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## DEAN'S LETTER

### The Next Generation

*6 Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak:  
for I am a child. 7 But the LORD said unto me,  
Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee,  
and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.  
~ Jeremiah 1:6-7 (KJV)*

Last month I posed thoughts about what a young person might "give up" in order to pursue a path in organ study. What did it mean for us when we made that choice? How can we be an encourager to the next generation so that they shall not only "speak," but also "play?" National AGO Headquarters has declared this year the "Year of the Young Organist" which is providing them with a free year of membership and special events designed for them.

Back in February, Thursday the 24th in the late afternoon, a tour of the shop at Brunner & Associates Organ Builders in Mount Joy was organized by Margaret Marsch. The group was made up of her piano and organ students and their parents plus a few interested teachers and their students as well as other curious persons. There were about 25 people who showed up for the event. It was not an official AGO event, but many of us, including students, were AGO members. The goal was to see what a pipe was made of.



After all had arrived, a favorite, light "supper" of pizza was served. Thomas Becker, Hans Herr, and the Brunner crew showed us around their shop and spent time explaining some of the various processes that go on there. Topics included the different families of pipes (flues, woods, strings, reeds, etc), the different kinds of actions (tracker, pneumatic, direct electric) and more.



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Their current project which we observed was the Rowan University Pipe Organ Project. The young folks showed their interest and quickly realized there is more to building and repairing pipe organs that one would think.

More events like this are in the planning as time and opportunity exist. Let's do our part to pass this great art and music ministry on to the next generation.

*7 Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations:  
ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee.  
~ Deuteronomy 32:7 (KJV)*

- Greg Gehman, Dean



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## CHAPTER PROGRAMS

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### APRIL MEETING

#### Silent Movie Night with Don Kinnier



April's meeting will provide us with a different perspective of organ playing. Don Kinnier will be accompanying a silent film on First Church's Mohler pipe organ. Don will be accompanying the silent film, "Sherlock, Jr.," starring Buster Keaton and Catherine McGuire. The film runs 45 minutes. It is a romantic comedy, made in 1924, and features some of Keaton's best visual trickery. The film will be followed by a discussion about playing for silent movies - what goes into turning the action that you see into music that you hear. A donation will be accepted to cover costs.

The date is Friday, April 22 at 7:00 pm. First United Methodist Church is located at 68 North Church Street, Ephrata. We hope by then that First Church's organ will no longer be "under arrest" - see picture.

*( Don explains, "The slide in the picture was the first illustration for the Pastor's sermon on the importance of rest (as in the Sabbath, but also rest in general). The techies were checking the slides for the day and that was on the wall when I got there to play for church.")*

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## PROGRAMS CONT'D

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### MAY

#### Members' Annual Banquet & Business Meeting

Monday, May 9, 5:30 doors open, 6:00 banquet, 7:00 meeting/election results/presentations by student scholarship players. Location: Lancaster Church of the Brethren, 1601 Sunset Avenue, Lancaster. As soon as the details are final, we will send out an email "blast" to fill you in. Do keep this evening open on your calendar.

### JUNE

#### Lancaster Summer Arts Festival Organ Recital



Thursday, June 9, 7:00 pm at Historic St. Mary's Catholic Church, 119 South Prince Street, Lancaster. Selections played by Lancaster Chapter AGO members.

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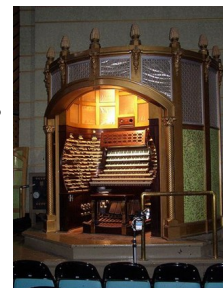
## UPCOMING

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### FOR YOUNG ORGANISTS

*There are two upcoming events planned for young organists. Contact local organ teacher and Lancaster Chapter Member, Margaret Marsch, to sign-up or for more info. Her contact information is below.*

- 1. Open Console Day at Longwood Gardens—Sat., April 23 is Open Console Day at Longwood Gardens. Unfortunately, all the 5 minutes spots are filled up. There is a very slight possibility of an extension. At this point there is no word on that. You may still be interested in traveling there with your families just to watch the other folks try their hands at the Longwood organ. I believe Longwood entrance fees are \$16 for students, \$22 for adults.*
- 2. Atlantic City Boardwalk Hall Auditorium Organ Tour—Rudy Lucente, the Longwood organist who will do the registration on the Longwood Organ Day, has also offered to give us an inside tour of the humongous Atlantic City Boardwalk Hall Auditorium Organ. This is the largest pipe organ in the world with 7 manuals, and over 33,000 pipes, including a full 64' rank! I'm hoping this will be a Saturday in June. He's checking with the staff there to give us a date.*



