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Message from the Sub-Dean
Miranda Wilcox

Dear Friends,

The national and local AGO boards send wishes of health and safety to you and your family in this time of uncertainty.

Take a break from the news for some Bach therapy from our chapter members who recorded the pieces they prepared for the virtual Bach recital featured on the [chapter website](#).

I would like to thank Heidi Rodeback and Laura Pettersson for organizing and facilitating the recital and for DeeAnn Stone for making the recordings available. Many thanks to the recitalists for their hard work preparing their pieces and for their gracious accommodation of public health.

As announced by our dean, the chapter has decided to postpone the April and May chapter activities—the Hymn Workshop and member recital—until the fall. We look forward to "gathering" with you again.

The American Guild of Organists is deeply concerned about each member's well-being, and also supports nationwide efforts to curb the spread of the coronavirus by social distancing. The national AGO has [compiled resources](#) for organists, music teachers, and church musicians facing financial insecurity and/or loss of employment due to the pandemic.

Although our year of organ activities has been cut short, it does not diminish the special memories we have made together. In September, we welcomed Felipe Dominguez who introduced us to lovely Italian Baroque music. In November, we celebrated the chapter's fortieth anniversary

with a delightful gala featuring Utah Valley composers. In December, we shared favorite Christmas music. In January, we toured the Alpine Tabernacle organ. In February, we introduced local youth to the magic of the organ at our annual Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza activity. Many thanks to all who planned, hosted, and made these events possible. I am deeply grateful for your generous service.

When local public gatherings ceased, a member of the neighborhood choir I have been conducting introduced me to his favorite hymn, “It Is Well with My Soul,” sung by the [Tabernacle Choir](#) and [BYU’s Vocal Point](#). May we all discover that “peace like a river” attends even though “sorrows like sea billows roll.”

Miranda

J. S. Bach Birthday Recital

View and listen to performances online.

Online Recital



Welcome, New Members!

Pleasant Grove

Claudine Doyle
Monica Hartle
Dara Salmond
Miguel A. Cisnero
Sarah Taylor

Highland

Mark Kuligowski

D. Ray LeBaron
Cindy Jonsson
Sylvia Williams
Shelly Loong

American Fork

Gary Gerber
Paula Malone
Bonnie Meldrum
Sharla Moyes
Lisa Durrant

Alpine

Becky Bowman

Lehi

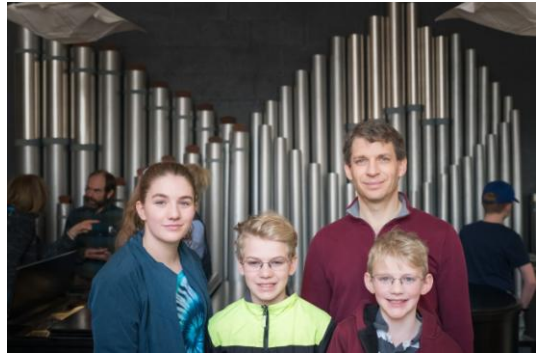
Janell K. Watson
Dorothy P. Sudweeks
Eli Lundgreen

Saratoga Springs

Megan Burst

Successful Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza Was Enjoyed by All!

On Saturday morning, February 8, the chapter hosted a group of excited youth and parents at the chapter's annual Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza activity. Chapter members David Chamberlin, Ruth Eldredge Thomas, and others were on hand to offer instruction and to assist the children in playing the little pipe organ at Ruth Thomas's home.





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