

There will not be a December AGO Meeting

Epiphany Dinner*

Followed by
Your Favorite Wedding/Funeral Stories
Tuesday, January 7, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
Grecian Gardens Restaurant
2312 Sunset Blvd., W. Columbia, SC 29169

Let's all heave a collective sigh of relief as we celebrate surviving the Advent/Christmas season in a private dining room at Grecian Gardens Restaurant. We'll order separately from the menu and enjoy fellowship throughout the meal. After dinner, we'll share some laughs over our favorite stories from playing weddings and funerals. Be sure to bring your most memorable ones with you. Members are welcome to bring a guest.

*Reservations Required

Please email Susan Sturkie at sloopystur@aol.com by Thursday, January 2.



UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENT

Choral Clinic: Working with Smaller Volunteer Church Choirs

Dr. Chris Sheppard, Clinician

Saturday, January 25, 2020, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 3909 Forest Drive, Columbia SC 29204

Do you regularly work with a smaller volunteer choir, have a smaller group in the summer, or experience occasional dips in attendance? We can all use good ideas on how to bring out the best in our faithful volunteer choir members. A short reading session will be included, featuring more accessible unison, 2-part, and 3-part anthems. Please plan to join us for this event. If there is a separate choir director at your church, they are welcome to join us as well.



Our clinician, Dr. Chris Sheppard, chairs Newberry College's Music Department and is Director of Choral Activities. He holds a doctorate from the University of Wisconsin, master's from the University of Northern Colorado, and bachelor's from Marshall University. Before coming to Newberry College in 2010, Dr. Sheppard was the Director of Choral Activities at Montana State University Billings, where he also directed an award winning community choir, sang several operatic roles, and was in high demand as a guest conductor and adjudicator. Throughout the course of his career, Dr. Sheppard has served as Music Director in Presbyterian and Lutheran churches.



Mark your calendars for two very important events in March 2020. On Friday, March 6, at Trinity Cathedral, the winner of the first Young Organist Competition will perform a solo recital in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the competition. Since winning the Young Organist Competition in 2011, Jacob Reed distinguished himself by completing

a BA/MA in music history/theory with a double major in mathematics at Yale University. In 2019, as a student of Martin Jean at Yale, he was awarded the Master of Music degree in performance. In the fall of 2019, he relocated to Chicago where he is pursuing a doctorate in music history and theory on a Neubauer Family Distinguished Doctoral Fellowship. On Saturday, March 7, 2020, Columbia AGO will host the Young Organist Competition at Shandon United Methodist Church. Be sure to save both dates for this special tenth anniversary celebration.

Organ Recital by Jacob Reed Friday, March 6, 2020 Trinity Cathedral 1100 Sumter Street Columbia SC 29201 Young Organist Competition Saturday, March 7, 2020 Shandon United Methodist Church 3407 Devine Street Columbia SC 29205

Save These Dates for more Winter/Spring, 2020 Chapter Events

<u>Friday, April 24, 7:00 pm - Silent Film Event with Ron Carter</u> at Shandon UMC. Bring family and friends for a wonderful evening of fun! (Free and open to the public.)

<u>Tuesday, May 19, 6:30pm - Dinner & Installation of Officers</u> at Ascension Lutheran Church, 827 Wildwood Ave., Cola., SC 29203. Pastor Jackie Utley will present a fun "Women of the Bible" skit. Members are welcome to bring a guest. (Reservations required.)



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Congratulations to Nhat Tong, the 2019 winner of the Young Organist Competition who played a stunning recital on November 22 at Shandon United Methodist Church here in Columbia. Having just turned 16 years old this month, Nhat is one of the younger winners. He and his family traveled here from Houston, Tx, in order for him to present this concert. His program

featured works by Boëllmann, Purcell, J.S. Bach, Mendelssohn, Vaughan Williams, Vierne, and John Williams. For an encore, he performed an arrangement of the Hallelujah Chorus from *Messiah*. Nhat is now a member of the YOC alumni who are the rising stars of the organ world. The chapter is proud to claim Nhat as one of our own young organists!



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CHORAL EVENSONG

Every Sunday at 4:00, sung by the Cathedral Choirs A reception follows on the Cathedral lawn.

THE SUNDAY 6:00 P.M. KEENAN CHAPEL SERVICE

Monthly Taizé Service will be held on the last Sunday of each month.

