

The Greater Columbia Organist



December 2018

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January 2019 Chapter Meeting

Epiphany Dinner

followed by

Musical Jests by Janet

Janet Roberts, soprano

January 7, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
Grecian Gardens Restaurant
2312 Sunset Blvd., West Columbia, SC 29169

We'll celebrate surviving the Advent/Christmas whirlwind in a private dining room at Grecian Gardens Restaurant. We'll order from their menu, and relax after dinner with a lighthearted program of musical parodies presented by soprano Janet Roberts. Members are welcome to bring a guest. Reservations are required to Susan Sturkie (sloopystur@aol.com) by January 4.



Janet Roberts holds a Bachelor of Music Degree in Voice Performance and Music Education from Converse College, a Master of Music in Voice Performance from Florida State University and a Doctor of Musical Arts Degree in Voice Performance from USC. She is a public school music teacher at Lake Murray Elementary School in Chapin and a 20-year National Board Certified Teacher. She also holds level one certifications in both Orff and Kodaly. Dr. Roberts has a small farm in Chapin, with horses, chickens, and cats, and she does a little farming. She's playfully known as "the Diva Who Loves Dirt." As a member and Director

of Music at Lake Murray Presbyterian Church, she directs the Chancel and Children's Choirs

Save These Dates for our January - May 2019 Chapter Events

Sunday, February 3, 2019, 5:00 p.m. - Kit Jacobson in Recital at Trinity Cathedral, following 4:00 p.m. Evensong Service. We are co-sponsoring the recital with Trinity. Formerly Associate Organist and Choirmaster at Trinity, Kit is now Chapel Organist at Duke University Chapel and Divinity School. (Open to the public; reception follows.)

Saturday, March 9, 2019, 10am-12:00N - Young Organist Competition, Shandon UMC. This event has launched many a stellar young organist's career. Come hear these outstanding finalists in recital – you may be witnessing history! (Open to the public.)

Tuesday, March 19, 7:00 p.m. - Recital of Women Organists, Trinity Cathedral, with accomplished local organists Debbie Bauer and Lenora Jeffcoat. Works by women composers will be included in honor of Women's History Month. Sara Masterson (Newberry College) will assist with program notes. (Open to the public; reception follows.)

Friday, May 10, 7:00 p.m.** - Silent Film Event, with Ron Carter, Shandon UMC. Ron will once again entertain us with his amazing improvisatory skills. Bring family and friends for a wonderful evening of fun! (Free and open to the public.) **Catered dinner at 5:45 p.m. for members and non-members. (Reservations required.)

Tuesday, May 21, 6:30 p.m. - Dinner & Installation of Officers, Ascension Lutheran Church. We'll celebrate the end of the program year with a dinner, followed by Pastor Jackie Utley's famously fun "Women of the Bible" skit. Members are welcome to bring a guest. (Reservations required.)

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Regional Convention June 9-12

Artists Performances for 2019 Southeast Regional Convention in Myrtle Beach



Charles Tompkins of Greenville, SC performing at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Conway



Jared Johnson of Columbia, SC performing at First United Methodist Church, Myrtle Beach



Andrew Kotylo of Columbia, SC performing at First United Methodist Church, Conway



Carol Williams of Lynchburg, Virginia performing at the MB Convention Center, Myrtle Beach



Caroline Robinson, a Greenville native, performing with Long Bay Symphony, Charles Jones Evans,

