

AGO Chapter Message March, 2022



Dear Organists of Sarasota-Manatee,

What a joy it was to hold a live, in-person gathering! Thanks to a reading session with Morningstar Music, attendees left with new ideas and relevant anthems inspired by your own survey responses. We are especially grateful to Board member John Behnke for directing anthems and for Sub-Dean Sam Nelson providing accompaniment.

Despite the uncertainty of the initial onset of COVID-19 so long ago in addition to further variants, we are excited to reconnect, both at excellent recitals and lively meals. Check out the next page for more details on Chapter lunches this month where I hope to see you. Don't miss the recital with Dr. Istvan Ruppert at Christ Church Episcopal on March 13 at 4:00 PM or the evensong with Dr. Andrew Shenton on March 20 at 5:15 PM.

Check out a full list of spring events, including details on our annual banquet, on the final page of this blast.

Remember that the handbell workshop at St. Boniface led by John Behnke, "**Using Handbells and Handchimes in Worship**" is rescheduled for Saturday, April 2nd, 9:00 AM-12:00 noon. This hands-on workshop will inspire creative ways to use bells and chimes in worship, particularly with the organ.

Finally, **it's that time of year for our tradition of Lenten recitals** at several local Episcopal churches: Christ Church, Redeemer, and St. Boniface. Check our website at agosm.org for more info about performance featuring many of our own Chapter members and I'll see you soon at one of our many exciting events.

Peace be with you,
Amy Cerniglia, Dean



Chapter members at the February reading session



John Behnke directing at the reading session

Would You Like to Meet for Lunch this Month? by Nancy Siebecker

Eleven of us attended our chapter sponsored anthem reading session this past Saturday where we sang and enjoyed each other's company for an hour. Everyone agreed that it was a wonderful occasion to get together after such a long time of social distancing.

Here are two NEW opportunities for a small number of us to lunch together during March. Both are "Dutch treat" with a maximum of up to eight persons.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22 at Noon with Dick Benedum at Madfish Restaurant, 4059 Cattlemen Rd, or another restaurant of your choice—make a suggestion.

Please RSVP to Nancy Siebecker at nancysiebecker@gmail.com no later than Tuesday, March 15.

MONDAY, MARCH 28 at Noon with Nancy Siebecker at a restaurant close to I-75—feel free to make a suggestion.

Please RSVP to Nancy Siebecker at nancysiebecker@gmail.com no later than Monday, March 21.

Cameron Carpenter Concert at Redeemer by Sam Nelson

Grammy-nominated organist Cameron Carpenter is coming to Sarasota to perform at Church of the Redeemer this Tuesday, March 8, at 7:30 PM Cameron will be performing a program of all-Bach, with the second half featuring his arrangement of the Goldberg Variations. Tickets are \$40.00 and available at www.RedeemerSarasota.org/GreatMusicSeries or at the door.

Spring 2022 AGO Events

March 12, 10:00 AM

Christ Church Episcopal, Bradenton

In a workshop for organists free to AGO members, Dr. Istvan Ruppert will discuss the performance practice of Hungarian organ music.

March 13, 4:00 PM

Christ Church Episcopal, Bradenton

Dr. Istvan Ruppert will perform a recital free to AGO members

March 20, 5:15 PM

Church of the Redeemer

This evensong with Dr. Andrew Shenton will highlight music by Arvo Pärt.

March 22, 12:00 Noon

Madfish Restaurant or make a suggestion to Dick Benedum

Please RSVP to Nancy Siebecker at nancysiebecker@gmail.com no later than Tuesday, March 15 for this collegial luncheon.

March 28, 12:00 Noon

Restaurant close to I-75 – make a suggestion to Nancy Siebecker

Please RSVP to Nancy at nancysiebecker@gmail.com no later than Monday, March 21.

April 2, 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon

St. Boniface Episcopal Church

“Using Handbells and Handchimes in Worship” with John Behnke

This workshop will particularly focus on using handbells and organ together.

May 9, 5:30 - 8:00 PM

Church of the Redeemer

5:30 PM – Member Recital

6:00 PM – Meeting/Installation of Officers

6:30 PM – Annual Dinner