

# The Cipher

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE  
FORT WAYNE CHAPTER,  
AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS  
MARCH, 2024



## NOTE: Deadline for the April Cipher is March 25

Submit information to David Hendricksen  
at [revoxfan55@gmail.com](mailto:revoxfan55@gmail.com)

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### From the Dean

What a great February we've had in the chapter! Many thanks to chapter member Joel Stoppenhagen for organizing the organ crawl on February 10, to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Decatur; St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Preble; and Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Ossian. It was a fun morning for all who took part, and culminated with a tasty lunch at The Crimson House in downtown Ossian.

We then had an informative session on the music of David N. Johnson, on February 24 at Trinity English Lutheran Church, presented by Dr. Daniel Schwandt. A number of our newer members were present, as well as several of our young organists, and many other chapter members and friends. Thanks to Sub-Dean, Matt Johnston for organizing this event.

Coming up, we've got a BONUS EVENT that has just been added for Tuesday, March 5 from 1:00 to 2:30 PM at Trinity Episcopal Church, 611 W. Berry St. Through a grant from Manchester University, organist Dr. Jerry Westenkuehler from Fort Worth, Texas will lead us in a session on hymn improvisation. Dr. Westenkuehler is a highly-regarded organist, composer, and teacher, and will be playing a concert with the Manchester University Orchestra on Sunday, March 10 at 3:00 PM, featuring the Concerto for Organ, Timpani, and Strings by Francis Poulenc.

ALSO IN MARCH.....we have our Pipe Organ Workshop scheduled for Monday, March 18 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at The Embassy Theatre, organized by chapter member, Parker Maas. This is geared toward children ages 8 and up, but we need as many chapter members there as possible to show our support, and to assist. The organ crew from the Embassy will help the children try out the Grand Page pipe organ, and we will also have a small pipe organ kit for everyone to help assemble. It should be a lot of fun. Please download the recent flyer that was sent to you and invite children ages 8+ to attend. They can RSVP to me at 260-402-3402. or [robisont77@gmail.com](mailto:robisont77@gmail.com). There is also an RSVP form on the website, [www.fortwayneago.com](http://www.fortwayneago.com), then clicking on CHAPTER EVENTS, and MARCH 2024.

Last but not least, we are getting our Facebook page resurrected. Look for updates, recent photos, and other fun things appearing soon at: The Fort Wayne Chapter of The American Guild of Organists!

*Tim Robison*

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**Upcoming 2023-2024 Chapter Programs**

Tuesday, March 5, 1:00 PM Dr. Jerry Westenkuehler leads a hymn improvisation workshop at Trinity Episcopal Church

Monday, March 18, 7:00 PM Orgel Kit & Embassy Grand Page demonstrations.

Saturday, April 13, 9:30 AM  
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

*Chant-based Repertoire for the Organ*  
Dr. Jennifer Pascual, organist at St. Patrick's  
Cathedral, NYC

May Organ crawl to Richmond, IN. Details TBA

June 3-7 Germanfest organ recitals

July *Follow the Pipes*

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### Substitute Organists

From time to time, inquiries are made to our chapter about finding an organist – sometimes for a one-time gig; sometimes for several occasions. Some chapter members have already identified themselves as substitutes in their annual membership renewal with AGO headquarters. Those names are listed alphabetically below.

If you would like to be added to the list of substitute organists, please send in your name, preferred phone number and email address. We won't publish your contact information without your specific permission, but need it on hand in order to respond to inquiries.

Here are the names presently on the list:

- Irene Ator
- David Hendricksen
- Matt Johnston
- Kathy Kaney
- Noah Vancina

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### March & April

#### Choral and Organ Events

*Please send information about April and May events by March 25 to David Hendricksen at [revoxfan55@gmail.com](mailto:revoxfan55@gmail.com) for the February issue of The Cipher. Events listed in approximate 3-hour driving radius of Fort Wayne. **Local events in bold.***

Wednesday, February 28, 12:10 PM **Kevin Hildebrand**, organ recital, Christ Lutheran Church, Kokomo, IN

Friday, March 1, 7:00 PM Amanda Mole, organ recital, 2007 Casavant IV/90, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Indianapolis

Saturday, March 2, Time TBA Nathan Laube, organ masterclass, 2023 Fritts II/32, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Terrace Park, OH

Saturday, March 2, 10:00 AM David Hurd organ masterclass, 2001 Fisk III/76, Finney Chapel, Oberlin Conservatory, Oberlin, OH