conductor, at First Presbyterian Church, Myrtle Beach



Long Bay Symphony, Charles Jones Evans,

conductor, at First Presbyterian Church, Myrtle Beach



Carolina Master Chorale, Tim

Koch, director, performing at First Presbyterian Church, Myrtle Beach



Nicole Keller of Berea, Ohio performing at Trinity Anglican Church, Myrtle Beach



Nigel Potts of Charleston, SC performing at All Saints Church, Pawleys Island



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Bravo

On Friday, November 16, 2018, Nicholas Stigall, the winner of the 2018 Young Organist Competition returned to Columbia to perform a solo recital at Shandon United Methodist Church. His program consisted of works by J.S. Bach, Sweelinck, Mendelssohn, Vierne, and Pamela Decker. Nicholas, who is from Knoxville, Tennessee, studies organ with Dr. Edie Johnson and will be auditioning at three universities in the spring. He has a bright future in organ performance and the Greater Columbia AGO Chapter is proud to be a part in supporting him in his career. Congratulations to Nicholas and we welcome him to the family of outstanding alumni of the Young Organist Competition. Thank you to all AGO members and friends of AGO who support this most worthwhile AGO outreach program.



December Birthdays

12/08	Earl Bryan
12/11	Laura Sturgeon
12/20	Jim Hepler
12/21	Eddie Huss
12/26	Patricia Blackwell
12/26	Huger Caughman
12/27	SharonRatray
12/27	Bill Johns
12/27	Robert Jones
12/28	Ruth Lackstrom
12/30	Ginny Holt

ADVENT WORSHIP AND MUSIC

SUNDAYS AT 5:00 PM @ INCARNATION

ADVENT WORSHIP AND MUSIC

December 2, 2018

5:00 PM: Service of Vespers

5:30 PM: Juan Morales, pianist



December 9, 2018

5:00 PM: Children/Youth Advent Service

5:30 PM: The Vista Ensemble

December 16, 2018

5:00 PM: Holden Evening Prayer

5:30 PM: Sara Jackson, soprano



December 23, 2018

5:00 PM: Service of Compline

5:30 PM: Diamond Tyler, soprano



**SUNDAYS @
FIVE**

The Lutheran Church of Incarnation welcomes you to our Sunday afternoon worship services followed by concerts performed by internationally and regionally renown musicians as well as rising stars from the USC School of Music. Admission is free, however a free-will offering will be taken to support future recitals.

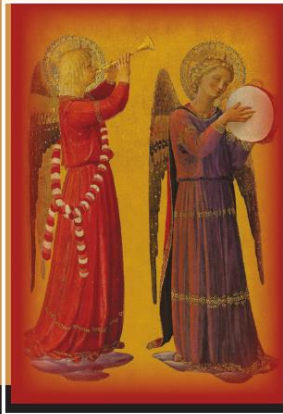
**Incarnation Lutheran
3005 Devine Street
Columbia, SC 29205**



Colla Voce

CHAMBER CHOIR

Music That Matters



Tuesday, December 11, 7:30

Sunday, December 16, 4:00 p.m.

Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary Chapel

Colla Voce Christmas in the tradition of the annual Christmas Concerts presented by the Concert Choir. Dr. Wyatt has picked out favorite works from his past 31 years at USC. Lots of warm fuzzies with exciting joyful music.

Concerts are \$10.00 in advance (call 777-5369) and \$15.00 at the door.



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1529 Assembly St., Columbia

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 | 7:30 PM
Virginia Wingard United Methodist Church
1500 Broad River Rd., Columbia

TICKETS \$10 | STUDENTS \$5 | CHILDREN (12 AND UNDER) FREE

Book now at WWW.SANDLAPPERSINGERS.ORG

GIVING BACK

We are collecting peanut butter to benefit Harvest Hope Food Bank.
If you want to participate, please bring an unopened jar of peanut butter to this concert.



This project is funded in part by the South Carolina Arts Commission which receives support from the National Endowment for the Arts.

You've heard holiday concerts, but not like this one! ! Join the **SANDLAPPER SINGERS** as they turn back time and take you on a chronological Christmas musical journey. Beginning with "Hark the Herald" (1907) and ending with Grammy-winning vocal group, Pentatonix's arrangement of "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" (2016), this concert will dance through the decades to celebrate the holidays with hits from many different eras. No matter the decade of your childhood, this concert will bring nostalgia for all.

Congratulations!

