



**SAN JOSE PIPINGS**  
 SAN JOSE CHAPTER OF THE AGO  
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**Dean’s Column**

**G**reetings Everyone,

First I would like to thank our Nominating Committee for successfully compiling a full slate of Officers to serve AGOSJ next year. This was not an easy task, but the results are outstanding. Members of the Committee are Joyce Rhodes, Chair, Pat Milstead, and Paula Seo. The slate of candidates will be presented at the next Board meeting on March 8th.

**A**t that meeting we will be discussing the feasibility of resuming some of our activities in person! Hopefully Covid will continue to disappear and we can hold our popular Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza event at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Saratoga, with Elisabeth Pintar presiding, as in the “Before Times”. If that works out, more events should follow! We have added quite a few new members during the last two years and it will be a pleasure to meet them in person!!!

**F**inally, in the light of recent world events, let us be grateful that we, as musicians and organists, are in a position to create musical beauty, spread joy, and offer comfort. To me, this feels like a blessing! May every piece we play be a prayer for peace!

Sincerely,

*Susan Snook-Luther, Dean*

**Temporary Slate of AGO Officers for the 2022-2023 Year**

<b>Dean:</b>	Elisabeth Pintar
<b>Subdean:</b>	Mike Cala
<b>Secretary:</b>	Melanie Cervi
<b>Treasurer</b>	Eric Holderman
<b>Newsletter Editor:</b>	Margaret Kavamme
<b>Handbook / Directory:</b>	Kay Lee
<b>Education / Resources / Historian:</b>	Valerie Sterk
<b>Budget / Auditors:</b>	Christine Merjanian Cathryn Wiklinson
<b>Member-at-Large:</b>	2023 – David Snook-Luther 2024 – Paula Seo 2025 – Laura Green

At this point in time, Each Officer Position only has one candidate for that position; therefore, we do not need to vote for any of the positions unless someone comes forward and wants to serve in a specific position. Additional nominations may be made by petition, signed by at least five chapter (voting) members in good stand; and must be received by the Secretary before April 1st.

## The Celebration of Life Service Libby Codd



**Kitty Clark** (Libby's daughter), is inviting friends and colleagues to attend The Celebration of Life Service for her mother, **Libby Codd**, via **Zoom**. Due to COVID, there is a 40-person capacity at the Church. Anyone attending the service must be fully vaccinated and masked. Since the family expects at least 30 close family and friends attending in person, Kitty is encouraging everyone to join in by Zoom. If COVID restrictions are relaxed, there will be additional capacity at the church. If you wish to attend in person, please RSVP to [kclark@clarklaw.com](mailto:kclark@clarklaw.com) to confirm there will be space.

**When:** Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 3 p.m.

**Where:** First Unitarian Church, 160 North 3rd St., San Jose.

**Jim Welch**, her organ teacher, will be organist for the service and the Prelude starts at 2:45 PM.

If you have a computer or cell phone, simply download the Zoom App. On March 12, you can use the BLUE link below and then enter the password to join the Celebration. The Zoom "Meeting" will open by 2:45 p.m. so everyone can listen to the prelude and participate in the service.

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/93884884268?pwd=eGRIL3lFUTJDS2hyOVNTc1E0NmJDQT09>

Meeting ID: 938 8488 4268 Passcode: 795986

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There will also be a time when people can offer their memories of Libby.

Sympathy and prayers for the family.

## Welcome two New Young Organists Mandelyn & Tilden Wu

This is **Will Wu**, dad of **Mandelyn** and **Tilden**. Thank you for reaching out. Here are the short write-ups and pictures of Mandelyn and Tilden taken at a Stanford event.

My name is **Mandelyn Wu**, and I am 15 years old. I recently started organ lessons under Angela Kraft Cross, and have already learned so much! The organ has proven to be a fascinating and complex instrument, and I am looking forward to learning and improving further. My other main instruments are piano and classical guitar, and I have explored to various lesser degrees the violin/fiddle, saxophone, and more recently the banjo.

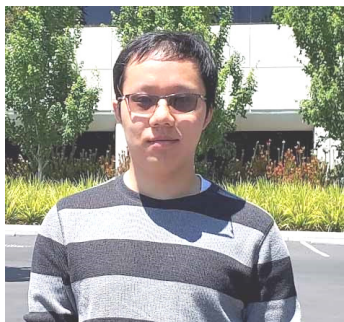
My name is **Tilden Wu**, I am 12 years old. I play Piano, Guitar, and now Organ! I have been learning the Organ under Angela Kraft Cross for a few months now. Organ is a very powerful instrument, and there is much to learn.

