

# THE SESQUIALTERA

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## Why "Sesquialtera" ?

The name of our quarterly newsletter comes from the baroque mixture of principal pipes at the 8', 4', 2 2/3', 2, and 1 3/5' pitch level. Likewise, organ building encompasses a myriad of arts (cabinet making, voicing, etc.), combined to produce the characteristic sound of the "King of Instruments." Our newsletter shares what goes on in our shop with organists and organ enthusiasts in the greater religious and music communities.

## OLD CALVARY CELEBRATES SECOND LEEK RESTORATION



Several years ago historic Calvary Episcopal Church in Sandusky, Ohio was retired by the Ohio Diocese of the Episcopal Church.

Former members Gary and Diane Ackerman were unsettled by the loss of their former home parish and resolved to purchase the building with the intention

of establishing a foundation for the less fortunate in the community and providing a wedding chapel for the community to enjoy; Old Calvary, LLC was born.

Following extensive renovation to the building, the Ackermans approached our firm for advice with the 1865 Holbrook/Leek or-

gan. The instrument was last restored by company founder John G.P. Leek in 1966 but in recent history has not been regularly maintained.

While some of the pipework, action, and wind chests are still original components of the 19th century Holbrook, tonal additions were added in the 60's during the first movement amongst musicians to re-approach the historical practices of baroque musicians and instrument builders.

The team completed the project in April, documenting over 500 photos along the way.

**For additional photos and audio, please see our website.**

## VERMILION CHURCH RECEIVES TONAL ADDITION

Pat Creel, Organist at the Vermilion UCC, rejoices at the installation of a new hand-crafted Leek wind chest, a Trumpet rank selected to fit the style of the instrument, and brand new

Solid State switching. Formerly, Vermilion's 1954 Schantz pipe organ featured a Swell Trumpet 8' and Clarion 4' extension. While this reed blended well with the rest of the

organ, the new Trumpet 8' provides an independent, festive voice for Christmas, Easter, and other celebrations during the liturgical year.

## EVENTS

• Sunday, December 7, 2008 @ 3pm. "Advent Lessons and Carols."

Rosary Cathedral  
2535 Collingwood Blvd.  
Toledo, OH  
[www.rosarycathedral.org](http://www.rosarycathedral.org)

• Sunday, December 22, 2008 @ 3pm. "An English Christmas."

Christmas works of varied English composers, featuring the combined choirs of West Park UCC and Bethany English Lutheran Church. Free-will offering.

West Park UCC  
3909 Rocky River Dr.  
Cleveland, OH 44111  
(216) 671-7228

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Please submit your event and concert listings to [jpleek@att.net](mailto:jpleek@att.net).

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## SHOP TOURS

• On May 21st, the St. Cecilia Guild of St. Peter Episcopal Church in Lakewood joined us for an afternoon shop tour. The guild supports the work of music ministry at their parish and were excited to learn more about how their historic Holtkamp organ works.

• West Park United Church of Christ 2008 Confirmation Class joined us on April 20th for a program entitled "Introduction to the Pipe Organ." The program came as one of a series of field trips led by Rev. Lawrence H. Craig. The confirmands had a great time and learned more about their musical heritage.



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