

# The Greater Columbia Organist

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**GREATER COLUMBIA CHAPTER OPENING PROGRAM FOR 2022-23**

***Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Columbia AGO!***  
**1952-2022**

**Anniversary Dinner Celebration\***  
and

**Presentation on Newly Installed 1865 Hook Organ**

**Friday Evening, September 30, 2022**

**6:30 p.m.**

**St. Michael Lutheran Church**

**400 River Road**

**Columbia, SC 29212**

**(Located off Hwy. 6 near the Irmo side of the Lake Murray Dam.)**



There will be much to celebrate on September 30! We'll begin with a catered dinner at 6:30, when we will take a brief trip down memory lane to commemorate the 70 years of our chapter's history. The dinner will be followed by a 7:30 presentation on St. Michael Lutheran Church's recently installed E. & G. G. Hook pipe organ. Members of St. Michael Lutheran Church have been invited to join us for this part of the evening as Dr. David Lowry informs us of the history of the instrument. Greg Stone will perform a few selections as well. Chapter members will be able to try the instrument following the presentation.

**\*Chapter members are welcome to bring a guest, but reservations will be required for the catered meal. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Information on making**

**reservations and the menu will be included in the September newsletter.**

## How Old Is Our Chapter?

Happy 90th Birthday!



According to the national AGO database, the charter date for the Greater Columbia Chapter is listed as 5/8/1933. Our records indicate that the “SC Chapter,” which was probably based in Columbia was started around 1937 (see list of Deans on page four of your directory.) This list also says that the “Columbia Chapter” was organized in 1952.

When someone from national was asked, they said, “You will be turning **90** next May. Sadly, we don't have a SC Chapter or a Columbia Chapter in our database, so I can't tell you the charter date for either of them.” We think that when the name of the chapter was changed from “The South Carolina Chapter” to “The Columbia Chapter” to “The Greater Columbia Chapter,” the national office simply replaced the old name with the new name. The change from “Columbia Chapter” to “Greater Columbia Chapter” was around 1999-2000.

**DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT OUR HISTORY OR DO YOU HAVE OLD DOCUMENTS THAT MAY HELP US IN KNOWING THE EXACT AGE OF OUR CHAPTER?**

We would like to share some of this history at our September meeting. Please contact Susan Sturkie at [sloopystur@aol.com](mailto:sloopystur@aol.com) if you have information.

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## Augsburg Fortress Free Summer Music Clinic



AUGUST 5–6  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
1715 Bull St.  
Columbia, SC 29201



Read through new choral, piano, and organ music, participate in a hymn festival, attend workshops including a handbell workshop, and participate in a **HYMN FESTIVAL ON FRIDAY NIGHT AT 7:00 P.M.** featuring **Jan Kraybill** and **Tom Trenney** who are the featured clinicians this year.

Learn more at [go.augsburgfortress.org/summer-music-clinics](http://go.augsburgfortress.org/summer-music-clinics).

**Free Choir Robes.** Spring Valley Presbyterian in Columbia, SC has 54 adult choir robes to give away. They are cream colored Murphy robes with cream and maroon stoles. If interested, please contact Ann Perry at (803) 730-6653 to arrange pick at Spring Valley Presbyterian.

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## **Save These Dates for Upcoming Chapter Programs**

**Saturday, October 29, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

**Choral Workshop Focusing on Aging Voices**

**Presenter: Kevin Crowe, doctoral student in choral conducting at UofSC.**

Kevin has experience with and a keen interest in working with aging voices, having directed seniors in church and community choir settings. Further details will be in the October newsletter.

**Friday, November 18, 7:00 p.m.**

**2022 YOC Winner's Recital with Daniel Colaner, Akron OH**

Please join us at Trinity Cathedral and help us encourage this gifted young organist. There will be a reception following the recital.

***The 20<sup>th</sup> 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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## 2023 Regional Conventions



**Augusta, Georgia**  
**June 18-21, 2023**  
**Keith Shafer, Convention**  
**Coordinator**

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8/04 Bill Scobee  
8/06 Norman McCorkle  
8/23 Randy Moore  
8/29 Eric Reagan

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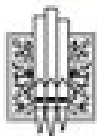
Our sympathies go to member Charles Owings at the death  
of his son, David.

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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**

***Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church*** is seeking a full-time Director of Sacred Music and Organist to develop and maintain a sacred music program that will support and enable the people of the parish to encounter more deeply the sacred mysteries of the liturgy. Our Lady of Perpetual Help is a suburban parish of approximately 400 families. The parish choral program consists of a parish schola and a Spanish language choir. The Director of Sacred Music/Organist will collaborate with the pastor in the search for a new organ, which will be the first goal upon hiring. Must have a Bachelor's degree (Master's preferred) in music (choral conducting, organ performance, or sacred music) and possess 3-5 years relevant experience in a Catholic parish as the director of the music. Candidates must have a passion and working knowledge of the Church's teachings on sacred music and liturgy. 30 hours per week salary. Diocese of Charleston Benefits. Flexible office hours.

