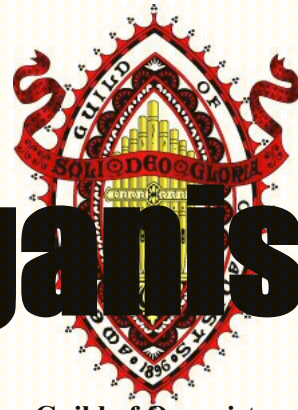


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**WE DO NOT HAVE A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING THIS MONTH.
STAY TUNED FOR UPCOMING AGO EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER.**

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!



Join us on **Monday, September 11 at St. John's Episcopal Church** for a fascinating program presented by our own chapter member Monty Bennett. This past spring, Monty was invited to represent the USA in the Israel International Organ Festival. His program featured the Eastern premiere of *Nigerian Suite* by the Nigerian organist/composer and musicologist Godwin Sadoh. Rounding out the program were works by Afro-British composer Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, Florence Beatrice Price, Calvin Taylor and several pieces by Jewish organists. Monty performed on an instrument built by the only Israeli organ builder, Gideon Shamir, which is located on the Haifa University campus. Armed with slides of his trip, Monty will give us a visual and aural taste of his exciting visit and concert.

As the Associate Minister of Music/Organist at Calvary Church, Charlotte NC, Monty presided at the Calvary Grand Møller Pipe Organ, one of the largest musical instruments in the world. For 10 years, he served as the Principal Organist at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, (Charlotte, NC) a musically diverse, historically African-American congregation,

where he designed and dedicated the five-manual, 168-stop, Fratelli Ruffatti pipe organ. Monty is the Membership/Outreach Director and Music Director at Temple Israel and the Music Director/Organist at Park Road Baptist Church, both in Charlotte NC. In light of his musical accomplishments, he is listed in *Who's Who in America* and has been featured on the renowned Public Radio international's broadcast *Pipedreams*.

A catered meal will precede the presentation at 6 p.m. in the educational building at St. John's. Susan Sturkie will be asking for your reservations several weeks before the event. Please respond in a timely manner so that we can prepare for everyone.

Monday, September 11, 2017
6 p.m. catered dinner (reservation required)
7 p.m. lecture/performance with visual journey
St. John's Episcopal Church
2827 Wheat Street, Columbia SC 29205

DOES YOUR CHURCH HAVE A POLICY?

At the July meeting of the Greater Columbia AGO board, your officers broached the subject of payment for organists at funerals. What we discovered is that there is a wide range of policies ranging from verbal, to “case by case”, to an occasional written standard. Substitute organists in particular are often lost in the shuffle.



While AGO cannot dictate guidelines or fees, the governing board of the Greater Columbia AGO Chapter would like to **recommend** that AGO members encourage their churches to establish a **written guideline** for payment to the organist at a funeral. The simplest and most direct solution would seem to be having the funeral home handle the payment of the musician since they handle all other fees associated with the funeral.

In any case, your AGO board encourages all members to reflect on this dilemma and approach the governing body of the church where you are employed and encourage them to establish in writing a policy that covers both the employee and the occasional guest organist. Weddings, perhaps to a lesser extent, should also be included in a policy statement. If your church has a particularly effective policy, please share this with a board member as we continue to help our members deal with this issue. ~ *Frances Webb, Dean*

OCTOBER ORGAN CRAWL IN CHARLOTTE

For our October meeting, we're having a **Charlotte Organ Crawl** to see three recent organ installations. The last time Greater Columbia AGO did this was 11 years ago, and these three organs were barely a dream at that point.

St. John's Baptist Church is a remarkable congregation with a fine building near Center City Charlotte in the Elizabeth community. It is affiliated with the Alliance of Baptists, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America. The focus of worship and music is significantly different from many Southern Baptist churches. Complementing a fine music program of choirs for children and adults is St. John's 2008 **Létourneau Organ, Opus 113**, 3 manuals, 35 stops, 43 ranks. Installed in a favorable acoustic.

Providence United Methodist Church on Providence Road in 2013 saw the installation of the **Æolian-Skinner Opus 1472** that was built for the Kennedy Center concert hall in Washington, DC. The removal, transport and rebuilding was accomplished magnificently by **Phil Parkey OrganBuilders** of Norcross, Georgia. The large sanctuary provides a wonderful ambiance for this large, exciting organ. The organ is 3 manuals, 62 stops on the original console.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, directly in Center City Charlotte, is an 1895 edifice that was completely renovated in 2009 resulting in a most favorable space for the Episcopal liturgies. The crowning achievement is the **Fisk Organ, Opus 136**, 3 manuals, 32 independent voices, 41 ranks, completed in 2010. Since 1992 the church has supported a fine Choir School and supported a history of fine music for over a century.

