once you've parked in the lot, you will see an unmarked white door entering the gym building with a ramp leading up to it. Go up the ramp and follow the signs up a flight of stairs.

Dr. Steven Ball

2632 Iowa Ave.

(609) 515-5857



Dean's Corner: BURNELL HACKMAN

Dear fellow AGOers:

I trust everyone made it through the Christmas season and you are ready to tackle Lent and Easter!! After a very busy holiday season, I invite you to come and relax with fellow church musicians as we gather for fellowship on Friday, January 3rd. More details on page one in this newsletter.

It is time once again to think about our next election cycle. We will be electing a new Dean, Sub-Dean and three members to our board. Luella Foster is chair of the nominating committee along with John Walsh and Stephen Jones. Please volunteer to serve or pass along names you think may be a positive force on our board.

It is also time to look for nominations for our Avis Blewitt Award. Wes Kassulke is chair of that committee along with Shawn Portell and Suzanne Manelli. You can find their contact information in our beautiful green St. Louis Chapter Yearbook. We thank Al and Fern Black for once again undertaking the enormous project.

Please give careful consideration to attending our February Flourish and invite others on your church music staff to join you. It is a wonderful, enriching day you don't want to miss!

The 2020 National AGO Convention is in Atlanta this summer. Benton Blassingame from our chapter has been selected to play a recital along with other winners of the Taylor competition. Congratulations Ben!! We know you will represent our chapter well!!

I thank the many volunteers who keep our chapter running smoothly!

May your 2020 be GREAT!

Musically yours,

Burnell Hackman, Dean

St. Louis AGO Chapter

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Class of 2020:	Lisa Cripe, Luella Foster (SPC), Bill Stein
Class of 2021:	Bob Chamberlin, Timothy Jansen, Martha Shaffer (CAGO)
Class of 2022:	Dr. Steven Ball, J.D. Brooks, Wes Kassulke

2019-2020

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JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	2020

COMMUNITY CONCERT CALENDAR

2019-2020

JAN 3	EPIPHANY OPEN HOUSE PARTY 7:00pm Dr. Steven Ball Residence 2632 Iowa Ave – St. Louis	JAN 26	EQUINOX CHAMBER PLAYERS 3:00pm First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood 100 E. Adams Ave – Kirkwood
JAN 5	SOLOMN EVENSONG 8:00am Church of St. Michael and St. George 6345 Wydown Blvd – St. Louis	JAN 31	LUTHER COLLEGE NORDIC CHOIR 7:00pm Manchester United Methodist Church 129 Woods Mill Rd - Manchester
JAN 12	PIANO RECITAL – Lansin Kimler 3:00pm Third Baptist Church 620 N. Grand – St. Louis	SEND YOUR EVENTS TO: events@agostlouis.org <i>Articles for the February issue of the OPUS are due by January 15, 2020.</i> Please send to: ted.cronbaugh@gmail.com	
JAN 19	CLASSICAL GUITARIST – Mark Akin 8:30am & 10:30am Worship Services Webster Groves Presbyterian Church 45 W. Lockwood Ave – Webster Groves		
JAN 19	ANITA JACKSON CONCERT 4:00pm Second Presbyterian Church 4501 Westminister Pl – St. Louis		
JAN 26	ORGAN DUO CONCERT – Kiyo & Chiemi Watanabe 3:00pm Third Baptist Church 620 N. Grand – St. Louis		

Sub-Dean's Corner: CATHY CASSY



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! 2020 is here and is set to be a great year!

We begin the year with an enjoyable post-Christmas get-together hosted by Steven Ball at his home on January 3, 2020. Please be sure to RSVP to Kathy Bolduan.

Email: kathleen.bolduan@gmail.com

Dawn Riske and her committee are busily finalizing details for our fabulous February Flourish Church Music Conference which will offer some awesome workshops for all. It will be held on Saturday, February 8th at First Presbyterian Church (401 Darst Road) in Ferguson. You should have received a flyer in the mail by now or you may check out more information on our web-site at: www.agostlouis.org Please be sure to register.

On March 9, organist Lynn Trapp will present "Conducting from the Console" at Hope United Church of Christ hosted by Jim Threlkeld. As part of the Cathedral Concerts series, you can also hear Lynn perform at the St. Louis Cathedral on Sunday afternoon, March 8th.

We will wrap up the year at Faith/Des Peres Presbyterian Church on May 18th with our Awards and Installation of Officers along with our guest speaker, National AGO's Director of Member Engagement and Chapter development, Elizabeth George.

I am looking forward to see you and enjoying several evenings of entertainment, information, fellowship, and making connections with the St. Louis Chapter of the AGO.