*Let me know if you're interested in these events. These are some pretty nice opportunities for our young organists.*

*- Margaret Marsch    717 341-1724    margmarsch@gmail.com*

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## 21-22 PROGRAM CALENDAR

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Sun, Sept. 26                      5 PM / 6:30 PM / 7 PM  
**Picnic/Officer Installation/Hymn-Sing**  
Memorial United Methodist Church  
101 South Hess St., Quarryville

Mon, Oct. 18                      7 PM  
**Wilbur Held Masterclass (David Schelat)**  
Church of the Apostles  
1850 Marietta Ave, Lancaster

Sat, Nov 13                      7 PM  
**Starlight Tea Concert Series:**  
**Organ/Piano/Harpsichord Duets**  
Lancaster Church of the Brethren  
1601 Sunset Ave, Lancaster

Wed, Dec 29                      7 PM  
**Christmas at the Organ:**  
**Carol Sing & Recital**  
Highland Presbyterian Church  
500 East Roseville Rd, Lancaster

Sat. Jan 15                      8 AM - 4 PM  
**January Jumpstart**  
Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church  
625 Montgomery Avenue, Bryn Mawr, PA  
19010  
Register in November at [agophila.org](http://agophila.org)  
Cost: AGO members - \$40, None-members -  
\$60, Students - \$10, lunch included

Mon, Feb 7                      6:15 PM  
**Member's Recital & Repository Shopping:**  
***Favorite Hymn Arrangements***  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
2151 Oregon Pike, Lancaster

Sun, Mar 20                      4 PM  
**Louis Vierne:**  
***The Blind Organist of Notre Dame***  
Lititz Church of the Brethren  
300 West Orange St, Lititz

Fri, Apr 22                      7 PM  
**Silent Movie Night (Don Kinnier)**  
First United Methodist Church  
68 North Church Street, Ephrata

Mon, May 9                      5:30PM doors open  
6PM banquet      7PM meeting  
**Annual Chapter Banquet & Meeting**  
Lancaster Church of the Brethren  
1601 Sunset Ave, Lancaster

Thurs, Jun 9                      7 PM  
**Lancaster Summer Arts Festival**  
**Organ Recital**  
Historic St. Mary's Church  
119 S. Prince St, Lancaster

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## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

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*A warm welcome to the following new or returning members:*

**Kevin Gane** (*Young Organists*)  
**Samuel Tarasenko** (*Young Organist*)

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## REPORTS

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### Feb. - Executive Board Meeting Highlights

1. Nominating committee now filled, to begin search for open positions
2. Need players for Summer Arts concert
3. Board members met with John Dixon, Elizabeth George of National AGO, received advice for investing funds
4. Repository sales of \$213 to be deposited in Beginning Organist Scholarship fund.

- Jenny Fritsch, *secretary*

### Treasurer's Report

3/20/22

<b>Bank Acct Name:</b>	<b>Balance:</b>
Checking	\$17,627.65
Beginning Organist	\$4,491.27
Lunt/McConnell	\$4,438.28
Fritsch Concert Savings	\$13,487.65
Checking/Donations	\$118.76
Moyer Concert Fund	\$20,000.65
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$60,164.26</b>

-Patricia Bleecker, *treasurer*

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## LANCASTER CHAPTER NEWS

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### 2022 Lancaster AGO Scholarship Applications

Applications for the **Beginning Organist** and **Lunt-McConnell Scholarships** are now available on our website ([lancasterago.org](http://lancasterago.org)). Deadline to apply is May 15. The committee members are David Schulz ('22), Peter Brown ('23), and Chris Prestia ('24). Please contact David with any questions - [daschulz531@gmail.com](mailto:daschulz531@gmail.com).

AGO members and teachers, please encourage your students or others' students you know of, to apply for our scholarships. Students who have not studied organ, but have sufficient piano background are welcome to apply. The applications indicate appropriate piano pieces for auditioning.

