



From the Dean

Greetings! Happy New Year!

Best wishes for this new year of 2024 to each of you and yours!

Reminders:

- Epiphany Party is at Bill Dolen's House on January 5, 2024, 1016 Milledge Road, Augusta, GA. Potluck & a beverage to share if you prefer wine, etc. It begins at 6:30 pm.
- February - Saturday, February 17th at 3 pm our chapter hosts the Southeast Competition Winner from our convention this year, Abigail Crafton in Concert at St John United Methodist Church, 736 Greene Street. Reception to follow.

Below you'll find information to share with your church, with piano and music students, and all those who teach music about the February Concert. While we do hope some young people will attend and become interested in the organ, this is also about sharing our craft, supporting younger musicians and providing avenues through which to open the ears and minds of all who attend to the beauty and versatility of the organ and its place in our arts and our culture. This is one of the many ways we can promote our mission in the AGO. I hope you find opportunities to share this with others, for this is another chance to have an impact on the world around us. My hope is that the message and mission of the AGO will shine through our invitations to others. Below is a notice you can place in your church newsletters or social media if appropriate, to promote this event. I'm working on a graphic for our AGO facebook page - once you see it there, feel free to copy and share. I'm also working on a flier and will ask Mark to send that as soon as it's ready.

Praying for a wonderful new year for each of you!

Kathleen

AGO/ Quincy Competition Winner in Concert

Abigail Crafton



The American Guild of Organists, Augusta Chapter (AGO Augusta) presents Ms. Abigail Crafton in concert at St. John United Methodist Church, 736 Greene Street, Augusta, Ga on Saturday, February 17th at 3 pm, with a reception to follow. Admission is free. Ms. Crafton is the winner of the Southeast AGO/Quimby Regional Competition for Organists in June, 2023 held in Augusta. She is a high school junior and has studied piano since the age of three, singing since the age of four, and began studying the trumpet in elementary school. At the age of ten she began the organ, which she requested when

she was three. Abigail has played principal trumpet in the Armstrong Youth Orchestra, and has been first chair Georgia All-State in 2021, 2022, and 2023. Abigail is the Organ Scholar at the Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist in Savannah, where she also sings soprano. Abigail studies organ with Dr. Paul Thornock, and was one of the top three competitors in the Baylor University High School Organ Competition this past November. Please join us on the 17th of February with this amazing musician as she inspires our hearts and shares her love of music on the Dobson Organ, Opus 78 at St. John Methodist, Augusta. For more information about the instrument, go to: <https://www.stjohnaugusta.org/the-organ/> or http://www.dobsonorgan.com/html/instruments/op78_augusta.html

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THIRD ANNUAL Religious Arts Festival

FEBRUARY 2-3, 2024

Lutheran Theological Southern
Seminary, Columbia, SC

Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church,
West Columbia, SC

REGISTRATION

Registration is \$125 per person and includes Friday evening recital and receptions, all workshops and masterclass, and Saturday's continental breakfast and catered lunch.

For the recital only, the charge is \$10 per person at the door; LTSS students are free.

lr.edu/religious-arts-festival



Janette Fishell



Michael Boney



Edmund Tompkins

Join us February 2-3, 2024 for our third annual Religious Arts Festival. This two-day event is designed for both part-time and full-time church musicians seeking to broaden their knowledge and practical skills. We welcome:

Janette Fishell, Organ recitalist and Organ clinician
Organ Professor at Indiana University Jacobs School of Music

Michael Boney, Organ recitalist and Choral clinician
Director of Music at St. John's Cathedral in Denver, CO

Edmund Tompkins, Handbell clinician
Minister of Music at Morning Star Lutheran Church,
Matthews, NC

This event is sponsored in part by Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (The Anna Fisher Endowment) in collaboration with The SC Chapter of the Fellowship of Worship Artists, Greater Columbia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC.

For questions, contact:

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robynmacey@gmail.com

January Birthdays

10th - Ken Courtney

15th - Reid Robinson

17th - Sr. Faith Anthony

AGO Marketplace

Schulmerich Handbells for Sale

Ring in the new year with three octaves of great-used condition handbells from Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Gloves and Mallets are included. The price is \$2,500 per set, or best offer. Used sets online range around \$2,600-2,900.

Contact José Reyes-Ortiz, (832) 388-7657, jose@themostholytrinity.org

Case A • 1st Octave C5-C6

Case B • 2nd Octave G4-B4 & C#6-G6

Case C-3 • 3rd Octave C4-F#4

Case C-4 • 3rd Octave G#6-C7



Upcoming Events

Friday, January 5th - 6:30pm

Epiphany Party

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Saturday, February 17th - 3pm

Abigail Crafton in recital

First Prize Winner of the AGO Quincy Southeast Regional Competition for Young Organists in concert. St. John United Methodist Church - 736 Greene Street, Augusta

Sunday, March 3rd - 7pm

Concerts with a Cause: The Georgia State University Singers

Hear the award-winning Georgia State Singers with Augusta's beloved Davidson Chorale and Harmonix.

The Cause: ReStart Augusta

St. John United Methodist Church - 736 Greene Street, Augusta

Sunday, March 9th - 8pm

Paul Jacobs in recital

Organ professor of the Juilliard School in concert as part of the Joye in Aiken Festival.

Tickets \$50. Visit joyeinaiken.com for ticket information.

St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church - 125 Pendleton Street, SW, Aiken

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Winter Nocturne

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CONCERT
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Thursday, February 8, 7:00 PM • Etherredge Center Main Stage



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