

The Greater

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December Meeting

There will be no December meeting.



*Merry Christmas,
Happy Hanukkah,
Kwanzaa
and Winter
Solstice!*



A Huge Success!

On November 17, the Greater Columbia Chapter held its second annual Weekend for High School Organists. Raymond Hawkins from Eutawville SC and Justin DuRant from Sumter SC performed for a master class on the 36 rank Dobson pipe organ at the University of South Carolina School of Music. The clinician was Dr. Jared Johnson, adjunct professor of organ at USC. Works by J.S. Bach, Franck and Naji Hakim were masterfully performed. At 4:00 p.m., Carolyn Craig from Knoxville TN, winner of the 2012 Young Organist Competition held in Columbia last February, performed a stunning solo recital at Shandon United Methodist Church on the 68 rank Möller organ. Works by Dan Locklair, Jan Bender, J.S. Bach, Mendelssohn, Gerald Near and Naji Hakim were included on the program. Carolyn is a student of Dr. John Brock, Professor Emeritus of organ at the University of Tennessee.

(picture from left to right: Dr. Jared Johnson, Raymond Hawkins, Justin DuRant)



AGO Programs for 2012 - 2013

- Saturday, Sept. 8**
7:00 p.m. **Mark Husey in Recital, celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Peragallo Organ at St. Peter's Catholic Church**
- Tuesday, Oct. 16**
7:00 p.m. **Movie Night at St. Martin's in the Fields Episcopal
Viewing a DVD of Gerre Hancock**
- Saturday, Nov. 17**
10:00 a.m. **Weekend for High School Organists
Master Class with Dr. Jared Johnson
USC Music Recital Hall**
- Saturday, Nov.17**
4:00 p.m. **2012 Young Organist Competition winner
Carolyn Craig in Recital
Shandon United Methodist Church**
- Tuesday, Jan. 22**
6:00 p.m. **New Members Recital
Catered Dinner by Reservation
7:00 p.m.** **Performers: Monty Bennett, Huger Caughman,
Eddie Huss, Matt McCall
Union United Methodist Church
7582 Woodrow Street
Irmo SC 29063**
- Saturday, Feb. 16**
10:00 a.m. **Young Organist Competition
Shandon United Methodist Church
3407 Devine Street
Columbia SC 29209**
- Saturday, Mar. 16**
3:30 p.m. **Organ Crawl to Newberry
Sponsored jointly with the Spartanburg Chapter**
- Tuesday, April 16**
6:30 p.m. **Royal School of Church Music Chorister Program
"Meet and Greet and Eat"
7:00 p.m.** **Alan Reed, guest clinician from Charlotte NC
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
1512 Blanding Street
Columbia SC 29201**
- May 18** **Ice Cream Social! Final planning meeting for Regional with volunteers and ALL chapter members**

January Meeting

Meet Columbia's New Organists!

The January meeting will take place at Union United Methodist Church. The program will feature four organists who are relatively new to the Columbia area. One organist holds dual membership in Columbia and Charlotte AGO Chapters and one holds dual membership in Columbia and Spartanburg Chapters.

Located in Irmo, Union Methodist has a 46 rank Zimmer pipe organ which will be featured on this program. Performers include Eddie Huss, music director at Shandon Methodist Church; Huger P. Caughman, Jr., organist at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Newberry; Monty Bennett, music director at Temple Israel in Charlotte NC; and Matthew McCall, organist/choirmaster at Mt. Herman Lutheran Church in West Columbia. Joey Rothfuss, organist at Union Methodist, will be co-hosting the program with Columbia AGO.

Prior to the program, a catered dinner will be offered at the church. **You must make reservations for this meal. Please see next month's newsletter with details about the meal and reservations.** The \$10 fee for dinner should be paid at the door.

Tuesday, January 22, 2013
Union United Methodist Church
7582 Woodrow Street
Irmo SC 29063
6:00 p.m. Meal downstairs
7:00 p.m. Program in Sanctuary

Directions to the church: From I-26 W, take Exit 102B (Lake Murray Blvd). Just before the railroad tracks, turn right on Woodrow Street. The church is just beyond the stoplight, across from Lizard's Thicket.