In the September Newsletter we will give you a tentative schedule with precise names of people you will meet. Basically, plan to leave in car pools at 8 a.m. and we will be back around 5 p.m. I will have very specific printed material for all about driving, parking (not easy!), and lunch.

Pray for easy weather. This will be a great experience for all.

David Lowry

Most important things on your August Calendar...



SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 AT 4:00 P.M.



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A Concert to Benefit Lutheran Services Carolinas

Featuring

Gabe Smallwood



August 25, 7:00 p.m.

Ebenezer Lutheran Church

1301 Richland Street, Columbia 29201

Gabriel Smallwood, a native of Florence South Carolina and a cradle Lutheran has been playing the piano his entire life and enjoyed studies with Paolo Andre Gualdi, Stephen Taylor, and David Gross. His solo repertoire ranges from Buxtehude to Lowell Liebermann, and his chamber music repertoire is just as diverse. In addition to being an active chamber musician, he has also appeared with orchestra, making his concerto debut at the age of fourteen playing the first movement of Mozart's Piano Concerto in A major, K. 488 with the Florence Symphony Orchestra.

Gabriel has been recognized at the state and national level for his compositional talents. He has had works performed by members of the nation's most esteemed orchestras including the New Haven Symphony Orchestra, the New World Symphony Orchestra, and the Orchestra of St. Luke's in Carnegie Hall.

In the fall of 2016, Gabriel began studying at the Hochschule fuer Musik und Theater (University for Music and Theater) in Leipzig, Germany, where he currently lives and studies under the tutelage of Professor Alexander Meinel.

The concert is free; however donations for Lutheran Services Carolina will be accepted at the doors following the concert.

Lutheran Services Carolinas' Vision and Mission

The vision of Lutheran Services Carolinas is to fulfill the proclamation of Christ in John 10:10,

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Lutheran Services Carolinas serves children and families, adults, seniors, refugees and immigrants, as well as disaster response.



Parker Ramsay

brilliant young American
organ virtuoso

Concert

on the historic pipe organ at
**Church of the Good Shepherd,
Episcopal**

*Free Admission;
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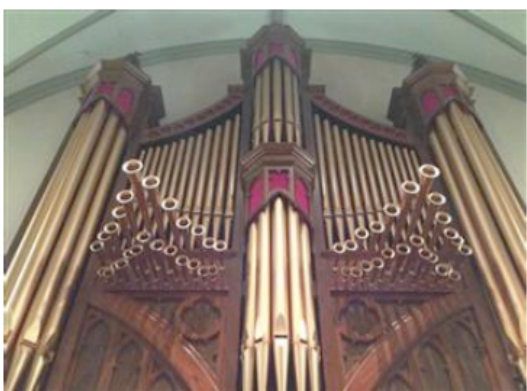


**Music of Bach, Franck, Mendelssohn,
and Stanford**

Known in the United States, Europe and Asia as both organist and harpist, in 2014 Parker was awarded First Prize at the Sweelinck International Organ Competition in Holland. Native of Nashville, TN, his performances include concerts in Amsterdam, Washington, Princeton, Philadelphia, London, and Beijing. Selected as the first American Organ Scholar at King's College, Cambridge, his accompanying of the world-famous choir has been heard on radio by millions. Graduate studies in historical performance at Oberlin Conservatory preceded a master's in harp from the Juilliard School in New York City.

108 E. Liberty St, York, SC
3:00 pm, Saturday, August 26th 2017

*For further information, call 615-480-2613,
or the church office at 803-684-4021*



Pipe Organ Directory

Be sure your church is included!

The Greater Columbia Chapter is embarking on a project to document the pipe organs in the Greater Columbia area. No decision is yet made if this will be in printed form or in digital form. In either case, we wish to publish the following information:

- The builder of the organ, or, if it is a rebuilt instrument, the builders.
- The date of installation or dates, if rebuilt.
- A picture of the space in which the organ is installed.
- A complete specification from a printed program or from the contract.
- Include brief information of any dedicatory event.
- List any recordings made on the instrument.

There are some “Gemini” organs (combination of pipe and digital sounds) and we will include them. There will be no attempt to list entirely digital organs.

We would appreciate receiving any or all of those items via USPS or on line. Please use an address listed below.

If any of the requested materials are not available, we will ask to come to the church and copy the specification and/or make any pictures.

