

**Evansville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists**  
**Newsletter: May-June 2016**



**June Event: Bicentennial Program in Mount Vernon, IN**

Our chapter has been invited to participate in the bicentennial celebration of the founding of the town of Mount Vernon, Indiana. Our members will provide a music program at First Presbyterian Church in Mount Vernon (120 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St.) on Saturday, June 11th at 1pm (central time).



The program will feature music from around the time the town was founded as well as from more recent times, played on organ and/or piano. A variety of styles will include arrangements of Stephen Foster songs and traditional hymn tunes, ragtime pieces and more serious compositions. Donations will be accepted for our Dufford Scholarship Fund.

We could still use additional performers. Please contact chapter members Neal Biggers ([nealbiggers@yahoo.com](mailto:nealbiggers@yahoo.com)) or Dennis Carr (812-453-6078) if you would be willing to play.

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**From the Past Dean:**

I'd like to say an official thank you to all the members and friends of the Evansville Chapter who have made my term as Dean so much easier – the great team on the Executive Committee, who will be continuing to work under Kristin's leadership; the members who showed up at our meetings (and brought friends!); organizations and individuals in our communities who provided space for events, publicity for meetings, and supported us in countless ways. I won't attempt to list them all for fear of omitting someone! The excellent attendance at our recent meetings is most encouraging for the future of the organ and sacred music in Evansville and throughout our region.

I'm especially proud of the way the **May festival service** brought together so many aspects of our work, in keeping with our 1997 Regional slogan, "Treasuring the past – Creating a future." The service incorporated elements of Evening Prayer that have been around for centuries, while also looking forward through the contribution of newly composed hymns and the participation of so many young people. From where I sit the future looks very bright indeed!



-Helen



## April Meeting: Progressive Historical Organ Recital in Vincennes

This event showcased two very different instruments – the 1981 Taylor & Boody at First Christian inspired by North German organs (though thoroughly American in its total concept), and the Steere & Turner instrument from 1887, which is the oldest playable organ in our region. Lunch at Procopio’s and a delightful reception at St. James Episcopal gave ample opportunities to meet new church music colleagues. Special thanks go to Fr. Dennis Latta, David Messer and Jonathan Clark who assisted with local arrangements.

There wasn’t a printed program at either location. Here is what was played.

<u>Taylor &amp; Boody</u>		<u>Steere &amp; Turner</u>	
Praeludium in F	Dieterich Buxtehude	Sonata 6	Felix Mendelssohn
Zach Guenzel		Neal Biggers	
Vater unser im Himmelreich	Johann Krieger	Amazing Grace	Jean Langlais
Neal Biggers		James Wells	
Organbook III:	William Albright	Voluntary before Service	Charles Zeuner
Scherzo (Chimera), Basse de Trompette	William Albright	Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness	Johannes Brahms
Sweet Sixteenths	James Wells	Diapason Voluntary	Maurice Greene
		Helen Skuggedal Reed	
Hymn singing:		I am black but comely	Marcel Dupre
Holy Ground		How Fair and How Pleasant	Marcel Dupre
Siyahamba		Zach Guenzel	
All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name			
Priere	Langlais	Hymn singing, led by Neal: Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee	
How Fair and How Pleasant	Marcel Dupre		
Kleine Praeludien und Intermezzi #1	Hermann Schroeder		
Douglas Reed			

### Coming Events:

**Sunday, May 22, 4:00 PM.** Jenkins, L’Homme armé, a Mass for Peace. First Presbyterian, 609 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Evansville.

**Tuesday, May 24, 6:30 PM.** Improvisation Concert presented by graduate students from the Jacobs School of Music, Indiana University. First Presbyterian, Evansville.

**Saturday, June 11, 1:00 PM.** Mt. Vernon Bicentennial Celebration Concert featuring Evansville Chapter members. First Presbyterian Church of Mt. Vernon, 120 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. More info: Dennis Carr, 812-453-6078.

**Sunday, June 12 – Saturday, June 18.** 6<sup>th</sup> Annual UE Summer Music Camp for middle and high school students. Space still available for keyboard students! More information at <https://www.evansville.edu/majors/music/outreachSummerCamp.cfm>

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