



The Bombarde

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A Note from the Dean

"It's the most wonderful time of the year, the hap-happiest season of all." Well, maybe for some, Andy Williams, but unfortunately not for all. This year Christmas comes on Monday. Many church musicians, and clergy as well, dread the year that Christmas comes on Monday. Just a few hours after we are done with services for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we get to play Christmas Eve Services. Yippee! Then, after playing all night on Christmas Eve and all day on Christmas day, our families get to enjoy whatever is left of us. Chin up. There's always boxing day, if we are able to get up to enjoy it.



Actually, if we would celebrate the twelve days of Christmas, culminating with a "Twelfth Night" celebration on January 5th, the Eve of Epiphany, we might not put so much pressure on the celebration of Christmas Day. Some might actually enjoy a quiet Christmas Day, followed by several days of visiting family and friends with little or no pressure. We could then exchange gifts on the feast of Epiphany, the feast of gift-giving. Oh well, I know. Dream on, little dreamer, dream on.



Speaking of Epiphany, on Monday evening, January 8, our annual Epiphany Banquet will take place at historic Fort Street Presbyterian Church from 6-9 pm. Reservations are required. Call or text Jean Randall at (586) 801-3962. The email address

for Jean is: music@stpaulsrochester.org. We look forward to a Slows BBQ meal, organ demonstration of the recently restored organ by James and Marilyn Biery, along with ample open console time. I hope to see all of you there.

Here is the evening's timeline:

- o 6 PM arrive, meet & greet, open console
- o 6:30 PM dinner
- o 7:30-8:15 PM demonstration of the organ by Jim and Marilyn Biery
- o 8:15-8:45 PM open console, tours, gabbing, etc.
- o Out by 9 PM
- o Host: Marilyn Biery

Regarding scholarship opportunities, note that Jean Randall is also the contact person for our annual Detroit Chapter Scholarship. Auditions are being held at St. Paul's UMC, Rochester on Monday, February 5, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. Contact Jean Randall at 586-801-3962 or send your email to music@stpaulrochester.org.

Finally, We are still in need of a Detroit Chapter Archivist to take care of our archival material. Mary Whittmore is no longer able to be our archivist; she has served in this capacity as far back as I can remember. Thank you Mary. Is anyone interested in taking over this important responsibility? Please contact me at prowse.ronald@shms.edu. Thank you.

God bless and have a Blessed Christmas Season, all twelve nights.

Ronald Prowse, Dean
Detroit Chapter AGO

Chapter News

2017-2018 Chapter Programs

Monday, January 8, 2017

**Epiphany Dinner, Fort St.
Presbyterian Church**

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- Host: Marilyn Biery
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**Monday, February 5, 2018,
6:30 PM-?**

**Detroit Chapter Scholarship
Auditions
St. Paul's UMC, Rochester**

Saturday, February 10, 10 AM

Why Should I Take Those Tests??

