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Deadline for February 2025 Newsletter is January 15, 2025

Next Meeting

**Monday, January 27, 2025**

### **Notes from the Dean**

January 2025

Happy New Year, Pittsburgh Chapter Members and Friends!

We took break from meetings for a couple of months, thanks to the timing of the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. But we're back this month...and we're soon going to ring in the New Year. Literally!

Mark your calendars for **Monday, January 27, 2025!** We're going to be treated to a Handbell Workshop at St. Alexis Roman Catholic Church in Wexford! Details about the program will be in Regina Kettering's Sub Dean article in this issue!

This new year has some great programs in store for us, with one of the highlights being the FRIDAY, April 25, 2025 meeting, which will also be a joint program with the Organ Artists Series!

Dr. Ann Labounsky, longtime Professor of Organ and Sacred Music at Duquesne University, will be honored at the 2025 AGO Endowment Fund Distinguished Artist Recital and Gala Benefit Reception in Pittsburgh. Ann will open the festive evening with a performance in the university chapel, with the reception to follow. Proceeds from the event will benefit the AGO Endowment Fund. More on this later, but get your tickets as soon as they become available, because seating will be very limited in the chapel!

And very important reminder that the AGO's new website and database are now live! The website address is still the same! If you haven't done so yet, it is very important that you need to log in to [www.agohq.org](http://www.agohq.org) and update your member information!

A Happy and Blessed New Year to each of you!

Jeff Gray

Dean

### **Message from the Sub Dean**

Bell choirs: formation to performance - Ring Pittsburgh

St. Alexis Church

10090 Old Perry Hwy.

Wexford, PA 15090

Ring Pittsburgh will be demonstrating handbell techniques and how they are used in handbell music, playing some of their concert repertoire. They will demonstrate compositions for a variety of levels and choir sizes. Their director, Jim Rossetti, will discuss where to find resources, ways to purchase bells, and Handbell Musicians of America.

Jim Rossetti, Director of Ring Pittsburgh, started handbell choirs at multiple churches. He has been an elected Board member of Handbell Musicians of America. He has lead multiple handbell workshops and mass handbell ringing festivals throughout Western Pennsylvania. Jim earned accolades for his handbell conducting from Handbell Musicians of America and is an accredited handbell conducting instructor.

Dinner will be catered by Altria's. Dinner will be at 6:00PM in the building close to church, on St. Alexis' campus. The meeting will be in St. Alexis sanctuary. Parking is easily found at the top of the hill by the church. Please RSVP to [drdkettering@gmail.com](mailto:drdkettering@gmail.com) or [reservations@pitago.org](mailto:reservations@pitago.org) by Jan. 20th.

### **PIT AGO POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

November 26, 2024

## **Musical Events**

Sunday, February 9, 2025 3:00 p.m., Shadyside Presbyterian Church

As part of the “Music in a Great Space” concert series at Shadyside Presbyterian Church the Pittsburgh Camerata presents “Portraits” featuring a work of Michael Markowski commissioned to honor the Camerata’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

As part of the “Music in a Great Space” concert series at Shadyside Presbyterian Church the Jade Piano Trio presents “City Beats” featuring music inspired by the urban landscape. Works by Bunch, Schoenfeld, Adams and Okpebholo.

For more information go to <https://www.shadysidepres.org>

## Substitutes

It is the policy of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Guild of Organists that only current members in good standing may list their names on the Substitutes List. Employers may contact organists directly or ask the coordinator for assistance. The AGO assumes no responsibility for the musicianship, reliability, or conduct of substitute organists, and background checks are the responsibility of the employer. Persons listed as available substitutes may be required by employers to present clearances; e.g. Child Abuse History Clearance; Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Checks for Employment; and/or Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Fingerprinting.

Services: W-Weddings, F-Funerals, E-Evenings, S-Saturdays, L-Liturgical Only, N-Non-Liturgical

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