

# Principal Pipings

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## Dean's Message

Hello AGO Friends,

As I write this, it is Day 535 of Covidtime, and our first planned event for the new year has been postponed. However, your Executive Committee has made new plans for what we feel will be a safe get-together outdoors at Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Versailles, on Friday, Sept. 24th. All the details are elsewhere in this newsletter. So mark your calendars for this and all the rest of our events for the 2021-22 year!

Huge thank-yous go to our Yearbook Committee, Brian Hunt, Larry Sharp, and James Humlong, for once again producing a terrific yearbook. The yearbooks have been mailed and you should be receiving yours shortly. If you did not receive a yearbook, your dues may be in arrears. Please take a moment to check your AGO dues status by going to ONCARD (<https://www.agohq.org/oncard-login/>), and if your dues are due (or past due) we hope you'll bring them up to date. We don't want anyone to miss out on the events we have planned for this year!

I hope by now you have had a chance to view Summer Lights 2021, our end-of-summer virtual concert in collaboration with the Bluegrass Chapter American Theatre Organ Society. Lynn Vera did her usual excellent job of putting the video together, and it has a little something for everyone including a piece written especially for Lexington AGO by composer Phil Lehenbauer. If you would like a copy of Phil's piece please let me know and I will send you the PDF. While you're at it, don't forget to join Lexington AGO's youtube channel. Many thanks to all the performers who participated in Summer Lights!

It's an exciting time to be a member of Lexington AGO, and I am so pleased to be serving as your dean in this, our 76th year! I hope to see you soon!

Jane

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## UPCOMING AGO EVENTS

Friday, September 24, 2021, 6-8 pm

**Kick-off Dinner and Free Music Swap; Pisgah Presbyterian Church, 710 Pisgah Pike, Versailles**

We will kick off our 2021-22 program year with a picnic dinner on the church grounds under their tent. In addition to our picnic, there will be LOTS of FREE music for you to take home! We still have five boxes of music from Priscilla Hepburn's estate, including some real gems that are no longer in print. Other members are also bringing music that they no longer need, so you'll have plenty of music to look through.

Bring your picnic dinner, a chair, any music you may no longer need, and enjoy a relaxing evening with your AGO friends.

Friday, October 8, 2021, 7:30 pm

**Michael Messina recital presenting Messiaen's Nativity Suite with visual slides; Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington**

Saturday, October 23, 2021,

9:30 am—Coffee, Food, Fellowship;

10:00 am—Program

**Loma's at the Opera House (lomasatwoh.com) is within walking distance of the church for those who'd like to have lunch together afterwards. A door prize of a free lunch will be awarded to one lucky person attending the session!**

**Organ Reading Session, First Christian Church (DOC), Winchester**

Do you have a piece of organ music that you just love, or is just SO easy and yet effective, or is really well-written by a composer that was new to you, or just a super-useful "go-to" kind of piece? Don't you wish you could share it with others that might appreciate it too? HERE'S YOUR CHANCE! October's LexAGO reading session will provide an opportunity to play our musical "discoveries" and say a bit about them amongst an appreciative audience. We will also have some new music from publishers available for your perusal and/or purchase.

Here's the plan:

Choose one organ piece (or two short ones); play the whole thing or excerpts (this is not a recital, so it does not have to be perfect!) The piece can be for any Sunday or season of the Church Year.

Be able to provide publisher info - the piece/book must be available for purchase from the publisher (we will verify this). We'd like to make copies of the first page or two to distribute to attendees.

Give a short talk about your piece or the composer or both, or how/when you like to use the piece for church.

If you are interested in sharing "your" piece please text or call Nancy Dunn (859-333-0526) or Michael Dunn (859-749-6971), or email [nncydunn@icloud.com](mailto:nncydunn@icloud.com) or [dunn.michaelr@icloud.com](mailto:dunn.michaelr@icloud.com). **The sign-up deadline for this is September 20.** Hurry and reserve your spot now!

## MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 5, 2021, 2:00 pm	Christmas Pipes Member Recital; Southern Hills United Methodist Church, Lexington
January TBD	Collaborative Program with Louisville AGO to introduce youth to the organ and other instruments; Christ Church United Methodist, Louisville
Saturday, March 12, 2022, 11:30 am—Lunch 1:00 pm—Workshop	Incorporating Harpsichord into Worship; presented by Jack Ashworth; Southern Hills United Methodist Church, Lexington
April TBD	Collaborative Program with Bluegrass ATOS featuring the Silent Film “King of Kings” with theatre organist Mark Gifford; Kentucky Theatre, Lexington
Sunday, May 8, 2022, 3:00 pm	Janette Fishell recital, followed by Evensong; Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington
Friday, May 13, 2022, time TBD	Katie Minion Scheetz recital, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington
Friday, May 27, 2022, 7:30 pm	Alan Morrison recital, Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington
June TBD	Installation Service with Meal, location TBD

*For inclusion in the October newsletter calendar for local music events, please contact Jane Johnson at [jhjohn@email.uky.edu](mailto:jhjohn@email.uky.edu). Due to space limitations, events will be listed for the current and following month. Events beyond that timeframe can be found on our website: [www.agolexington.org](http://www.agolexington.org).*

## NOTES FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

It appears that we have left the extreme summer heat behind for the short term at least. I hope that everyone is enjoying the mild weather following the tropical rain showers.

The Education Committee has been forming a task force whose mission is to investigate the possibility of planning and hosting our very first Adult Pipe Organ Encounter (POE). Having spoken with task force member Zach Klobnak who has vast experience with these events, it appears this would be much easier to plan and less expensive to host than the youth one we did a few years ago. I sure like the sound of that!

Groups of adults that we could contact to see if there is any interest in exploring the pipe organ could include piano teachers, their adult students, church pianists, and those who play occasionally but might like to learn more about the organ. The instructors should be local. We certainly have a variety of pipe and electronic organs in Lexington area churches to choose from for teaching purposes.

We currently have five chapter members who have agreed to serve on the task force, but we need others to volunteer (or to be drafted by yours truly). If you would like to serve on this task force, please notify me by either phone or e-mail as is listed below. Of course, most anything we would plan is subject to change because of the pandemic. But we could at least see if it is feasible to look at doing this in the summer of 2023. Our initial meetings would be virtual by Zoom due to the pandemic.

I miss all of you during this time of keeping social distance. It is my hope that the virus situation will end soon, and we can all be together once again.

Regards,

William Webber, CAGO

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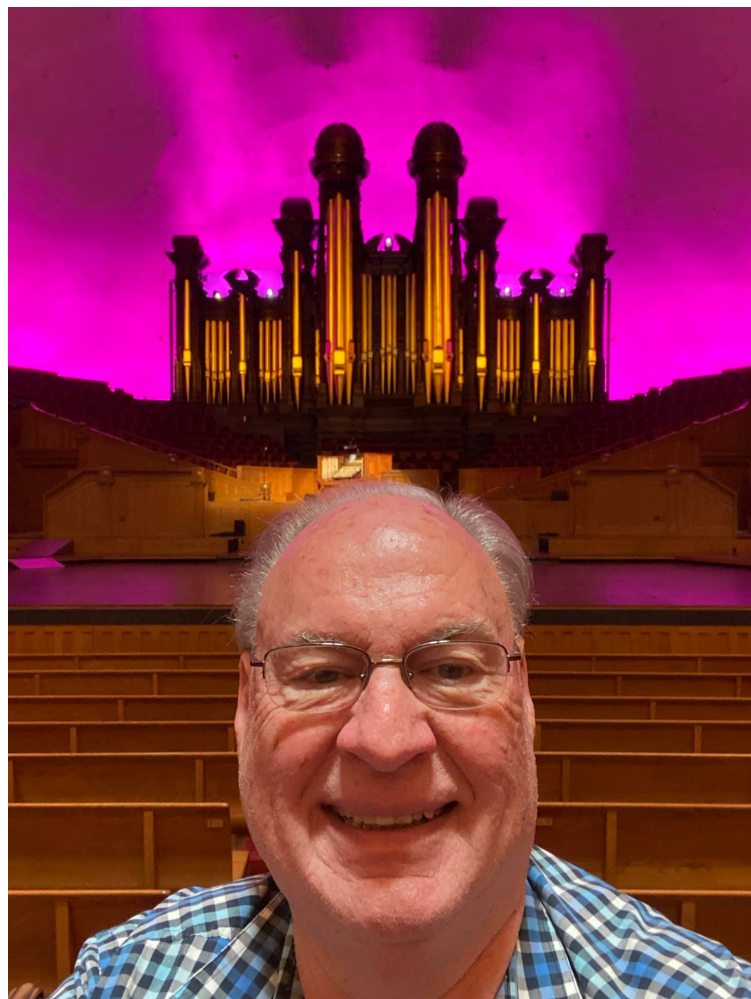
## MEMBER NEWS