### 2022 Nominating Committee Announcement

It is our pleasure to announce the following nominees for our 2022 Chapter elections:

- **Secretary (1):** Emma Arnold
- **Treasurer (1):** Patricia Bleecker (for a 1-year term extension)
- **Member-at-Large (2):** John Zielinski, Jonathan Humbert, Tom Berdos (for 2 Member-at-Large openings)
- **Auditors (2):** Ray Edminson; Doug Wimer

Additional nominations, with the consent of the nominee, are invited from the membership; these must be signed by at least five voting members in good standing and received by the Chapter Secretary, Jenny Fritsch, by April 15. Jenny's email address is: [jrfritsch232@gmail.com](mailto:jrfritsch232@gmail.com).

- Nominating Committee: John Kracker, *chair*; Frank Dodd; Mark Herr

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## SUBSTITUTES & POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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### Chapter Substitutes List

Please check [www.lancasterago.org](http://www.lancasterago.org) for the current list. This list is published as a courtesy by the Lancaster AGO Chapter. The Lancaster AGO Chapter assumes no responsibility for the musicianship or reliability of substitute organists.

### Positions Available

Please check [www.lancasterago.org](http://www.lancasterago.org) for the current list. If you wish to list available positions here, please email your info to the Chapter's Placements Chairperson: Dr. Terry Heisey ([terryleb@aol.com](mailto:terryleb@aol.com))

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## LOCAL EVENTS

The following events are local organ, choral, or sacred music related presentations taking place during coming month. Submission are due by the 20th of the preceding month for inclusion in the newsletter.

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**Sun, Mar 27, 2022, 4 PM**

Grace Lutheran Church, Lancaster

Lancaster-based wind quintet, Manor Winds, live in concert. The Sunday afternoon's performance includes fabulous repertoire by Zemlinsky, Coleman, Ibert and Arnold. A freewill offering is collected in support of instrumental lessons for young people.

**Sun, Apr 10, 2022, 6 PM**

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lancaster

In anticipation of the unfolding events of Holy Week, this Palm Sunday evening presentation of John Rutter's *REQUIEM* features the Sanctuary Choir of Westminster Church, chamber orchestra, and preaching on the hope of eternal life for those in Christ. Freewill offering.

**Fri, Apr 22, 2022, 7 PM**

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lancaster

Lancaster County Messiah Sing-a-long performed by the Chester County Christian Chorale, under the direction of Clair Leaman. Free-will offering.

**Sun, Apr 24, 2022, 6 PM**

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Lebanon

Choral Evensong and Organ Concert by Nicholas Basehore, Hill Lutheran Church, Cleona PA. Free-will offering

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# LANCASTER CHAPTER AGO LEADERSHIP

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## ELECTED OFFICERS

Dean	<i>Greg Gehman ('23)</i>
Sub-Dean	<i>Ross Ellison ('23)</i>
Secretary	<i>Jenny Fritsch ('22)</i>
Treasurer	<i>Patricia Bleecker ('22)</i>
Member-at-large	<i>Deborah Berdos ('22)</i>
Member-at-large	<i>John Zielinski ('22)</i>
Member-at-large	<i>John Kracker ('23)</i>
Member-at-large	<i>Christopher Prestia ('23)</i>
Auditor	<i>Elaine Severein ('22)</i>
Auditor	<i>Roger Kurtz ('22)</i>

## APPOINTED POSITIONS

Chaplain	<i>Bob Kettering</i>
Historian/Archivist	<i>Jenny Fritsch</i>
Hospitality Chair	<i>Margaret Marsch</i>
Newsletter Editor	<i>Frank Dodd</i>
Placements/Subs	<i>Terry Heisey</i>
Publicity Chair	<i>Kyle Postlethwaite</i>
Registrar	<i>Deborah Berdos</i>
Webmaster	<i>John Zielinski</i>

## STANDING COMMITTEES

Program Committee: *Ross Ellison, chair ('23); Margaret Marsch ('22); John Huber ('22); Tom Berdos ('24); Karl Moyer ('24)*

Scholarship Committee: *David Schulz, chair ('22); Peter Brown; ('23); Christopher Prestia ('24)*

Nominating Committee: *John Kracker, chair; Frank Dodd; Mark Herr*

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