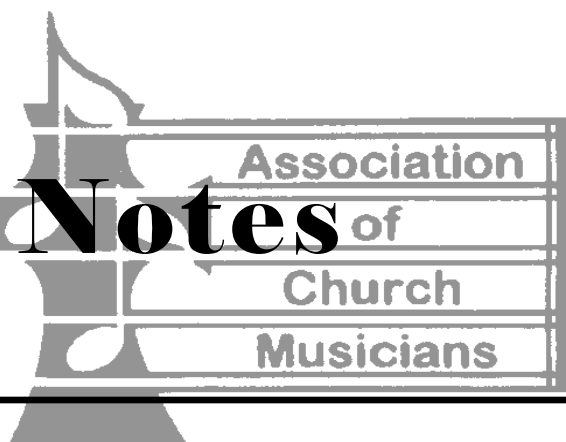


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Pedals, Pipes and Pizza!



On the 324th Anniversary of J.S. Bach's birthday, March 21, 2009, several youth, parents and Madison area organists gathered to experience and explore the ins and outs of three tracker pipe organs. This year's 'Pedals, Pipes and Pizza', led by John Krueger, featured a day full of body, mind and spirit activities. The energy and excitement for the organ blossomed as the day went along!

We met early to watch an informative video, "Pulling Out All the Stops"—a five star presentation from AGO—at St. Stephen's Lutheran in Monona. Following the film, Dennis Douglas, St. Stephen's Director of Music, demonstrated the church's 2006 Rosales 30 rank tracker organ. Students spent time playing the instrument, experimenting with various tone colors and going inside the organ.



After a delicious pizza buffet and socializing, we car-pooled to St. Luke's Episcopal on Major Avenue to explore the Visser Rowlands tracker organ there. Organist, Jane Ganz, gave us a brief history of the organ and demonstrated its tonal colors – again, students played, pulled stops for each other, peeked inside the chambers, played a game Jane had designed, or sight-read piano/organ duets.

Next, we walked to Lake Edge Lutheran on Monona Drive to see the Martin Ott tracker organ. Organist Jay

Wolfe delighted us with stories of his first experiences with an organ and the importance of what he does as an organist. By now the students were not 'shy' about playing, checking out the chambers, pulling stops – sometimes 2-3 sitting on the bench and playing together.

We wrapped up the day with a question and answer session and presented each student with a copy of the TAO, a copy of Sandra Soderlund's A Young Person's Guide to the Pipe Organ and encouraged all to attend a Pipe Organ Encounter this summer.

Everyone enjoyed the day - students loved the power of sitting at these instruments.

Many thanks to John, Dennis, Jane, Jay, ACM member Linda Krueger and photographer Rick Mills.



Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 3, 3:00pm, The American Guild of Organists - Milwaukee Chapter presents Peter Richard Conte in concert at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, Uihlein Hall, 929 N. Water Street Milwaukee. This is the first time in several years that the Miller Organ, a 56 rank Aeolian-Skinner, will be heard in a solo recital. Tickets are \$20 for Adults, \$15 for AGO members, Seniors and Students and are available through the Marcus Center Box Office at 1.888.612.3500 or through Ticketmaster.

Sunday, May 3, 3:00pm at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 5700 Pheasant Hill Road, Monona, WI and **Saturday, May 9, 7:30pm** at Asbury United Methodist Church, 6101 University Ave, Madison, WI.

The Madison Area Concert Handbells, playing six octaves of handbells and seven octaves of handchimes, presents "BAROQUE & BEYOND," including Bach's *Little Fugue in G Minor*, Beethoven's *Fur Elise*, Handel's *Allegro Maestoso*, Enya's *Sail Away*, *El Condor Pasa*, and *Under the Sea*. Advanced tickets available at Borders East and West, Orange Tree Imports on Monroe Street, and online at www.madisonhandbells.org. Advance tickets are \$12 for Adults and \$9 for Seniors (60+) and Students. Tickets at the door are \$15 for Adults and \$12 for Seniors and Students. For more information, call 608-260-2456 or visit the website.