**Don Seevers** is moving to Florida, but wants to stay in touch with his Lexington AGO friends. Please make note of his new email address: misterkeys1954@gmail.com. Don recently took a trip out west, and gives us this account:

Hello fellow Lexington AGO members. As many of you know, I recently retired from full time worship ministry after serving almost 17 years at Tates Creek Christian Church. I accepted a part time music position with First Christian Church, Sun City Center, Florida, that starts in mid-October.

I had planned a 4-5 week post-retirement trip and was able to complete 4 weeks of it before returning to Lexington. I signed all the papers to sell my Lexington home on my iPhone while sitting in my hotel room in Seattle! I came home to starting pitching “stuff” and packing. Besides on week 5, I would have been in New Orleans just in time to evacuate for Hurricane Ida!

In addition to enjoying many of the national parks, and returning to Seattle for a second visit, I enjoyed driving down the Oregon Coast, seeing Mt. St. Helen’s, relaxing in Scottsdale for a few days and exploring Carlsbad Caverns. I drove just under 8,000 miles.



However, the best highlight took place in Salt Lake City on Temple Square. I have been there twice before to hear the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and organ recitals. But this time, I met their newest and youngest organist, Joseph Peebles. While chatting he asked if I wanted to do a crawl inside the 130 rank Schoenstein located in the 21,000 seat Conference Center. I was thrilled to do it. After climbing up to the back row level of the choir loft, we went to see the 6 (yes, 6!) blowers for the organ. They have to bring them up one at a time or they blow a circuit. Then we climbed up two full stories to get to the bottom level of the organ. We walked through the typically small door and when inside I squeezed(!) behind a support beam to get to the center of the organ. Right in front of me was a 32' Principal pipe. I felt so small. After we finished, he took my pic at the 5 manual console. The back was off as they had just upgraded the memory levels the previous week. I can't share the pic on Facebook as it is the property of the LDS Church, but they said I can share via text. Text me if you have my phone number. My secret: although I enjoyed it, I would have loved seeing inside the 206 rank Aeolian-Skinner in the Tabernacle. The organists secret there: they prefer the AS too. Haha.



# COMING EVENTS

## GREAT MUSIC at Christ Church Cathedral September 2021-2022



### Concert

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

4:00pm *Oracle: Ensemble  
for Early Music*

Sila Darville, violin  
Ho Yin Kwok, violin  
Luke Darville, viola da gamba  
Wes Golightly, keyboard  
Curtis Streetman, bass

### Concert & Evensong

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

3:30pm *Altissimo Quartet*  
Madison Jones, violin  
Rebecca Kiekenapp, violin  
Wendy Yates, viola  
Clyde Beavers, cello

4:00pm Evensong with  
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February 27

November 7

May 22



### Friday, December 3

7:30pm George Frideric Handel's *Messiah*

Part 1 and Hallelujah Chorus

with the Cathedral Choir

*For ticket reservations visit*

[www.ccclex.org/messiah](http://www.ccclex.org/messiah)



### Sunday, December 12

7:00pm A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

with the Cathedral Choir

### Tuesday, December 21

Noon *A Ceremony of Carols* by Benjamin Britten

Rachel Renee Miller, harp

and the Cathedral Girls Choir



### Palm Sunday, April 10

4:00pm Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*

with the Cathedral Choir



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