The Goal is in Sight!

In November, an additional two gifts brought our total for the 2013 Regional Convention to **\$ 12,116.00!** We need **\$ 4484.00** to meet the goal of \$16,600.00. Please help me complete this campaign by **December 31, 2012**. We can all welcome the new year knowing that our goal has been met.

As dedicated members of the organ profession, we need to constantly refresh and grow as musicians. The convention is an ideal time of concentrated exposure to great organ music and related topics. I hope that your commitment to the work and mission of the AGO ranks high on your list of giving priorities this year and always. As you enjoy the four days of the convention, you can feel good about supporting this endeavor with your presence and with your financial support.

Will you join those who have already given generously and include the **2013 AGO Regional Convention** in your list of charitable giving priorities? If you have already given, I thank you. Gifts in all amounts are needed and welcomed; no gift is too small! All contributions to the AGO are 100% tax deductible to the fullest extent provided by law.

Send your contributions to the following address and I thank you in advance:

Frances M. Webb
92 Currant Lane
Columbia SC 29210-3521



Young Organist Competition 2013

Now in its third year, the Young Organist Competition 2013 will once again be held at **Shandon United Methodist Church on Saturday, February 16, 2013**. At that time, the three finalists will perform for a panel of judges for four monetary awards and a recital opportunity for the first place winner.

First Prize \$ 1000
Second Prize \$ 500
Third Prize \$ 300
Hymn Playing Award \$ 250

Last year's winner, Carolyn Craig from Knoxville TN performed a stunning solo recital on Saturday, November 17. Earlier that morning Raymond Hawkins (Eutawville) and Justin DuRant (Sumter) performed in a master class for Dr. Jared Johnson at USC. These three young organists prove that there is a bright future for the organ world.

The cost of running the competition is \$2050 (the four monetary prizes which are offered) and this amount is covered **entirely by donations**. We were fortunate to have a healthy balance from last year and we have already had six donations this year, one of them in memory of Dr. Sally Cherrington Beggs. In addition, David Hall from Virginia has once again pledged to fund the hymn-playing award.

We still need at least **\$400** to ensure that the competition fund will be "in the black" for this year. If you haven't yet contributed, please consider making a memorial gift or honoring an organist of your choice. Please do your part in helping to continue this most valuable program sponsored by Columbia AGO. I am personally counting on every AGO member to do your part in making this event happen. Donations may be directed as follows:

Frances M. Webb
Chair, Young Organist Competition
92 Currant Lane
Columbia SC 29210-3521

Registration has now begun for the 2013 Regional!



SAVE BY REGISTERING EARLY

www.regional2013.org

Regular Early (Prior to April 1, 2013)	\$290.00
Regular	\$335.00
Student Early (full-time, with valid school ID presented at registration) (Prior to April 1, 2013)	\$100.00
Student (full-time, with valid school ID presented at registration)	\$145.00
Special Early (65 and over, under 21, or disabled)(Prior to April 1, 2013)	\$275.00
Special (65 and over, under 21, or disabled)	\$310.00
Member of Greater Columbia Chapter Early (Prior to January 15, 2013)	\$250.00
Member of Greater Columbia Chapter	\$290.00
Non AGO Member Early (Prior to April 1, 2013)	\$350.00
Non AGO Member	\$395.00
Daily Rate	\$150.00

Upcoming Events

Dutch Fork Choral Society

Sunday, December 2
3:30pm

Dr. Matthew Caine, Artistic Director
with special guests,
Chapin High School Masterclass Orchestra,
Present

Holiday Lights:

A Concert of Chanukah and Christmas Music including
Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Fantasia on Christmas Carols*

Chapin United Methodist Church
415 Lexington Avenue
Chapin, SC 29036



Magnificat, John Rutter

Sunday, December 16
4:00pm

The Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra of
Lyttleton Street United Methodist Church
Dr. Matthew Caine, conductor

