

The Greater Columbia Organist



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**The April 24 Silent Film Event with Ron Carter
has been cancelled.**

Young Organist Competition has 3 fantastic winners!



On Saturday, March 7, three students competed in the Young Organist Competition. Judges for the event were Dr. Dongho Lee, Director of Music Ministries and Organist at First Presbyterian Church in Belmont, NC; Daniel Sansone, Director of Music and Organist at First Scots Presbyterian Church in Charleston, SC; and Dr. Andrew Pester, Associate Director of Music and Organist at Providence United Methodist Church in Charlotte, NC.

First Prize of \$1500 and a recital next fall in Columbia

Laura Smith, 17 years old, Wichita KS, student of Anna Jeter

Second Prize of \$1000

Ryan Greene, 18 years old, Columbia SC, student of Thomas Russell

Third Prize of \$750

Maria Makula, 17 years old, Rochester NY, student of John Morabito

Best Bach Performance Award of \$300

Maria Makula

Best Hymn Performance Award of \$300

Maria Makula

There are not enough adjectives to describe the musical maturity and virtuosity displayed in the performances of these young organists. All of them aspire to be church organists who will have a concert career as well. The future of the organ profession is bright with young stars like these contestants. Please consider donating to next year's 2021 Young Organist Competition and let's keep the organ music going!



Young Organist Competition Winners from left to right: Maria Makula, Laura Smith, Ryan Greene

Upcoming events

THE SILENT FILM EVENT which was scheduled for April 24 has been cancelled. In view of the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, this precautionary step was taken in compliance with the CDC's recommendations about public gatherings. We are deeply appreciative of the support and understanding of guest organist Ron Carter, and of Shandon UMC and their music staff.

Please watch for future communications about the following planned chapter event:

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 6:30PM - DINNER & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS at Ascension Lutheran Church, 827 Wildwood Ave., Cola., SC 29203. We'll celebrate the end of the program year with a dinner, followed by one of Pastor Jackie Utley's fun "Women of the Bible" skits. Members are welcome to bring a guest. (Reservations required.)



ColaJazz ft. Mark Rapp and ColaJazz Brass

**Sunday, May 17, 2020 at 6:00 PM
Ebenezer Lutheran Church
1301 Richland St., Columbia,
29201**

ColaJazz's mission is to support and grow jazz in and around Columbia through events, education, recordings, advocacy and providing a resource for all things jazz. ColaJazz founder and distinguished trumpeter, Mark Rapp, will be featured on this concert, which will take place under the oak in the courtyard at Ebenezer. The concert is free, but New Orleans style food and beverage fare will be available for purchase.



April Birthdays

- 4/1 Harriet Taylor
- 4/2 Joyce Shaw
- 4/8 Margaret Monroe
- 4/8 Lawrence Melton
- 4/9 Laura Siddons
- 4/11 Gary Meyers
- 4/11 Brian McCarthy
- 4/13 Beverley Anderson
- 4/17 Marc Rattray
- 4/20 Laura Rosier
- 4/21 David Turner

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SPRING 2020

CONCERTS

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2020, 6:00 PM
225TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2020, 7:00 PM
SPRING CONCERT - BACH, BATES, AND RUTTER

FIRST FRIDAYS ORGAN CONCERTS

LUNCH AT 12:00, CONCERT AT 12:30

FEBRUARY 7, 2020
MUSIC OF J.S. BACH

MARCH 6, 2020
IN CELEBRATION OF 225 YEARS

APRIL 3, 2020
LENORA JEFFCOAT

MAY 1, 2020
ORGAN SCHOLARS

JUNE 5, 2020
MUSIC FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

**LENORA JEFFCOAT'S RECITAL HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL THE FALL.
WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION THEN.**

All events are free and open to the public and take place in the Sanctuary. Offerings may be accepted on behalf of the Africa Reformation Theological Seminary.

First Presbyterian Church
1324 Marion Street
Columbia, SC 29201
firstprescolumbia.org

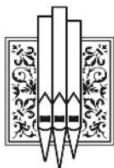
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Catawba College - Salisbury, North Carolina

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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2020-2021 ELECTION - Watch for an email in April containing your ballot if you are a voting member.