Full job description is available to GCAGO members by contacting [sloopystur@aol.com](mailto:sloopystur@aol.com). Others, please contact the church. To apply, please submit a cover letter, resume, (3) professional references, to:

[Jzimmerman@CharlestonDiocese.org](mailto:Jzimmerman@CharlestonDiocese.org). Finalists will be asked to submit additional materials and may be invited to the parish for an on-site interview/audition.

### **COLUMBIA**

#### ***Fort Jackson Chapels***

Please find listed below a brief description of the part-time positions, Veritas Management Group are seeking to fill. Our goal is to fill the positions, as well as create a Substitute Listing for musicians/worship leaders.

- ***Worship Leader:*** Responsible for singing while playing an instrument (piano, keyboard or guitar) in a Contemporary Protestant service. The Worship Leader provides appropriate musical support during the Designated Worship Service, Rehearsals and Special Services.
- Contact: Nadine Felton at [nadine@veritasmanagementgroup.com](mailto:nadine@veritasmanagementgroup.com).

***Good Shepherd Lutheran Church***, 3909 Forest Drive, Columbia 29204. Experienced person sought to serve as Part-time Director of Music Ministry. Applicants should be comfortable with Lutheran liturgy, serving as part of a team, and working with adults, youth, and children. This person will be leader in planning and/or participating in worship and musical activities for all ages at Good Shepherd. Will provide accompaniment (piano and/or guitar) for the Contemporary service. Primary responsibilities include the weekly direction of the two Sunday morning choirs (traditional and contemporary) and the children's music program. Will partner with pastor, staff, and church leaders in planning relevant parish music of this active congregation

Please send contact information and attached resume to [gslcemployment2@gmail.com](mailto:gslcemployment2@gmail.com).

***\*\*St. Andrews Baptist Church*** in Columbia is seeking an Interim Organist. (Schantz pipe organ - <https://mysabc.org/pipe-organ>) Responsibilities include one Sunday service at 10:30 am and accompanying the Sanctuary Choir and Children's Choir in rehearsal on Wednesday evenings. Other duties may include seasonal services during Advent, Christmastide, Lent, and Eastertide. Salary is negotiable. Applicants may contact Personnel Committee Chair Al Walker at [al@alwalker.com](mailto:al@alwalker.com).

***St. Luke's Episcopal Church***, an Anglo-Catholic leaning parish, is seeking a ¼ time - part-time Organist and/or Organist and Choirmaster for its 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning service. Organ: 2-manual Allen Renaissance Quantum, Acoustic Portrait, 58 stops. Choir Rehearsals are on Saturdays from 2PM-3:30PM (the day and 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 the anthem on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Special services include Lenten Wednesdays, Holy Week, Christmas Eve Mass, etc. The organist also plays for weddings and funerals per church policy. We seek someone with vision, imagination, creativity, flexibility, and the ability to teach and inspire our six-member choir (five of whom are paid professional singers). The ability to work well independently and in conjunction with the priest as well as an openness to versatility is a must. Hymns used come from *The Hymnal 1982*, *Lift Every Voice and Sing, II*, *Wonder, Love, and Praise*. Knowledge of the Anglican/Episcopal liturgy, classical solo and/or choral vocal pieces/works, and the literature and works of African American composers is highly desired. Salary negotiable depending on experience and ability. There is also the option to just serve only as the organist and the Choir Administrator/Librarian does the administrative aspects of the job. Please submit Cover Letter and Resumé along with two or three references to [fr.raphiell@gmail.com](mailto: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. 1300 Pine Street, Columbia, SC 29204

**St. Timothy's Episcopal Church**, in downtown Columbia, SC is seeking to fill its part time position of Organist/Choirmaster. Two Manual Wicks organ. <https://www.sainttimothyscolumbia.com/>

The ideal candidate will:

- Have a degree in music or equivalent experience and love of church music
- Have familiarity/experience with liturgical worship (service form, service music and practices throughout the liturgical year)

**Responsibilities will include:**

- Planning music for all worship services. Serving as organist and leading the adult choir for weekly Sunday service and additional services throughout year
- Occasionally working with children for special music
- Serving as organist for weddings and funerals (for additional fee)
- Coordinating occasional public music events

Cover letters and resumes will be accepted until the position is filled. Please send to the Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Alice Marie Mills, at [revalicemarieray@gmail.com](mailto:revalicemarieray@gmail.com)

