

The Treasure Coast Chapter of The American Guild of Organists



Monthly Newsletter

May 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



As I begin my final "Message from the Dean," I would first like to highlight the Guild's professional journal, *The American Organist*, which is also the official journal of the Associated Pipe Organ Builders of America. I have been reading this magazine regularly since the 1970s when it was titled *Music Magazine*. We regularly report our Chapter activities for inclusion in the "AGO Chapter News" section. Our Chapter's programs are in the April and May

issues, and will likely be included in the June issue as well. There is so much material of interest in the magazine each month, it is not possible to cover everything here. I will mention, though, that the National Convention in St. Louis is coming up soon, July 6-10, so NOW is the time to sign up. Only full members receive the magazine and are able to use all features online. Chapter Friends receive only this newsletter. I urge you to become a full member if you are not already. Anyone can become a full member; it is not necessary to be an organist or choral director. Sign up online at www.agohq.org.

As we celebrate the THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY of the Treasure Coast Chapter, founded April 23, 1996, we will do well to look both backward and forward. We had a great time of collegiality, dining, and music at the home of Father Gus Badgley last Friday. We shared appetizers, a celebratory cake (thank you, Brady!), a toast to the future of the Chapter, and some delightful organ music. The current Officers' duties will officially conclude on June 30, but as we look FORWARD, our Dean-elect, Brady Johnson, and others are already at work laying groundwork for the coming year. In addition to Brady, our new Board includes Steve Giddens, Sub-Dean; Neal Campbell, Treasurer; Dan Kroger, Secretary; Ray Adams, Member-at-large (1-year term), and Dallas Gambrell, Member-at-large (2-year term). 100% of our members voted, and the vote was unanimous! Congratulations to the new Board! We thank them for saying YES when called upon to serve.

I feel that one of our Chapter's most remarkable programs is the Scholarship Fund. This fund enables students to study the organ with qualified local AGO members, thereby presenting an educational opportunity for students who otherwise might not have the opportunity to study the organ. This is an important and rewarding program which helps to provide church and concert organists for our community and far beyond. CONGRATULATIONS to the Treasure Coast members who had

the foresight to establish this important and ongoing educational program.

As we glance backward at this season's programming, we can be grateful for an evening of music, costumes, and fun at our Spooktacular concert in October at Christ by the Sea United Methodist Church, hosted by Dr. Marcos Flores, Director of Music at the Vero Beach church. Then, on January 4, our Chapter presented its fifth annual program of Music for Christmas and Epiphany at St. Mark's Anglican Church in Vero Beach. We added a choir this year! Seventeen AGO members and friends filled the choir loft and thrilled us with the harmony and descants (David Willcocks, of course!) of our favorite Christmas hymns scattered among organ solos and other musical offerings. Along with other Chapter members, three of our chapter scholarship students (two former and one present student) performed on this program. On February 8, our Chapter presented a Benefit Concert for hurricane relief in Jamaica. Much of Jamaica was devastated by Hurricane Melissa. Our Chapter and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and Academy in Fort Pierce raised over \$4,100 through this well-attended concert, with the entire proceeds going to Food for the Poor, a charitable organization in Florida which works regularly to provide aid to Jamaica and other countries. We thank our Chapter Secretary, Dr. Dan Kroger, for organizing this important effort. On March 1, we saw some amazing results of our scholarship program when a former scholarship recipient, Tom Ingui, presented an outstanding recital at The Community Church in Vero Beach. Performed entirely from memory, Tom's exceptional presentation garnered three standing ovations (including two encores), and no doubt created some new fans of the organ. We thank Jill Truax, Director of Music and Fine Arts and Principal Organist at Community Church for hosting the program. Incidentally, Jill is also a former scholarship student in our chapter. Have you noticed how that scholarship theme is woven into this letter?

