

The Tulsa Tracker

Newsletter of the Tulsa Chapter,
American Guild of Organists
January, 2023

From the Dean:

Dear Ones,

There was an interesting dovetail of celebrations this year. As Hanukkah was coming to a close on December 25, Christmas festivities were getting underway the night before. The close proximity of holidays of these two great faiths might serve to remind us that we are all children of God, celebrating God's love in our unique yet significant ways. I hope your services were meaningful, not only to your congregations but to you as well. The unexpected arctic blast from Canada did not seem to dampen the spirits of our worshipers.

January is upon us, and with it two interesting and diverse events. On Friday, January 20 at 7:30 pm, there will be a Tri-Chapter Recital at First Christian Church in Stillwater featuring players from the Cimarron, Oklahoma City and Tulsa chapters. Micheal Crockett, Dean of the Cimarron chapter, has worked hard to organize this program. Plan to head to Stillwater that night and hear some fine Oklahoma organists on the wonderful Dobson organ.

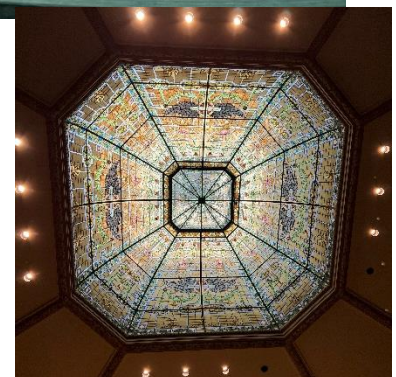
Then, on Friday, January 27, the Tulsa chapter will meet for dinner at 6:00 pm at First United Methodist Church. The program, which follows at 7:30, will feature an update on the Southwest Regional Convention. Plan to attend and hear everything our stellar convention steering committee has in store for the region June 27-30. Read on for more information about the upcoming convention, as well as a number of local and regional events.

And I wish for all of us a most happy and joyous 2023!

Soli Deo Gloria!

Michael

Michael Bedford, Dean



Thanks to **Paul Pinkosky** for leading a large group of visitors on a tour of the organ and sanctuary at First Christian Church on December 10.

The next organ visit will be available on January 14, 2023 at 10:00am at Trinity Episcopal Church, 501 S Cincinnati Avenue.

CENTENNIAL ORGAN PIPES

Thousands of organ pipes – all within steps of each other!

Downtown Tulsa is unique in the number of churches located within blocks of each other, featuring large pipe organs that have played important roles in the history of those buildings. You have the opportunity to visit these historic buildings and the pipe organs that make music in those spaces. The Tulsa Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, celebrating the 100th Anniversary of its founding, will sponsor visits to seven downtown churches:

- **Trinity Episcopal Church (501 S. Cincinnati) – Saturday, January 14, 2023**
- **Boston Avenue United Methodist Church (1301 S. Boston) – Sat., February 11, 2023**
- **First Methodist Church (1115 S. Boulder) – Saturday, March 11, 2023**

All presentations will start at 10:00 am

There is no charge for these visits, and you will learn the history of the pipe organs in each church, as well as some of the history of the buildings. The organs will be demonstrated so that you can hear and see what makes each instrument unique to its space!

Calendar of Events:

Tuesdays at Trinity • Free 30-minute concerts at 12:05pm

- Jan 3 – **Karen Rich**, Organist - with **Marjoleine Gravley** and **Michael McCrary**
- Jan 10 – **Stephen Wurst**, Organist – McFarlin UMC, Norman
- Jan 17 – **Michael Bedford**, Organist
- Jan 24 – **David Anderson**, Organist – Christ the King Catholic Church, Oklahoma City
- Jan 31 – **Lyndon Meyer**, Organist – Church of St. Mary
Trinity Episcopal Church, 501 S Cincinnati, Tulsa

Epiphany Procession • Sunday, January 8 at 5:00pm

The solemn candlelit choir procession will be followed by the joyful arrival of the three kings. Music will include “*Ab Oriente*” by Jacob Handl and John Weaver’s “*Epiphany Alleliuas*”
Please bring an unwrapped gift for a baby or child in need to leave at the altar that will be given to Emergency Infant Services • Followed by a chili supper in Great Hall • Trinity Episcopal Church, 501 S Cincinnati, Tulsa

Centennial Church Visit • Saturday, Jan 14 at 10:00am

Discover the organ and the building – led by **Casey Cantwell**
Trinity Episcopal Church, 501 S Cincinnati Avenue

Second Saturday Silents • Saturday, January 14 at 11:00am

The 1922 silent movie “*Manslaughter*” starring **Leatrice Joy** and directed by **Cecil B. DeMille** will be accompanied by **Bill Rowland** on the 1928 theatre pipe organ. A “*Felix the Cat*” cartoon will also be offered, with “walk-in” music provided by **Phil Judkins**
Circle Cinema, 10 S Lewis Ave, Tulsa • Adults \$5; 16 and under \$2

