

May 2024

Dean's Corner

Just as our choir seasons begin to wrap up for the summer hiatus, so our Chapter season is approaching a hiatus of its own. Please remember that our Chapter closing banquet and annual meeting will be on May 20 and we would like to encourage everyone to attend. Our new officers will be installed, Chapter business will be shared, the new program slate for next year will be announced, and we do have an Avis Blewett Award to present. We will also provide any updates and information regarding the 2026 National AGO Convention to be held here in St. Louis.



Jeffrey White—Dean

Thank you to everyone who was able to vote in the recent election. We are moving to being more and more online rather than incurring expenses for mail delivery. We hope you found the process easy to use. Feedback for this - and anything else on your mind - is always welcome!

My best wishes to all as we honor those who have been in a mothering role to you, those who gave their lives in service to their country, and for our membership, without whom our Chapter would not exist!

Sincerely,

Jeffrey White
Dean, St. Louis AGO Chapter



Mary Beth Wittry
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Dear Fellow Musicians and Organists,

Even as the current program year is nearing its end, the program committee and I have been working diligently on the upcoming year. I know 2024-2025 will be a fine year of programs, and I look forward to seeing many of you at these upcoming events.

Bob Schneider, who had the idea of "Pipes for Parkinson's" called me to say that there is an article in the West News about our "Pipes for Parkinson's" Members' Concert last month. It includes a photo of the performers. Check it out at [westnews](http://westnews.com). Also, \$5000 was raised before and after the concert for the

cause. Well done, everyone! Bob is hoping to take this and get it started through the National AGO.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our final banquet on Monday, May 20 at St. Paul Evangelical Free in Creve Coeur. See more details below.

I wish you all a blessed and restful summer; the respite is so important for keeping our ministry of music fresh and vibrant.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Mary Beth Wittry

MAY CHAPTER EVENT

Closing Banquet & Annual Meeting

Monday, May 20 - 6:30 p.m.

St. Paul Evangelical Free Church

9801 Olive Boulevard

St. Louis, MO 63141

Betsy Stull, Hostess

Please RSVP for the meal by May 16 by contacting Cathy Bolduan at 314-853-5011 or kathleen.bolduan@gmail.com.

ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to the following Chapter members recently elected to serve on the Executive Committee:

Dean: Suzanne Manelli

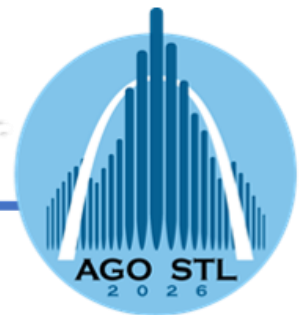
Sub-Dean: Biff Hackman

Class of 2027: Mary Hitchcock-Reinhart, Earl Naylor and Spencer Smith.

These newly elected Executive Committee members will be installed at the May 20 annual meeting. They will officially begin their duties effective July 1, 2024.

Convention Coordinator

2026 National Convention



San Francisco Here We Come! It may be an old song but it applies to those from the St. Louis Chapter who will be attending the National AGO Convention this summer. If you are planning to attend the Convention, please visit www.agostl2026.org and let us know. If you volunteer to work at least one shift in the Exhibit Hub you will be given a FREE – Meet Us in St. Louis T-Shirt designed by our very own Spencer Smith!

Burnell Hackman
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Concert Calendar

Check the Concerts and Events section of the Chapter website (www.agostlouis.org) for the most current list of upcoming events. When visiting that page, be sure to click on the heading of each concert listing for full details. As of press time here is some of what you will find.

Thursday, May 2 - 7:00 p.m.

The Waldorf University Choir
Peace Lutheran Church
737 Barracksview Road
St. Louis, MO

Sunday, May 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Gateway Ringers Spring Concert
“Favorites Old & New”
Kirkwood Baptist Church
211 N Woodlawn Avenue
Saint Louis, MO

For more information, email info@gatewayringers.org.