American Guild of Organists Certification Workshop

Location TBD

Sunday, March 4, 2018, 4 PM

Annual Detroit Chapter Members Recital

Sts. Peter and Paul Downtown

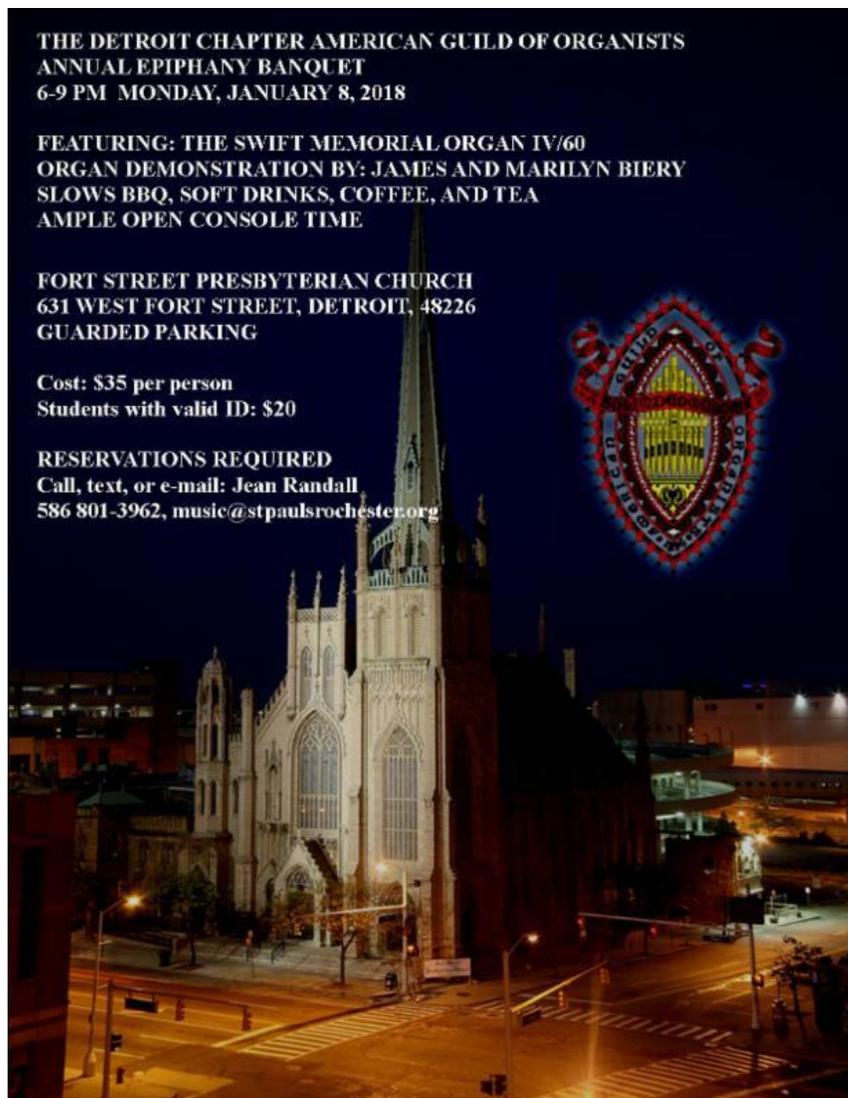
Host: Julie Ford

Saturday, April 21, 2018, 10 AM-3 PM

"Big Honkin' Organs on Woodward" Organ Crawl with lunch!

Details TBA

Saturday, April 28, 2018



**THE DETROIT CHAPTER AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS
ANNUAL EPIPHANY BANQUET
6-9 PM MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018**

**FEATURING: THE SWIFT MEMORIAL ORGAN IV/60
ORGAN DEMONSTRATION BY: JAMES AND MARILYN BIERY
SLOWS BBQ, SOFT DRINKS, COFFEE, AND TEA
AMPLE OPEN CONSOLE TIME**

**FORT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
631 WEST FORT STREET, DETROIT, 48226
GUARDED PARKING**

**Cost: \$35 per person
Students with valid ID: \$20**

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
Call, text, or e-mail: Jean Randall
586 801-3962, music@stpaulsrochester.org**



Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza
St. Paul's UMC, Rochester
Host: Pete Townsend

Friday, May 11, and Sunday, May, 12, 2018

St. Paul's UMC, Rochester

Host: Pete Townsend

"A Weekend with Eugenio"

Eugenio Maria Fagiani will be with us at St. Paul's Rochester for one of our 30th birthday celebrations for the Walker organ. I am going to piggyback a masterclass and lecture on Saturday for interested folks. Eugenio is a well known organist / Composer / performer throughout Europe and the middle east. He is organist at the Cathedral in Bergamo and organist / concert coordinator at Santa Maria Sanctuary and Pilgrimage site at La Verna IT where he ha discovered many new organ works by Padre Martini.

Chapter Scholarship Information

The Detroit Chapter of the A.G.O offers three possible scholarships of \$400.00 are awarded in three categories: beginner, intermediate, and advanced.