Lyttleton Street United Methodist Church
1206 Lyttleton Street
Camden, SC 29020



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

✧ ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS - December 2 at 4:00 p.m. in the Cathedral

- following the service: recital by **James Waldo**, *cellist*, performing unaccompanied cello music, including cello suites by Johann Sebastian Bach

✧ ADVENT CONCERTS - Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Cathedral (preceding Compline)

December 6 Christopher Jacobson, *organ* - The Advent Chorales of Johann Sebastian Bach

December 13 Jared Johnson, *organ* - *La Nativité du Seigneur* (The Birth of the Lord) by Olivier Messiaen

December 20 Waldo Baroque: Andrew & Mary Waldo, *recorders* James Waldo, *cello*
Erika Cutler, *violin* Jared Johnson, *continuo*

✧ COMPLINE - Thursdays during Advent at 8:00 p.m. in the Cathedral; December 6, 13, and 20

Compline, the final office of the monastic day, is a 30-minute service of *a cappella* music sung by candlelight.

✧ MESSIAH by George Frideric Handel - Sunday, December 16, at 4:00 p.m. in the Cathedral

performed by the Cathedral Choir of Men & Boys and Choir of Men & Girls and the South Carolina Philharmonic

Tickets for this Friends of Music concert from \$12 to \$45 (\$8 for students and military) are available through the Cathedral music office (771-7300) and website (www.trinitysc.org/music).

✧ COMMUNITY CAROL SING - Wednesday, December 19, at 12:30 p.m. in the Cathedral

Lunch will be available for \$7 before and after the Carol Sing in Satterlee Hall.

✧ EPIPHANY LESSONS & CAROLS - January 6 at 4:00 in the Cathedral,

concluding with the burning of Christmas greens

- following the service: **Bicentennial Oyster Roast** in the Cathedral Courtyard

CHORAL EVENSONG - Sunday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. in the Cathedral,

from September through May

Choral Evensong is sung every week at Trinity Cathedral, and followed by an informal reception for all those attending, except when preempted by other offerings of sacred music (*see above*).

SC Bach Choir 2013 Concert Plans

Dear Members and Friends of the SC Bach Choir,

Jim Johnson has selected Cantatas 4 and 11 ("Christ lag in Todesbanden" and "Lobet Gott in seinen Reichen") for the Spring 2013 concert of the SC Bach Choir. Although not all details of the concert have been set at this time, we want you to mark your calendars to reserve Saturday, April 20, 2013, for the retreat from 9:30 am to no later than 3:00 pm, and Sunday, April 21, 2013, for the concert at 4:00 pm. Both will be in Christ Chapel at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia. Optional rehearsals will be on Sunday afternoons, April 7 and 14, also in Christ Chapel.

If you know of others who would like to participate, please send this information to them and send me their email addresses. Registration forms and information regarding music will be sent out early in 2013.

Please note as the tax year comes to an end that presenting a concert like ours, with professional soloists and instrumentalists, costs about \$3000, a sum not covered by the \$20 registration fee and the offering on the day of the concert. We need additional contributions to cover each year's expenses. Please encourage friends, family, congregations, and businesses to contribute! Contributions may be made in honor of or in memory of someone. The South Carolina Bach Choir is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Contributions are tax-deductible (receipts will be furnished) and will be acknowledged in the program.

Contributions should be made payable to the South Carolina Bach Choir and sent to the choir c/o Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, 4201 North Main Street, Columbia, SC 29203.

Sincerely,

Charles Nicholson

Bach Choir President

crknich@bellsouth.net

***Please send information for January's newsletter to
tonyroof@windstream.net by December 20.***



December Birthdays

12/08 Earl Bryan
12/11 Gay Brangle
12/11 Laura Sturgeon
12/21 Eddie Huss
12/26 Huger Caughman
12/27 Robert Jones
12/27 Sharon Rattray
12/28 Ruth E. Lackstrom
12/30 Ginny Holt
12/31 Whetsell McDaniel



POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Please contact Susan Sturkie (803-788-6807 or sloopystur@aol.com) to update this information or for more information on these openings.

