

# The Greater Columbia Organist



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**FALL 2023 OPENING PROGRAM**

**CATERED DINNER\***

followed by

***CHAPTER MEMBERS IN PRINT:  
A PROGRAM OF THEIR PUBLISHED ORGAN WORKS***



**Thursday, September 14, 6:30 p.m.**

St. David Lutheran Church, West Columbia

132 St. David's Church Road, West Columbia, SC 29170

Hosting Organist: Al Roberts

We'll begin the evening with a catered meal (dinner optional but make a reservation if you plan to eat), followed by a program of published organ works composed/arranged by chapter members. We have several chapter members who are currently "in print," and are willing to perform some of their works or have them performed by others. Information about the process of getting their works published will be available as well.

\*Reservations are required for the catered dinner. The cost is \$10.00 per person.  
(Lemon chicken, rice pilaf, vegetable medley, kale salad, tea and dessert)

Please contact Susan Sturkie at [sloopystur@aol.com](mailto:sloopystur@aol.com) by Thursday, September 7.

**NOTE: If you have had organ compositions/arrangements published that are currently in print and would like for this music to be included in the program, please contact Joy Ackerman at [jpackerman@att.net](mailto:jpackerman@att.net) or telephone 803-414-0479 (call or text) by Tuesday, August 15.**

## **Who is published?**

A list of published works by members has been compiled. [Click here](#) for the complete list of works submitted by Greater Columbia Chapter members. If you would like to add to the list, please email [Tony Roof](#) or [Susan Sturkie](#).

# From Our New Dean



Greetings, fellow Greater Columbia Chapter AGO members. It has been a great pleasure serving on the chapter board, and now, to continue to serve as dean. As I have gotten to know more of you, I am encouraged by seeing a real love of the organ, and I look forward to sharing a diverse and eclectic programming year with you all. From an improvisation workshop to international concert organist Chelsea Chen, it promises to be a rich program year here in Columbia. I am excited, and I hope to see many of you at these events.

The organ has been a part of my life for a long time, and its future depends upon the next generation. I would encourage each of our members to find ways to introduce the organ to children, by whatever means you are able to do so; invite children to watch the postlude, have a children's lesson featuring the organ. Play a familiar children's hymn as part of the service music. However you can, keep sharing!

I am at your service if you have any questions.

With best wishes,

Lenora Morrow Jeffcoat, FRCO (Fellow, Royal College of Organists)

## SAVE THE DATE FOR OTHER FALL PROGRAMS

(Please confirm all program information with the *AGO News* that is sent just prior to the programs.)

**Saturday, October 14, 10:00 a. m. to Noon:** An Improvisation Workshop, with William Douglas.

Location: Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

**Friday, November 17, 7:00 p.m.:** YOC Recital with Joseph Franklin

**Saturday Morning, November 18:** *Pedals, Pipes and Pizza*

Location of these two events: Shandon United Methodist Church

## AN EXCITING PROGRAM YEAR

The Greater Columbia Chapter's Board of Directors met in June to plan programs for 2023-24 year. Many creative ideas were shared, resulting in plans for an exciting program year. Board members are hard at work getting all the details in place for these winter-spring programs:

EARLY JANUARY: A Zoom presentation on maximizing our practice time.

LATER IN JANUARY: Organ Crawl to Charleston.

FEBRUARY: Silent Film

MARCH: YOC Competition (a Saturday morning)

APRIL 12, 7 p.m.: Chelsea Chen in Concert, Trinity Cathedral

MAY: Hymn Festival

Watch our newsletter and emails for more information and plan to join us to support the work that is being done in your behalf.

## **We Remember Former Dean (1984-1988), Arlyn McNaney**

July 27, 1935 - July 1, 2023

Arlyn Simmons Parker McNaney, age 87, died on Saturday, July 1, 2023, at Covenant Place.

Ms. McNaney was born in Morrisville, VT, a daughter of the late Clifton G. Parker and Florence Simmons Parker. She had a Master's Degree in organ performance and owned her own music studio teaching piano, organ and voice lessons. She was an entrepreneur throughout her life. Arlyn's passion in life was raising her children.

Survivors are: Two sons, Jim McNaney and his wife Lisa of Livermore, CA, and Bryan McNaney and his wife Jennifer of Farmington, ME; Two daughters, Debbie Estes of Ft. Mill, SC, and Dr. Caryn West of Sumter, SC; One sister, Charlotte Parker; Five grandchildren, Michael Estes, Steven Estes, Lizzy Viera, Emma McNaney, and Kylie Stambaugh; and Three great-grandchildren, Conner Estes, Mason Estes and Chandler Wingard. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a grandson, Thaddeus Stambaugh, two brothers, Robert Parker and Bill Parker, and two sisters, Dee Parker and Carolyn Parker.

You may go to [www.bullockfuneralhome.com](http://www.bullockfuneralhome.com) and sign the family's guest book.

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*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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## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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.

**\*\* NEW LISTING OR CHANGES IN JOB DESCRIPTION OR AD**

### **ARDEN, NC**

Nativity Lutheran Church, Arden, NC, Full-time (35 hour) position for Director of Worship and Music open for excellent candidates at Lutheran Church of the Nativity in Arden, NC. Located in the beautiful Blue Ridge mountains and next to Lutheridge, the position has a competitive salary and outstanding benefits as part of a dynamic team. The ideal candidate will have 5 or more years of experience leading multiple musical groups and ages in a congregation familiar with ELCA liturgy and hymns. Please see the job description at <https://nativityarden.org/join-our-team> and submit resume and any other applicable information to [worshipandmusic@nativityarden.org](mailto:worshipandmusic@nativityarden.org).

## **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. Director of Music (Choral) Person experienced in liturgical worship, preferably Lutheran worship, is sought to serve as part-time Director of Music Ministry (directing adult and children's choirs). Plan and administer the entire music program in consultation with the pastor, staff, and lay worship committee, including weekly selection of hymns, choir anthems, and service music and music for special services during Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. Minimum of bachelor's degree in music or other related degree. Experience in directing church choirs and proficiency in singing and playing the piano is necessary. Contact [gslcemployment2@gmail.com](mailto:gslcemployment2@gmail.com) for more information and to send contact information with attached resume.

***Sherwood Forest Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Columbia SC***, has an opening for a part time (20 hours/month) church organist/pianist. We are a small traditional hymn singing congregation. Duties include regular Sunday worship as well as special services. To apply, email resume/ letter to Pastor Russ Harless at [russell\\_bh@yahoo.com](mailto:russell_bh@yahoo.com) or call 803-727-8431.

## **DARLINGTON**

***Darlington Presbyterian Church***, Organist Position (PT) Darlington Presbyterian Church, EPC, is currently looking to hire an organist who is a committed Christian desiring to use his/her talents for the Lord. In addition to having skill in organ performance as a soloist, the position requires expertise in accompanying choir rehearsals, soloists, and congregational singing on both the organ and piano. The ability to sight-read and to play choral parts are needed skills as well. DPC has one worship service each week (Sunday 11:00 a.m.) and preparation for that service includes accompanying the Children's Choir rehearsal and Chancel Choir rehearsal on Wednesday nights. We also enjoy several seasonal special worship services during the year: Maundy Thursday, Easter Sunrise, Christmas Festival of Lessons & Carols, 2 Christmas Eve Services. Interested candidates are welcome to send a cover letter and resume to Dr. Irwin, the Dir. of Music Ministries at [tirwin1685@gmail.com](mailto:tirwin1685@gmail.com).

## **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).

## **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.

### **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.