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.

CAMDEN

Lyttleton Street United Methodist Church (LSUMC) in Camden, SC is looking for a Worship Leader for our elevate! worship service. This Praise/Contemporary service currently meets twice/month. We are actively working to transition to a weekly service and need/want a Worship Leader to assist us with the transition. Initially the position is part-time. Greater Columbia AGO members contact Susan for copy of flyer with more information. Others, please contact the church or Joan McCulley, Chair elevate! Steering and Search Committees 610-513-7855 (cell)

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

COLUMBIA

Living Springs Lutheran Church, 4224 Hard Scrabble Road, Columbia, SC 29223. Part-time Organist/Accompanist. Living Springs is hiring a part-time organist/accompanist to work alongside our Worship and Music Team, and to enhance the worship services of our growing, diverse congregation. This person would be responsible for playing organ and/or piano on Sunday mornings for both services, attending Wednesday rehearsals with our choir (with summers off), and accompanying the choir at special concerts and events. 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 preschool through fifth grade. Duties include directing weekly Sunday evening rehearsals and preparing anthems for Sunday morning worship services. Preference will be given to candidates with a degree in music, elementary level choral directing experience, and proficiency in both piano and voice. The position is for the nine months of the school year, approximately 6 hours per week, with compensation based upon education and experience. This position could be expanded to include the position of Part-time Music Teacher in the McGregor Presbyterian Preschool. For more information, contact Joy Ackerman, Director of Music, at jpackerman@att.net, or at 803-414-0479.

Sherwood Forest Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Columbia SC, has opening for a part time (20 hours/month) church organist/pianist and choir accompanist. We are a small traditional hymn singing congregation. Duties include regular Sunday worship as well as special services. To apply, email resume/ letter to Secretary@sherwoodforestchurch.com or call 803-787-6370.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church is seeking a part-time organist and/or organist choirmaster for its 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning service. Organ: 2-manual Allen Renaissance Quantum, Acoustic Portrait, 58 stops Choir Rehearsals are on Thursdays 6:00PM—7:30PM (the time can be adjusted by the new organist). Job duties include leading congregational singing, accompanies and directs anthems, ensembles, and soloists at organ/piano. Also accompanies Cantor in singing the psalms, plays prelude, postlude, offertory anthem, and service music. St. Luke's also has Youth choristers who sing on the 5th Sundays, currently directed by our Deacon. Special services include Lenten Wednesdays, Holy Week, Christmas Eve Mass, etc. The organist also plays for wedding and funerals per church policy. We seek someone with vision, imagination, creativity, and the ability to teach and inspire our ten-member choir (five of whom are choristers from the local college). The ability to work well with the priest is a must. Knowledge of the Anglican/Episcopal liturgy (Anglo Catholic/High Mass), and comfort in teaching and playing Negro Spirituals highly desired. Salary negotiable depending on experience and ability. We are looking for someone who can begin on Sunday, June 14th or soon after. Please submit Cover Letter and Resumé along with two or three references to fr.raphiell@gmail.com with subject line: Organist/Choirmaster. You may also call the church office (803) 254-2327 to speak with the priest, Fr. Raphiell Ashford, for more information.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Part-time Organist/Choir Director. Contact Caren Hazelwood carenhazelwood@bellsouth.net for more information.

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.

Trenholm Road United Methodist Church, located at 3401 Trenholm Road in Forest Acres, seeks a part-time organist/pianist (10-15 hours per week). Regular duties will include providing service music for two Sunday worship services (8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.), accompanying Wednesday night choir rehearsals (6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.), and playing for special seasonal services as needed. Sanctuary instruments are a three manual, 36-rank Austin pipe organ (1981), and a Steinway Grand (Model M) piano. Applicants should send a cover letter, resume and contact information for two references to sfletcher@trumc.org.

DARLINGTON

Trinity United Methodist Church of Darlington, SC is in the process of filling the position of Organist and Choir Director (one person). This is a part time position. Duties include one Sunday service at 11am and one choir rehearsal. Possibility of one children's choir. The instrument is a 22-rank Casavant sitting in a beautiful acoustical atmosphere. For further information, please contact either Dr. Keith F. Taylor (843-610-3319) or Ernie Shuler (843-307-0389).