Choral Evensong • Sunday, January 15 at 5:00pm

Sung by the Trinity Choir: **William Smith Responses**; **Charles V Stanford** in **B-flat Service Music**; **Jane Marshall** “*He comes to us*” • Reception following
Trinity Episcopal Church, 501 S Cincinnati, Tulsa

Silent Movie Night • Friday, January 20 at 7:00pm

The Sooner State Chapter of the ATOS is back in the renovated auditorium of the Broken Arrow Tulsa Technology Center. The 1920 full length film “*The Saphead*” starring **Buster Keaton** will be shown, accompanied by **William Rowland** on the 1928 Robert Morton Theatre Pipe Organ. FREE! 4000 W Florence Street in Broken Arrow



January 14th

11:00 AM

Leatrice Joy in
“Manslaughter”



Saturday morning, January 14th, we will be featuring **Leatrice Joy** in the silent film “*Manslaughter*.” It came out in 1922 and was directed by **Cecil B. DeMille**. The movie will be accompanied by **Bill Rowland** on the Circle’s original 1928 theatre pipe organ, along with “walk-in” music by **Phil Judkins**. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for ages 15 and under. Showtime is 11:00 AM. The historic Circle Cinema is located at 10 S. Lewis in Tulsa, OK.

Sponsored in part by the
Sooner State Chapter of the
American Theatre Organ Society, and

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Tulsa Chapter Dinner and Meeting • Friday, January 27 at 6:00pm

Join us for dinner and an update on the Regional Convention that the Tulsa Chapter is hosting June 27-30, 2023! There are lots of ways in which YOU can help – please say YES when you are asked!

First Methodist Church, 1115 S. Boulder Ave, Tulsa • Cost of dinner is \$20; reservations due by Jan 23 to Karen.rich.tulsa@gmail.com or 918-809-9748

Congregational Evensong • Sunday, January 29 at 5:00pm

Sung by the congregation in the choir stalls *Hymnal 1982* • Trinity Episcopal Church, 501 S Cincinnati, Tulsa

Vocal Masterclass • Monday, January 30 from 3:00 to 5:00pm

Kyle Pfortmiller will conduct a Masterclass with TU students in Meinig Recital Hall

Recital of Popular Songs and Arias • Tuesday, January 31 at 7:30pm

The University of Tulsa School of Music will present *J. Donald Feagin Visiting Artist, Kyle Pfortmiller*, in a recital of well-known songs and arias from the world of opera and musical theater with pianist Cathy Venable. The popular Metropolitan Opera baritone will be in residence for three days at TU.

Gussman Concert Hall, Lorton PAC at the University of Tulsa • Information at 918-631-2738

In the Region:

Music for the Nativity • Friday, December 30 at 12:00noon

Wrapping up 2022's "Celebrating the Year of Cesar Franck", one additional organ piece will be played by composer Cesar Franck, *Offertories pour la Messe de Minuit*. Organist **John Edwards** will also play period instruments (flutes) with guitarist **Matthew Denman**. The concert is free and open to the public! A free luncheon will follow the concert in Watchorn Hall. Donations accepted! **Please RSVP for the luncheon with the church office (405-525-6584).**

Chapel of First Presbyterian Church of Oklahoma City, NW 25th and Western

Organ Recital • Friday, January 20 at 7:00pm

Richard Elliott, Principal Organist for the Tabernacle Choir in Salt Lake City, in concert
Ed Landreth Auditorium, TCU Campus, Ft Worth, TX

Oklahoma Tri-Chapter Recital • Friday, January 20 at 7:30pm

The Cimarron Chapter of the American Guild of Organists welcomes you to join us for the Tri-Chapter recital at the First Christian Church of Stillwater. This recital will feature members of the Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and Cimarron Chapters. The concert is free and open to the public. Contact Micheal Crockett at crockettmicheal@yahoo.com.

First Christian Church, 411 W Mathews Ave, Stillwater, OK

Coming Events:

Fred Elder Recital Series • Sunday, February 19 at 5:00pm

Organist **Alcée Chriss** in concert at Boston Avenue UMC, 1301 S Boston Ave, Tulsa



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION until January 31, 2023

Regular Discount Rate:	\$290.00
Special Rate (65+ or disabled):	\$250.00
Tulsa Chapter Member:	\$200.00

Take advantage of these great rates, and please consider making a donation!

Visit agotulsa2023.com to register and donate!!



Trinity Episcopal Church, Eufaula is seeking an organist to play one service on Sunday at 10:00am, and other services as needed. Organ is a Baldwin electronic Model 632. There is no choir. Our previous organist was local and was paid per service. Someone traveling here of course would also be paid mileage. Please contact Rev. Therese Starr at ljcstarr@yahoo.com for information.

Yale Avenue Presbyterian Church - Small congregation with Allen organ seeks an experienced part time or full time organist/pianist for Sunday worship service at 10:45 a.m., including accompanying vocal duet or soloists and occasional additional special services. Beginning date and salary negotiable depending on availability and experience. The successful candidate will have a love of music, be able to commit to a flexible schedule if part time, and be reliable in attendance. Send resume' and cover letter to yapctulsa@att.net OR Yale Avenue Presbyterian Church, Attn: Debbie Kerr, at 510 S. Yale Ave., Tulsa, OK 74112. Questions??? Contact Debbie Kerr at 918-520-6592 or suessluv@cox.net.

