

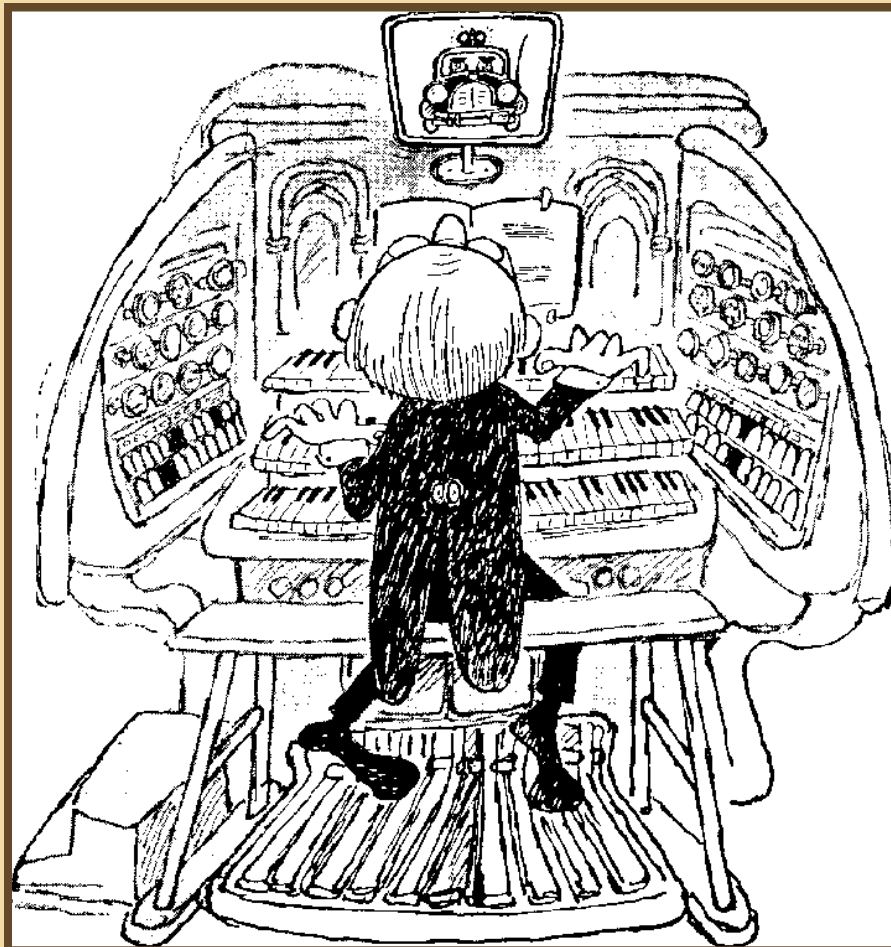
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Happy Holidays to all. Remember to not drive too fast on Christmas Eve!





From the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

I apologize for the lateness of this newsletter. You all know how busy this time of year is! I hope that we all find time sometime this month to get away from our usual work and attend a concert or service where we don't have to do anything but listen.

Wishing you all a blessed holiday season.

Brian

Chapter News

Hymn Festival with John Ferguson

Our last chapter event, co-sponsored with AGO Cleveland and Messiah Lutheran in Fairview Park., was a big success. A large crowd was in attendance to hear the choir of over 100 voices and hear John Ferguson lead us in hymn singing.

One chapter member said afterwards: *"Only two words describe that hymn festival today at Messiah Lutheran - fabulous and inspiring. It was a musically rewarding and emotionally moving experience."*

Executive Committee Meeting

Your executive committee met on Friday, November 30. We discussed a number of issues, including programming for the rest of the year and membership retention and recruitment. Any of the committee members would be happy to hear your questions or suggestions.

John Sherer, Organ Concert on May 5

LCAGO will co-sponsor John Sherer in concert at First Lutheran Church in Lorain on May 5 at 3:00 p.m. Dr. Sherer is Organist and Director of Music at Fourth Presbyterian Church, downtown Chicago, named by *USA Today* as one of top ten places in America to be "enthralled by heavenly music."

Oberlin Events

December 4, 12:15, Fairchild

Michael Unger, organ

Free recital by award-winning organist Michael Unger.

December 4, 5:30, Warner

Michael Unger, organ masterclass

Free masterclass by award-winning organist Michael Unger.

December 5, 6:30, Finney

Alcee Chriss, organ

Junior recital. The program will be Duruflé's *Suite*, Op. 5.

December 6, 6:00, Allen Art Museum

Renaissance Recorder Ensemble

Concert featuring Michael Leopold, lute and theorbo, and the Oberlin Recorder and Viol Consorts, directed by Kathryn Montoya. Includes works by Ciconia, Josquin, Palestrina, and Praetorius. Pre-concert discussion at 5:15.