Cathy Cassy, Sub-Dean

St. Louis AGO Chapter

American Guild of Organists Saint Louis Chapter presents

February Flourish

A Conference
for Church
Musicians



**Saturday, February 8
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Workshops and Presentations
Lunch provided**

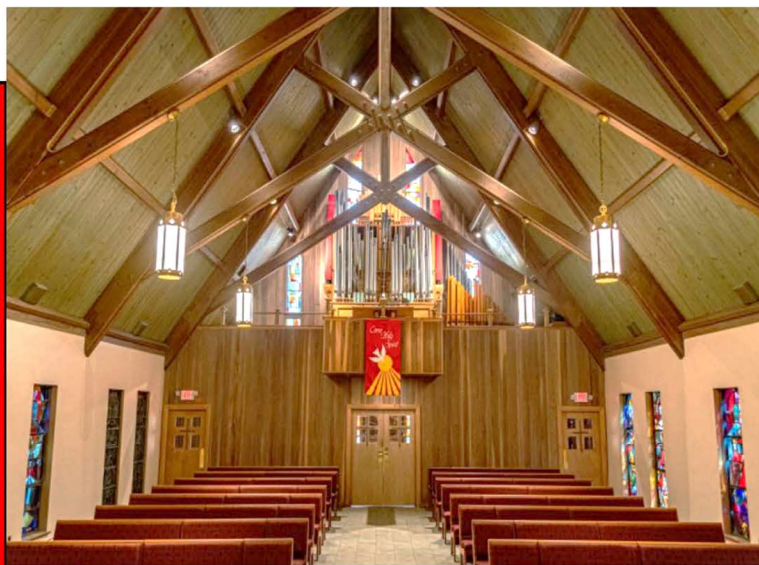
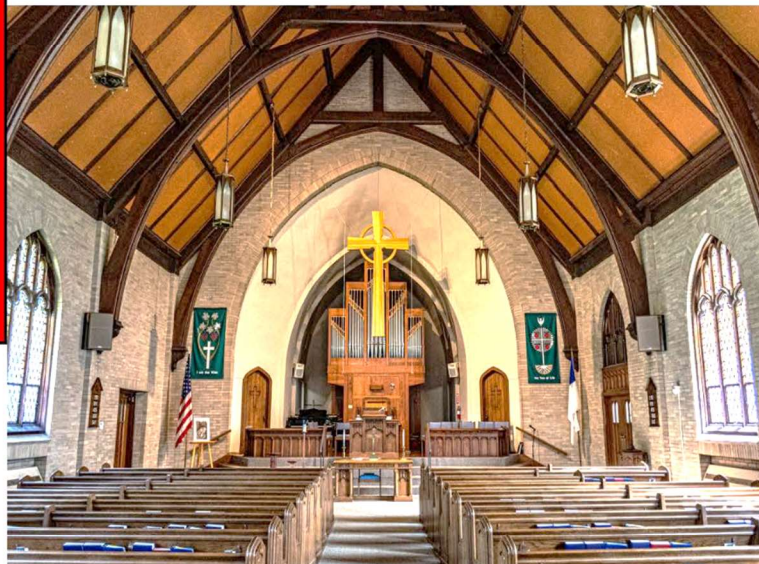
**First Presbyterian Church
401 Darst Road
and across the street at
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Ferguson, Missouri 63135**

The American Guild of Organists
proudly supports the part-time musician
through programs like February Flourish.
Support also from The Handbell Association
of Greater Saint Louis and from the Saint
Louis Chapter of National Association of
Pastoral Musicians

*For up-to-date news or any weather alerts,
check the Chapter website: agostlouis.org*

*Need to cancel? Contact Registrar Rick Burk
by February 4 to request a refund:
burkr@sbcglobal.net*

*Come to browse resources from exhibitors
specializing in sacred music.*



*Dawn Riske, CAGO, February Flourish Director
musicdeac@gmail.com*

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NPM	npmstlouis.org



inspiration for the soul
inspiration for the mind

February Flourish
inspiration for the body

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**February 8, 2020 First Presbyterian and
St. Stephen's Episcopal Churches in Ferguson**

PLEASE NOTE: This completed form may be mailed to the February Flourish registrar or
you may register on-line at www.agostlouis.org

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name

Address

City State Zip code

Email Address

Phone (primary)

Phone (secondary)

Name as it should appear on badge

AGO certification (if any)

AGO chapter (if any)

Emergency contact name(s) and phone(s)

☐ I give permission for my name and contact information to be included on a roster of attendees.

☐ Special meal request: ☐ vegan ☐ gluten-free

☐ \$30.00 REGISTRATION FEE enclosed (Make checks payable to AGO—St. Louis Chapter)

☐ \$15.00 STUDENT REGISTRATION FEE enclosed (For students age 22 and under)

Note: fee includes materials, snacks and lunch.]

