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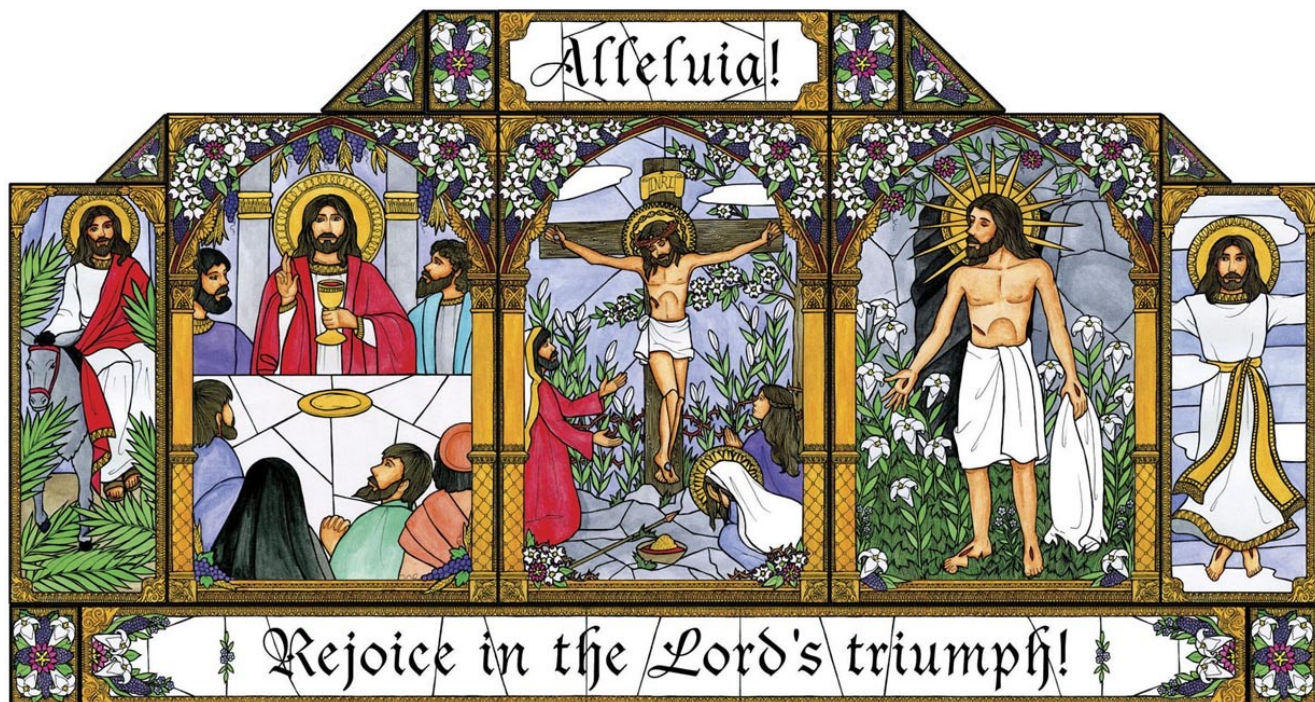
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Save These Dates for our May Chapter Events *There will not be a meeting in April*

Friday, May 10, 7:00 p.m.** - Silent Film Event, with Ron Carter at Shandon United Methodist Church. Ron will once again entertain us with his amazing improvisatory skills. Bring family and friends for a wonderful evening of fun! (Free and open to the public.)

**Catered dinner at 5:45 p.m. for members and non-members. (Watch for more information about making dinner reservations.)

Tuesday, May 21, 6:30 p.m. - Dinner & Installation of Officers at Ascension Lutheran Church. We'll celebrate the end of the program year with a dinner, followed by Pastor Jackie Utley's famously fun "Women of the Bible" skit. Members are welcome to bring a guest. (Watch for more information about making dinner reservations.)