December 7, 6:30, Kulas

Oberlin Baroque Ensemble

Conservatory faculty members Marilyn McDonald (baroque violin), Catharina Meints (viola da gamba), and Webb Wiggins (harpsichord and organ). Music by: Selma y Salaverde; Schenk; Froberger; Franz Biber; and Buxtehude.

December 7, midnight, Finney

Friday Night Organ Pump

Free performance by organ majors.

December 9, 8:00, Finney

Oberlin Musical Union and Orchestra

Free concert celebrating the 175th anniversary of the Musical Union, and featuring Mozart's Mass in C Minor.

Other Area Events

December 5, 12:15, First Church, Oberlin

Jane Cauffiel Memorial Advent Concert Series

Music by Preston, Bach, and Messaien, played by Oberlin students Wesley Hall, Nicholas Capozzoli, and Katelyn Emerson.

December 9, 3:00, First Lutheran, Lorain

Advent Music, with music of Buxtehude

This musical evening prayer service will feature organ, choral, and instrumental music by Dieterich Buxtehude. Four violins, a viola da gamba, and soloists join First Lutheran's Adult Choir. Brian Wentzel conducts and plays the organ.

December 12, 12:15, First Church, Oberlin

Jane Cauffiel Memorial Advent Concert Series

Music by Bédard, Wright, Bach, and Dupré, played by Oberlin students Donald VerKuilen, Mithcell Miller, and Alcee Chriss.

December 17, 7:00, First Church, Oberlin

Empty Mugs Holiday Brass & Organ Spectacular

Music for organ and brass, with hand-crafted pottery for purchase. All proceeds benefit the Oberlin Community Services. Mugs: \$10, admission free.

December 19, 12:15, First Church, Oberlin

Jane Cauffiel Memorial Advent Concert Series

Music by Gu, Langlais, Bach, and Duruflé.

Job Openings

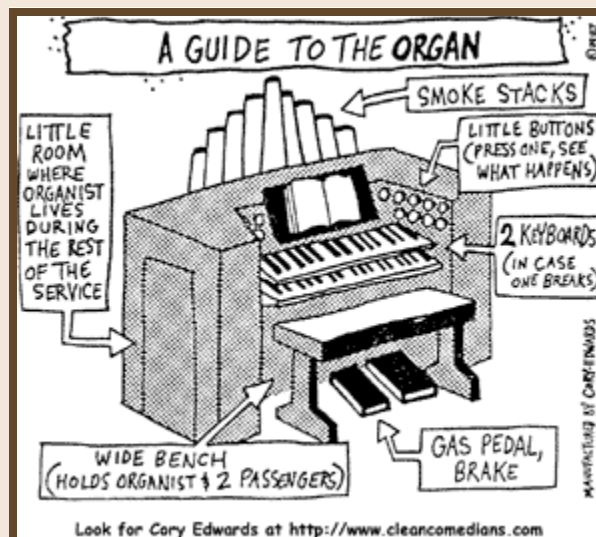
First Lutheran Church, Strongsville, is seeking an accompanist for its adult choir. Piano skills necessary, organ skills preferred. Responsibilities include a Wednesday night rehearsal and Sunday morning worship autumn through spring. Inquiries with resume, cover letter, and references may be sent to FirstMusicSearch@gmail.com or First Lutheran Church; Attn: Music Search Team; 19419 Royalton Road, Strongsville, OH 44149.

First Congregational UCC, North Ridgeville, is looking for an organist/choir director. Anyone who is interested may email Gayle Hannold (glhannold@juno.com) with their contact information, or contact the church directly: 36363 Center Ridge Road; North Ridgeville, OH 44039; Phone: 440.327.2921; Fax: 440.327.3647.

The **Episcopal Church of the Redeemer**, Lorain, has an opening for a short-term music director, from now through Christmas. There is a possibility of this turning into a longer-term position. They are looking for someone with skills as an organist, pianist, and choir director. A competitive weekly stipend will depend on experience and willingness to direct choir. Contact Mary Carson at mcarson1018@att.net and/or 440-610-0802.

Pipe Organ Available

A Wicks pipe organ is available in Lorain, Ohio. A 12 rank pipe organ dating from 1961 is available to interested churches. Price is negotiable. Please contact Dave Ritenaur at 258-8479.



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- Inspire, educate, and offer certification for organists and choral conductors;
- Provide networking, fellowship, and mutual support;
- Nurture future generations of organists;
- Promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles; and
- Engage wider audiences with organ and choral music.

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