

**Evansville Chapter of the
American Guild of Organists
November 2014 Newsletter**



November Event: Historic Organ Recital, Sunday, November 9, 3 PM, St. Boniface Church, Fulda



This Sunday Evansville Chapter members and friends will head east once again, to the historic church of St. Boniface in Fulda, IN. The organ built by Evansville organ builder Edmund Giesecke is one of two in our area that are still in use.

The program will include hymns and organ solos played by Debra Dyko, Taylor Blalock, Bernadette Linne, Nolan Snyder, Neal Biggers, and Helen Skuggedal Reed. The program will last about one hour. A reception sponsored by the church will follow.

Please contact Neal, nealbiggers@yahoo.com or Helen, hsr@evansville.net, if you need directions to the church. Car-pooling is encouraged (Fulda is about 1 hour 15 minutes east of Evansville, and is on central time). If you are driving from Evansville and have room for one or more passengers, please let one of us know that too.

October Events

For the first time in recent memory, the chapter sponsored two events in Warrick County in October.

- **Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza** attracted eleven young piano students and several parents who spent an enjoyable morning at: St. John's United Church of Christ, Boonville, IN. Favorite comment from a student: "When are you doing the next one?" Thanks to our host Henry Maurer, to the church for making their building available, and to all the volunteers who kept things running smoothly.
- **Boo in Boonville** brought a small but cheerful group to Main Street United Methodist Church on Friday, October 31. Spooky music, costumes, and lots of Halloween candy were all part of the mix. Pictured below are Henry Maurer (our "Holy Cow"), Sean Holleran, Lisa Lance, Jenni Taylor, and Helen Reed. Thank you to Jenni and Lisa for making us feel at home!



Bolcom Commission Countdown

The Evansville AGO decided several years ago to undertake a very big project – commissioning a piece of music for organ and brass quintet in honor of Doug Reed’s long and distinguished career as a teacher, performer, and champion of new music. The **world premiere of *Fantasia da Chiesa* by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer William Bolcom** is now little more than five months away! Mark your calendars for this concert at **First Presbyterian Church, Evansville, Friday, April 10, 2015, 7 PM, with Douglas Reed and the American Brass Quintet**. This will be an event not to be missed. As a chapter member, you can help in at least three ways. First, it’s not too soon to start telling your friends and spreading the word. Second, please respond generously when you receive a letter next month asking for financial support. Third, please post the flyer which you will receive along with the letter at your church or workplace. Many individuals and organizations have already helped make this project a reality. There is still work to do! Much more information will appear in future issues of the Newsletter. If you have questions in the meantime, please contact **Robert Nicholls, robertn@firstpreevansville.com**

Upcoming Evansville Chapter Events

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| Sunday, November 9, 3 PM | Historic Organ Program on the Giesecke Organ
St. Boniface Catholic Church, 15519 N. State Rd. 545, Fulda IN |
| Friday, January 2, 2015, 7 PM | Epiphany Party
Home of Helen Reed, 1435 Brookside Drive, Evansville |
| March 1, 2015 3 PM to 6 PM | Bach-a-Thon Fundraiser
Neu Chapel, University of Evansville, 1800 Lincoln, Evansville IN |

For more information about these and other chapter events, check our web site, www.evansvilleago.org

Upcoming Community Events

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| Saturday, November 22, 1 PM | James Wells, senior organ recital
First Presbyterian Church, 1328 Griffith Ave., Owensboro KY |
| Sunday, December 14, 6 PM | Christmas Concert, St. Mary Catholic Church, 613 Cherry St.
Evansville. Organ solos by James Wells, Sr. Darlene Boyd and Mark Hatfield; choral performances by various choirs of St Mary & St. John Parish. |
| Sunday, December 21, 4 PM | Handel’s Messiah, First United Methodist Choir and Orchestra
Matthew Vanover, conductor
Henderson Fine Arts Center, Henderson Community College campus, 2660 S. Green St., Henderson |

To list your event here, please send information to Helen Reed – hsr@evansville.net



Soli Deo Gloria