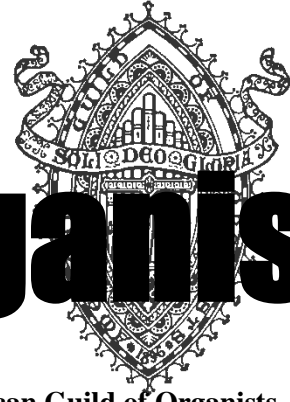


The Greater Columbia Organist



February 2011

A Publication of the Greater Columbia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

Thomas Murray Master Class

Thomas Murray from Yale University conducted a master class for the Greater Columbia Chapter at Washington Street United Methodist Church on January 29. Performers included Chad Martin, a master's degree student of AGO member Dr. David Lowry, Professor Emeritus at Winthrop University; Frances Webb, chapter Sub-Dean; and Mark Dickens, presently organist and music director at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Augusta, GA and a graduate of University of South Carolina School of Music where he studied with chapter member Dr. William Bates. On Sunday, January 30, following Choral Evensong, Thomas Murray presented a solo recital at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral as part of the organ re-dedication recital series.



From the Dean:

Dear AGO Friends,

Think back to when you first fell in love with the sound of the organ. When was it? Was it the glorious sound of the instrument leading the choir and congregation in song that inspired you? Or, perhaps the thunder of the reeds during a brilliant postlude roused your soul?

One of the missions of the AGO is to foster the love of the instrument with our youth. I am very proud that this year our local chapter has organized an organ performance competition to help encourage those youth who do study the organ to aim for the highest level of musicianship possible in both their solo playing as well in their ability to play hymns successfully. Through the generous support of chapter members and those who have attended our AGO events thus far this season, we have raised enough money to fully fund this year's competition as well as to have a small "nest egg" of funds to repeat this competition in the future. I would especially like to thank our Sub-Dean, Frances Webb, for her leadership on this matter. She has been invaluable in helping to organize this event for us in early March. Please check the calendar in the newsletter and plan on attending the competition!

In March we also welcome Dr. Dorothy Reiss from Las Vegas, Nevada. Dr. Reiss was the first female to have ever won the AGO National Organ Performance Competition. Following this prestigious award, she returned to her academic studies and became a medical doctor. Now, in her eighties, Dorothy has once again returned to the

(continued on page 2)

organ and is performing brilliantly (In fact, she will be performing at the Far-West AGO Regional this summer!) Dorothy will be performing two recitals for our chapter – one at Still Hopes Retirement Community and one at St. Andrew’s Baptist Church. Following the recital at St. Andrew’s she will lecture on how one can successfully perform through the “golden years.” As both a medical doctor and a performer, she will offer some marvelous advice about how we can all stay on our A-Game as performers well into our retirement years.



Yours,
Patrick Hawkins, DMA
Dean



Free - 75 used choir robes, cream-colored, some with closed sleeves for playing bells/organ. Also have stoles for the robes, 4 colors- gold, red, purple, and green. Contact Anne McNair, amcnair3@yahoo.com.

Our Next AGO Meetings

Young Organist Competition 2011
Saturday, March 5
Centennial ARP Church, 413 Laurel Street, Columbia
10:00 a.m

CDs have arrived from six young organists for the semi-final round of the organ competition. The top three winners will be notified that they should perform here in Columbia on Saturday, March 5 for a committee of outstanding judges. Participants are from Greenville, Columbia, Sumter, Aiken, Chapel Hill NC and Monroe NC. The competition on March 5 will take place at Centennial ARP Church, 413 Laurel Street, Columbia beginning at 10:00 a.m. The contest is free and open to the public. Awards will be made immediately following the competition. The first prize is \$1000 and the second and third place winners will receive a handsome engraved plaque.

Dorothy Young Riess in concert St. Andrews Baptist Church

7:00 p.m. followed by a talk on “Performing in the Golden Years.”

On Friday evening, March 11, the Greater Columbia Chapter of AGO will present Dr. Dorothy Young Riess in concert at St. Andrews Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m. followed by a talk on “Performing in the Golden Years.”

Dr. Riess grew up surrounded by music, starting piano lessons with her mother at four, and winning her first competition at seven. Her father, a concert violinist, coached her in dynamics and interpretation. She continued advanced piano study with Dean Clarence Berg at Oklahoma City University, performing the Gershwin Piano Concerto with the symphony at age 14.

At 16 she switched to the organ and studied with Dubert Dennis, Organist at First Christian Church. After a few months of lessons, she performed a weekly radio show of Pop Tunes on the Hammond at radio station KTOW, Oklahoma City. She entered The University of Oklahoma at 17 and became a protégé of the legendary Mildred Andrews whose discipline and coaching skills enabled Dorothy to win many competitions including the National AGO Young Artists in 1952. She then studied with Marcel Dupré at Fontainebleau, France.

After several years of travel and concerts she became organist-choirmaster of the American Church, Rome, Italy. A visiting Yale Professor heard her play and offered a scholarship to Yale Graduate Music School. She performed her Masters Recital at Woolsey Hall. Her father's death a few months later led her to the healing arts. She attended Pre-Med classes at Columbia University Night School, New York, and worked on Wall Street during the day.