Ninth Annual Young Organist Competition



The ninth annual Young Organist Competition was held on Saturday, March 9 at Shandon United Methodist Church. This competition has helped to launch the careers of many young organists and this year was no exception. From a field of six applicants, a committee of AGO members screened the candidates and selected three finalists to compete in person. Judges for the event were Dr. Julia Harlow from Charleston S.C., Elizabeth Lenti from Charlotte N.C., and Dr. Patrick Hawkins from Columbia S.C. First Prize (\$1500) was garnered by Nhat Tong from Houston, Texas who studies with Dr. Jeon-Suk Bae. Second Prize (\$1000) and the Best Bach Performance

Award (\$250) went to Joshua Sobel from Cary N.C. who studies with Mark Anderson. Third Prize (\$750) and the Hymn Playing Award (\$250) went to Jessica Address from Spartanburg S.C. who studies with Brennan Szafron. Congratulations to all the winners and we will follow your careers as you achieve accolades in the world of organ performance.



Young Organist Competition 2019 Winners (left to right):

Jessica Address, Joshua Sobel; Nhat Tong

The Sandlapper Singers *present...*
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Featuring the works of *Michael John Trotta*
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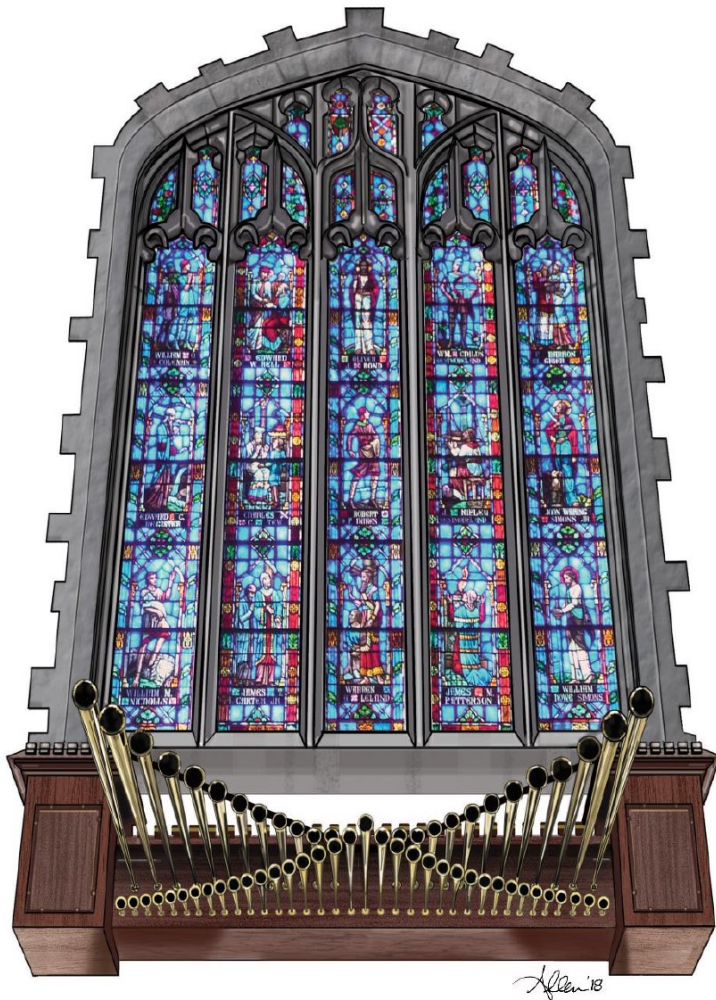
FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2019 | 7:30 PM
 Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Columbia

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The **SANDLAPPER SINGERS** are thrilled to offer the second biennial Masters Youth Choir experience, led by one of the fastest rising stars in the choral world, **MICHAEL JOHN TROTTA**. Recognized as a dynamic clinician and “one of the most exciting and prominent new composers of choral music,” Trotta will lead a two-day intensive workshop for the Sandlapper Singers, alongside local and regional high school students. The experience will culminate in a concert for the public, exclusively featuring Trotta’s award-winning compositions, which are frequently performed around the world. Do not miss the opportunity to hear this intergenerational choir perform the music of one of the true treasures of American modern music! Downbeat begins Friday, April 26 at 7:30pm at Eastminster Presbyterian Church (3200 Trenholm Road). Learn more at **SANDLAPPERSINGERS.ORG**.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR CHURCH MUSIC MINISTERS: Observe rehearsals led by Michael John Trotta on Friday, April 26 for FREE. Morning and afternoon rehearsals available. Contact info@sandlappersingers.org for more information.