Additional scholarships may be awarded. ALL scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the judges. The number of applicants, the amount of funds available, and the final opinion of the judges will affect these decisions.

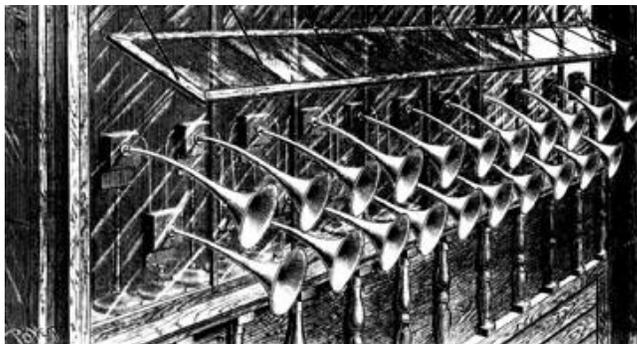
Each scholarship will be made payable to the student's private organ instructor or educational institution.

A student may be a scholarship recipient a maximum of three times.

Scholarship winners will be chosen by the Scholarship Committee, composed of local qualified organists, as empowered by the American Guild of Organists, Detroit Chapter Executive Board.

[Full details and the Application Form available here.](#)

Member News



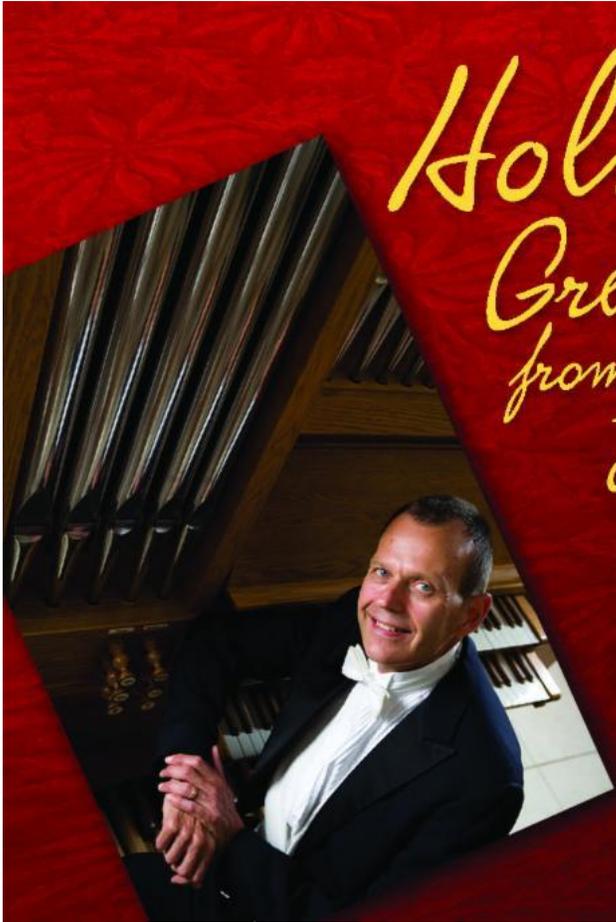
Do you have news that you'd like to share with the Chapter? Please send your news by the 15th of the month to Gerald Furi at:

detroitago@gmail.com

for inclusion in the next issue of *The Bombarde*.

A Holiday Lagniappe from Dr. JKames Kibbie

[Click here to download the .mp3](#)



*Holiday
Greetings
from
James Kibbie*

Ernst Pepping's "Vom Himmel hoch" recorded on Orgues Létourneau, Opus 7 is available as a free download at www.umich.edu/~jkibbie

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Substitutes, Teachers, Builders, and Technicians

You are important to our calling, instruments, and future. Check the DetroitAGO.org website and see if you are listed correctly. To add your name or make corrections contact Pete Townsend at Registrar@DetroitAGO.org.