** NEW LISTING - OR CHANGES

ASHEVILLE, NC

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Part-Time Director Of Music/Organist (25-30 hrs./week) for active, growing urban congregation. Two liturgical Sunday services, chancel & handbell choirs and possible children's choir. Duties include worship planning, selecting hymns, seasonal mid-week services, arranging for guest musicians on festive occasions & providing musical support for church activities as necessary. Prefer someone with liturgical background. Organ is a 27 rank Martin Ott tracker built in 1997. Hope to fill position soon. Send resumes to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, PO Box 8608, Asheville, NC 28814 or by email to StMarksLutheran@bellsouth.net.

BLYTHEWOOD

Breath of Life Lutheran Church, PO Box 565, Blythewood, 29016. Keyboardist. Sunday worship & special services. Wednesday rehearsal. 8-10 hours per week. Music of various styles. Send resumes to the church address or breathoflifelutheran@yahoo.com.

FLORENCE

St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Organist (10 hours). St. John's Episcopal Church, 252 S. Dargan Street, Florence, SC 29506. Phone: (843) 662-5585; fax: (843) 669-9443; e-mail: twilliams@stjohnsflorence.org; website: www.stjohnsflorence.org. The Music Ministry of this traditional 240-family parish church includes an annual concert series, annual regional choir workshop, summer choir camp, and 28-voice choir. Duties include accompanying weekly choir practice and playing for one Sunday service/week, seasonal liturgies, funerals, and weddings. The parish is seeking a competent musician with solid keyboard skills and a background in classical repertoire. A bachelor degree in music is preferred. Dedication to one's ministry, strong work ethic, excellent organizational skills, and ability to work collaboratively are essential to the continuing development of a rapidly growing, vibrant music ministry. 2-manual, 9-rank Moller pipe organ. \$11,000 (additional stipend for weddings). Send résumé, references, and audition tape/CD to Tammy Williams, Minister of Music.

SANDY RUN

Beulah United Methodist Church, 1577 Old State Rd, Sandy Run, SC. Pianist / Choir Director, Part-time. One Sunday Worship @ 10:30 a.m., Wednesday night choir practice 7:00 p.m., occasional choral events, funerals and weddings. For more information contact Glen Mack, Chairperson, Pastor Staff Parish Relations Committee - (803) 707-1598. pambmack@yahoo.com

SUMMERTON

****St. Matthias Episcopal Church**. 65-family church. One weekly 10:30 Sunday morning service, one service each on Christmas Eve and Easter morning. Need solid organ skills (classical and some Maranatha "Praise" music) and dedication to music ministry. Availability for funerals, weddings, or special services not required, but welcomed. Small choir joins congregation singing unison hymns, primarily from 1940 hymnal. No formal choir rehearsals are regularly required; however, there will be occasional pre- or post-service rehearsals for special holiday music or music featuring

flute, violin, or vocal soloist(s). 2 manual 14 rank pipe organ, c. 1890, A.B. Feglemaker Co. Salary commensurate with experience. To arrange an interview/audition, please send resume and references to St. Matthias Episcopal Church, 9 N. Dukes St., Summerton, SC 29148, attn: Pamela Gardiner (preferable) or email the parish office at churchoffice@ftc-i.net.

SURFSIDE BEACH

Trinity Presbyterian Church in Surfside Beach, SC seeks a part-time Music Director/Choir Director/Organist, at the end of May: may be single or split position depending upon skills, interest and salary. Two Sunday services at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM (switches to one 9:30 AM summer service), one weekly choir practice (Wednesday). Digital organ/grand piano. Applicants should contact Pastor Preston Shealy at Trinity Presbyterian Church, PO Box 14758, Surfside Beach, SC 29587 or churchoffice@trinitypresbychurch.com