



The Bombarde

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The Dean's Column

Greetings!

I hope everyone is managing to stay cool with our very warm summer here. I, for one, am enjoying a real summer but you have to remember, I am a transplanted Texas boy. Those of you that get a breather in the summer congratulations! Hope you are enjoying your leisure time. As we are about to embark on our 2018-2019 year, I am both humbled and excited to be serving the Detroit Chapter as Dean. I have been fascinated with the pipe organ as a major instrument for as long as I can remember.

Growing up, I used to love to run up to the choir loft at my hometown church, where the organ was slightly recessed and watch Dorothy Compton (blessed memory), the then organist, as she played the postlude. I would marvel as I watched two hands - often each one on separate manuals and both feet moving at the same time to produce some of the greatest musical sounds I had ever heard. I started studying organ at the age of 12 - I could not even reach the pedal board. I

remember how much I loved playing around with the different pull knobs and hearing the different sounds. Over the years, my love for the organ has not waned one bit.

What saddens me is how many organs in our churches and temples are lying dormant - not being played. Some have not been played for years and have been allowed to go into a state of malignant neglect - costing thousands of dollars to get back into playing form. I have several goals for our chapter. One of those is to really step up the education side of our chapter work - to be



strong advocates as we foster interest in the organ through our youth and young adults so that the organs in our churches are not allowed to go silent.

My other goal is more participation by our membership. We are planning to offer an exciting year of programming that will appeal to everyone regardless of your skill set.

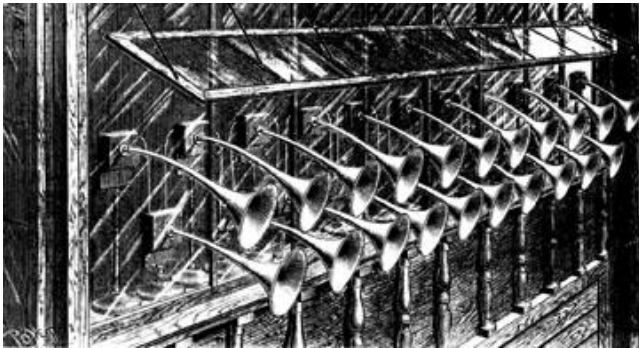
If you are presently an active member, please renew when your anniversary date comes around. If your membership has lapsed, I encourage you to re-up your membership. And if you have never been a member, I strongly encourage you to consider becoming a member and to actively participate in chapter activities.

Start the year off on a great note by joining us on September 30 at 4:00 p.m. We will be co-sponsoring a concert with the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48202. As part of the cathedral's Cultural Series, the artist that afternoon will be Michael Hey, who is organist at St. Patrick's in NYC. He will be joined by Christina Liberis, violinist. The installation of officers will take place after the concert and a reception will follow immediately afterward.

This is your chapter, so be a part of it. Be a voice, have more than just a speaking acquaintance with the organ. We look forward to seeing you and working together as we change the world, on stop at a time.

Kindest regards,
George Jonte-Crane
Dean-Elect

Member News



Do you have news that you'd like to share with the Chapter?

Please send your news no later than the 15th of the month to Gerald Furi at:

detroitago@gmail.com

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

The List

Sundays, June 17 through Sept. 2, 10 a.m. and Noon

[Kirk in the Hills](#)

1340 W. Long Laske Rd., Bloomfield Hills

Summer Carillon Recital Series

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

Sunday, September 23, 1:30 & 3:00 pm

[Saint Matthew's & Saint Joseph's Episcopal Church](#)

8850 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48202

"Tea & Pipes" Benefit Organ Recital for
the restoration of their Four-Manual 1927 E.M. Skinner pipe organ, Opus
623-A.

"Tea & Pipes" will include an informal reception @ 1:30PM, with the concert @ 3PM featuring former Music Directors Dr. Timothy Huth and Dan Dillingham, with special guest Dr. Marie Mehler on trumpet.

