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“Marty” Gras

February 19, 5:00 pm
Lorain Lighthouse UMC

Join us for this pre-Lent gathering at Lorain Lighthouse United Methodist Church (3015 Meister Road in Lorain), hosted by Marty Bruner. This pot-luck supper will take place on Sunday, February 19, at 5:00 (ending by 8). Bring an appetizer or dessert to share; dishes and beverages will be provided.

For our entertainment, we will be able to tour the brand new sanctuary (opened on October 2), which includes an Allen organ. Bring a mystery hymn to play, and the person who identifies the most hymns will win a prize! You can also bring a favorite piece of any kind to try out on the organ. If you have a favorite board game, bring that too! This will be a time to relax with colleagues before the busy Lent-Easter seasons starts. Feel free to invite other organists or music-loving friends.

Please RSVP to Marty at hurst@bright.net or 440-322-9749 by February 12.



From the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you are all enjoying this Epiphany season. It is a good time to rest and rejuvenate between Christmas and Lent. I always enjoy the chance to learn some new music without the pressures that come from special events and extra services. This January I've been spending a lot of time with Sweelinck, and it has been very rewarding!

Sub-Dean Marty Brunner has been putting in a lot of work and planning for our next chapter event, "Marty" Gras on February 19. You can read all about it in the rest of the newsletter. I hope to see many of you there, and don't forget to [RSVP](#)!

There is still time to fill out our [2012 LCAGO survey](#). I hope you will give your input on future directions of our chapter.

Brian

Chapter News

"Marty" Gras on February 19

We hope to see all of you at Lighthouse UMC on the 19th. Below is a note from Marty. Please [RSVP](#) as soon as you can to keep her some stress level low!

Dear Friends,

February 19th will soon be here. We are having a "Marty" Gras party at Lorain Lighthouse UMC. It is located at 3015 Meister Road in Lorain. Go north on 58 and turn west on Meister. It is on the left about a quarter of a mile from the intersection. Plan to come from 5 to early evening.

We are having a "party" pot-luck consisting of only appetizers and desserts. What a delightful combination! Beverages and dishes provided.

The agenda is open to suggestion. You might bring a favorite piece to share, or a game, or a story. Please let me know how many to plan on by February 12. My email is

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Oberlin Events

February 15, 8:00, Finney **The Tallis Scholars**

Artist Recital Series. “The leading exponents of Renaissance sacred music throughout the world” sing a varied program with music by Gesualdo, Lasso, Hassler, Monteverdi, and others.

February 21, 7:30, Finney **Soweto Gospel Choir**

Formed in 2002, Soweto Gospel Choir has quickly become an international sensation. The group performs both traditional and contemporary music, infusing their performances with rich harmonies and energetic dancing. Soweto Gospel Choir has received two Grammy Awards. Reception following.

February 24, midnight, Finney **Friday Night Organ Pump**

Come enjoy one of Oberlin's greatest traditions—the Friday Night Organ Pump. Listen to Conservatory organ majors performing on the awe-inspiring Finney Chapel organ.

Other Area Events

February 19, 5:00, Lighthouse UMC, **Lorain**

“Marty” Gras

Join us for our next LCAGO event! Details on the [front page](#).

February 25, 9:30 am, St. Peter’s **Episcopal, Lakewood**

Cleveland AGO’s Mid Winter Workshop: “Embracing the Past—Embracing the Future.”

February 26, 3:00, First Lutheran, **Lorain**

Wittenberg Choir in concert

The touring choir of Wittenberg College returns to First Lutheran for another wonderful and varied afternoon concert. The choir will also sing at the church’s 10:30 service in the morning. Part of the [FIRST•music](#) series.



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I hope to hear from you soon.

Marty Bruner

LCAGO Surveys still available

25% of our chapter has filled out the 2012 LCAGO Survey. Thank you to those who did! If you haven't yet, now is the time. You can get to the survey in multiple ways. The easiest way is to head over to our website (www.lcago.org), click the link at the bottom of the page, and spend 5 minutes answering the questions. If you like to type in random letters, you can go directly to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZGDX2HD>. Or, if you'd rather fill out the survey on paper, it is attached to your email if you receive the Newsletter via email, or tucked into the Newsletter if you get it via mail. Let's see if we can be above 50% by next month!

LCAGO event—Oberlin recital on May 2

In a break with recent tradition, we will not be having our habitual Oberlin student recital and dinner. Instead, we will meet at Oberlin on Wednesday, May 2 at 8:00 to hear a recital by senior organ major Wesley Hall. Mr. Hall's playing has been hailed as "superb" by Oberlin professor James David Christie. The recital will be in Finney Chapel, and will include music by Dupré and Reger, among others. If you are interested in having dinner with colleagues before the recital, please [email the dean](#).

AGO National Convention

The Nashville Chapter of the AGO invites you to Tennessee for a world-class convention, July 1-6, 2012.

- Convention hotels in the heart of downtown @ \$168 per day
- Luxury motor coaches, with no need for early-morning departure times
- Ample time between events for meals
- All [venues](#) air-conditioned
- [65 workshops](#), all in the morning and just steps from your hotel room
- Recitals and [worship services](#) in the afternoon



Famous for our Southern hospitality, Nashville offers you a week you will long remember: Great City. Great Music. Great Organs. A Great Convention.

Early registration ends on February 14. Give yourself and your profession a valentine by registering today for Nashville AGO 2012. You'll save money, too!

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AGO Mission Statement

The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is:

- to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles;
- to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music; and
- to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members.

Job Opening

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Elyria, seeks a talented musician to fill the part-time position of **Organist/Minister of Music**. Lead worship on a great instrument in a multi-generational faith community that appreciates the creative blending of styles from many Christian traditions. The [full job description](#) is on the church's website.

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