Friday, May 17 - 7:00 p.m.

ReBbellion Handbell Ensemble Spring Concert
“Sing, Dance, Dream!”
Kirkwood United Methodist Church
201 W. Adams
Kirkwood, MO

Free will offering to benefit LifeBridge Partnership.
For more information, email: rebellionhandbells@gmail.com

Saturday, May 18 - 2:00 p.m.

ReBbellion Handbell Ensemble Spring Concert
“Sing, Dance, Dream!”
Woodlawn Chapel Presbyterian Church
16520 Clayton Road
Wildwood, MO

\$20 admission. Benefit for Covering House.
For more information, email: rebellionhandbells@gmail.com

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Sunday, May 19 - 3:00 p.m.

The Bach Society of Saint Louis
Peace Lutheran Church
737 Barracksview Road
St. Louis, MO
\$25 – \$45

For more information, visit [The Bach Society](#).

Sunday May 19 - 3:00 p.m.

Gateway Ringers Spring Concert
“Favorites Old & New”
Green Trails United Methodist Church
14237 Ladue Road
Chesterfield, MO

For more information, email info@gatewayringers.org.

Sunday, June 2 - 3:00 p.m.

Hymn Festival
Trinity Lutheran Church
812 Soulard Street
St. Louis, MO
A free-will offering will be collected.

Friday, June 14 - 7:00 p.m.

Recital: Dennis Bergin, Organ
Twin Oaks Presbyterian Church
1230 Big Bend Road
Ballwin, MO
Free and open to the public.
For more information, call (636) 861-1870.

If you or your church has an organ/musical event that you would like to have included in the calendar, **please** send an email to David Sinden at events@agostlouis.org. You are also advised to "cc" Brent Johnson at brent@brentmjohnson.net.



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Organist

St. Anthony’s Catholic Church, Sullivan, MO is seeking a part-time organist or organist/choir master to begin leading us in music at our Sunday Liturgy as soon as possible. At present, responsibilities include hymn and liturgical accompaniment for the Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass and also the Holy Days of Obligation Masses (always at 7:00 p.m.). If interested in being choirmaster as well, be advised the all-volunteer choir will need your help to become better vocalists. They rehearse an hour before Sunday Liturgy, but also on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.. Additional hours can be expected during Holy Week and Easter. Possible wedding and funeral work as well, and occasional mid-week services as available. The Pastor, an amateur Bach scholar, loves good music and is willing to pay for it. Remuneration to be discussed. For questions or to apply please call Pastor Fr. Noah Waldman directly at (636) 688-0900.

Music Director

St. John’s United Church of Christ of Smithton, IL is seeking a part-time Music Director for 10-15 hours per week. The Music Director will select, play and lead music for worship services. They will collaborate with the worship committee and pastor, and also establish opportunities for other music-related activities within the church. St. John’s has a new Boston upright piano and new Rogers Imagine 235 Digital Organ, as well as 3 octaves of Suzuki hand chimes and an established chancel choir. Organ and piano experience are required, and vocal experience is preferred. To apply or for additional information, contact the church at sjohnsucc@att.net.

Tenor Section Leader

Third Baptist Church, St. Louis is seeking application for a Tenor section leader. Third Baptist boasts a remarkably eclectic repertoire in its worship, from Vaughan Williams to Hank Williams, and is led by three of St. Louis’s leading musicians. The choir has resumed in-person services, masked, and all singers must be fully vaccinated. Contact the Director of Music for information about this paid position, its responsibilities and expectations: pbarnes@third-baptist.org.