Saturday, March 2, Noon Vincent Dubois, organ masterclass, 2004 Fritts II/54, Reyes Choral and Organ Hall, University of Notre Dame

Saturday, March 2, 4:00 PM **Ryan Kennedy**, organ recital: Complete organ works of Duruflé, Greenwood United Methodist Church, Greenwood, IN

Saturday, March 2, 7:00 PM Nathan Laube, organ recital, 2023 Fritts II/32, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Terrace Park, OH

Sunday, March 3, 2:00 PM Matt Dierking, organ recital, 1929 Skinner II/21, Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, OH

Sunday, March 3, 2:30 PM David Hurd, organ recital, 2001 Fisk III/76, Finney Chapel, Oberlin Conservatory, Oberlin, OH

Sunday, March 3, 4:00 PM **Bach Collegium presents J. S. Bach's St. John Passion, Zion Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne**

Sunday, March 3, 4:00 PM Ahreum Han, organ recital, 1972 Becherath III/73 and 1931 Kimball IV/66, First Congregational Church, Columbus, OH

Sunday, March 3, 5:00 PM Nathan Laube, organ recital, 2023 Fritts II/32, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Terrace Park, OH

Sunday, March 3, 7:00 PM Mi Zhou, organ recital, 2019 Richards, Fowkes & Co. II/32, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Ann Arbor, MI

Sunday, March 3, 8:00 PM Vincent Dubois, organ recital, 2016 Fritts IV/93, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame University

**Tuesday, March 5, 1:00 PM Dr. Jerry Wesenkuehler leads a hymn improvisation workshop at Trinity Episcopal Church**

Wednesday, March 6, 12:10 PM John Allegar, organ recital, Christ Lutheran Church, Kokomo, IN

**Friday, March 8, 7:00 PM Valparaiso University Chorale, Tour Concert (with CLHS A Cappella Choir), St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne**

Saturday, March 9, 7:30 PM Craig Hella Johnson, guest conductor, leads the Mass in B Minor, by J. S. Bach, Christ Church Cathedral, Cincinnati, OH

Sunday, March 10, 3:00 PM Craig Hella Johnson, guest conductor, leads the Mass in B Minor, by J. S. Bach, Christ Church Cathedral, Cincinnati, OH

**Sunday, March 10, 4:00 PM Robert Nance, organ and piano concert, Plymouth Congregational Church, Fort Wayne**

**Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 PM Fort Wayne Children's Choir, The History Center, Fort Wayne**

Wednesday, March 13, 12:10 PM Dawn Waddell, organ recital, Christ Lutheran Church, Kokomo, IN

Sunday, March 17, 2:00 PM Matt Dierking, organ recital, 1929 Skinner II/21, Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, OH

Sunday, March 17, 3:00 PM Richard Fitzgerald, organ recital, 2016 Fritts III/100, St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus, OH

**Sunday, March 17, 4:00 PM Lenten Vespers with the Kantorei, Kramer Chapel, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne**

Sunday, March 24, 8:00 PM Michael Messina, organist, plays Dupre's *The Way of the Cross*, 2021 Quimby III/65, Trinity Episcopal Church, Indianapolis

Sunday, April 7, 2:00 PM Matt Dierking, organ recital, 1929 Skinner II/21, Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, OH

Sunday, April 7, 7:00 PM Sarah Simko, organ recital, 2019 Richards, Fowkes & Co. II/32, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Ann Arbor, MI

Sunday, April 7, 7:30 PM James Kealey, organ recital, 1990 Goulding & Wood III/63, First Presbyterian Church, Muncie, IN

**Friday, April 12, 7:30 PM Jennifer Pascual, organ recital, 2009 Reuter II/29, St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Fort Wayne**

Saturday, April 13, 10:00 AM Amanda More, organ masterclass, 2020 Richards, Fowkes & Co. IV/79, Christ Church Cathedral, Cincinnati, OH

Saturday, April 13, 8:00 PM Paul Jacobs, organist, with Toledo Symphony Orchestra, Stephen Paulus Concerto and Saint-Saens Symphony No. 3, 1933 Aeolian-Skinner IV/48, Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle, Toledo, OH

Sunday, April 14, 3:00 PM Amanda Mole, organ recital, 2020 Richards, Fowkes & Co. IV/79, Christ Church Cathedral, Cincinnati, OH

Sunday, April 14, 3:00 PM ECCE Choir, Holy Rosary Cathedral, Toledo, OH

**Sunday, April 14, 4:00 PM Kantorei & Schola Cantorum Easter Vespers, Kramer Chapel, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne**