June 15-18, PIPES ON THE PLAINS

For a great vacation experience this summer, register now for the AGO Region VI Convention in Wichita, Kansas, June 15-18! Additions to workshops include James Higbe on Beginning Hymn Improvisation, John Leavitt on Composing for the Church, and Joyce Shupe Kull on Chapter Educational Outreach. More reasons to go

1. The convention hotel rates are among the lowest, plus every room rental includes full daily breakfast for two and all rooms incorporate kitchen facilities as a standard.
2. Registration rates are reasonable, AND, in the three full days of the convention, five lunches and dinners are provided.
3. In 2008, AAA rated Wichita as the "third most affordable city to visit in the United States."

For details and registration, visit www.pipesontheplains09.org and sign up now!

June 22-26, 2009, Washington Island Forum with Rev. John Bell, "Encountering the Unsung Jesus." A four and a half day experience of study, worship, community, and fun off the tip of Door County, Wisconsin designed for clergy, church musicians, and lay persons. Presenters are the Rev. John Bell, a Church of Scotland minister, a member of the Iona Community, and author of the Church of Scotland's Church Hymnary (2005), and Dr. Marlene Kropf, Associate Professor of Spiritual Formation at the Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, and the author of *Singing: A Mennonite Voice*. Each day begins with Morning Prayer led by Rev. Brad Pohlman and Bruce Bengtson, of Luther Memorial Church, Madison, WI, followed by sessions with our guest presenters. Afternoon discussion groups are optional, as are other evening activities. Other Island attractions are nature walks, museums, crafts, marine activities, etc. The Island also has a number of restaurants, a grocery, general store, post office and coffee shop. A pedestrian ferry is available for tours of Rock Island.

Register online at www.wichurches.org (click "events"), or phone 608-837-3108. Full registration fee is \$225 (by May 1, 2009) and \$250 after May 1, 2009. Full payment is due by June 1, 2009. A full refund is available if you cancel by notifying WCC by June 1, 2009. You must make separate lodging and meal arrangements, other than the opening picnic and daily refreshments.

Handbell Week 2009: David Weck returns June 29 to July 2 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Madison, at the church's West Campus in Verona. The four day intensive workshop is designed for directors and ringers to expand their ringing performance and musicality. The workshop ends with a public concert on Thursday, July 2. As part of the workshop, Madison Area Concert Handbells, directed by Mark Bloedow, will present a concert open to the public on Monday, June 29, 7:30pm, at Good Shepherd's Central Campus, 5701 Raymond Road, Madison. A free will offering at the concerts is appreciated. For complete details and to register, please visit www.maestromeb.com and click on Handbell Week or contact Mark Bloedow at 608-845-3952.

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President's Letter

We are coming to the end of the program year. For most of us this means changes in our activities as church musicians: no choir rehearsals until September, a different worship schedule, more weddings, time to take the handbells in for maintenance. For the fall, winter, and spring, we use our granary of knowledge and energy. We may even deplete it. In this season of planting and growing crops, consider growing and replenishing your skills and knowledge as church musicians. Attend an AGO regional convention such as our Region VI convention in Wichita or the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians national convention in Milwaukee. In this season of planting flowers, replenish your sense of beauty. Attend a concert. Go to an art museum. Visit Olbrich Gardens. In the words of Stuart Wilson, "Praise we the Lord, who made all beauty, for all our senses to enjoy. Praise him who by a simple flower lifts up our hearts to things above."

(Oxford Book of Carols, no. 164)

Blessings, John Krueger, ACM President and AGO Dean

UW-Madison's John Chappell Stowe to be featured in recital May 3

Sunday, May 3, 2:00pm: Come join the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters for a celebratory recital commemorating the "Ceremony of Rededication and Blessing of the Sinsinawa Mound Casavant Organ, opus 2847" in Sinsinawa's Queen of the Rosary Chapel. During the winter, the organ underwent its first significant updates and renovations since it was built in 1965. Several pieces of the organ were sent back to the Casavant factory in Québec, Canada, and are now reinstalled. John Chappell Stowe of Madison, WI, will be the featured organist. Stowe is professor of organ and harpsichord at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. His interests include Italian music of the Renaissance and Baroque as well as French organ repertoire of the early 20th century and contemporary music. The recital is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken. A reception will follow in the foyer. This recital will also highlight the International Year of the Organ. For more information, contact Sheila Heim at (608) 748-4411, ext. 869.

2009 Sinsinawa Mound Summer Organ Concert Recital Series Announced

All concerts are at 7:00pm in the Queen of the Rosary Chapel, Sinsinawa Mound, Sinsinawa, WI. Freewill offering accepted. For more information, contact: Sister Marie Juan Maney, OP, at (608) 748-4411, ext. 807.