Financially, our Chapter is strong. Our Scholarship Fund is separate from the Operating Fund. You can be assured that all donations are deposited in the correct fund, and our programming and administrative expenses are paid from the appropriate fund. Our Chapter is clearly making a difference. Every member and every friend is part of our success story. The Board and I thank everyone for their support through participation, attendance, and special gifts. I thank this year's board for their steadfast support and service: Ryan Kasten, Sub-Dean; Dan Kroger, Secretary; Neal Campbell, Treasurer; Brady Johnson, Scholarship Chair; and Ray Adams, Member-at-large. In addition, Steve Giddens has been our excellent and thorough newsletter editor.

Let us all look toward the future and ask ourselves what we can do to serve the Chapter and the greater community. If we are called upon to serve in some way, or to provide financial support, let us each resolve to offer all that we can to the best of our abilities. Referring to the Mission Statement of the AGO, let us remember that we each need to do our part to *foster a thriving community of musicians who share their knowledge and inspire passion for the organ.*

Thank you for your support and dedication to the Chapter.

Thomas Goetz, DMus, CAGO, Dean



TCCAGO Chapter Lunch at the Ocean Grill at Noon will be suspended for the summer months. We will begin again with monthly lunches September 2026. Have a great summer!





Alberta Williams King, the mother of Martin Luther King Jr. was sitting at the organ in Ebenezer Baptist Church on June 30, 1974. She was playing “The Lord’s Prayer”, the same way she had for forty years, when a gunman opened fire and killed her.

At the organ.

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In the church her husband had led.

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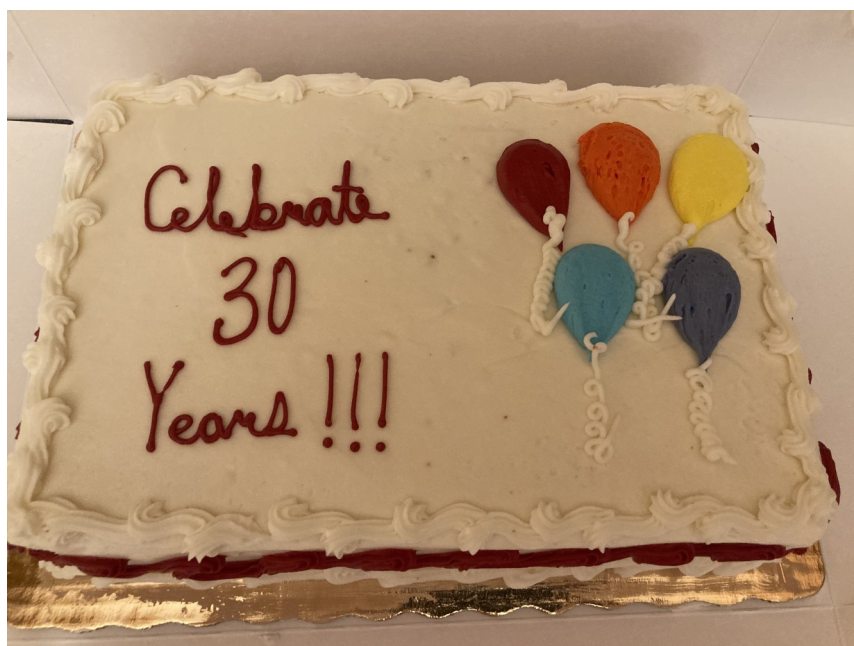
In honor of Mother’s Day. We honor her now.



Celebrating 30 years of the Treasure Coast Chapter of the
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(Left to Right)

Fr Gus Badgley, Ray Hoag, Ryan Kasten, Tom Goetz,
Jack VanderPlate, Doroles Mark, Brady Johnson,
Jeff Edwards and Susan Callahan





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(more pics to follow)

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Palmsonntag-Gottesdienst

29.3.2026, 10.00 Uhr:

mit Pfarrer Ulrich Willmer,

Friedenskirche

Wort und Musik

3.4.2026, 17.00 Uhr:

mit Johannischor &

Organist Carlos López,

St. Johanniskirche

Meet concert organist Carlos López, from Morelia, Mexico, who last month played Johann Sebastian Bach, Johann Ulrich Steigleder and Max Reger on the Steinmeyer organ (1925)
St Johanniskirche, Nürnberg