Sunday, April 14, 4:00 PM Richard Elliott, organ recital, 1972 Becherath III/73 and 1931 Kimball IV/66, First Congregational Church, Columbus, OH

**Saturday, April 20, 1:00-3:30 PM Finalists play in the National Organ Playing Competition, 1990 Quimby/Aeolian-Skinner IV/77, First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne**

Saturday, April 20, 7:30 PM Brenda Portman, organist with Kentucky Symphony Orchestra in Saint-Saens *Symphony No. 3* (Organ) and Samuel Barber *Toccata Festiva*, 1990 Casavant IV/88, Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church, Cincinnati, OH

Sunday, April 21 2:00 PM Matt Dierking, organ recital, 1929 Skinner II/21, Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, OH

**Sunday, April 21, 4:00 PM Bach Collegium presents J. S. Bach, Brahms, and Graupner, Zion Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne**

Wednesday, April 24, 7:30 PM Ken Cowan, organ recital, 1928 Skinner IV/79, Cincinnati Museum Center, Cincinnati, OH

**Sunday, April 28, 4:00 PM Fort Wayne Children's Choir, Auer Performance Hall, PFW, Fort Wayne**

Tuesday, April 23, 12:15 PM Rhonda Edgington, organ recital, 2005 Muller IV/80, Park Congregational Church, Grand Rapids, MI

**Saturday, April 27, 2:00 PM ECCE Choir, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, New Haven, IN**

Sunday, April 28, 3:00 PM ECCE Choir, National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, OH

**Sunday, April 28, 5:00 PM Choral Evensong, Trinity Episcopal Church, Fort Wayne**

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### Positions Available

Peace United Church of Christ, 9123 Aboite Center Road in Fort Wayne, is seeking an organist/pianist to play on Sundays at 10:15 and other holy days, such as Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday. Allen Digital organ and Kimball grand piano. Peace is a progressive but traditional church that follows the lectionary. Teaching privileges are possible. Compensation is \$150/service. Until a regular organist is secured, substitute organists are needed Contact Lorie Krouse at [mkrouse@comcast.net](mailto:mkrouse@comcast.net) or 260-494-2433.

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church seeks a regular organist for Sunday services at 9:30 AM. And until a regular organist is secured, substitute organists will be needed. If interested in either the regular position or substitute work, contact Deaconess Jeana Moe: email: [dcsjeana@mtcfw.org](mailto:dcsjeana@mtcfw.org); office: 260-203-3703 cell: 260-416-8472

## Interlochen Arts Camp

During the summer of 2024, the Interlochen Arts Camps is offering sessions for young organists. There are programs for students in grades 6-8, and programs for high school-age students. Details for the programs can be found in the links below. These are outstanding opportunities for young organists.

<https://www.interlochen.org/music/camp-programs/grades-6-8/organ>  
<https://www.interlochen.org/music/camp-programs/high-school/organ>

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### Free to a Good Home

An antique Mason & Hamlin melodium is available. Call Kathy Turner for more information at 260-486-0964. Mention Martin Gigler when calling, so that she knows where you heard about it.



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### \*For Sale

THE COMPLETE ORGAN WORKS OF J.S. BACH-- Published by Kevin Mayhew; Edited by Alan Ridout (1994)

The set contains four magnificent volumes in publishers' gilt maroon cloth-on-board. These fine, unmarked copies of the organ scores are contained in a pristine matching slipcase. The set contains the entire organ works of J.S. Bach, as well as an

introduction to the music, notes on ornaments, along with several useful indexes.