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: January 31, 2020

If you are NOT paying on-line, please return this completed form and your check to:
Rick Burk, Registrar
5300 Delmar Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63112

February
Flourish

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WORKSHOPS

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Saturday, February 8 Schedule

8:00-8:45 a.m.	Registration, Exhibits Continental Breakfast
8:45-9:15 a.m.	Opening Remarks
9:15-10:15 a.m.	Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jim Henry
10:15-10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Workshop Session
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Lunch, Exhibits, Prizes
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Workshop Session
2:00-2:15 p.m.	Break
2:15-3:15 p.m.	Workshop Session
3:20-3:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks & Hymn
3:30-4:00 p.m.	Exhibits

Organ Workshops

Moving from Piano to Organ
Improving Your Improvisation I and II
Hymn Reharmonization: A Fresh Method

Handbell Workshops

There Are Bells in the Closet. Now What?
Less than a Full Handbell Choir
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Choral Workshops

Building Choral Sound
A Kinesthetic Approach to Singing
Nurturing Your Children's Choir
Introduction to Chant

Technology

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— Presenters —

Organ

- Dr. Karen Black – Chair of the Wartburg University Music Department, Professor of Music; AGO Regional Councillor.
- David Sinden, Organist & Director of Music at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in St. Louis, Missouri; co-host of podcast "All Things Rite & Musical."

Choral/Vocal

- Beth Duello – Director of Music at St. Charles Borromeo Church; Director of Duchesne Branch of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians.
- Dr. Jim Henry – Director of Choral Studies at University of Missouri-Saint Louis and of the award-winning Ambassadors of Harmony; composer, arranger, educator.
- Angela Marie Rocchio – Cantor at Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis; Founder of Cathedral Chant School, Peoria, IL.

Handbells

- Dolan Bayless, Director of Traditional Music and Worship at Kirkwood United Methodist Church; founder and conductor of ReBELLion Handbell Ensemble.
- Nancy Helmich, Director of Music, St. Paul United Church of Christ in Lebanon, IL.

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- Kevin Uppercue – Managing Editor for ECS Publishing Group (E.C. Schirmer, Galaxy, MorningStar Music); composer, organist.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jim Henry
Where Do I Begin?



Registration fee: \$ 30

Student rate (age 22 and younger): \$ 15

Includes program, snacks and lunch

To receive a copy of the Registration Form by U.S. Mail, call Dawn Riske at (314) 721-8737 and leave your name and address.



Non-AGO member participants will be offered a complimentary six-month Guild membership and subscription to *The American Organist* magazine.

REGISTER ONLINE AT agostlouis.org

Deadline: January 31, 2020



Conspirito

2019-2020 Season
CONCERT SERIES

Twentieth Anniversary Season

2019

Oct. 20 Sunday @ 3:00

Hymn Festival:
Let All the Earth Rejoice
Aaron David Miller,
leader and organist



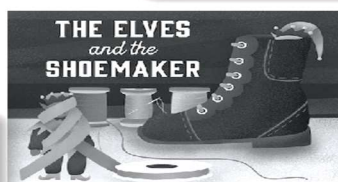
Nov. 10 Sunday @ 3:00

Women's HOPE Chorale
of St. Louis: *Illumination*



Dec. 8 Sunday @ 2:00

Imaginary Theatre Company:
The Elves & The Shoemaker



Dec. 15 Sunday @ 4:00

Chancel Choir & Orchestra
Christmas Concert



2020

French Friday Organ Series

Check for recital dates



Jan. 26 Sunday @ 3:00

Equinox Chamber
Players

April 19 Sunday @ 3:00

Jupiter String
Quartet

May 4 Monday @ 7:00
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Anniversary Recital
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Episodes in JANUARY

5	Movie Music
12	L'Orgue Mystique
19	Musique Magnifique
26	Marches

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Go to our web page to find an entire list of available substitutes for your worship services, weddings or funerals. There is also a list of available teachers for organ, piano and voice.

You can find the lists at www.agostlouis.org

Look under the tab on the left side of page marked Substitutes and Teachers.

CORRECTION

Please make this correction in your 2019-2020 AGO member directory:

The email address listed is NOT correct for Nancy Barbee. Please note the new email address below:

NANCY BARBEE:

64uccorganist@gmail.com

If you missed seeing the movie “Pipe Dreams” – here’s a snap shot of those who attended.
Photo courtesy of Rene Zajner



NATIONAL AGO CONVENTION 2020

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January 11, 2020	10:00am	Bethel Lutheran Church	Improvisation/Hymn Playing
February 8, 2020	8am-4pm	February Flourish Locations	
March 14, 2020	10:00am	Gethsemane Lutheran Church	Mock Exams