**DARLINGTON**

**Darlington Presbyterian Church, EPC**, 311 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC, 29532. Church Organist / Choir Accompanist (PT). Darlington Presbyterian Church, EPC is located in the lovely county seat of Darlington. Founded in 1827, Darlington Presbyterian Church has 400 plus members who enjoy a rich history of worship, ministry, and missions. Our worship services are centered on the Word of God as we celebrate our Savior through a meaningful liturgy in the Reformed Tradition. DPC offers a live-stream 11am morning worship that is musically led by the Chancel Choir, is accompanied by a 1988, 3 manual, Schantz Pipe Organ, and is supported with an occasional soloist, Handbell Choir, and other instrumental groups. The Chancel Choir presents each year two seasonal offerings, a Maundy Thursday service and a Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols. Additionally, DPC continues its annual tradition of holding two Christmas Eve services for the community.

**Church Organist / Choir Accompanist (PT)**

Darlington Presbyterian Church, EPC is seeking a committed Christian whose desire it is to use his/her God given talents in service to the Lord and His people. This position requires skill in organ performance as a soloist, and in piano and organ performance as an accompanist to choirs, instrumentalists, soloists, and congregational singing. The ability to sight read and to play choral parts are needed skills as well. Salary: \$15,000 (plus \$2,000 for traveling expenses).

Responsibilities include playing for the weekly 11am Sunday morning worship service which includes pre-worship rehearsals with the Chancel Choir and other musicians as needed; accompanying Wednesday evening choir rehearsals with the Children's and Chancel Choirs; playing for seasonal worship services and their respective rehearsals; and being available to play for the weddings, funerals and memorial services of church members and their families, for which additional compensation is given.

Interested candidates should email a cover letter and resume to Dr. Teresa Irwin, the Director of Music Ministries, at [tirwin1685@gmail.com](mailto:tirwin1685@gmail.com).

**FOUNTAIN INN**

**\*\*The Fountain Inn Chorale**, a 40+ voice, non-profit community chorus based in Fountain Inn, SC, is searching for an Artistic Director/Conductor. The Chorale performs two to three major concerts per year (typically October, December, and April) as directed by the Board and performs a wide repertoire of music. The Chorale is currently in its 14th season and primarily serves Gray Court, Fountain Inn, Simpsonville, and Mauldin in the Upstate of South Carolina. For more information about the Chorale, please visit <https://fichorale.org>.

**GREENWOOD**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church (ELCA)** in Greenwood, South Carolina, has a job opening for a Choir Director and Organist. There is one 10:00 am Sunday service and a choir rehearsal on Wednesday evenings. The Music Director will also be in charge of additional worship services (Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, etc) at the direction of the worship committee. Weddings and funerals are paid extra and the organist has first right of refusal. The Organ is a 14-rank 1974 Zimmer pipe organ which was recently refurbished. Greenwood is a very short 1-hour drive from Columbia. Immanuel has a long-standing reputation for quality, traditional Lutheran worship. There are additional funds available in the budget for guest instrumentalists and choral scholars throughout the year. The director of music will also oversee the handbell choir and an opportunity to build a children's choir. Salary range is \$25-30k depending on experience and ability. The music director may work from home on days that physical presence is not necessary. Please email [Christopherknash@gmail.com](mailto:Christopherknash@gmail.com) for any questions or to send a resume.

***Main Street United Methodist Church*, Greenwood.**

ORGANIST, PART-TIME POSITION. RESPONSIBILITIES: Accompanies the chancel choir at weekly rehearsals, additional rehearsals and during the worship service either on the piano or pipe organ. Prepares and performs a variety of preludes, offertories, and postludes appropriate to the church year. Assists in the planning, performing, and implementation of service music for festival services.

Accompanies church weddings when requested and oversees other organist's use of the organ for weddings and/or funerals. Oversees the maintenance of the organ by a reputable firm. Performs additional tasks as directed by Senior Minister and Director of Music. QUALIFICATIONS: Education: College Degree in Music preferred, or equivalent in private training. Experience: Service as organist in a church with a pipe organ with similar specifications and service requirements. INSTRUMENTS: Three Manual Moller/ Schleuter pipe and digital combination. Yamaha Grand piano. Contact Gina Jolly at [Gina.jolly@mainstreetgreenwood.org](mailto:Gina.jolly@mainstreetgreenwood.org) with questions or a resume.

**LEXINGTON**

***Pilgrim Lutheran Church*** in Lexington, SC, Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Lexington, is seeking a committed Christian to provide organ/piano music and accompaniment for scheduled worship services, rehearsals 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 with the ministerial staff as needed and with the Director of Music at Pilgrim Lutheran. Please submit a letter of recommendation and resumé to Susan Cafferty at [susan@wearepilgrim.com](mailto:susan@wearepilgrim.com).