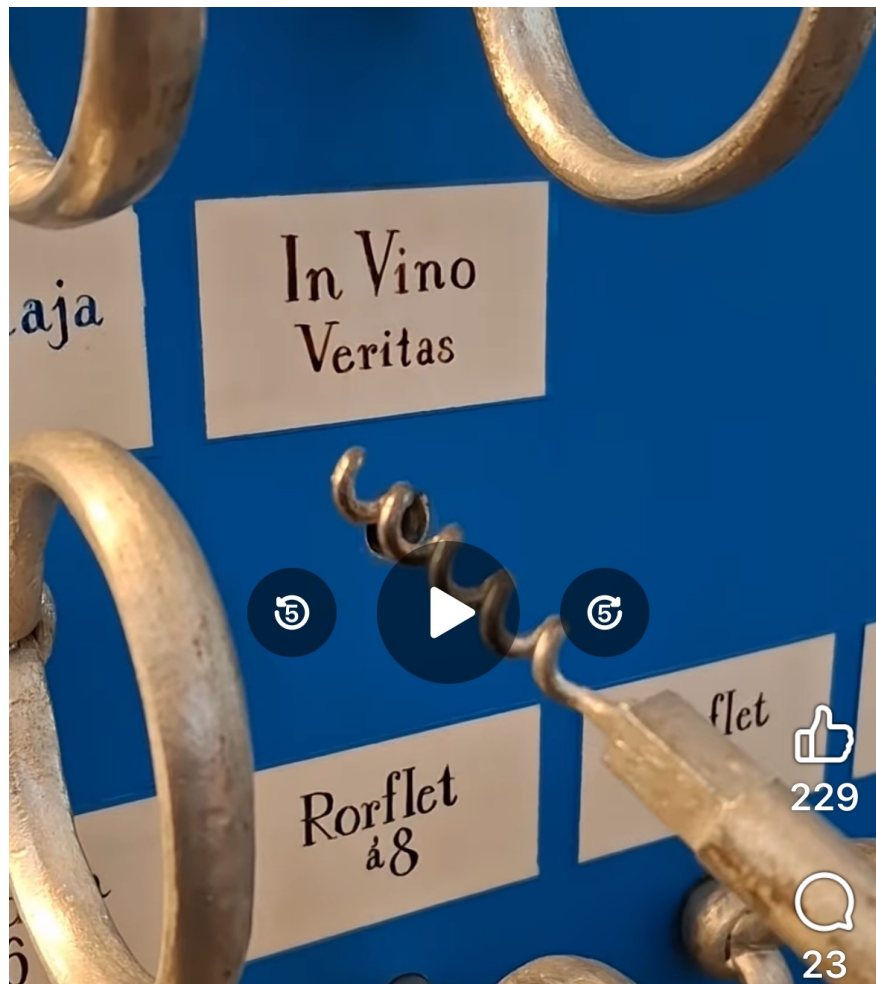






This is why subbing is always a lot of fun!







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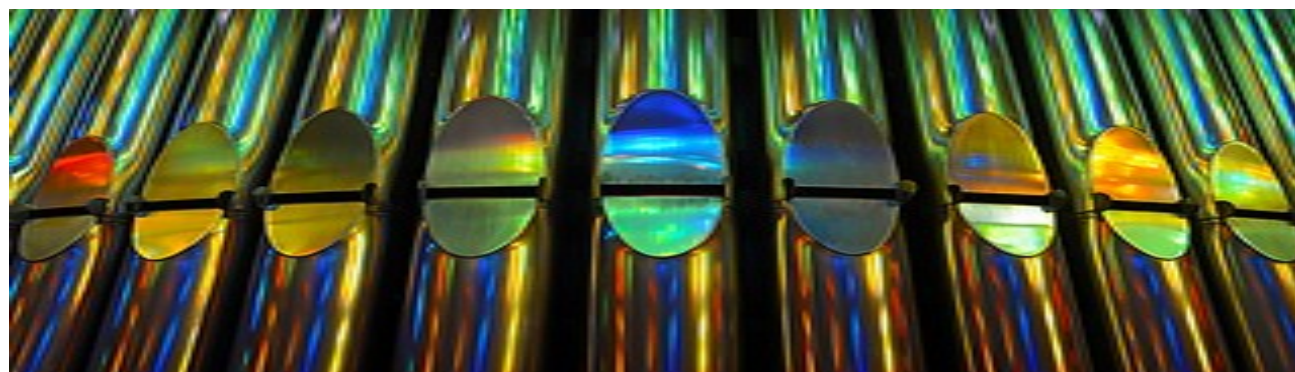
We are united in our passion for the organ. Whether you're an organist, or organ buff; a concert organist, or a beginner; have an advanced degree, or are self-taught; play a traditional pipe organ, or electronic organ; are a choral director, or simply love the organ... **you are welcome at the AGO.**