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral 1100 Sumter Street Columbia, South Carolina 29201 803-771-7300 www.trinitysc.org



Soak in the sounds of the season with the Sandlapper Singers' presentation of "SIMPLE GIFTS." This concert will merge beloved holiday songs with the spoken word. The popularity of choral music soars during the holiday season, because of its ability to remind us of the simple things that mean the most to us...family, friends, faith, and fellowship. And for many, music is a gift in and of itself!





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Scholarships Available

The Greater Columbia Chapter of AGO has limited funds that may be used to award financial assistance for organists to further their skills, or to pianists with proficient keyboard skills who might be interested in learning to play the organ. Eligible candidates may be high school students, college students, or adults. Please share this information with those who might be interested in beginning organ lessons or in furthering their organ skills. Scholarships will be awarded in January and July. Contact Greg Stone for more information.

Greg Stone Dean, Greater Columbia Chapter of AGO

3319 Devereaux Rd. Columbia, SC 29205 Email: gstone@sc.rr.com

Ph: 803-609-5124

Free AGO Memberships Available!

Free membership to the American Guild of Organists is available to students taking organ lessons. High School students taking organ lessons from a current member of the Greater Columbia Chapter qualify for a chapter membership. College students majoring in a music program and taking organ lessons from a current member of the Greater Columbia Chapter qualify for a national membership, which includes a chapter membership. Contact <u>Susan Sturkie</u> for more details!



Teacher Information

Occasionally, our chapter is contacted for names of AGO members who teach organ, piano, or voice. If you teach one or all of these, please contact Susan Sturkie at sloopystur@aol.com with information about what you teach and biographical information containing your degrees and other information pertaining

to your qualifications to teach in these areas.



Our sympathy is extended to AGO member **Tony Roof** on the death of his mother, Dorothy Roof.

Dorothy, 86, of Lexington passed away on Thursday, November 7, 2019. A graduate from the University of South Carolina with an associate degree, she was a retired employee of Roof Basket Works. Dorothy was a member of Pisgah Lutheran Church. Through the years, she served in many roles, including church treasurer, Sunday school teacher, and as a member of Church Council, the Building Committee and the Endowment Board.

Memorials may be made to Pisgah Lutheran Church, 1350 Pisgah Church Road, Lexington, SC 29072.

Celebrating Mark Schweizer



Dear Friends of St. James Music Press,

It is with sadness that we let you know that the founder of St. James Music Press, Mark Schweizer, died this past Saturday. It was a peaceful passing, and he was surrounded by his family. In the last few weeks he was gladdened by all of your notes as well as your prayers. Thank you.

There will be a memorial service in Tryon, North Carolina, on Sunday, November 17 at 3:00 PM at Tryon Presbyterian Church.

Mark's death is a huge loss to the church music community. But, as you may expect, Mark had great plans for St. James Music Press. Not the least of these plans was a redesign of the website which will roll-out in January and a revamping of the Viva Voce Children's Music curriculum. Of course, we are committed to publishing new music that fulfills your needs as a church musician. St. James Music Press will continue to build on the firm foundation that Mark built.

Thank you for all of your support and being a part of St. James Music Press.

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Sir Stephen Cleobury obituary

Sir Stephen Cleobury, who has died of cancer aged 70, was director of music at King's College, Cambridge, in charge of one of the world's best known choirs, from 1982 until his retirement earlier this year. He continued the 500-year tradition of choral music at King's, following on from his immediate predecessors AH Mann, Boris Ord, Sir David Willcocks and Sir Philip Ledger.

In an institution associated with gradual evolution rather than revolutionary upheaval, Cleobury's major contribution to progress was his incorporation of contemporary music into the choir's repertoire, especially his commissioning of a new carol each year for the Festival of



Nine Lessons and Carols, broadcast live on <u>BBC</u> radio on <u>Christmas Eve</u>. Leading composers who have written new work for the service include Thomas Adès, John Tavener, Mark-Anthony Turnage and Harrison Birtwistle.

Indeed, it was following the inclusion of Birtwistle's The Gleam, calling for stamping feet and shouts from the choristers, in 2003 that Cleobury received a missive that read: "Whoever commissioned that carol should be locked in a darkened room and never let out." The offender was not only unrepentant but proud that he was responsible for contemporary music being broadcast round the globe. He conducted his last Christmas Eve service in 2018, the 100th anniversary of the event, with a new carol by Judith Weir, master of the Queen's music.