June 3-David Jonies, Chicago

June 10-Dennis Northway, Chicago

June 17-Brett Wolgast, Cedar Rapids, IA

June 24-William Tinker, Grinnell, IA

July 1-Jeffrey Ellis, Centennial, CO

For more information on these and other activities at the Mound, contact Guest Services at (608) 748-4411 or visit our Web site at www.sinsinawa.org. Sinsinawa Mound, the Motherhouse for the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters, is located in southwest Wisconsin on C



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Choir Director Position: Divine Savior United Methodist Church, Madison, WI. is seeking a Choir Director to develop and integrate choral and ensemble music into worship. Specific duties include: prepare, rehearse, and direct choir and performers as necessary; form and rehearse small ensembles for worship and music ministry. The choir sings at least once a month, with additional performances during holidays. This is a salaried position, based on 5 hours/week for 9 months of the year – September through May. University/college music student applications are welcome. Salary range is \$3,000 - \$3,500. Please send a letter of application and a brief (2 page) resumé to Rev. Chris Bethke, Divine Savior United Methodist Church, 5702 South Hill Drive, Madison WI 53705, or email to cbethke@charter.net To obtain job description, email cbethke@charter.net or call 608-238-7753. Applications accepted through April 30, 2009.

Half-time Organist: Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, **Madison, WI**, has an immediate need for an organist to cover playing two or three times monthly for a 9:30 am worship service, including 8:45 am choir rehearsals (September through May). Please contact Office Administrator, Sally Iverson, at 608-249-1537 or by e-mail siverson@pcucc.org

Children/Youth Music Director: Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ, **Madison, WI**. Work with Associate Pastor for Children/Youth/Families to enhance our music program and explore music opportunities for children (preschool-6th grade) including singing, chimes, drums, ORFF instruments. Assist Adult leader of Youth praise rock band (7th-12th grade) with rehearsals and performances. Six hours/week; 3 of those hours on Sundays. Salary negotiable. We are open and affirming to all people regardless of age, race, culture, sexual orientation and economic justice. To apply, e-mail resume to Reverend Tammy Martens, tmartens@orucc.org

Choral Director: Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)– Madison, WI is seeking musician(s) for the positions of director of choral/liturgical choir and handbell choir director. Successful candidates will work closely with the Pastor and coordinate with organist to prepare music for worship services. **Choir director:** Select anthem music, lead experienced adult choir with large repertoire in Thursday rehearsals and at weekly and festival services. 6-8 hours per week. **Bell choir director:** Rehearse and direct experienced bell choir for occasional performances. 4 hours per week, 16 weeks per year. Mail resumes to Trinity Lutheran Church; 1904 Winnebago St., Madison, WI 53704 or email to tlcmsn@merr.org.

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church has a 1962, 3 Manual, 23 Rank Moeller pipe organ for sale. Asking price is \$25,000 or best offer. Buyer will need to move. For more information, contact organist Linda Krueger at lkrueger@molconline.org

An AGO Regional Convention in Madison?

All AGO members of ACM will receive a letter proposing that the Madison Chapter of the American Guild of Organists host a regional convention possibly in the summer of 2013. Please read the letter, consider your involvement, and complete and return the enclosed response card. Your response will determine our next step. Questions, comments and commitment by ACM members who are not AGO members are welcome as well. Please contact John R. Krueger, 422 Maple Ave., Madison WI 53704-5841 (608.249.0679, j.krueger@att.net).

Report from the Nominating Committee

The nominating committee reports the following slate of candidates for election to office in the Association of Church Musicians for the year beginning in July 2009.

President and AGO Dean: Mark Brampton Smith
Secretary: Ann Uresk Herr

Vice-President and AGO Sub-dean: Jonathan Orwig
Treasurer: Charles Thomley

Board Member at Large: Audre Kurowski (3 year term to replace Wayne Duddleston whose term expires)
Board Member at Large: Max Yount (2 year term to replace J. Orwig who is a candidate for Vice-President)

Election of officers will be held at the ACM annual meeting on Sunday, May 3, 2009. Dennis Douglas (Chair), Ken Sosinski, and Linda Krueger comprised the nominating committee. Thank you to all candidates for your willingness to serve. Thank you to members of the nominating committee for your insight and your work.