First Lutheran Church is looking for a Music Director who can lead a small choir and participate in the planning of music for worship; and can also do piano accompaniment, along with occasional organ accompaniment. The organ is Reuter, Opus 1814. This is a part-time position, approximately 10 - 15 hours per week during Sept - May, which includes choir rehearsals 2 - 4 times per month on Wednesday evenings (more so during Advent & Lent). Approx 4 hours per week June - Aug which includes brief Sunday morning rehearsals and then leading of choir during service. Salary is negotiable and commensurate with experience. Please email Cathy (Office Manager) at office@felctulsa.org or call 918-691-0976.

St. Monica and St. Augustine Catholic Churches are searching for a good Organist/Pianist with bent on gospel and traditional music. Services are on Sundays 8:30am at St. Monica and 10:30am at St. Augustine. Beginning time will be around October. Rehearsal Wednesday 5:30-6:30pm. Contact Fr Celestine: 918-607-8681 or okey1970@yahoo.com



Centennial Moment



Trinity Episcopal Church

Moller Organ, Opus 9606

Immediately after the First World War, Bishop Thurston began to encourage Trinity parishioners to build a Gothic Church of cathedral-like proportions. Gallery and spacious chancel organ chambers were provided in anticipation of the day when an instrument worthy of Trinity Church could be built.

The current pipe organ was the vision of Organist/Choirmaster Thomas Matthews, and represented the culmination of the efforts of many devoted parishioners, benefactors and craftsmen. The Moller Pipe Organ was built in 1961, and is a singular work of art. Original specifications include pipes from 1-1/3 foot up to 32 feet, with sounds ranging from Flute Harmonique (4') to English Horn (8'), from Sub Bourdon (32') to Clarion (4'), chimes, and an ear piercing Trompette Fanfare (8'). With four manuals, 2-1/2 octaves of pedals, and countless registrations, it provides enough music to fill the entire building. (from Trinity Archives)

You can visit, hear, and learn more about this instrument on Saturday, January 14 at 10:00am!



The Tulsa Chapter is hosting the 2023 Southwest Regional Convention!

ARTISTS:

Michael Boney at Boston Avenue UMC (Foley-Baker organ)
Colin MacKnight at First Methodist Church (Schantz organ)
Ahreum Han Congdon at Trinity Episcopal Church (Moeller organ)
Brent te Velde at Holy Family Cathedral (Austin organ)
premiering a commissioned work by Rebecca Groom te Velde
RCYO Winner in Recital at Southminster Presbyterian Church (Schantz organ)
Nathan Laube at St. John's Episcopal Church (Schoenstein organ)
Melissa Plamann at Trinity Episcopal Church (Moeller organ)
Jonathan Ryan at Boston Avenue UMC (Foley-Baker organ)
Crista Miller at Christ the King Catholic Church (Reuter organ)
Ken Cowan and Bradley Welch Duo Organ Recital at
First Presbyterian Church (Austin organ rebuilt by Foley-Baker)

WORKSHOP PRESENTERS:

"Code Songs and the Underground Railroad" – Eileen Guenther
"The Organ at Boston Avenue" – Mike Foley
"Training Young Voices" – Shannon Gallier and Joseph Ripka
"Practical Improvisation Skills for the Liturgical Organist" – Adam Pajan
at First Baptist Church (Aeolian-Skinner organ)
"The Power of Spirituals" – Eileen Guenther
"Guild Exams for Everyone" – Michael Conrady and Michael Bedford
"Choral Reading Session" – Vicki Schaeffer
"Planning the Liturgical Year" – Charlotte Kroeker
"What Can the AGO Do for You?" – Elizabeth George
"AGO Member Forum – Bring Your Questions!" – Sheryl Sebo
"Rebuilding a Music Program after a Pandemic" – Cindy Lindeen-Martin
"Using the Church Music Institute Organ Libraries" – Rene Schmidt

WORSHIP SERVICES AND CHORAL CONCERTS

Opening worship service led by Eileen Guenther and Michael Boney
at Boston Avenue UMC
Choral Evensong at St. John's Episcopal Church
Oklahoma Bach Choir at Holy Family Cathedral

There are opportunities to: advertise in the program book or on the convention website; have an insert in the convention tote bag; be an exhibitor; or sponsor an event – look at the MEDIA KIT!

<https://agotulsa2023.com/media-kit/>

Included in the Registration Fee: 1 Lunch, 2 Dinners, Regional Meeting Breakfast, Closing Banquet
Visit to one: Greenwood Rising Museum OR Philbrook Museum of Art OR Gathering Place

FRIENDS OF THE TULSA AGO

BOMBARDE (\$200 and above)

Michael Bedford
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Micheal Crockett
Fred Elder
Gerald Frank
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