Thanks,



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## Welcome Organist Eric Zhang



Hello! My name is Eric Zhang, and I am a software engineer, Bay Area native and alum of UC Irvine. My first memorable exposure to the pipe organ was analyzing and listening to Bach's Passacaglia in a music class. I became hooked on organ music ever

since, and I began my organ studies in 2015 with Christoph Tietze, who I studied under for a few years. After moving to Orange County for college, I continued organ lessons with Jung-A Lee and received the AGO colleague certification. I haven't played the organ regularly since the beginning of the pandemic, but would like to start getting back into the organ world now that I'm settling back in the Bay Area.

Regards, Eric

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## Welcome Organist Eric Holderman



Hello, and it is a pleasure to join the San Jose Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. I am coming from the San Francisco Chapter (AGO), and it will be my pleasure to be your new treasurer starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. I was born in Bakersfield, California, and raised in Modesto, California. I began my early studies in music in 1987 at the age of nine from a family friend Ms. Marilyn Howard of

Modesto, California. I continued my studies with former Modesto Christian School music teacher, Christy Hitson. It was during that time that I became interested in studying the pipe organ, and my paternal grandmother (Kathryn Holderman) as well as my great aunt (Dr. Barbara Stremikis) were organists. From June 1992 to June 1996, I studied classical/sacred piano from Steven C. Grubb. It was not until the fall of 1994 that I began my formal training in organ at Modesto Junior College under the direction of Steven C. Grubb, Director of Music/Organist Grace Lutheran Church and former Modesto Junior College Organ Professor. I also studied organ with former Goshen College (Indiana) Organ Professor Christine Gerigway, and world renowned virtuoso German organist, Wolfgang Rübsam. I have my A.A. degree in Music/Organ Performance, and my playing ability is equal to a Bachelor's degree.

Throughout the past twenty-five years, I have been the organist for a great number of denominations. I have been a member of the American Guild of Organists' (AGO) since 1996, and I am a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA). During my three years of study from 1996 to 1999 at Modesto Junior College, I was the recipient of the Music Teachers Association of California Scholarship, the Beatrice Ada Colton Scholarship, and the Lewis/Shirley Woodward Friends of Music Scholarship. I have played on a great number of pipe organs throughout the United States, and I hope to be able to tour the great pipe organs of Europe one day.

I was hired as the organist at Los Altos United Methodist Church in August 2018, and I have a keen ear when it comes to keeping pipe organs in tune. As a Science Fiction fan, I am an elicit fan of *Star Wars* and *Star Trek*. I also enjoys watching re-runs of *The Three Stooges*, *I Love Lucy*, *I Dream of Jeannie*, *The Andy Griffith Show*, *Bewitched*, *The Jeffersons*, *Good Times*, *Laverne and Shirley*, *Happy Days*, *Roseanne*, *Everybody Loves Raymond*, *The Middle*, *Two and a Half Men*, *Mike and Molly*, and *Two Broke Girls*. I enjoy Action, Historical, Comedy, and Horror types of movies. I enjoy swimming, socializing, love anything strawberry, love homemade Mexican food, love snickerdoodles, love margaritas, love sweet wine, love traditional/liturgical worship, am a fan of Queen Elizabeth II, follow the Liturgical Calendar well, love the organ music and choir of the Washington National Cathedral, and enjoy learning new organ repertoire. I worked as a Paraeducator in the Kern High School District from August 2011 to June 2018, and currently work as a Paraeducator since August 2018 in the Campbell Union High School District (Prospect High School) where I specialize in English, United States History, and World History. I enjoy playing organ compositions by J.S. Bach, Alexandre Guilmant, Gordon Young, Diane Bish, Natalia Jespersen, Angela Craft Cross, Brenda Portman, Mary McDonald, Anna Laura Page, Paul F. Page, Robert Lau, Robert C. Powell, James Michael Stevens, Michael Calabris, Phil Lehenbauer, Carson Cooman, Lynn Trapp, David Lasky, Jeff Perks, and David German. I look forward to meeting all of you, and take care.

