



Sheryl Stack is an experienced and professional collaborative pianist, organist, and harpsichordist as well as musical director of vocal and handbell choirs and orchestras. She has been teaching piano since 1983, organ since 2012, and works with students of all ages and stages.

Stack is currently the organist at Oak Hill United Methodist Church, choir accompanist at Austin Community College, collaborative pianist with instrumentalists and vocalists, and regularly serves as substitute organist at area churches for special events. She served as organist at Westlake UMC 2010-2013 and accompanied the Chancel Choir on their 2013 Italian tour, playing at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, the Basilica of St. Frances in Assisi, and in concert in Florence.

Introduction to the Pipe Organ

Summer Classes available [HERE!](#)



Sheryl Stack, Austin organist for 20+ years, is offering **Introduction to the Pipe Organ** to all those with an interest in learning this “King of Instruments,” an orchestra at your fingertips!

This is what you can expect to learn in this class:

- about the organ, its parts, and how it works
- the similarities and differences between the organ and the piano
- explore the organ console
- how to combine the different “families” of sounds—pulling out the stops!
- experiment with making and saving different sound combinations
- play the different keyboards or “manuals” including the pedals
- what to do with your feet-- much different than at the piano!
- learn to play a piece of music on the organ! Select your own sounds and make it your own!
- see the inside of the organ chamber—the pipes! (*field trip to nearby pipe organ if class is on an electric organ)
- HOW TO play the organ—a GOOD INTRODUCTION!

Each student will receive the book, [A Young Person’s Guide to the Pipe Organ](#), offered through the American Guild of Organists. At the end of this course, it is likely that there will be **opportunities for students to play for Worship**. Also, depending on the number of students registered this summer, there may be an opportunity to have an **additional recital** of our organ pieces as well.

“Sheryl offered an introductory organ playing class for elementary age children and they loved it! She did a great job introducing them to the “king of instruments” and the children were able to play a piece in worship after just a few short classes.

A great way to ensure interest in organ playing with future generations! I highly recommend Sheryl’s class.”

*–Diana Sanchez-Bushong, Director of Music and Worship,
Westlake UMC, Austin.*

REGISTRATION is open now for *Introduction to the Pipe Organ.*

**Elementary, youth, adult, intergenerational all welcome.
Please register for summer classes by contacting Ms. Sheryl at
sherylstack@gmail.com.**

Please type ORGAN CLASS in the subject line. Thank you.

Classes are 1 ½ hours weekly for four weeks.
Tuition for this 6 hour class is \$180; a *family discount* is offered for multiple students and some *scholarships* are available. Students should have studied piano for at least one year, and class size is limited to 3-4 students per course for optimal learning and more fun time for you to play the organ!

**Classes will be offered at
Westlake United Methodist Church on:**

Four Sundays in June/July, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Dates to be decided.

Please see our website and newsletter for more information.