Presently a senior at the Eastman School of Music where he studies organ with David Higgs, Chase Loomer won the first prize of \$10,000 and a solo organ recital in the Taylor Organ Competition in Atlanta, GA on April 21, 2018. Chase participated in the Young Organist Competition here in Columbia in 2013. Yet another one of the YOC alumni who continues to garner praise for his accomplishments in organ. Please mark your calendars for the Young Organist Competition on **Saturday, March 9, 2019.**



DEDICATORY ORGAN RECITAL

Christopher Jacobson

DUKE CHAPEL ORGANIST

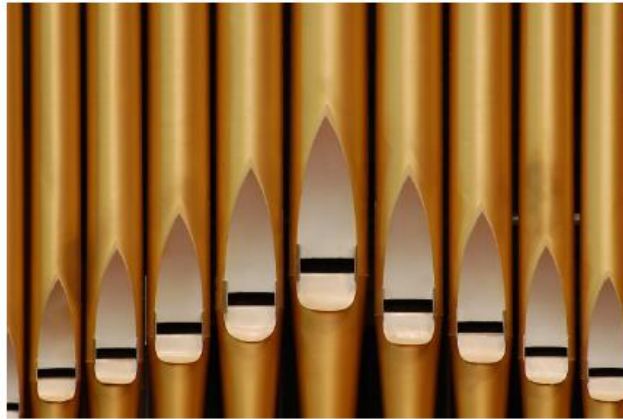
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Young Organist Competition 2019



sponsored by the
Greater Columbia AGO Chapter

Saturday, March 9, 2019
Columbia, S.C.

Open to grades 8–12

First Prize \$1,500

Second Prize \$1,000

Third Prize \$750

Hymn Playing Award \$250

Bach Playing Award \$250

For rules and application see
Young Organist Competition 2019
at www.columbiaago.org



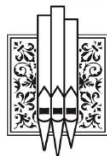
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Announcing the 2019

W. Darr Wise Piano Competition

Saturday, February 16, 2019

The W. Darr Wise Piano Competition is named in honor of Newberry College Professor Emeritus Dr. W. Darr Wise. Wise was a member of the Newberry College Music faculty for 42 years, serving as both a piano professor and the College organist until his retirement in 1998. His skill as a musician and an educator inspired his students to continue studying and teaching at major music conservatories and to achieve successful careers as performers, church musicians, retailers and leaders in the music industry, teachers and administrators in all levels of education.

Prizes

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third in both the junior and senior divisions. First prize winners in each division each receive a cash award. All prize winners will perform one music selection in the winner's recital.

Junior Division, First Prize -- \$250

Senior Division, First Prize -- \$250 + \$5,000 Newberry Scholarship

Honorable Mention may be awarded at the discretion of the judges.

Competition Repertoire

JUNIOR DIVISION (Grades 6 - 8)

- Two contrasting solo pieces

A total of 10 minutes is allocated for each audition; no minimum performance time limit. The repertoire must be performed from memory in order to be eligible for prizes.

SENIOR DIVISION (Grades 9-12)

- One movement of a Classical sonata
- One contrasting piece selected by the contestant

A total of 10 minutes is allocated for each audition; no minimum performance time limit. The repertoire must be performed from memory in order to be eligible for prizes.

To register and more information: <https://www.newberry.edu/w-darr-wise-piano-competition>

Questions?

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SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS FOR ORGAN STUDY

The Greater Columbia Chapter of AGO has a limited fund that may be used to award financial aid to organists wishing to further their skills, or to pianists with proficient keyboard skills who wish to begin organ study. Eligible candidates may be high school students, adults, or college students who are not pursuing a music degree. Candidates should be enrolled in a proposed plan of study with a private organ teacher, or a teacher employed by an institution of higher learning that offers organ lessons for college credit. The awards are intended to help with tuition and the purchase of music and books. The applicant or the applicant's organ teacher must be a member of the Greater Columbia AGO Chapter. Further details are outlined in the [application form](#). If you know of anyone who would be interested in applying for these funds, please share this application with them.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