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### Next Executive Committee Meeting

**The next meeting Tuesday 8 Mar 2022 at 7:30 PM, Zoom Meeting**

**AGO Seattle National Convention  
3 July – 7 July, 2022**

<https://agoseattle2022.com>

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## Welcome Organist Corvin Tingstrom



My name is Corvin Tingstrom. I am a Sophomore in high school and I started playing the organ 2 years ago. I also play the piano and violin. I started playing the organ because I like the way it sounds. My favorite organ piece is Bach's concerto in A minor BWV 593.

Sincerely, Corvin Tingstrom

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### New Members

**Mandelyn Wu** mandelyn.wu@gmail.com  
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**Corvin Tingstrom**  
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## San Jose Chapter's Frasier Organ Scholarship 2022

### FRASIER ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP 2022

**San Jose Chapter members:** please encourage an eligible organ student to apply for the Frasier Organ Scholarship this year. As a reminder, the scholarship is open to current chapter members and to organ students studying with, or sponsored by, current members (previous winners are not eligible). The Frasier Organ Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of demonstrated talent and potential, and must be used for specified continuing education in organ studies. The scholarship amount is \$1000.

Or might you consider improving your organ skills, and resume or continue your organ studies this year? If you're a member of our San Jose AGO chapter and haven't won the Frasier scholarship before, you too are eligible to apply. Remember our 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."

You can find the 2022 scholarship qualifications/requirements, application and hymn list on our website. [[www.agosanjose.org](http://www.agosanjose.org) – Under "What's New," click on "Frasier Organ Scholarship"] If you have questions about the scholarship, please contact Valerie Sterk ([valeriesterk@gmail.com](mailto:valeriesterk@gmail.com)). The deadline for sending the application (application form and two recommendations) is **April 5, 2022**. We're hoping to have the Frasier auditions (in-person) in May, after the Covid-19 pandemic conditions improve and in-person auditions can be held safely. The scholarship winner will be notified soon after the auditions. Please encourage any potential scholarship applicants soon!

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## St. Mary's Cathedral to Celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cathedral Choirs

On **Sunday, April 3, 2022**, the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in San Francisco will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cathedral Choirs with a festive concert at **4 pm**. Participating will be the **St. Mary's Cathedral Choir**, the **St. Brigid School Honor Choir**, and the **Cathedral String Ensemble**, under the direction of **Christoph Tietze** and **Ash Walker**, and assisted by Marni Strome and **Jin Kyung Lim**.

The program will begin with the Third Brandenburg Concerto by Bach, followed by choral works with a Marian theme, including the "Stabat mater" by Josef Rheinberger.

The highlight of the program will be a specially commissioned work by Hungarian composer **Barna Szabo**, the Cantata "Ave mundi spes, Maria," with the text based on a 15<sup>th</sup> century sequence. Mr. Szabo teaches at the Liszt Academy in Budapest and is one of the rising stars among European composers.

A donation of \$20 per person, \$10 for seniors and students, will be requested at the door.

For more information, please call 415.567.2020 ext 213, or email [tietze@smcsf.org](mailto:tietze@smcsf.org)

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### Swain & Kates Pipe Organs



Christopher Ketcham,

[www.sfpipeorgans.com](http://www.sfpipeorgans.com)

(415) 863-8070

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### Schoenstein & Co



**BRYAN DUNNEWALD** will join Schoenstein & Co. Pipe Organ Builders as Assistant to Tonal Director Jack Bethards, where his work will focus on voicing, tonal design, and client relations. Schoenstein & Co. was founded in 1877 and has built some of America's most notable

organs in their well-known symphonic style. Company leadership has always been in the hands of musicians. Dunnewald comes to Schoenstein from Saint Mark's Church, Philadelphia, where he serves as Assistant Organist and Choirmaster in one of the foremost music programs in the Anglo-Catholic tradition. He spent two years as the Julius Rudel Conducting Fellow at the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and holds degrees in Orchestral Conducting, Organ, and Harpsichord from The Curtis Institute of Music and Mannes School of Music. Over the years, Bryan has worked during the summer with Schoenstein at their Benicia, California plant on a variety of tonal and technical assignments. This confirmed his long-held ambition to make organ design and building his career. He and his wife, Maja, will be re-locating to Benicia in September.

