



October, 2010

## Boo in Boonville and more as the season turns

Dear Evansville district chapter members in Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois,

It's that burnt orange time of year again when the leaves fall pumpkins appear on porches and candy gets thrown at small town parades. At my church, every weekly bulletin is stuffed with extra papers, the choir has found its equilibrium number of members who are not ill in a given week, and Christmas is a mere two months away.

Before the turn of the year into our Golden Jubilee we have a couple more events that I hope you can all be part of. *Boo in Boonville* is a new adventure for us and Main Street United Methodist Church (console pictured above.) On October 31, starting at 5:00 p.m. members will present Halloween music on the pipe organ. The church will be providing the instrument, and hotdogs.

Thanks to Neal Biggers, Kristin Jones, Lisa Lance (violin), Jenni Taylor, Helen Reed, Michael Salazar, Matt Vanover and Marilyn Welch and others for playing music for this fun, informal event. For more information contact Jenni Taylor, and Kristin Jones.....

Our November event is just around the corner on Monday the 15th at St. John's East UCC with Mark X Hatfield hosting. Douglas Reed, Professor Emeritus of Music at the University of Evansville and the current University Organist, will lead an organ masterclass. All members are encouraged to participate and to bring music from the current repertoire list for the AGO Service Playing Test. (See column below.) Perhaps you would like a practice pick-me-up, guidance on piston pushing, or want to improve your pedal performance. Contact me if you would like to

take advantage of this super opportunity for a free lesson in a relaxed setting. We will have all sorts of resources available to encourage those of you thinking about taking AGO certification, including the new hymn booklet, examples of previous years' certification materials, and copies of repertoire for the Service Playing Test. Every member who regularly plays for a church service is fully capable of taking and passing this test. I encourage you all to look at the requirements and pluck up the courage to be told on the national level that you are worthy of certification. You might be thinking "that's all very well for him, FAGO etc." Let me tell you that I still feel a great sense of enjoyment and achievement, not from the exam itself but from the time of preparation and working with the King of Instruments.

Robert Nicholls, Dean

## Calling players for master class on November 15, 2010

As mentioned in the Dean's Column above, contact Robert Nicholls 812-423-6297, [robertn@firstpresevansville.com](mailto:robertn@firstpresevansville.com) if you are interested in participating in the free master class on November 15th. For a complete listing of requirements see <http://www.agohq.org/docs/pdf/ProfCertRequirements.pdf> The Service Playing Test is recorded between October and

April. The requirements include playing three short pieces, transposition (not at sight), play two hymns, accompany two anthems and a psalm, sight-read from two staves. The music is arranged like playing for a service of worship. Prelude  
Opening Hymn  
Psalm Accompaniment  
Anthem Accompaniment

Middle Hymn  
Second Anthem  
Offertory Repertoire  
Sight-reading  
Closing Hymn  
Postlude Repertoire.

An example of the Sight-reading from AGOHQ will be available at the meeting in addition to *100 Strategies for Successful AGO Certification*.



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## Evansville AGO Programs for 2010—2011

We encourage you to get involved in your chapter activities in the 2010-2011 season. If there is an event which appeals to you, please contact the Coordinators directly. Special thanks to Neal Biggers for leading our program plans for the coming season.

### October 31, 2010

5:00—7:00 p.m. Halloween Concert (of scary music!) by chapter members at Main Street Methodist Church in Boonville, IN. Part of Boo-in-Boonville family Halloween activities.

Coordinators: Jenni Taylor and Kristen Jones

### November 15, 2010

Open Repertoire Master Class led by Doug Reed. Any members interested (or not!) in AGO Certification are encouraged to play and learn.

6:30 p.m. at St. John's East UCC

Coordinators: Robert Nicholls and Barbara Waite

### January 9, 2011

**Golden Jubilee Party**  
Help us celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Evansville Chapter of the AGO at this post-holiday dinner at the north side home of Kristin Jones. Begins at 5:00 p.m.

Coordinators: Kristen Jones and Rhoda Martin

### February 13, 2011

4:00 p.m. POEA 2009 Graduate Recital at First Presbyterian Church in Evansville. Features Bryan Anderson (Curtis), Pat Crowe (Eastman), Weston Jennings (Eastman).

Coordinators: Robert Nicholls and Carolyn Adams.

### February—March 2011

Outreach projects including Pedals, Pipes and Pizza (city and/or area wide). Members host an outreach event in his or her own church. Resources available from Executive committee and [www.evansvilleago.org](http://www.evansvilleago.org)

### March 26, 2011

Pedals, Pipes and Pizza in Henderson, KY

### March 27, 2011

4:00 p.m. POEA 2009 Graduate recital at First Presbyterian Church in Evansville. Features Katelyn Emerson (Oberlin), Katie Minion (Maranatha).

Coordinators: Robert Nicholls and Carolyn Adams.

### March 19, 2011

1:00 p.m. AGO/Quimby Regional Competition. Coordinator: Robert Nicholls

### April 2011, 2:00 p.m.

Progressive Historic Organ Concert.

First Avenue Presbyterian Church and St. Anthony Catholic Church, Evansville

Coordinators: Neal Biggers and Carolyn Adams

### May 2, 2011

Spring Social at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Evansville (5:30 p.m.), Dinner (6:00 p.m.), Meeting and Service (7:00 p.m.).

Coordinators: Dan Wilkinson, Margaret Kimberling

To submit an article for inclusion in the Evansville AGO newsletter, contact Robert Nicholls, Dean.

The University Choir and twelve voice Kantorei will sing at UE on Tuesday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Neu Chapel. Admission free.

Michael Salazar (UE Senior) will play a recital at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, November 7 at 4:30 p.m. Music by Couperin, Frescobaldi and J.S. Bach.

The Evansville Chapter of the AGO sponsors *PIPEDREAMS* every week on WNIN 88.3 FM on Sunday evening at 9:00 p.m. You can also listen to *PIPEDREAMS* on the internet any time at [www.pipedreams.org](http://www.pipedreams.org). Donations to the chapter are always welcome to help support *Pipedreams* and other endeavors.

To view Evansville and Tri-state area church music positions available visit the AGO website: <http://www.evansvilleago.org/>