



Evansville AGO Programs for 2013-2014

- **"Favorite Voluntaries"** Monday, September 23, 2013
Presenter: Mark X. Hatfield
Location: St. Mary Catholic Church in downtown Evansville.
Beginning at 6pm, followed by dinner at Rí Rá Irish Pub in downtown Evansville.
- **AGO Certification/Keyboard Skills Workshop:** Monday, October 21, 2013
Location: Eastminster Presbyterian Church, beginning at 7:00 p.m.
If you have questions, please contact Helen Skuggedal Reed at hsr@evansville.net.
- **A Winter Social** will be held on January 12, 2014 at 5pm. Location TBA.
- **Improvisation Workshop by Dr. John Schwandt,** February 22, 2014
Location: First Presbyterian Church, Evansville, 1:30 p.m.
- **A Pedals, Pipes and Pizza event will be held in Henderson**
Saturday morning February 22, 2014 at First United Methodist and Holy Name Church.
- **Bach-a-thon, Sunday March 2, 2014** in the afternoon and evening, exact time TBA.
This will be in conjunction with the University of Evansville AGO Chapter.
Location: Neu Chapel on the campus of the University of Evansville
- **Historic Organ Concert: Sunday April 6, 2014**
Location: First Presbyterian in Mount Vernon, IN
Celebrating the centennial anniversary of the installation of the [Moller organ](#) there.
- **Monday May 5, 2014. Dinner/Chapter Meeting/Installation Service/Recital.**



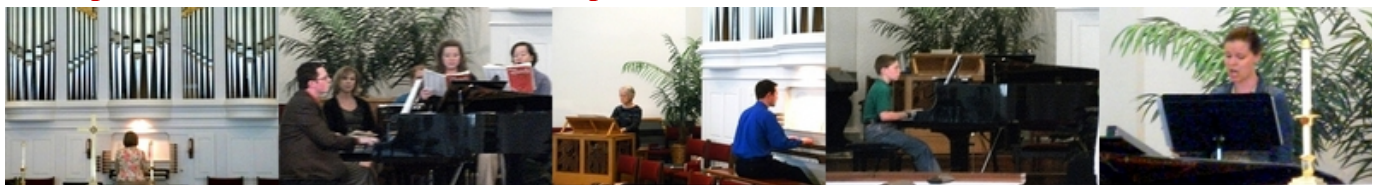
From our Installation Service on May 6, 2013:

Dean – Neal Biggers, CAGO
Sub Dean – Helen Skuggedal Reed, AAGO
Secretary – Matthew Vanover
Treasurer – Carol Grimm
Historian – Carolyn Adams
Membership Coordinator – Barb Waite
Chaplain – Dan Wilkinson
At Large – Betty Altheide, SPC (1 year)
Shelley Heil (2 years)
Tammy Gieselman (3 years)

Thank you to our host Matthew Vanover and FUMC!



A few pictures from our Bach-a-Thon on April 20, 2013:



An Update on The Tinker Organ Project:

UNIVERSITY OF EVANSVILLE

Department of Religious Life / Neu Chapel

August, 2013



On August 13, 2013, the Vanderburgh County Commissioners voted to approve a license agreement with the University of Evansville allowing the University to serve as custodians of the historic Milton Z. Tinker Memorial Organ now located in the Evansville Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Coliseum.

From 1868 to 1914, Milton Z. Tinker (1834-1914) served as the first Supervisor of Music in the Evansville public schools. He established a rigorous vocal music curriculum for all students. After his death, former students and friends began to raise funds for a large pipe organ to be built in his memory in the main hall of the new Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Coliseum. With the dedication of the Coliseum on Easter Sunday, April 8, 1916, public fund raising began for the Tinker Memorial Organ with a week-long *Fanfaranade* celebration. Sponsored by 50 community organizations, the *Fanfaranade* showcased school choirs and other performing groups from across the city and established the nucleus of a fund which brought the Tinker Memorial Organ to fruition three years later.

In June, 1919, Dr. Alfred Hughes, first President of Evansville College and a Methodist clergy person, attended a Methodist Centenary celebration in Columbus, Ohio. After learning that the large pipe organ built for the event would be available for purchase after the celebration, he called this to the attention of Mayor Bosse. The City purchased the organ, in part with financial resources pledged by Evansville College, after President Hughes informed the College Board of Trustees that this “would make it possible for the College legitimately to advertise the Organ as a part of its assets, and give us the right to use it in our great College occasions.”

The Milton Z. Tinker Memorial Organ was dedicated on November 18, 1919, by James Gillette, Municipal Organist and chairman of the newly established Evansville College Department of Music. He performed an organ concert preceding the formal opening ceremonies of Evansville College on November 19, 1919, in the Memorial Coliseum.

The Tinker Memorial Organ contains nearly 5,000 pipes ranging from the size of a pencil to large wooden boxes 32 feet long. Controlled by a console with 100 stop knobs, four manual keyboards and pedal board, the organ was used for teaching, degree recitals, solo concerts, Evansville Philharmonic concerts, and other community events from 1919 until the 1960s. After its last formal use with the Evansville Philharmonic (mid-1960s), and efforts during the 1980s to keep the organ in playable condition, the historic organ fell into disrepair and nearly disappeared from community and institutional memory.



With the support of the Neu Chapel Society, the Evansville and University of Evansville chapters of the American Guild of Organists, and individual donors, the University of Evansville’s Department of Religious Life will remove and store the Tinker Memorial Organ during the week of September 2, 2013. Plans to repurpose the organ in a renovated Neu Chapel are being developed. Goals include sustaining the historic memorial to Professor Tinker and the discipline of music education, enhancing the relationship between UE and the larger community, strengthening the meaning and grandeur of University rituals and ceremonies, and reminding the University of Evansville community of its institutional heritage.

For more information contact: The Rev. Dr. Tamara K. Gieselman, University Chaplain (tg85@evansville.edu, 812-488-2240) or Dr. R. Douglas Reed, University Organist (dr5@evansville.edu, 812-488-2877). Contributions to the Tinker Memorial Organ Fund can be made online at <https://www.evansville.edu/give/>; at the drop down menu “Gift Designation,” select “Tinker Memorial Organ Fund.”

Related Community Events:

September 24, 2013: Dr. Douglas Reed in recital at the University of Evansville.

This program will mark the 50th anniversary of the installation of the Holtkamp organ in Wheeler Concert Hall.

It will also feature the world premier of an unpublished set of three pieces by William Albright. 7:30 p.m.

October 25, 2013: Award-winning improviser Robert Nicholls will accompany a silent film, in the spirit of Halloween, on the Fisk organ at the First Presbyterian Church in Evansville at 7:00 p.m.