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The First Church of Christ Scientist
(Christian Science), 1602 23rd Street in Vero Beach,
is seeking a ***substitute*** Pianist/Organist for Sunday
mornings and Wednesday evening healing service.

Instrument is a Yamaha Clavinova CVP-409.

Services-Wednesdays 5:30 pm

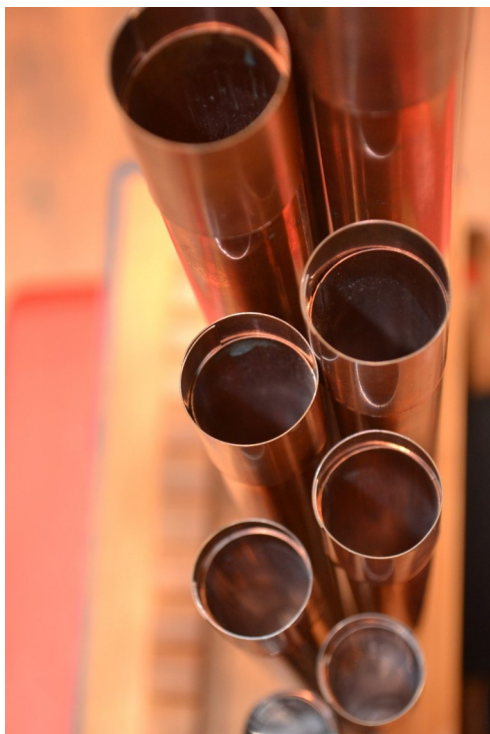
Sundays 10:00 am

Prelude begins prior to service and postlude after.

Two hymns from Christian Science Hymnal and
on Sunday you may be asked to accompany soloist.