Concert Choir Christmas Concert, December 7, 7:30 p.m. Shandon Presbyterian Church, 607 Woodrow Street. Selections by Poulenc, Josquin, Purcell, Sweelinck, Brahms, Barber, White, with new arrangements of familiar carols, Free

Concert Choir Christmas Concert, December 9, 6:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, Corner of Marion and Lady Streets, Free

Colla Voce Christmas Concert, December 11, 7:30 p.m. Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary Chapel, 4201 N. Main, 7:30. Modeled on the very popular Concert Choir Christmas programs, favorite selections from the past 30 years of concerts. Selections by Danner, Arnesen, Bird, Victoria, Buxtehude, Bassano, plus familiar carols. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance, 777-5369, or \$15.00 at the door.

Colla Voce Christmas Concert, December 16, Anglican Church of the Epiphany, 2512 N. Beltline Blvd. 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance, 777-5369, or \$15 at the door.

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.

CAMERON

Resurrection Lutheran Church - Part-time organist/pianist/choir director needed—Resurrection Lutheran Church in Cameron, SC is in need of a part-time organist/pianist/choir director. Our Möller organ is further described on the Greater Columbia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists' website. Duties include playing liturgical music and hymnody and preparing an anthem for 1 Sunday service each week, and choir rehearsal on Wednesday night. In addition, the musician is expected to play for Lenten mid-week services, Holy Week and special Christmas Services in addition to funerals and weddings. Salary and vacation are commensurate with experience. Please forward resume to pastorrlc@windstream.net or mail to Musician Search Committee, Resurrection Lutheran Church, PO Box 427, Cameron, SC 29030.

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.

COLUMBIA

College Place UMC, 4801 Colonial Drive, 29203, seeks a committed, forward-looking music director to lead music ministries. The music director will work with our new, energetic pastor to expand our musical offerings to serve a wide audience in our diverse community. The music director should be comfortable playing traditional Methodist hymns and services and be motivated to explore new and varied genres in worship of the Lord. The music director will plan, prepare, and perform Sunday services and other services such as weddings and funerals as needed.

College Place UMC is located in North Columbia, next to Columbia College. We are proud to be considered one of the most diverse Methodist churches in South Carolina. For more information contact Jammie Watters, College Place UMC, 4801 Colonial Drive, Columbia, SC 29203, cpumc.office@gmail.com or 803.754.5342

Forest Lake Presbyterian Church, 6500 North Trenholm Road, Columbia, SC, is seeking a part-time organist/pianist. Our newly installed Casavant organ features two manuals, 22 stops, and 27 ranks of pipes. Responsibilities include two Sunday morning services (9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.), seasonal services, and Wednesday evening choir rehearsals. Duties are lighter during the summer months. Resumes may be sent to Dr. Elizabeth M. Mears c/o Forest Lake Presbyterian Church, 6500 North Trenholm Road, Columbia, SC, 29206. For a job description or additional information, please contact Dr. Mears, Director of Music, at bethmears@flpc.org.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 3909 Forest Drive. Contemporary Music Leader needed to serve as lead musician for the 8:15 a.m. Sunday Service. Leader will have the primary responsibility of music selection and worship planning in consultation with the Pastor. The individual is also responsible for leading the contemporary service Music Team. For more information and to apply, please contact Pastor John Stoudemayer at the Church Office (803-787-4413), Nancy Hyatt (803-873-9449 or dnhyatt63@gmail.com), or Susan Weaver (803-600-1936).

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.

Rehoboth United Methodist Church seeking part-time pianist/organist/choir director for weekly choir practice and services, including Sunday morning worship, special seasonal services, and revival. Send letter of interest and resume to SPRC-RUMC, 6911 Two Notch Rd, Columbia SC 29223.

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 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 or call Wayne Hall at (803) 252-7297 for more information.

Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1000 Greenlawn Drive, Columbia, SC 29209, is seeking a part time Organist and/or Pianist. This person will be responsible for the following: (1) Plan and provide instrumental music for regularly scheduled worship services to include Christmas Eve, Holy Week, and any other special Service planned by the Worship Committee and approved by Session, to include playing congregational hymns for Services. (2) Participate in meetings with the Pastor, as necessary; meet monthly with the Worship Committee as an ex-officio member, if possible. Coordinate with Pastor and/or Worship Committee the general planning and leadership of the Church's worship program. (3) Provide music for all weddings and funerals in the church, when requested. A Substitute may be used with the approval of the regular organist/pianist. (4) The ability to work with soloists, duets, or trios on occasion is desirable. A background check is required. Please contact the church office at (803)776-2067 with questions or send your resume' via e-mail to Organist/Pianist Search Committee Chair at kath04@bellsouth.net.

Wm. Jennings Bryan Dorn VAMC, 6439 Garners Ferry Road Columbia, SC, Organist, Contact Christine Aldeguer, Sawyer Contracting, office@sawyercontracting.com, 407-602-7780 loc. 103. The Contract Musician shall provide a complete music ministry to patients and their family during scheduled Sunday services (52 Sundays per year, two services per Sunday) and Special services (an average of five per year). No choir. \$150 a week.

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.

GILBERT

Pond Branch United Methodist Church, Gilbert, SC, is seeking part-time, long term organist/pianist for 9:30 a.m. worship and 6 p.m. choir rehearsal (Sundays). Send letter of interest and resume to John Smith, SPRC Chair; 1913 Pond Branch Rd.; Gilbert, SC 29054. Phone: 803-657-5481 Email: pbumcsec@pbtcomm.net

LANCASTER

Christ Episcopal Church, 534 Plantation Road, Lancaster, SC 29720, is currently looking for a part time organist/choir director, approximately 12 to 14 hrs. per week. We are looking for a person who has a love and joy for music and who would like to be part of a truly great musical tradition. If interested, please contact the church office at episcopal@comporium.net or 803-286-5224.

First United Methodist Church, Lancaster is seeking a person of faith and musical gifts to play the organ and lead our church in music ministry programs in coordination with our Senior Pastor. A Bachelors or Masters degree in Music along with prior experience is required. Our sanctuary is graced by a 34-rank, three-manual Moeller-Austin pipe organ and a Yamaha grand piano. Other instruments include timpani, five octaves of Schulmerich handbells, and 4 octaves of Malmark handchimes. FUMC, Lancaster is well-known for an excellent music program with a Chancel Choir, soloists, guest musicians, handbell choirs, children and youth musicians, and seasonal special services and programs.

Interested persons should provide letter of interest and resume to Michael Clancy at FUMC, Lancaster via mail or email as shown below.

Michael Clancy, SPRC Committee, First United Methodist Church, PO Box 608, Lancaster, SC 29721, 803-283-8406, Email: irishclancy@yahoo.com, Phone: 803-804-1611

Closing Date: 10/15/2017

AGO members may contact sloopystur@aol.com for a more complete job description. Others, please contact irishclancy@yahoo.com .

LEXINGTON

Providence Lutheran Church, 840 Old Chapin Road, Lexington 29072. Instrumentalist and Choir Director - Plan and coordinate the music and instrumental accompaniment for worship music. Keyboard and Piano. Assist in selecting and providing music for Sunday morning and seasonal worship services. Conduct rehearsals, direct and accompany choir and special music. Provide instrumental music for weddings and funerals held at Providence Lutheran Church. Contact Pastor Patti Sue Burton-Pye for more information and to apply. psbpye@yahoo.com (803) 403 - 7755 (cell), (803) 359 – 4210.

WHITE ROCK

Bethel Lutheran Church, 2081 Dutch Fork Road, Chapin, SC 29036 is searching for a part-time Organist/choir director. Our instrument is an Allen MD565 Organ. Candidates should have experience in playing liturgical worship services. For more information, please contact Pastor Roy Butler at chapbutler@gmail.com.