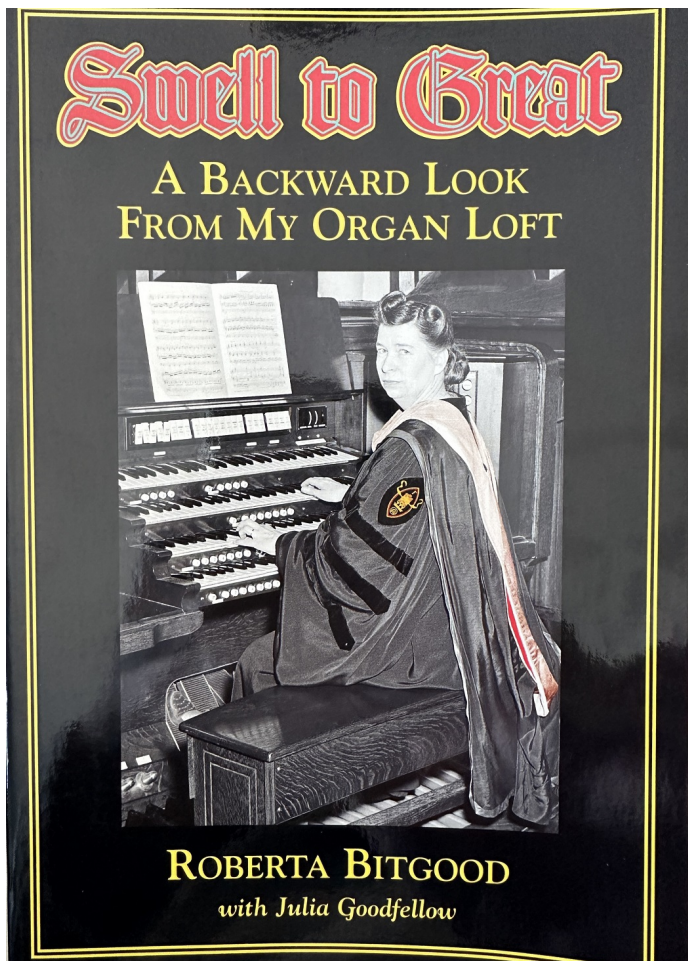
Please contact Kathy Kaney for more details: [kathykaney@gmail.com](mailto:kathykaney@gmail.com) or text 501-909-6480

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### Free Book

From Janice Eplett: I am cleaning out things and have a book that might be of interest to our AGO members. It is free to the first person interested. The book is *Swell to Great: A Backward Look From My Organ Loft* by Roberta Bitgood [Editors note: organist, composer, and first female national president of the AGO]

Contact Janice at 260-436-5783



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### Music for Sale

All the scores are in great condition. \$3.00 each, except Bach and Messiaen, \$5.00 each. Contact David Hendricksen at [revoxfan55@gmail.com](mailto:revoxfan55@gmail.com)

#### ORGAN MUSIC

- Franck: *Organ works Vol 3* (Fantasie in A, Cantabile, Piece Heroique), Kalmus
- Hopson: *Praise to the Lord* - 8 Hymn Tune Preludes, Sacred Music Press
- Krapf, Gerhard: *Tryptich I*, Concordia
- Krapf, Gerhard: *Tryptich II*, Concordia
- Krapf, Gerhard: *Tryptich III*, Concordia
- Matthews, Peter: *Pastoral for Clarinet and Organ* (includes CL part), Morningstar
- Messiaen: *L'Ascension*, Leduc
- Near, Gerald: *A Tryptich of Fugues*, Augsburg
- Vierne: *Messe Basse*, Op 39, Masters Music Publishers
- Vierne: *Symphony No. 1*, Op 14, Kalmus

#### FULL CONDUCTOR SCORE

- Bach: *Cantata 51 Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen*, Kalmus

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#### \*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](mailto: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.

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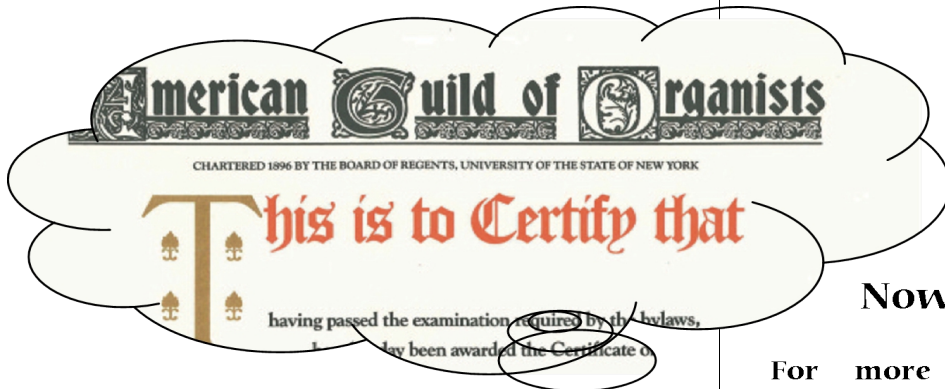
## Fort Wayne Chapter Leadership

### Elected positions:

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

### Non-elected positions, appointed by the Board:

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



**Now is the time to act!**

**For more information,** contact Wayne Peterson (waynehpeterson@yahoo.com; 260-423-1693) or explore the certification content on the AGO website

<https://www.agohq.org/certification/>

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dream of yours?**