



The Bombarde

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A Note from the Dean



Well, we're beginning the long stretch of Summer at last! Don't forget the American Guild of Organists Great Lakes Regional Convention is taking place July 2-5 in Cleveland, OH; details are given in the National / Regional News section below.

Be well everyone

Ronald Prowse

Dean, Detroit Chapter AGO



2017 Chapter Events

Are your Dues due?

If you've been paying your dues on the traditional cycle, your 2017-18 dues can be paid now.

AGO National Headquarters states: "If your AGO membership expires in July, 2017 you can renew now by logging in to ONCARD. Members with expiration dates after July 31 should wait for an email before attempting to renew."

We encourage you to not procrastinate; it helps us with planning and budgeting for the coming year.

Thanks to all who have already paid.



National / Regional News

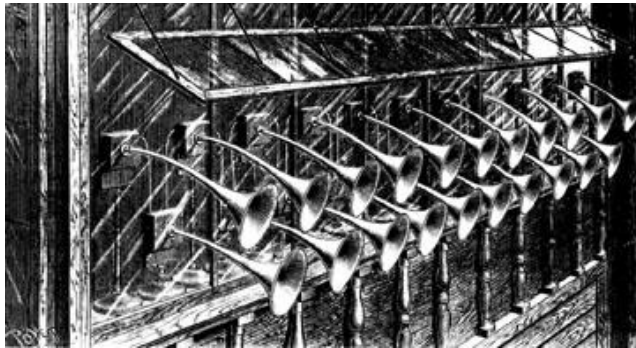
Take a moment today to register for the Great Lakes Regional Convention of the American Guild of Organists in Youngstown, Ohio-Sun. July 2 through Wed., July 5, 2017!

The Youngstown chapter has a fantastic line-up of programs, workshops and awesome organs for you! Hear great organists performing classic and new organs throughout the Youngstown area as well as the world-famous "Apollo's Fire: The Cleveland Baroque Orchestra"

The convention is shaping up to be a fantastic week of music and enjoyment all we need now is YOU! AGO Great Lakes Regional Convention. [More Information and Registration 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*.

The List

[Christ Church, Cranbrook](#)

470 Church Rd, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

89th Summer Carillon Series

Sunday, July 2, 2017 at 12:30pm

Our 2017 Summer Carillon Series begins July 2 with a celebration: Independence Day weekend

and an "opening day" picnic. Carol Jickling Lens, who began her carillon studies with Christ Church Cranbrook carillonneur Beverly Buchanan and who now is university carillonneur at the University of Denver in Colorado, brings a program sparkling with favorite patriotic tunes

Kirk in the Hills

1340 W Long Lake Rd, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Summer Carillon Series: June 18-September 3:

One of the jewels of the Kirk is the 77 bell carillon, which in addition to being heard every Sunday is featured in the annual summer carillon series, which is presented following the Sunday morning services (recitals begin at approximately 10:00 a.m. and noon) beginning on June 18 and concluding on September 3.

All are welcome to attend these free events and stroll the gardens while enjoying beautiful music from a wide array of international artists.

July 16 - Jim Fackenthal, Chicago, IL

July 30 - Jon Lehrer, Vancouver, British Columbia

August 6 - Parker Ludwig, Provost, UT

September 3 - Dennis Curry, Kirk in the Hills

Saint Paul's United Methodist Church

620 Romeo Rd, Rochester, MI 48307

The Raleigh Ringers: Tuesday, July 11, 7:30 pm

[The Raleigh Ringers](#) are coming to St. Paul's! They'll be here Tuesday, July 11, at 7:30 p.m. Don't miss this internationally acclaimed concert handbell choir. Tickets will sell out quickly for this intimate setting, so get yours today! Visit iTickets.com

Christ Church, Grosse Pointe

Friday July 21, 2017, 7:00pm

Christ Church Schola Bon Voyage Concert

The Schola will present selections from their upcoming tour to England, where they will be in residence at Salisbury Cathedral and Westminster abbey. Free Will Offering.

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.