**MARION**

***Marion Presbyterian Church***, 208 S Main St. PO Box 186 Marion, SC 29571, Organist/pianist/choir director. Flentrop organ installed 1988, Schimmel piano. Position will become vacant mid-August 2022. Contact the church at 843-423-2272 for more information.

**MOUNT PLEASANT**

**\*\* *Hibben United Methodist Church***, 690 Coleman Blvd, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

Organist and Choirmaster Part Time: Responsible for planning, leading and coordination for the overall music ministries of Hibben UMC Church. Principal duties are Sunday morning worship, special services such as Christmas and Easter, weekly Choir rehearsals, ensemble and volunteer coordination, and planning with worship committee, staff and other volunteers to create worship that is energetic and true to the value system of a congregation that strives to serve and grow in discipleship and mission. Principle report is to the Lead Pastor and administrative accountability is to Staff Parish Relations Committee. Salary and hours will be determined based on experience and other qualifications. A successful background check is required for this position. To apply, please submit a resume with a cover letter and three professional references to [srprice@comcast.net](mailto:srprice@comcast.net). Please contact Mr. Price or Rev. Sara White ([revsara@hibbenumc.org](mailto:revsara@hibbenumc.org)) to request a complete job description.

**NEWBERRY**

***Newberry ARP Church***, Organist for Sunday morning worship service. Contact Pastor Seth Yi, [sethyi1969@gmail.com](mailto:sethyi1969@gmail.com), Church 803-276-1485, Cell 318-680-4375, [www.newberryarp.org](http://www.newberryarp.org). Organ specifications: <http://www.columbiaago.org/ColumbiaOrgans/Organs/NewberryARP.pdf>

**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**

***Emmanuel Lutheran Church***, in West Columbia, SC, is seeking a part-time organist/music director. The position would include one Sunday Service (10:30 am), one rehearsal, and the occasional mid-week services during Advent and Lent. In addition, this person will play for all weddings (with right of first refusal privilege) and funerals happening within the Church. Experience with leading liturgical worship services is preferred. In the sanctuary, there is a J.E. Lee pipe organ (see <http://www.columbiaago.org/ColumbiaOrgans/Organs/EMMANUEL%20LUTHERAN.pdf>) and a grand piano. Compensation will be commensurate with experience. Interested parties should contact Rev. Adam Carnell at [carnelladam1@gmail.com](mailto:carnelladam1@gmail.com), or (803) 354-1154.

***Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church***, 1717 Platt Springs Road, West Columbia, seeks a part-time organist/ choir director for one traditional ELW service with choir rehearsal. Advent and Lenten Midweek services are also required. The church is located at 1717 Platt Springs Road in West Columbia, SC.29169. Please contact the Rev. Dr. Arthur Turfa, Interim Pastor, at [aturfa@aol.com](mailto:aturfa@aol.com) or 803-381-1468 for more information. Salary is based on experience.

***Platt Springs United Methodist Church***, 3215 Platt Springs Rd., West Columbia, SC 29170

Part-time Director of Music Ministries. Plan, develop, lead, and coordinate music for all aspects of the music ministry at Platt Springs United Methodist Church. Leads the choir in regular weekly practice and in worship, Sunday mornings and special services such as Christmas and Easter. Prepares and consults with the pastor and church organist on all worship services including Sunday mornings and special celebrations/services. Prepares musical staff and volunteers for special music at least 4 weeks in advance. Other duties as assigned.

Salary and hours will be determined based on experience and other qualifications. A successful background check is required for this position prior to hire. To apply, please submit a resume with a cover letter and three professional references to [psumc@sc.rr.com](mailto:psumc@sc.rr.com). Please contact the church for complete job description.

***Still Hopes Episcopal Retirement Community*** in West Columbia, SC, is seeking a part-time organist to play our Allen organ at our 11:00 AM Sunday Chapel service. The service is an Episcopal service, typically including four hymns, a prelude, and a postlude. This is a paid, part-time position. Please contact Rev. Doug Gray, Chaplain, at 803-739-5033, or via email at [dagray@stillhopes.org](mailto:dagray@stillhopes.org) if interested.

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## **SAVANNAH, GA**

***\*\*St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Parish*** on Wilmington Island in Savannah, Georgia, is seeking a parish musician/music director. Our parish has approximately 750 registered households and our school 250 students. A well-qualified candidate will have experience in providing accompaniment for congregational singing on the organ and/or the piano. This position includes, but is not limited to, participation in four weekend liturgies, Holy Day masses, school masses, weddings, funerals, Holy Hour on First Fridays, and other liturgies during the year. Re-forming an adult choir and practices with a student choir and teaching music in our school (1-2 classes per day) are also expected.

To apply please send your resume to Fr. Michael J. Kavanaugh at [frkavanaugh@spacsav.net](mailto:frkavanaugh@spacsav.net).

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