For more information, please call (313) 871 - 4750 or visit:

www.smsjdetroit.org

Sunday, October 7 at 3:00 pm

[Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church](#)

467 Fairford Rd. Grosse Pointe Woods, MI

Ave Maris Stella: Organ Recital in Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Music Director Matthew Jakubisin will perform on the 2001 Karl Wilhelm organ, featuring works by Bach, Boellmann, Brahms, DeGrigny, Peeters, Schlick and Widor. For more information visit <https://www.olsos.org/pipe-organ> Free will offering.

Sunday, October 21 at 4:00 pm

[St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church](#)

31555 Hoover Rd. Warren

Organ Recital

John McGovern will perform works by J. S. Bach, Buxtehude, Franck, Frescobaldi and Mendelssohn. Free will offering.

For Sale

1929 Holtkamp Red Birch Casework Pipe Organ 16 stops 6 ranks Approx. 378 pipes Unusual Ludwig's tone on swell division Full pedal board \$3,000.00 313-829-6602

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Positions Available

* Director of Music & Organist

Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church
24110 Cherry Hill St, Dearborn, MI 48124

[Position Description and Details](#)

Applicants Should Contact:
Rev. Mark Phillips, Minister
Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church
24110 Cherry Hill Road
Dearborn, Michigan 48124
313-563-4800
Vicarmark@aol.com

* Organist / Accompanist

First Presbyterian Church of Lapeer, MI
433 N Calhoun St, Lapeer, MI 48446

[Position Description and Details](#)

Applicants should contact:
Renee Pearson, church secretary
(810) 664-8565 | secretary@fpclapeer.org
433 N. Calhoun St. | Lapeer, MI 48446

* Interim Accompanist

Orchard United Methodist Church,
30450 Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334

The church is seeking an interim accompanist for its Chancel Choir. The position will be available from September through April 2019. There may be opportunity to continue on a permanent basis but the church is presently forming a committee to re-evaluate its Music Ministry Program in its entirety. This interim position pays \$800/month and includes one rehearsal on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9 p.m. and one Sunday service on Sunday mornings at which the Chancel Choir sings two anthems. Those interested should contact the pastor: Rev Amy Mayo-Moyle at the church 626-3620 or minstry@orchardumc.org

*** Director of Music Ministries**

Cana Lutheran and Drayton Presbyterian Churches
2119 Catalpa Drive
Berkley, MI 48072

[Position Description and Details](#)

*** Director / Organist**

People's Community Church
8601 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, MI 48202

[Position Description and Details](#)

*** Christ Lutheran Church (LCMC), Warren MI is seeking a part-time (up to 20 hrs.) Organist / Pianist / Director of Vocal and Bell Choirs / Praise Band Accompanist. The position is available July 8, 2018.**

Christ Lutheran is a music-loving, mid-sized Lutheran church seeking part-time organist, director of vocal & bell choir for 9:00 am Sunday liturgical service, including special services, Midweek Lent/Holy Week/Easter, Thanksgiving & Midweek Advent/Christmas Eve/Day. Work includes accompanying vocalists and instrumentalists in liturgical services, keyboard accompaniment with praise bands in weekly 11:00 am contemporary service. Church weddings, funerals and memorial services are paid by users.

Bachelor's Degree in music + at least 3 years of church experience is preferred, including conducting, sight reading and music theory

Compensation: Salary negotiable based on degree/certification, experience and job duties to be provided before interviewing.

Please submit a cover letter, resume, 2 professional references and 2 personal references to: christpastor@comcast.Net + copy to:

churchoffice.Tammy@comcast.Net

* Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile Road, Livonia MI is looking for an Organist/Director of Music. The church has two Sunday morning services, one adult vocal choir, one handbell choir and an active children's music ministry. For more information contact Rev. Beth Birkholz, 734-386-0603, or email her at: mpastorbethbirkholz@holycrosslivonia.org