Audition required. \$150 per service, approx. 1 hour

Contact: Betsie Tegtmeier, Music Committee Chair
betsieteg@gmail.com



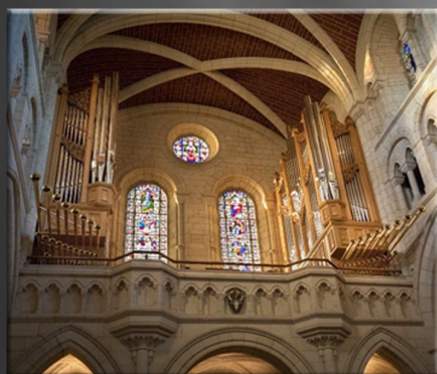
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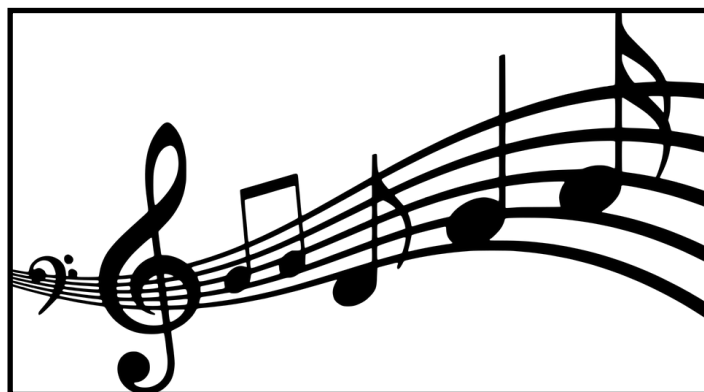
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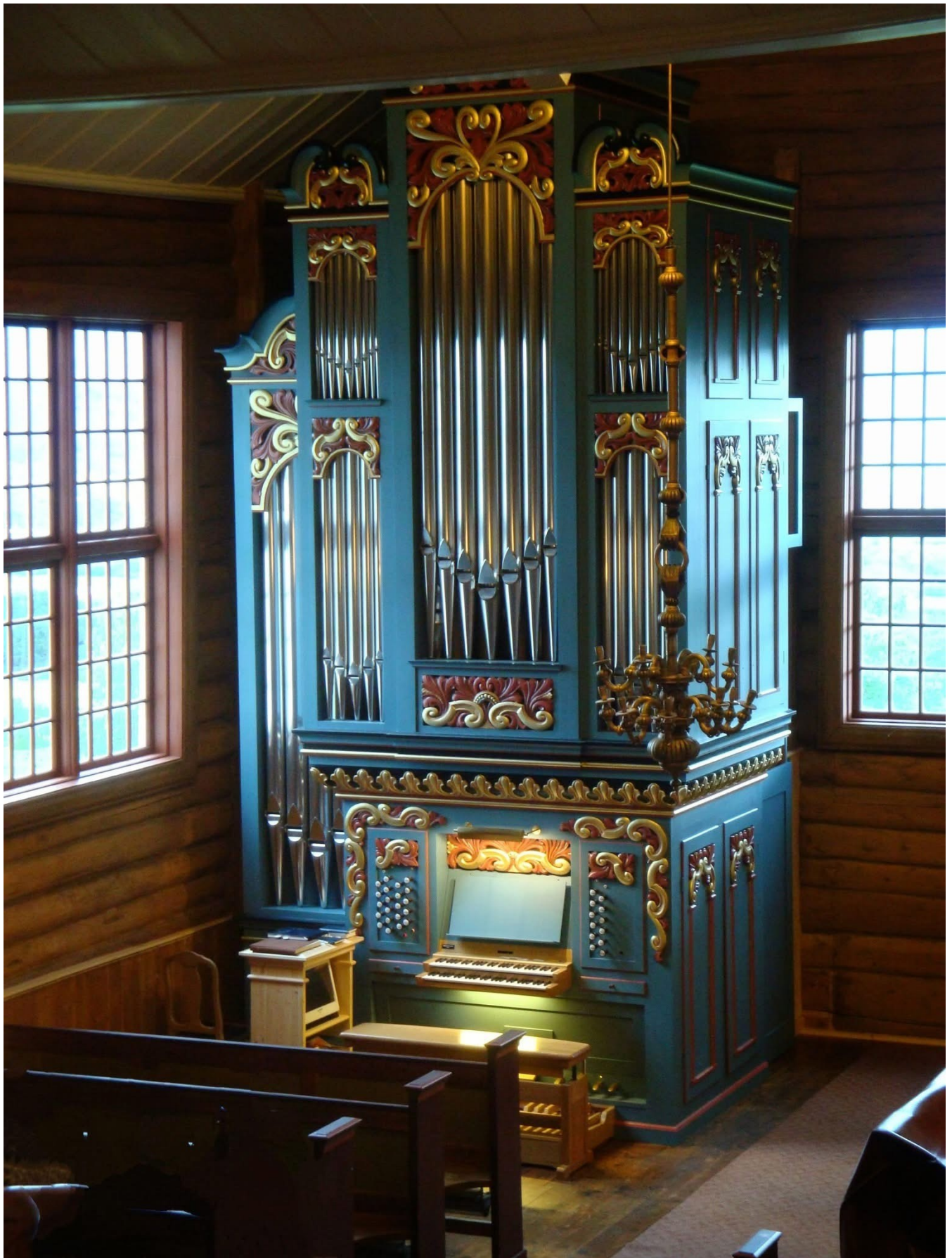
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