In his parallel career as chief conductor of the <u>BBC</u> Singers, from 1995 to 2007, Cleobury also had plentiful opportunities to perform music by such composers as James MacMillan, Giles Swayne, Ed Cowie and Francis Grier. At Cambridge he initiated two successful ventures: Easter at King's and Concerts at King's, the latter a year-round series attracting top performers such as Gerald Finley (a former King's choral scholar), Bryn Terfel, Alison Balsom and Andreas Scholl, as well as leading ensembles including the Academy of Ancient Music, Monteverdi Choir and Vienna Boys' Choir.



December Birthdays

12/11	Laura Sturgeon	
12/20	Jim Hepler	
12/21	Eddie Huss	
12/26	Patricia Blackwell	
12/26	Huger Caughman	
12/27	Sharon Rattray	
12/27	Bill Johns	
12/27	Robert Jones	
12/28	Ruth Lackstrom	
12/30	Ginny Holt	
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Young Organist Competition 2020



sponsored by the Greater Columbia AGO Chapter

> Saturday, March 7, 2020 Columbia, S.C.

Open to grades 8-12

First Prize \$1,500 Second Prize \$1,000 Third Prize \$750 Hymn Playing Award \$300 Bach Playing Award \$300

For rules and application see Young Organist Competition 2020 at www.columbiaago.org

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Catawba College - Salisbury, North Carolina

Catawba College is a small, faith-based (UCC), liberal arts college located about 45 miles north of Charlotte in the quaint town of Salisbury, NC. The 1000-seat Omwake-Dearborn Chapel, named for two former college presidents, is now 55 years old. At the time of the dedication, an electronic organ was in place but was later replaced by a 42 rank 3 manual Casavant pipe organ. Over the years, the pipe organ fell into disrepair and its baroque tonality fell out of favor. Several attempts were made to either repair the Casavant or replace it. Al Murrell, Vice President of R. A. Daffer Church Organs, Inc., built a strong relationship with Professor Paul Oakley and his successor Dr. Phillip Burgess by providing Rodgers Organs for their annual service of lessons and carols. Because of the relationship Al built over the years with college personnel, R.A.Daffer Church Organs, Inc was chosen to build and install the new four manual 84 stop Rodgers Organ. In addition, 17 ranks of the existing Casavant Organ were incorporated into the new instrument. The project which includes new wind chests will be completed in April of 2019. We wish to thank Dr. Phillip Burgess, Associate Chair of Music and

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Please contact Susan Sturkie (803-788-6807 or 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)

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

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

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

Living Springs Lutheran Church, 4224 Hard Scrabble Road, Columbia, SC 29223. Part-time Organist/Accompanist. Living Springs is hiring a part-time organist/accompanist to work alongside our Worship and Music Team, and to enhance the worship services of our growing, diverse congregation. This person would be responsible for playing organ and/or piano on Sunday mornings for both services, attending Wednesday rehearsals with our choir (with summers off), and accompanying the choir at special concerts and events. Approximately 21-25 hours per Month. Contact Living Springs Minister of Worship, Deacon Justin Rimbo, 803-736-0661, justin@livingspringscolumbia.org.

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, 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 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 carillion. Please send resume with cover letter to

stmarkumccola@gmail.com or call Wayne Hall at (803) 252-7297 for more information.

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@sainttimothylutheran.org with subject line Organist or Music Ministry.

HARTSVILLE

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-Church Office: (843) 332-8765

IRMO

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) congregation in the Irmo, SC area seeks a Choir Director/Organist for one service on Sundays, preceded by a choir rehearsal. No regular mid-week responsibilities except during services associated with holy days throughout the year, funerals, and other events, as needed.

Small choir, piano and organ accompaniment, and working with volunteer instrumentalists to provide support to the music ministry of the congregation is the primary goal. Strong working relationship with other staff in the congregation is encouraged. Traditional worship, with a casual and curious approach to new forms and styles characterize our environment.

Compensation \$10-12,000 commensurate with experience. Call Pastor Frank W. Anderson or email resume and letter of interest to PastorFrank2016@att.net or 803-730-4075.

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

LEXINGTON

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 pastorhawk958@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 or 803-359-7770, extension 13.

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.

First Presbyterian Church of Orangeburg is seeking a choir director/organist.

Responsibilities include playing for a traditional service at 11:00 each Sunday morning and directing an adult choir rehearsal at 7:15 each Wednesday night. The church has a two manual, 23-rank Schantz organ and a Steinway baby grand piano. For more information, please contact musicsearch@1stpresbyterian.org

or <u>dseymore@1stpresbyterian.org</u>.

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 for more details.

Pastor: Rev. Sara Relaford, Church Secretary: Lori Worsencroft