

# AGO Chapter Message

## February, 2023



Dear Chapter members,

Thank you all for the success of the choral festival. It was beautiful to hear the voices of at least thirteen churches together with brass, organ, and handbells under the expert direction of Dr. Michael Burkhardt. Click [here](#) for the link to view the livestream video on St. Boniface's website.

We are particularly grateful for those who accompanied, ushered, organized, and worked in so many other ways to bring us all together for this amazing event. In addition, we thank the choral directors for sharing this opportunity with choirs.

Our festival choir included singers from nearby counties and Chapters who enjoyed previous experiences singing with Dr. Burkhardt. An organist and music director who attended in person has shared the livestream with his choir in Spring Hill, FL. Program Committee member Lorraine Murphy sent the livestream to several family members who enjoyed it, adding that the program lifted her heart and warmed her soul. Audience member Suzi Regulski said it was a "great concert" that she was glad to have attended, and Chapter member Jane Hunder remarked,

***"What a joy it was to sing under the direction of Michael Burkhardt. His enthusiasm for sharing his gifts with the singers was contagious, his organ performance brilliant and sharing his faith through word and music was inspiring. No matter one's age or skill level, I found the time spent with Michael to be one of those special choral moments I will always remember."***

Your support made it possible to share our music with our community and beyond. Thank you for your participation, and see the next page for our remaining spring Chapter events, including a **master class and recital with Felix Hell on March 4th and 5th** followed by our annual Chapter banquet in May.

Peace,  
Amy Cerniglia, Dean



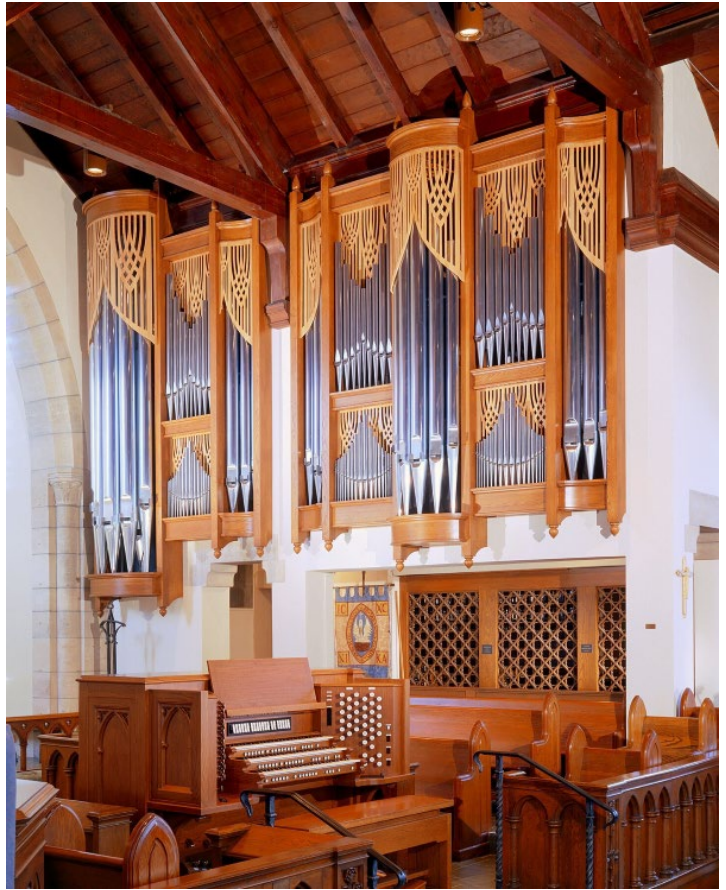
## Upcoming Events

### March 4-5

*Master class and concert with Felix Hell at Church of the Redeemer Episcopal in Sarasota.*

Saturday, March 4, 1:00 pm: Master class for organists in all walks of life, from student to retirement and beyond.

Sunday, March 5, 6:00 pm: Concert with Felix Hell



### May 15

*Annual meeting and officer installation at St. Boniface*

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### 27th annual Choir Festival from Jane Hunder:

The 27th annual Choir Festival will be on Sunday, March 5 at 4:00 pm at Pine Shores Presbyterian Church.

The festival is under the direction of Jane Hunder, founder and Rick Holdsworth, Director of Music at Pine Shores Presbyterian.

Clarinetist Bharat Chandra from the Sarasota Orchestra will be joining us, as well as Flautist Beth Morrison from the Punta Gorda Symphony and the Charlotte Chorale.

The concert is a free gift to the community.