

The Cipher

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE

FORT WAYNE CHAPTER,

AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

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NOTE: Deadline for the September Cipher is August 25

Submit information to David Hendricksen
at revoxfan55@gmail.com

From the Dean

Many thanks to our chapter members who played for, *Follow the Pipes*: Wayne Peterson, Ryan Kennedy, Michael Hollman, and Michael Dulac. Also, appreciation is expressed to Rosalie Bowker who coordinated all of the events in conjunction with The History Center.

Our chapter has been officially approved to host the 2025 Great Lakes Regional Convention. Noah Vancina has graciously volunteered to be Convention Chair, and many other committee chairs are in place or will be shortly. The convention planning process will be rolling out very soon.

August is a quieter month; however, our 2022-2023 season begins in just a few short weeks. May you have some relaxation and refreshment during these pleasant weeks of summer!

Sincerely,
Tim Robison

2022-2023 Chapter Events

At the June 23 meeting of the Board, the Program Committee presented its report, which was approved by the Board. Thanks are due to committee members Matt Johnston, Nicole Busarow, and Parker Maas.

Preliminary information appears below. Some dates, times, and venues will be announced in the future. Please mark your calendars!

Saturday, September 24 – First Presbyterian Church

9:30 AM Coffee, juice, donuts

10:00 AM Workshop by Todd Wilson: *Creative use of Your Hymn-Playing Spice Rack*

11:30 AM Optional Lunch out

Saturday, October 22 – Zion Lutheran Church

9:30 AM Coffee, juice, donuts

10:00 AM Workshop by Stephen Price: Topic TBA

11:30 AM Optional Lunch out

November – Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Date/time to be determined

Presentation by Ryan Kennedy on French Classic Organ Masses

December 2, 9, & 16 Friday noontime Advent Organ Recitals

Friday, January 6 – Home of Tim Robison

Epiphany Party (postponed from last year)

Tuesday, February 7 – Mt Calvary Lutheran Church

Music for Organ and Handbells, Matt Johnston, presenter. Time to be announced.

Saturday, March 18 – Hillsdale, Michigan

Tour to see the new Fritts instruments at Hillsdale College, Christ Chapel. Derek Stauff, Professor of Organ, presenter. 8:30 AM departure from Fort Wayne; 3:00 PM arrive back in Fort Wayne.

April (date/time TBA) – Embassy Theatre and

another venue: Orgelkids / Orgelkit

May (date/time/venue TBA)
Members and Ator Scholarship holders recital
Installation of Chapter officers

June – Germanfest Organ Recitals

July – Three Rivers Festival: Follow the Pipes

**August & September
Choral and Organ Events**

Please send information about September and October events by August 25 to David Hendricksen at revoxfan55@gmail.com for the September issue of *The Cipher*.

Sunday, July 31, 3:00 PM Ecce Choir, Jessica Schuster, director, St. Rose Parish, Perrysburg, OH

Editor's Note: The following 4 events in Ohio are part of the National Convention of the Organ Historical Society.

Monday, August 1, 11:00 AM Stephen Schnurr, organ recital, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, OH

Monday, August 1, 8:00 PM David Baskeyfield, organ recital, Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, OH

Tuesday, August 2, 1:00 PM Andrew Schaeffer, organ recital, Old First Presbyterian Church, Columbus, OH

Thursday, August 4, 8:00 PM, Katelyn Emerson, organ recital, St. Joseph Catholic Cathedral, Columbus, OH

Saturday, August 6, 7:00 PM Ecce Choir, Jessica Schuster, director, St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Fort Wayne

Sunday, August 7, 2:00 PM Matt Dierking, organ recital, E. M. Skinner organ at Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, OH

Sunday, August 14, 1:00 PM Ecce Choir, Jessica Schuster, dir., Divine Mercy Parish, Paulding, OH

Sunday, August 14, 4:30 PM Ecce Choir, Jessica Schuster, director, University of St. Francis, Fort Wayne

Sunday, August 21, 2:00 PM Matt Dierking, organ recital, E. M. Skinner organ at Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, OH

Friday, September 9, 8:00 PM Scott Detra, organ recital, Auer Hall, Bloomington, IN

Friday, September 16, 7:30 PM Cantus Vocal Ensemble, Goshen College Music Center, Goshen, IN

Friday, September 16, 7:30 PM Todd Wilson, organ recital, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, Dublin, OH

Friday, September 23, 7:00 PM Todd Wilson, hymn Festival, First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne

Saturday, September 24, 7:30 PM Huw Lewis, organ, with Holland Symphony Orchestra, Jack Miller center for Musical Arts, Holland, MI

Saturday, September 24, Time TBA, Marilyn Keiser, organ recital, Christ Church Cathedral, Indianapolis

Sunday, September 25, 4:00 PM Mary Levri, organ recital, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, Notre Dame University

Sunday, September 25, 4:00 PM Jens Korndörfer, organ recital, St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI

Friday, September 30, 7:00 PM Ben Laprairie, organ recital, St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo, MI

From our Webmaster:

COLLEAGUES! We want to use our FWAGO website to list Northeast Indiana music events. If you are planning a concert series, a single concert, a hymn festival or other related event, we will be glad to list it on the website. Please email the information as a file attachment to: giglerm@aol.com. The file needs to be in pdf or jpg format and give complete information about the event – dates, times, locations – even a poster.

Many thanks, Martin Gigler, webmaster

Positions Available

Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 5310 Old Mill Rd. Fort Wayne. Pianist needed for 10:30 AM Sunday service and one weeknight choir rehearsal. Contact: Rev. Misty-Dawn Shelly, or Kirsten Eckert-Smith, 260-744-1867 or uufortwayne@frontier.com

St. John Bosco Catholic Church, 220 N. Main Street, Churubusco, IN. Pianist needed for weekend Masses. Contact: Father Drew Curry, 260-693-9578 or frandrewcurry@yahoo.com

Grace Episcopal Church, Defiance Ohio. Small congregation needs a pianist to play for 10:00AM service. Compensation based on ability and skill. Contact: Fr. John Hagan, 304-545-1734 or frjohnhagan@aol.com

Fort Wayne Chapter Leadership

Elected positions:

Dean	Tim Robison (2023)
Sub-Dean	Matt Johnston
Secretary	Richard McKee (2023)
Treasurer	Kathy Miller (2023)
At-Large:	Irene Ator (2025)
	Greg Childs (2024)
	Michael Dulac (2025)
	David Hendricksen (2024)
	Wayne Peterson (2025)
	Tamara Schaaf (2026)

Non-elected positions, appointed by the Board:

Chaplain:	Rev. Anne Epling
Webmasters:	Martin Gigler & Tim Robison
Scholarship Committee Chair:	Fran Page
Germanfest, Follow the Pipes:	Rosalie Bowker
Certification Chair	Wayne Peterson
Program Committee Chair	Matt Johnston
Newsletter Editor:	David Hendricksen

Huntington Fisk & Tim McEwen

On July 22, your editor drove to Central Christian Church in Huntington, where a fine Fisk tracker organ was previously located. The church has changed worship styles, and in recent years has used the organ only very rarely. Consequently, the instrument has been sold. For a few hours, I joined a team of 4 staff members from C. B. Fisk organ builders in loading the truck carrying the instrument back to the shop in Goucester, MA for refurbishing before it is installed in the buyer's location.

Among the 4 Fisk staffers was Tim McEwen, a former member of the Fort Wayne chapter. Although his time in Fort Wayne did not overlap with mine, it was a pleasure to get to know him. Tim asked to be sure to pass on his greetings to all his former colleagues and friends here.