*Trompette Militaire (Zimmer Organ Builders, 2017)
 Summerall Chapel
 The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina*

L'ORGANO RECTAL SERIES 2018

Free-will offerings accepted

PICCOLO SPOLETO
 CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Sunday, May 27, 3:00 p.m.
 Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, 3075 Bees Ferry Road
ANTHONY RISPO, organ
SASHA ONO, cello

*Featuring works by Bach, Dvořák, Mendelssohn, Phillips, and Rispo
 Recital sponsored in part by John-Paul Buzard Pipe Organ Builders*

Monday, May 28, 10:00 a.m.
 Cathedral Church of St. Luke & St. Paul, 126 Coming Street
GUY WHATLEY

Featuring works by Bach, Mendelssohn, Praetorius, and Scheidemann

Tuesday, May 29, 10:00 a.m.
 Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, 120 Broad Street
PATRICK PARKER

Featuring works by Dubois, Rheinberger, Saint-Saëns, and Vierne

Wednesday, May 30, 10:00 a.m.
 St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 405 King Street
THE LAFAYETTE SQUARE DUO

MICHAEL LODICO, JR., organ
REBECCA ANSTINE SMITH, harp

Featuring works by Bach, Franck, Laurin, Matthews, and Pinkham

Thursday, May 31, 10:00 a.m.
 Bethel United Methodist Church, 57 Pitt Street
BRENNAN SZAFRON

Featuring works by Bach, Bédard, Guilmant, Powell, and Vierne

Friday, June 1, 10:00 a.m.
 First (Scots) Presbyterian Church, 53 Meeting Street
CARINA STURDY

Featuring works by Bach, Bruhns, Demessieux, Saint-Saëns, and Widor

Sunday, June 3, 3:00 p.m.
 Summerall Chapel at The Citadel, 171 Moultrie Street
WILMA JENSEN

*Featuring works by Briggs, Diemer, James, Locklair, McCabe, and Vierne
 Recital sponsored in part by Cornel Zimmer Organ Builders*

Monday, June 4, 10:00 a.m.
 French Protestant (Huguenot) Church, 136 Church Street
HAZEL and **MURRAY SOMERVILLE**, organ duo

Featuring works by Bach, Cooman, Linley, Phalèse, Russell, and Stanley

Tuesday, June 5, 10:00 a.m.
 Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, 120 Broad Street
PARKER RAMSAY

Featuring works by Bach, Böhm, Franck, Messiaen, and Vierne

Wednesday, June 6, 10:00 a.m.
 First (Scots) Presbyterian Church, 53 Meeting Street
JILLIAN GARDNER

Featuring works by Bach, Barnes, Dvořák, Laurin, MacMillan, and Widor

Thursday, June 7, 10:00 a.m.
 Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, 120 Broad Street
KIRK MICHAEL RICH

Featuring works by Litaize, Lemmens, Tournemire, Vierne, and Widor

Friday, June 8, 10:00 a.m.
 St. Michael's Church, 71 Broad Street
DAMIN SPRITZER

Featuring works by Bach, Becker, Benoit, and Dallier

Regional Convention June 9-12

Artists Performances for 2019 Southeast Regional Convention in Myrtle Beach



Charles Tompkins of Greenville, SC performing at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Conway



Jared Johnson of Columbia, SC performing at First United Methodist Church, Myrtle Beach



Andrew Kotylo of Columbia, SC performing at First United Methodist Church, Conway



Carol Williams of Lynchburg, Virginia performing at the MB Convention Center, Myrtle Beach



Caroline Robinson, a Greenville native, performing with Long Bay Symphony, Charles Jones Evans,

conductor, at First Presbyterian Church, Myrtle Beach



Long Bay Symphony, Charles Jones Evans,

conductor, at First Presbyterian Church, Myrtle Beach



Carolina Master Chorale, Tim

Koch, director, performing at First Presbyterian Church, Myrtle Beach



Nicole Keller of Berea, Ohio performing at Trinity Anglican Church, Myrtle Beach



Nigel Potts of Charleston, SC performing at All Saints Church, Pawleys Island



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FIRST FRIDAYS

LUNCH & ORGAN CONCERTS

On the first Friday of each month enjoy lunch and coffee in The Bridge followed by a 30-minute organ concert in the Sanctuary.