GOOSE CREEK

St. Timothy Lutheran Church, PO Box 807, Goose Creek SC 29445, Part Time Organist Position. 2012 Allen Quantum Q265D, 37-stop 2-manual console. The ideal candidate has experience playing a traditional liturgical service and accompanying a choir; vies organ skills as a service to God and as a vital part of worship leadership; is open to and reliant on following God's Spirit in a team environment. Please submit resume to: info@sainttimothy Lutheran.org with subject line Organist or Music Ministry.

HARTSVILLE

Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1410 W Bobo Newsom Hwy., Hartsville SC 29550

Yamaha Clavinova. \$85 per service. For more information, contact Vicar Mike Lang at Michael.lang@my.lr.edu

St Bartholomew's Church, Hartsville, SC is in search of a part-time Organist. Duties include Sunday services, choir rehearsals, and any special services during the year. Vacation and continuing education included. Salary is \$180 per week and \$100 for additional services. Our instrument is a 32-rank, two manual, Casavant Freres Limitee. The organist reports to the Choir Director and the Rector.

Send your resume to St. Bartholomew's at the address or via email.

103 Campus Drive, Hartsville, SC 29550 stbartchurch@gmail.com-Church Office: (843) 332-8765

JOHNSTON

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church is seeking a part-time Director of Music to support its worship and music ministry. The Director needs to be knowledgeable of traditional Lutheran worship, have good skills as an organist and pianist, be capable of conducting a volunteer choral choir and handbell choir, and supporting and encouraging the congregation's song. We have one Sunday service at 11:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal is at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays. Applicants should send their resumes with two or three references to Lib Cumbee, Chair of the Worship and Music Committee, cumbeeelizabeth42@gmail.com

LEXINGTON

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 1273 Calks Ferry Road, Lexington, is searching for a Parish Musician. Responsibilities include playing for one Sunday morning service and directing/rehearsing adult and youth choirs. The applicant needs to have experience playing a variety of hymn styles on the organ and piano as well as seeking out and encouraging congregation members to share their music skills during worship.

Resumes should be emailed to sml.sec.lex@gmail.com. For more information, please call Pastor Karen Hawkins at 803.957.9345.

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

First Baptist Church of Orangeburg is seeking a part-time organist to provide service music for Sunday worship, as well as special occasions throughout the year. Regular duties include accompanying Wednesday night choir rehearsal (7:00 pm) and playing for Sunday worship services (11:00 a.m.). The organ is a Moller, 3 manual: swell; great; choir, with 31 ranks from the original installation. The pedal board was built to AGO standard. The organ was installed in 1968 and rebuilt by Schlueter Pipe Organ Company of Lithonia, Georgia in 2007, with additional Walker digital stops added. Resumes may be sent to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 637, Orangeburg, South Carolina, 29116 or emailed to jane@fbcorangeburg.org.

First Presbyterian Church of Orangeburg is seeking a choir director/organist.

Responsibilities include playing for a traditional service at 11:00 each Sunday morning and directing an adult choir rehearsal at 7:15 each Wednesday night. The church has a two manual, 23-rank Schantz organ and a Steinway baby grand piano. For more information, please contact musicsearch@1stpresbyterian.org or dseymore@1stpresbyterian.org.

SAINT MATTHEWS

St. Paul U.M.C., 1808 Bridge Street, Saint Matthews, SC 29135. We have an opening for an organist and choir director. Job requirements include choir practice at 9:30 a.m on Sunday mornings (or another time during the week) and worship service on Sundays from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Some additional services throughout the year (Christmas Eve, funerals, etc.) may also be requested. The instrument is a 1937 Moeller Pipe Organ.

Please call (803) 874-2166 or email at stpaulsmumc@gmail.com for more details.

Pastor: Rev. Sara Relaford, Church Secretary: Lori Worsencroft

WEST COLUMBIA

Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church, 1000 “B” Avenue, West Columbia. Director of Music Ministry (Organist/Choir Director, other). Please see this full-time job description and more information at agohq.org (Positions available.).