

# The Greater Columbia Organist



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**Welcome Back!**

**A Virtual Chapter Meet and Greet**

**Hosted by Greg Stone, Dean**

**Tuesday, September 15, 2020, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**(A Zoom link will be emailed prior to the meeting.)**



In view of the challenges the pandemic has brought to church music professionals everywhere, we look forward to checking in with everyone. How are you doing personally? How are you and your church navigating the changes brought about by the pandemic? We'll also preview the virtual programs planned for the next few months. We hope to "see" each of you on September 15.

NOTE: If you need help connecting to Zoom, please contact Tony Roof: [email@tonyroof.com](mailto:email@tonyroof.com)

## **SAVE THE DATES FOR UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Saturday, October 3, 10:00am-Noon – Virtual Workshop on the Lister-Sink Method**  
Principles include efficient body use and coordination for keyboardists, incorporating concepts of the Alexander Technique. Presenter: Barbara Lister-Sink, Artistic Director and Professor of Piano, Salem College School of Music; Director of the Lister-Sink Institute.
- **Saturday, November 14, 10am-Noon – The Carillon: Up Close and Personal (virtual)**  
Presenter: Laura Ellis, Associate Professor of Music at the University of Florida (Gainesville)  
We'll hear information on the history, technique and unique properties of the instrument, followed by a live performance from the carillon in the University of Florida's Century Tower.
- **Thursday, January 14, 2021 – A Program on Paul Manz Improvisations (virtual)** - What can we learn from them and how can we apply principles he used in our own work?  
Presenter: Rev. Michael Costello, formerly Organist/Cantor at Columbia's St. Andrews Lutheran Church while he attended LTSS, and currently in the Chicago area, where he is an organist, choir director, and composer.

# From the Dean

I would like to offer greetings to each of you. Now that we are officially in the summer months, I hope that each of you have been able to enjoy the season in some fashion. If you're like me, you have enjoyed the slower pace safely at home. This has afforded me the opportunity to take care of household duties that might not otherwise get taken care of.



Even as the summer months offer a time of respite for us, your AGO board has been busy planning the events for the 2020-2021 year. With no sign of immediate relief from the clutches of COVID-19, we have planned for our fall line-up to be done virtually. You will be receiving a postcard in the mail soon outlining the fall activities. I assure you that you will not want to miss these. Please be sure to mark your calendars for each event. I would like to see record attendance this year for each event.

I would like to invite each of you to participate in our first event, a Meet and Greet, which will be September 15 from 7:00-8:00 pm. This event will be done via Zoom. Please plan to participate, as we will use this time to get reacquainted. We would love to hear what each of you have been up to over the course of the summer. You should also feel free to share creative ways that you have been able to create music during this unusual time. A link for this meeting will be provided closer to the date.

I look forward to meeting up with each of you. Let's make this year one of the best years yet for the Greater Columbia Chapter of AGO.

Greg

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## HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

Please check to see if you have paid your 2020-2021 dues. A number of our members dues expired on July 1, 2020, and before. Please pay the dues at [agohq.org](http://agohq.org) to avoid a lapse in your membership, magazine subscription, and/or local AGO News emails. You can find the expiration date on the mail label of *The American Organist* or contact Susan Sturkie at [sloopystur@aol.com](mailto:sloopystur@aol.com).

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## August Birthdays

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**8/06 Norman McCorkle**

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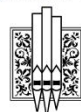
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## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

### **\*\* NEW LISTING - OR CHANGES**

Please contact Susan Sturkie (803-788-6807 or [sloopystur@aol.com](mailto: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)

### **CHAPIN**

**\*\*St. Jacob's Lutheran Church**, Chapin, SC is seeking a part-time Director of Music / Organist. The Director is expected to rehearse and direct the chancel choir and bell choir and coordinate with the pastor on worship music selections. The salary for the position will be commensurate with the level of education and experience of the applicant. Send resumes and contact information to St. Jacob's Lutheran Church, 844 Columbia Ave. Chapin, SC 29036, or e-mail [churchoffice@st-jacobs.org](mailto:churchoffice@st-jacobs.org).

### **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](mailto:MLLC@knology.net)

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

## **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 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](mailto: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](mailto:Secretary@sherwoodforestchurch.com) or call 803-787-6370.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:stbartchurch@gmail.com)-Church Office: (843) 332-8765

### **IRMO**

**\*\*Bethlehem Lutheran Church**, in Irmo SC is seeking a part-time Director of Music / Organist. The Director is expected to rehearse and direct the chancel choir and bell choir, and coordinate with the pastor on worship music selections. The salary for the position will be commensurate with the level of education and experience of the applicant. Send resumes and contact information to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Irmo, SC 29063, or e-mail address [bethluch@bellsouth.net](mailto:bethluch@bellsouth.net).

### **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](mailto:cumbeeelizabeth42@gmail.com)

### **LEXINGTON**

**\*\*Pilgrim Lutheran Church** in Lexington, SC, is seeking a committed Christian to provide organ/piano music and accompaniment for scheduled worship services and other activities in support of the music ministry of the church. Having a pivotal role in the musical life of the church, this individual should be a strong team player as a full partner with the ministerial staff and the Director of Traditional Music at Pilgrim Lutheran. Please submit a letter of recommendation and resumé to Susan Cafferty at [susan@wearepilgrim.com](mailto:susan@wearepilgrim.com).

**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](mailto: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](mailto:hmcintosh@saxegotha.org) or 803-359-7770, extension 13.

### **MOUNT PLEASANT**

**\*\*All Saints Lutheran Church**, Mount Pleasant, is seeking a Part-Time Music Ministry Associate to partner with the Music Director to support and enhance our multi-generational music program, with an emphasis on children and youth music. The position is 15 hrs/week, with the possibility of increasing to 25 hrs with additional Communications responsibilities. Please send a cover letter, resumé, and the names and contact information of three professional references to Rev. Litman-Koon at [pastor.glk@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.glk@gmail.com).

## **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. Resumés may be sent to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 637, Orangeburg, South Carolina, 29116 or emailed to [jane@fbcorangeburg.org](mailto:jane@fbcorangeburg.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](mailto: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](http://agohq.org) (Positions available.).