12:00 LUNCH

THE BRIDGE

12:30 CONCERT

SANCTUARY

2019

February 1 - Bach's *Passacaglia and Fugue in C Minor*, and an explanation of how the organ works

March 1 - Music for Clarinet and Organ, with Joseph Eller

April 5 - Toccatas, including the Toccata from Widor's *Symphony No. 5*

May 3 - Organ Scholars

June 7 - Music for Young People

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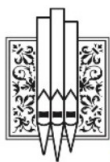


Catawba College - Salisbury, North Carolina



Catawba College is a small, faith-based (UCC), liberal arts college located about 45 miles north of Charlotte in the quaint town of Salisbury, NC. The 1000-seat Omwake-Dearborn Chapel, named for two former college presidents, is now 55 years old. At the time of the dedication, an electronic organ was in place but was later replaced by a 42 rank 3 manual Casavant pipe organ. Over the years, the pipe organ fell into disrepair and its baroque tonality fell out of favor. Several attempts were made to either repair the Casavant or replace it. Al Murrell, Vice President of R. A. Daffer Church Organs, Inc., built a strong relationship with Professor Paul Oakley and his successor Dr. Phillip Burgess by providing Rodgers Organs for their annual service of lessons and carols. Because of the relationship Al built over the years with college personnel, R.A.Daffer Church Organs, Inc was chosen to build and install the new four manual 84 stop Rodgers Organ. In addition, 17 ranks of the existing Casavant Organ were incorporated into the new instrument. The project which includes new wind chests will be completed in April of 2019. We wish to thank Dr. Phillip Burgess, Associate Chair of Music and

Mr. Bill Graham, Chair of Trustees for putting their trust in our company for this project. The new instrument will enrich the weddings and services that are held in this exquisite chapel for many year



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April Birthdays



4/02	Joyce Shaw
4/08	Margaret Monroe
4/09	Laura Siddons
4/11	Gary Meyers
4/11	Brian McCarthy
4/13	Beverley Anderson
4/15	Harriet Taylor
4/17	Marc Rattray
4/20	Laura Rosier
4/21	David Turner



The 20th of every month is the deadline for the following month's AGO newsletter. Information received after that time may not appear in that month's newsletter.

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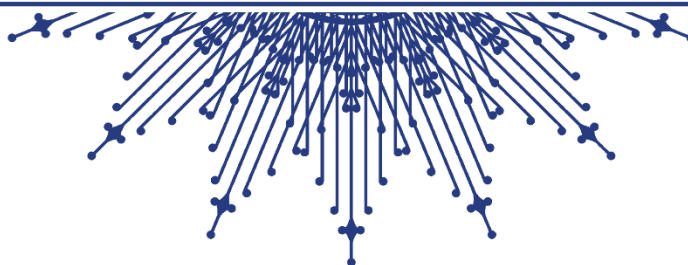
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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**** NEW LISTING - OR CHANGES**

Please contact Susan Sturkie (803-788-6807 or sloopystur@aol.com) to update this information or for more information on these openings.

CHARLESTON

Martin Luther Lutheran Church is seeking a part-time Music Director to lead our music on Sunday morning and for other services. We need someone who plays organ and piano, can direct our choir, and can start a handbell choir. Directing a children's choir could be a possibility as we are slowly gaining children.

Profile:

- One service: 9:00a.m., and weekly Adult Choir rehearsal
- Other services as needed (Christmas Eve, Advent and Lenten Wednesday evenings, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, funerals and weddings as needed)
- An organ and a grand piano are in the sanctuary. Pianos in the choir room and fellowship hall.