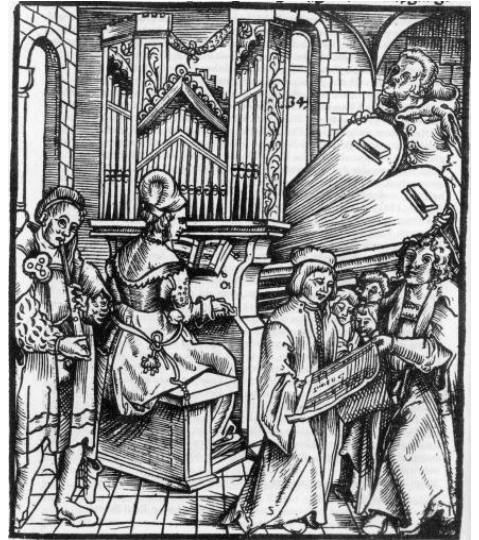
Positions Available

* [Grosse Pointe Memorial Church](#), GPF

Assistant Minister of Music

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, a 1200-member Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregation in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, is seeking a 20-hour per week Assistant Minister of Music to assist James Biery in developing and enhancing its innovative music program, beginning in September 2017. The successful candidate will have significant training and ability in organ and piano playing and conducting, and will be comfortable working with a wide range of ages. GPMC's music program includes a semi-professional adult choir, children's choirs, a bell choir, and an active concert series featuring performances by guests as well as in-house musicians. GPMC regularly offers special music presentations during worship, including cantatas, chancel operas, and hymn festivals.

Undergraduate degree in music required; graduate degree preferred. Music facilities include a 66-rank Klais tracker organ, four Steinway pianos, and a newly-refurbished 48-bell carillon. For a detailed job description and more information, contact James Biery at jbiery@gpmchurch.org or 313-882-5330 x134. Applicants should submit a resume and three references. Position open until filled.



* Director of Music

[West Bloomfield United Methodist Church](#)

4100 Walnut Lake Rd, West Bloomfield Township, MI 48323

West Bloomfield United Methodist Church is searching for a Music Director with a heart, spirit, and organ / piano musical talent inspired by God to enrich our church worship experiences. Some of our top priorities are as follows:

- * Your heart is hugely important to us. Meaning, the spirit of your work, the attitude you bring to the role, being fully engaged in your music, and a desire to truly worship God through music is essential.
- * Your musical talent is important as well, both in terms of playing piano or organ with proficiency, but also a versatility to your music. We're a diverse congregation, and with that comes a diversity of preferred musical styles as well.
- * We hope you'll contribute your creative voice to the musical conversation by making suggestions, selecting songs, and making musical contributions to worship planning.

It will involve approximately 10-12 hours per week, 52 weeks per year. Please contact church@westbloomfieldumc.org for further inquiry.

* Director of Music Ministry

First Presbyterian Church Tecumseh (PCUSA)

211 W. Chicago Blvd, Tecumseh, 517-423-3470

Director of Music Ministry (15-20 hours/week)

This position will provide oversight direction and development to our music and worship ministry, and will be directly responsible for the following:

1. Serve as organist and choir accompanist
2. Serve as cantor/ musical educator
3. Incorporate variety of musical genres and cultural diversity in worship
4. Develop additional musical offerings: ensembles, choral groups, soloists, duets
5. Use of the church facility for independent lessons
6. Engage with the community through music outreach

Please submit a resume and recording of music by November 30 to: Mr. Kevin Burchett kburchett.kb@gmail.com

*** Organist**

[Troy First United Methodist Church](#)

Troy First United Methodist Church is looking for a part-time organist. Responsibilities include Sunday morning worship (one service @ 10:00 a.m.) and special services like Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and two services on Easter Sunday morning. The person hired needs to be familiar with hymnody and classical organ repertoire. Weddings and funerals are on a service by service basis. The person hired will not be responsible for the choir. The choir has its own accompanist. Troy First UMC has a membership of 550 with an average Sunday attendance of 225. Salary is open. Those interested should contact **[Steve Kosinski, Music Director](#)**