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### New Address

**Mark Bruce** mdbtrinity@aol.com  
PO Box 144, Camp Meeker, CA 95419  
(408) 813-4115

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## Organist(s) Needed

**Compass Church, 830 Padre Dr, Salinas, CA 93901**

Timeframe: 8:45am-11:30am

Pay \$175

Musical needs:

- -Coordinate service details with hymn leader or choir director
- -1 prelude piece (5 min max);
- -1 postlude piece (5 min max)
- -Play for 3 hymns

Please contact Nathan at [nathan@compasschurchmc.org](mailto:nathan@compasschurchmc.org) if interested or for more information.

Thank you!

**Nathan Erickson**, Worship Administrator

830 Padre Drive, Salinas, CA 93901

T: 831.422.7811 ext. 142

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## Robert-Morton Organ

**Grace Baptist Church, San Jose**

484 E San Fernando St, San Jose, CA 95112

(408) 295-2035

This Church has an old Theater Pipe Organ and they are going to give concerts.

The Robert-Morton Organ was originally built for the San Jose's Liberty Theater and delivered in March of 1922. When the "Talkes" occurred, the Morton Theater Organ was no longer used. Eventfully, the Grace Baptist Church acquired the organ in 1940 and built their new church building around their new organ. (See <https://www.graceinsanjose.org/liberty-theatre-pipe-organ/> for more details).

**Starting Sunday 9 March 2022 at 11:00 AM, they will have their first concert of 13 months of Centennial Celebrations.** They plan on holding additional in concerts in the future and when they set their concert schedule, we will let you know.

If you are interested in additional information, send me an email and I will send you a PDF File that gives more information about the organ.

## AGO San Jose Music Calendar

### Venue Locations

**CSMA:** Cathedral of St Mary of the Assumption, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco, "Musical Meditations"  
Streaming Link address of the concerts:  
**All Concerts are now live! Also livestreamed at**

<https://www.youtube.com/c/CathedralofStMaryoftheAssumption/videos>

**CUMC:** Campbell United Methodist Church, 1675 Winchester Blvd. Campbell

**GC:** Grace Cathedral, 1100 California St. San Francisco:

<https://www.youtube.com/archdioceseofsanfrancisco>

Streamed - [gracecathedral.org](http://gracecathedral.org)  
Facebook -

<https://www.facebook.com/gracecathedralSF>

🌟 Chapter Event    ➤ Chapter Member

### Every Saturday at 4 PM

**Organ, Legion of Honor, Lincoln Park, 34<sup>th</sup> Ave & Clement St., San Francisco.**  
Jonathan Dimmock, organist

**Will Resume On Saturday 13 Nov 2021.**

[orsl.stanford.edu/previous-concerts](http://orsl.stanford.edu/previous-concerts)

**Stanford: Lunchtime Wednesday (10 Nov & 15 Dec) (12:15-12:45 PM) recitals by Dr. Robert Huw Morgan. Check**

## March 2022

### **6 Sunday 2021**

**Carolyn Craig** (New Haven Connecticut), Organ, **GC, 4 PM**

### **13 Sunday 2021**

**Christoph Tietze** (France), Organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

### **20 Sunday 2021**

**Federico Andreoni** (Italy), Organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

### **27 Sunday 2021**

**Christoph Tietze** (France), Organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

## April 2022

### **3 Sunday 2021**

**Choir Jubilee, celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Cathedral Choir. Works with a Marian theme, including a newly composed work by Hungarian composer Barna Szabo, CSMA, 4 PM**

### **3 Sunday 2021**

**Christopher Keady**, Organ, **GC, 4 PM**

### **10 Sunday 2021**

**Aki Amai**, Organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

### **17 Sunday 2021**

**Angela Kraft Cross**, Organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

### **24 Sunday 2021**

**Scott Foppiano**, Organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

## May 2022

### **1 Sunday 2021**

**Benjamin Bachmann**, Organ, **GC, 4 PM**

## June 2022

### **5 Sunday 2021**

**Jeremy Bruns**, (Boston), Organ, **GC, 4 PM**

## July 2022

### **3 Sunday 2021**

**Emmanuel Duperrey**, (Villemonble, France), Organ, **GC, 4 PM**

## August 2022

### **7 Sunday 2021**

**Kai Krakenberg**, (Husum, Germany), Organ, **GC, 4 PM**

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