Contact the congregation for details outlining qualifications, responsibilities, etc. Persons interested in applying should provide a complete resume and professional references. Send resume and references to Martin Luther Lutheran Church at MLLC@knology.net

Church Office phone: (843) 795-4855 1605 Harborview Rd. Charleston (James Island), SC 29412

****St. Michael's Church** is seeking both an interim Music Director and a full-time Music Director. The interim director should be able to start the Sunday after Easter, April 28th. The salary range is \$55-80K annually. The interim may apply for the full-time position. Both positions require a candidate to be a faithful Christian, with conducting and organ expertise, piano playing ability, willingness to play hymns, chants and anthems as well as leading some contemporary worship songs. A full list of responsibilities can be found on the website. A statement of faith is found at <http://stmichaelschurch.net/about/what-we-believe/statement-of-faith/>. If you are interested in the position, please email matthew@stmichaelschurch.net and/or ted@stmichaelschurch.net.

CHERAW

First Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), 300 Market Street, Cheraw, SC 29520, is a vibrant and happy congregation looking for a part-time organist. The organ, which can be seen on the church's website www.cherawpc.org, was built by Gabriel Kney and Associates of London, Ontario, in 1986, and is designed to lead the congregation in glorious singing, to accompany the choir and to perform in recitals. It is tracker action but has combination action to make it accessible for different periods of music. It has two manuals and 26 ranks of pipes. There is one service a week with one choir rehearsal. Occasionally, the organist will be expected to accompany soloists and small instrumental ensembles. This individual will serve as organist at weddings and funerals, which are a source of additional income for the organist. The organist will collaborate with the choir director and pastor to plan for services. Special services include Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The organist may accompany the children's choir as they sing in a worship service (with a short rehearsal before they sing). The position is open Sunday, April 23, 2017. For the complete job description and more information, contact Christie McLeod at acmcleod1995@roadrunner.com or 843-910-4538.

COLUMBIA

College Place UMC, 4801 Colonial Drive, 29203, seeks a committed, forward-looking music director to lead music ministries. The music director will work with our new, energetic pastor to expand our musical offerings to serve a wide audience in our diverse community. The music director should be comfortable playing traditional Methodist hymns and services and be motivated to explore new and varied genres in worship of the Lord. The music director will plan, prepare, and perform Sunday services and other services such as weddings and funerals as needed.

College Place UMC is located in North Columbia, next to Columbia College. We are proud to be considered one of the most diverse Methodist churches in South Carolina. For more information contact Jammie Watters, College Place UMC, 4801 Colonial Drive, Columbia, SC 29203, cpumc.office@gmail.com or 803.754.5342

Living Springs Lutheran Church, Part-time Choral Director,

Do you have gifts and passion for directing a choir? Living Springs is hiring a part-time Choral Director to serve as a partner in our growing, diverse Music/Worship Leadership Team. Choral Director would lead weekly Adult Choir rehearsals, build choir skills, and develop choral worship offerings for at least 2 Sundays per month, plus special occasions. Approximately 21-25 hours per Month. Contact Living Springs Minister of Worship, Deacon Justin Rimbo, 803-736-0661, justin@livingspringscolumbia.org.

McGregor Presbyterian Church (USA), 6505 St. Andrews Rd., Columbia SC 29212 is seeking a Part-time Director of Children's Choirs for ages 4-year pre-school through fifth grade. Duties include directing weekly Sunday evening rehearsals and preparing choirs to sing during the 11:00 a.m. worship service approximately once a month, and on designated Sundays of the liturgical year. Preference will be given to candidates with a degree in music, choral directing experience at the elementary level, and piano and voice proficiency. The position is for the nine months of the school year, with compensation based upon education and experience. For more information, contact Joy Ackerman, Director of Music, at jpackerman@att.net, or at 803-414-0479.

Rehoboth United Methodist Church seeking part-time pianist/organist/choir director for weekly choir practice and services, including Sunday morning worship, special seasonal services, and revival. Send letter of interest and resume to SPRC-RUMC, 6911 Two Notch Rd, Columbia SC 29223.