This project clearly will take a few months and we appreciate your cooperation in collecting these materials, the sooner the better.

The reason for this project is mainly to establish a historical account of pipe organs in the Greater Columbia area. Similar projects have been done and are being done in several USA chapters.

Thanks for your help in this project.

Please send materials to:

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August Birthdays



8/04 Bill Scobee
8/06 Norman McCorkle



Congratulations to **Janet Schmidt** on her new position as Organist/Music Director at Historic Franklin Presbyterian Church in Franklin, Tennessee. ***Janet is on our substitute list, but will only have limited availability now.***



The Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts Handbell Festival

Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017
Shandon UMC

8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Concert at 2:30 p.m.

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Please print this page and insert it in your 2017 AGO Directory.
These people renewed or joined after the directory was printed.

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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.

BEAUFORT

****Carteret Street United Methodist Church**, 408 Carteret Street, Beaufort, SC 29902 is seeking a part-time organist who will provide music in a worshipful spirit on Sunday morning and other occasions. The church has an average worship attendance of 250 with two services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sundays September to May and one service at 10:00 a.m. from June to August. The choir is composed of 18-20 semi-professional voices who are faithfully committed to the ministry of music. The 12 Rank M.P. Moller organ was rebuilt by A. E. Schleuter in 2013. A grand piano is also present in the sanctuary.

Qualifications: Person who professes the Christian faith and exhibits Christian character; Degrees in music are preferred, but not required; Experienced in church setting; Works well with others as a member of a team.

This is a part-time position consisting of 12-15 hours per week. The salary range is \$16,000 to \$20,500. Persons interested in applying should provide a complete resume and no less than three professional references. Send resume and references to: Mrs. Cindy Keener, Chair, Staff-Parish Relations Committee, CSUMC@islc.net. Church Office Phone: 843-524-3841

(For additional information, contact the church office or the Greater Columbia Chapter AGO at sloopystur@aol.com.)

BLYTHEWOOD

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Blythewood, S.C., seeking organist for 11:00 a.m. Sunday Services. Traditional Lutheran service. No choir work involved. If interested, please email at: info@St.mark'slutheranlcmc.org

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.cherawfpc.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.

CHESTER

Bethel United Methodist Church, Chester S.C. founded in 1837 is seeking a part-time organist/choir director. Sunday services are at 11:00 a.m. and rehearsals are held weekly but may vary during the summer months. Additional services include Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, and Maundy Thursday. Our 1943 Pilcher/Moller organ received an updated console in 1986 and the organ was rebuilt in 2004. Please contact Bethelumc@truvista.net for additional information if interested.

COLUMBIA

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.

Northeast United Methodist Church, 4000 Hard Scrabble Road, Columbia SC 29223 is seeking to fill the part-time position of Choir Director. Candidates for this position must be devoted followers of Jesus Christ and must be persons of high moral character and integrity. Our desire is to select a person who considers this opportunity as a calling from God. The overarching goal of this position is to grow the kingdom of God through the music ministry of NEUMC.

This position is for the traditional service. Music Qualifications – At least 5 years of experience in music ministry as a church choir director. Duties - Recruit, rehearse and provide oversight for the Chancel Choir; organize and direct or provide oversight for a Children's Choir and Handbell Choir; The position will be responsible for preparation and performance of weekly Sunday worship service at 8:30 a.m. and (Wednesday) rehearsal. Compensation – Salary will be established based on the experience and skill-set of the selected candidate. The position does not include health benefits.

Application Information – Interested individuals should submit a resume to the NEUMC Office. Video submissions demonstrating the candidate's music skills are welcome and should be no longer than 10 minutes Two letters of reference and contact information on five additional references should be included with the resume. For the complete job description, contact sloopystur@aol.com (Greater Columbia AGO) or the church office at northeast@neumc.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.

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.

ORANGEBURG

The Methodist Oaks in Orangeburg is seeking a pianist and/or organist for their 11:00 a.m. Sunday service at Stringer Chapel and also to play for choir practice at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday mornings. Please contact Rev. Meredith Dark at 864-597-9525 or at mmdark@umcsc.org .

WEST COLUMBIA

****Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church**, 3011 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169. Needed immediately. This permanent part-time position includes directing adult and children's choirs, handbell choir, organist for Sunday morning blended service (traditional with contemporary) at 9:00 a.m. Zimmer 3 manual pipe organ and Yamaha Grand Piano. Submit resume and 3 references to: Wynne Price, E-mail: wprice3@sc.rr.com, Phone: 803-920-4087; Church phone: 803-794-6430; Fax: 803-227-2922.