Organist or Pianist

Eldon United Methodist Church, Eldon, MO, is seeking organist or pianist to accompany our Sunday 10:00 a.m. worship service. Pay will be commensurate with experience. Please contact pastoramanda@eldonumc.org for more information or to apply. *Eldon is 30 miles southwest of Jefferson City.*

Director of Music

Trinity Presbyterian Church is seeking a Director of Music. The Director of Music is responsible for the supervision, development, and direction of all music ministries at Trinity. The Director of Music is also responsible for accompanying choral and corporate singing on piano, and if possible, organ on Sunday mornings during our 10:00 a.m. worship service and any additional special services. The Director will strive to support the overall mission of the congregation by fostering a sense of community that promotes the fellowship and spiritual growth of our members. As a congregation, music is central to our life and worship. Music and Worship consists of traditional hymns and anthems, additionally we value a wide range of musical styles. The choir consists of volunteer members of the church as well as four paid section leaders. We have a Casavant organ

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with three manuals and forty-seven ranks, four octaves of handbells, a Baldwin baby grand piano in the sanctuary, and other pianos located in the Chapel and music room. Weekly Time Commitment & Compensation: Part-time salaried position with an average of 20 hours a week; more during Advent and Lenten seasons; two weeks paid vacation, one week paid continuing education, annually. Salary: \$26,000 – \$30,000. Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume to: melanie.smith@trinityucity.org

Organist

Friedens United Church of Christ in Marissa, IL is seeking a part-time organist. Duties include playing organ on Sundays for our 10:00 a.m. worship service as well as Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, mid-week Lenten services, and our Pre-Lenten breakfast. Services normally consists of a prelude, 2-3 hymns, some short-sung responses, and a postlude. Position includes 4 paid Sundays off (except for Easter) for vacation time. To apply or for more information please contact Rev. Brett Palmer at marissafriedens@gmail.com or call the church office at 618-295-2004.

Music Director

New Baden (IL) Zion UCC is seeking a part time musician to fill several different roles. The person who fills this position will play at weekly Sunday services, along with various special services such as Ash Wednesday, weekly Lent services, Ecumenical Thanksgiving, etc. Additional possible responsibilities include selecting weekly service music and hymns, directing an adult choir, coordinating special vocal and/or instrumental music, and serving on the worship team. Keyboard skills and church choral experience as a singer or director are preferred. To apply or for additional information, please contact council president Rodney Washburn at rodneywashburn1@gmail.com.

Organist

First Presbyterian Church in Alton is seeing a part-time organist to provide professional leadership for our ministry of music. The organist will support our church's music ministry consistent with our mission and vision statements, theology, and worship practices. We value a standard of music excellence that connects with our community and attracts people to the church. The organ at First Presbyterian was built by Robert Dial Organbuilders in 1991. It has three manuals, 45 ranks, floating chamade and 32' sub-bass (elec.) The console is moveable and has 8 levels of memory. Contact Vickie Oberlink 618-791-2565 or email First Presbyterian Church of Alton at firstpres1831@gmail.com.

Organist

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion, University City, MO is seeking an Organist. At the discretion of the Rector and under supervision of the Director of Music, you will be involved as a pastor, as an educator and as the principal keyboard accompanist of the Parish. A 12-month part-time agreement with compensation based on experience; salary based on a 10-hour work week. (Inclusive of all extra rehearsals and services. Also inclusive of the summer season when the Choir does not rehearse.) Vacation, substitutes, and other considerations are negotiable. To apply please submit a cover letter, resume, and list of references to Mary Chapman, Director of Music at mchapman@holycommunion.net and copy of office@holycommunion.net.

Organist (or Organist/Choirmaster)

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, O'Fallon IL is seeking to find a part-time organist or organist/choir master to begin leading us in music as soon as possible. At present responsibilities include hymn and liturgical accompaniment for up to two hours per week (including warm-up) and an additional hour per week if choir practice is involved. A brief monthly planning meeting with parish clergy and minimal time with the parish administrator for bulletin information is expected. Additional hours can be expected around Christmas, during Holy Week and Easter. Possible wedding and funeral work as well, and occasional mid-week services as available. Remuneration to be discussed. For questions or to apply please call Fr. Gregory Wilde at the church office (618-632-6168).

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