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## LETTER FROM YOUR DEAN

Dear colleagues and friends,

We had a great turnout for our December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting at the University of Oregon. Thank you David and Barbara, for introducing us to Petty Op. 4. Thank you also to everyone who brought refreshments and for all who gave the organ a “test run”. December is such a busy month for most of us, so it was a pleasure to visit with so many of you as we saw and heard the newest organ in town.

For January we have planned an outreach program, an informal concert introducing the pipe organ to people of all ages. How often do people come to organ concerts and wonder how it works, or marvel at the acrobatics of the organist or majesty of the sound? The organ truly is the “King of Instruments”, and we want our audiences to be informed and in love with the organ.

We encourage you to invite members of your congregation and friends. Please put the information below in your newsletter and get people stirred-up about it. We provided a similar program last January and many in my congregation mentioned how much they appreciated it and how they would have liked to bring others to hear it.

If you would like to play a composition that effectively demonstrates the different stops and colors on the organ, please contact me by phone at (541) 345-8764 or julia@eugenefumc.org

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Last month I mentioned the book *Temperament*. I hope that some of you have enjoyed reading it. John Brombaugh’s discussion on temperaments is not far away – February 28<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to purchase the book in preparation for the discussion, it is *Temperament: How Music Became a Battleground for the Great Minds of Western Civilization* by Stuart Isacoff (ISBN-13: 978-0375703300).

Make sure you have February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm on your calendars – this is a not-to-be-missed opportunity to hear John’s passionate views on the subject.

Julia Brown, Dean

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## PLAN FOR NEXT SUMMER

**Region 8 Convention** will be held in Boise, ID, July 3-7, 2011. For details on recitalists, workshop presenters, daily schedules and registration information please check their website: <http://convention.agoboise.org/>

The Portland AGO Chapter is hosting a **Pipe Organ Encounter**, July 10-14, 2011. Please encourage young organ and piano students to attend this POE. More details and information can be found at:

<http://www.portlandago.org/poe/index.html>.

# PRESS RELEASE FOR JAN. 15 AGO ORGAN PROGRAM

January 15, 2011 at 10 am, First United Methodist Church (1376 Olive Street, Eugene)

**Introduction to the King of Instruments** - an informal concert designed for all ages performed by members of the Eugene Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

The organ is the oldest keyboard instrument, dating to about 250 B.C. It is an instrument that is widely played and continues to be built in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Organists can draw from seven centuries of music and composers throughout the world continue to write new music for the organ.

You are invited to a concert that features the pipe organ, a seemingly complex musical instrument. Members of the Eugene Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present a program to reveal the inside story of how pipe organs work and what makes them the "King of Instruments". Come listen to the large Hochhalter organ and the Petty portable organ. Compare the two instruments; learn how they are different and how they are alike; learn what has changed in the mechanism and sound of the pipe organ during the many centuries of its existence. Listen to the different tone colors.

This informal program is for the young and young at heart, so bring yourself, your questions, and a friend to enjoy this informative morning about pipe organs. Admission free. An offering will be received for the Eugene AGO educational fund.

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## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Announcements, articles or any news of interest should be sent to [rickspro@value.net](mailto:rickspro@value.net) by the last Tuesday of each month. Deadline for the next newsletter is January 25.

## AGO EUGENE CHAPTER 2010-2011 Schedule

January 15, 2011, 10-11:30 a.m.

*"Introduction to the King of Instruments"*

1st United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive St, Eugene

February 28, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

Resurrection Episcopal, 3925 Hilyard St, Eugene

Program: Organ builder John Brombaugh discusses *"Temperaments"*

March 19, 2011, 10:00 – 12:00 noon

Potluck Brunch at Julia Brown's, 27 Marlboro Lane

Program: "Member share" playing harpsichords

April 29, 2011 - 6 p.m.

Post Easter Banquet and Business Meeting

Kowloon Restaurant - 2222 Martin Luther King Bl.

May 8, 2011, 4:00 p.m.

Mother's Day Organ Concert - Gail Archer performs

On the Brombaugh at Central Lutheran Church

1857 Potter Street - Eugene

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## UPCOMING CONCERTS

Sunday, January 16, 4 pm - **Musica Maestral** presents **"Influenza Italiana: Influence of Italian Style in the 17th Century"**. The program includes music for recorders, viol, sackbut, theorbo, organ, harpsichord, cello and voice by Caccini, Castello, Cazzati, Falconieri, Froberger, Kapsberger, Merula, Rosenmuller, and Peri. First United Methodist Church at 1376 Olive Street in Eugene. Suggested donation \$10.

*We are happy to list your events, send by e-mail to our newsletter editor, Richard Guy, at [rickspro@value.net](mailto:rickspro@value.net)*

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## PLACEMENT INFORMATION

There is an opening for a part-time Organist / Choir Accompanist for liturgical worship services at Grace Lutheran Church in Corvallis, Oregon. Contact Pastor Wendell Hendershott at: [office@grace97330.org](mailto:office@grace97330.org) or at (541) 757-1600.

There is an opening for an Organist at Christ Church Parish in Lake Oswego. For complete information go to <http://tinyurl.com/3e264m8q> or contact Bob Mensel, Minister of Music at [bmensel@ccparish.org](mailto:bmensel@ccparish.org).