Positions Available

- * [St. Michael's Episcopal Church](#)
20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe, MI
Organist

St. Michael's is an Episcopal church located in Grosse Pointe Woods, MI with a small committed choir being led by our choir director. The choir rehearses on Wednesday evening and supports our 10:30am Sunday worship service. We are looking for an Organist who is grounded in traditional Anglican music but will embrace and diversify our musical selections to complement our religious services.



St. Michael's is fortunate to possess a newly-restored 3m E. M. Skinner pipe organ, Op. 705.

The primary responsibility of the Organist is to provide musical leadership and inspiration for the adult choir and congregation. Other responsibilities include being supportive of other music programs within the church, such as our children's musical activities and special seasonal services throughout the year.

The holder of this position would in conjunction with the Choir Director

- Work with the Rector to plan weekly worship content and select hymns for the service,
- Manage all members of the adult choir and the handbell choir, and other incidental musicians (including soloists and occasional orchestral players)
- Plan and schedule all repertoire for our various services where music is involved,
- Accompany the adult choir, the handbell choir, and our children's musical activities at rehearsals and services,
- Serve as primary organist/pianist for all worship services which use music, including various holiday services,
- Be available for occasional weddings and funerals (separate honoraria for these services),
- Help the Music team imagine and plan growth in our Music Department.

Qualifications: Training and experience as a church organist; ability to work well with choir director, singers, clergy and other church members; knowledge of choral and organ repertoire. Ability to assist in leading the choir while playing accompaniments is essential. Ability to improvise at the organ is desirable. A music degree in church music, choral conducting and/or organ performance is an asset.

Salary for this position is negotiable. This position is not full time.

Deadline for applications is January 31, 2018. Applications should include two letters of references as well as a CV. A short list of candidates will be asked to come to St. Michael's for an interview and audition. It is hoped that the new appointee will be able to begin at St. Michael's Church by the first Sunday in February, 2018.

Resumes and applications may be sent by email to

stmichaelsgpw@gmail.com

or mailed to

St. Michael's Episcopal Church
20475 Sunningdale Park
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI48236

For further information about us, please visit our website at www.stmichaelsgpw.org or telephone us at (313) 884-4820 .

*** St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Troy - 5500 N. Adams Road, near I-75 exit (Square Lake Rd)**

We seek an organist and choir director who has experience with liturgical worship and directing "from the bench." Responsibilities are primarily playing organ and piano, and leading the choir (10-15 adults, SAB) at the main Sunday service; and leading one choir rehearsal (currently Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 p.m.) September through May. In summer, the position becomes "Sundays only."

This position is a ministry rather than a performance opportunity. Our small, adult choir enjoys making music and caring for one another. Uplifting music made by joyful singers is the goal of our program. Successful candidates will have a good track record of planning, directing and accompanying music to engage the whole congregation.

The Organist-Choir Director typically provides or leads:

- o A prelude and postlude; sanctuary instruments are a Yamaha baby grand piano and Rogers hybrid organ.**
- o 3 choral pieces: short Introit, offertory anthem and communion anthem.**
- o Accompaniment on organ or piano, to congregational singing of hymns and service music (e.g. Gloria in Excelsis, Sanctus, Agnus Dei /other fraction)**

Position is considered contract, with semi-monthly paychecks, on a "per call" basis. \$350/week during choir season comprises \$200/Sunday and \$150/weeknight rehearsal. During summer months, \$200/week. There are some opportunities to grow the program and increase hours/pay. Additional budget for some continuing education, soloists, and new music. We have an extensive music library. Occasional planning sessions with the Rector will be arranged as mutually convenient.

Send letter and resume to: The Rev. Susan A Williams (rector@ststephenstroy.org) or call 248-641-8080 for more information.

For Sale

1929 Holtkamp Casework Pipe Organ for sale

6 Ranks 16 Stops Full pedal board

Unusual Ludwig's Tone stop in swell division

Organ was rescued from a church that closed and needs a loving home

\$3000.00 313-829-6602