St. John Neumann Church in Columbia, SC, is an inclusive, welcoming, vibrant and culturally diverse Roman Catholic faith community of 2000+ families. Our parish is in the fulfillment stage of a three-year capital campaign with plans to build a new 1,000 seat church within 5 years. We are seeking a 30-hour Director of Music and Organist with a good understanding of Catholic liturgical practices and capable of using a variety of musical genres. The Director will function as a member of a pastoral team and be responsible for nurturing the prayer life of the community through music. The Director must demonstrate expertise as an organist and pianist on our four-manual Allen Heritage 487 Quantum organ and 6' Boston grand piano. The successful candidate will have experience in choral conducting and vocal skills. Familiarity with the Spanish language is a plus.

Responsibilities include selecting and directing music for three of our six weekend liturgies, holy days, and special celebrations; directing and accompanying on organ/piano cantors, adult and children's choirs and instrumentalists for rehearsals and liturgies; providing accompaniment for two school liturgies a month; recruiting and training of adult and children's choir members, instrumentalists, and cantors; playing for wedding and funeral liturgies (stipend by contract); maintaining and updating music library, instruments, and sound systems; and overseeing all administrative aspects of music ministry.

A degree in music preferred and/or extensive music ministry experience. Benefits include an annual leave package, continuing education benefits, retirement and health care through the Diocese of Charleston.

A detailed position description is available at <http://www.stjohnneumannsc.com/>. Interested applicants, please send resumes to info@sjnchurch.com.

St. Mark United Methodist Church, 3200 Lyles St, 29201, an open and welcoming small congregation in Columbia, SC, is seeking a part-time organist or pianist. Duties include planning and playing for the 11:00 a.m. Sunday worship service and accompanying the chancel choir which practices at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Experience appropriate for a church keyboard musician is desired. The congregation enjoys a variety of music from classical to contemporary. Instruments include a two manual Allen digital organ, a new Yamaha digital piano, and a Schulmerich carillon. Please send resume with cover letter to stmarkumccola@gmail.com or call Wayne Hall at (803) 252-7297 for more information.

****Saint Michael and All Angels' Episcopal Church**, 6408 Bridgewood Rd. Columbia, SC 29206 is looking for a part time Director of Music. The candidate should possess good organ skills as well as leadership experience in conducting adult and children's choirs. We also have a beloved hand-bell choir, and a full set of well-maintained hand bells. While experience with hand-bell repertoire and pedagogy are desirable, we are also willing to provide continuing education to develop good hand-bell ringing skills for people who are otherwise musically qualified for this position, though slim on hand bell experience. The candidate must either have familiarity with Episcopal liturgy or willingness to learn how we select music based upon the liturgical calendar and how we use it in worship.

The position is part time and salaried, approximately 19-20 hours per week September through May, which includes personal practice time. The choirs do not rehearse in the summer months, though the music director is expected to provide ad hoc music for offertory in addition to the service music. Weddings are considered extra side work and will be compensated in addition to the competitive salary (commensurate with experience) we offer.

We are a parish that understands the importance of the music ministry and will be supportive of your efforts on that behalf as well as for your personal growth as a musician. If you are interested in exploring whether or not this opportunity is a good fit for both you and us, please contact the Rev. Charles Smith with your letter of interest and CV at vicar@saintmichaelepiscopal.org.

Wm. Jennings Bryan Dorn VAMC, 6439 Garners Ferry Road Columbia, SC, Organist, Contact Christine Aldeguer, Sawyer Contracting, office@sawyercontracting.com, 407-602-7780 loc. 103.

The Contract Musician shall provide a complete music ministry to patients and their family during scheduled Sunday services (52 Sundays per year, two services per Sunday) and Special services (an average of five per year). No choir. \$150 a week.

DENMARK

Bethel Park United Methodist Church is seeking a part-time Organist/Choir Director. Our instrument is a 33-rank, three manual Gress-Miles Organ with antiphonal organ in the rear of the sanctuary. Service playing is most important, and ability to lead hymns with the organ is a must. Our choir is composed of 25-35 members and continues a long history of excellence. Ability to sight read above average choral music is a must. We rehearse on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. Our Sunday morning worship service is at 11 a.m. We will offer salary commensurate with experience. Additional playing for funerals is negotiable. Special services will be required at Christmas and Easter. Please contact Rev. Terry Roof at TARoof@umcsc.org, or the church office at 803-793-3669.

GILBERT

Pond Branch United Methodist Church, Gilbert, SC, is seeking part-time, long term organist/pianist for 9:30 a.m. worship and 6 p.m. choir rehearsal (Sundays). Send letter of interest and resume to John Smith, SPRC Chair; 1913 Pond Branch Rd.; Gilbert, SC 29054. Phone: 803-657-5481 Email: pbumcsec@pbtcomm.net

LANCASTER

Christ Episcopal Church, 534 Plantation Road, Lancaster, SC 29720, is currently looking for a part time organist/choir director, approximately 12 to 14 hrs. per week. We are looking for a person who has a love and joy for music and who would like to be part of a truly great musical tradition. If interested, please contact the church office at episcopal@comporium.net or 803-286-5224.

First United Methodist Church, Lancaster is seeking a person of faith and musical gifts to play the organ and lead our church in music ministry programs in coordination with our Senior Pastor. A Bachelors or Masters degree in Music along with prior experience is required. Our sanctuary is graced by a 34-rank, three-manual Moeller-Austin pipe organ and a Yamaha grand piano. Other instruments include timpani, five octaves of Schulmerich handbells, and 4 octaves of Malmark handchimes. FUMC, Lancaster is well-known for an excellent music program with a Chancel Choir, soloists, guest musicians, handbell choirs, children and youth musicians, and seasonal special services and programs.

Interested persons should provide letter of interest and resume to Michael Clancy at FUMC, Lancaster via mail or email as shown below.

Michael Clancy, SPRC Committee, First United Methodist Church, PO Box 608, Lancaster, SC 29721, 803-283-8406, Email: irishclancy@yahoo.com, Phone: 803-804-1611

Closing Date: 10/15/2017

AGO members may contact sloopystur@aol.com for a more complete job description. Others, please contact irishclancy@yahoo.com.

LEXINGTON

Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church of Lexington, SC is seeking applications to fill the part time position of Organist/Music Associate. SGPC is a thriving ECO non-liturgical congregation in the heart of Lexington, SC, with an engaging music and arts ministry. The organist will serve on a team that includes the Director of Music and Arts, several audio/visual specialists and a staff pianist. Qualified candidates will possess at least an undergraduate degree in music and/or appropriate experience in a traditional worship setting. All interested candidates should contact Director of Music and Arts, Hal McIntosh at hmcintosh@saxegotha.org or 803-359-7770, extension 13.

ORANGEBURG

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church is seeking a part-time organist/pianist/choir director. This position can be filled by one or two people. Our Möller organ was installed in 1980, has two 2 manuals, 18 ranks of pipes, and is further described on the Columbia AGO's website. Primary responsibilities include playing service music, congregational hymns, and preparing an anthem for one Sunday service each week, as well as leading choir rehearsal on Wednesday evening. In addition, the musician is expected to play for special seasonal services, funerals and weddings. Salary and vacation are commensurate with experience. For more information, please contact standrews.orangeburg@umcsc.org. Resumes may be emailed or sent to Musician Search Committee, St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, 1980 Columbia Road, Orangeburg SC 29115.

SAVANNAH

****Blessed Sacrament Church** in Savannah is seeking a parish musician/music director. A well-qualified candidate will have experience in providing accompaniment for congregational singing on the piano and the organ. This position includes but is not limited to participation in all weekend liturgies, Holy Day masses, school masses, weddings and funerals, and other liturgies during the year. Weekly choir practice with an adult choir and with a student choir is also included in responsibilities. To apply please send your resume to Fr. Brett Brannen at parish@mbschurch.org.