Admitted to The University of Oklahoma School of Medicine at age 33, she received her Doctor of Medicine degree in 1969. After four years of post-grad Residency training at Huntington Hospital, Pasadena, and Los Angeles County General Hospital, she practiced Internal Medicine for 30 years in Pasadena. After retiring from medical practice in 2000, she relocated to Las Vegas, and resumed organ playing in 2003.

She performed her 75th Birthday recital at the University of Nevada Las Vegas in 2006. Her 80th Birthday celebration recital will be at UNLV May 6, 2011.

(St. Andrews Baptist Church is located at 230 Bush River Road across from Dutch Square Mall.)



Upcoming Events

Contemporary Music Clinic
Sunday, February 20, 2011
4:00 - 6:00

Ebenezer Lutheran Church
1301 Richland Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Mark Glaeser, widely regarded as one of the leaders of contemporary Lutheran worship, will guide us in an understanding of many areas of worship. This is part of Ebenezer's ongoing discussion to revamp its current Sunday worship schedule, which has two concurrent services. All who have an interest in worship of any kind or who want more information are invited.

Mark Glaeser is the Minister of Music at Christ Lutheran Church, Charlotte, and directs a diverse program of over twenty-five choirs and ensembles, including choral (children, youth and adult), handbells and choir chimes, a recorder consort, instrumental ensembles (brass, strings and winds) and contemporary music ensembles. Mark is a graduate of Colorado State University where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Music Therapy with a concentration in organ performance. In addition to directing the Lutheridge School of Worship and Church Music, Mark is active as a workshop clinician for contemporary worship, Orff ensembles, handbell clinics, choral reading sessions, and implementing change in worship.

The event is free and open to the public but space is limited, so please call 803.765.9430 to reserve a space.

PATRONS AND FRIENDS OF THE ARTS AT EBENEZER
PRESENTS
COLUMBIA BAROQUE SOLOISTS

1301 RICHLAND STREET
COLUMBIA, SC 29201

6:00 PM SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13 IN EBENEZER'S ACOUSTICALLY SUPERIOR CHAPEL.

PROGRAM: LOVE AND LAMENT.

IN THEIR FOURTH SEASON, COLUMBIA BAROQUE SOLOIST BRING BAROQUE MUSIC TO LIFE THROUGH HISTORICALLY INSPIRED PERFORMANCES AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF ARTISTIC EXPRESSION.

ALL PATRONS' EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

VISIT PATRONS AND FRIENDS OF THE ARTS NEW WEBSITE WWW.PATRONSANDFRIENDS.ORG

Dr. Andre Lash, organist at Christ United Methodist Church, Greensboro, NC

Solo organ recital

Central United Methodist Church, 233 N. Church Street, Spartanburg, SC

Friday evening, March 25, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Admission is free.

Dr. Andre Lash, organist at Christ United Methodist Church, Greensboro, NC, will present a solo organ recital at Central United Methodist Church, 233 N. Church Street, Spartanburg, SC on Friday evening, March 25, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

This recital commemorates the 30th anniversary of the installation of the Austin III/31 organ, and is co-sponsored by the Spartanburg chapter of the AGO and the church.

For more information, please contact the church office at 864-582-7263, M-Th 8:30-4:00; F 8:30-12:00; Saturday, closed.

February Birthdays

2/01 Hannah Aurand
2/02 Ed Brown
2/07 Alida Rawl
2/07 "Mickey" Johnson
2/08 Joyce Farrow
2/10 E.T. Smith
2/11 Karen Shevenell
2/15 Don Alcorn
2/20 Frank Ballard
2/21 David Lowry
2/22 Anne McNair
2/22 Chuck Wilson
2/26 Jim Johnson





Newberry College

In Benefit Concert

Newberry College Singers Madrigals & Music Faculty

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
119 Church Street
Lexington, South Carolina

Sunday
February 27, 2011
3:00 pm

This concert is presented by Newberry College and St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in honor of Dr. Sally Cherrington Beggs. This concert is free and open to the public. Dr. Sally is Chair of the Department of Music at Newberry College, College organist and organist at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church. All offerings received will help defray medical costs for the Beggs family. Dr. Sally has been diagnosed with cancer. Surgery for a brain tumor was performed in 2009 and 2010.

Dinner is available following the concert. St. Stephen's finest chefs will have chicken stew prepared for eat-in or take-out. Plates are \$5 each.

The organ/sacred music department at the University of Florida invites you to the upcoming Inspiring Worship workshop from May 1-3, 2011. Now in its fourth year, the University of Florida's School of Music is proud to host this continuing education event geared specifically towards organists, choral directors, and church musicians.

This year's workshop will feature a carillon recital, hymn festival, reading sessions, and exciting workshops by our nationally recognized clinician - Sue Mitchell-Wallace. Complete details may be found at: <http://www.arts.ufl.edu/organ/SMW.shtml> Feel free to e-mail Laura Ellis if you have any questions: lrellis@ufl.edu



Planning Ahead???

Region IV Convention, June 26-29, 2011 – Greensboro, NC.

For more information see: <http://www.ggago.org/convention/default.html>

Region IV POE 2011 – Birmingham, Alabama.

Watch for more information on their website: <http://orgs.bsc.edu/bhamago/>

National Convention, July 1-6, 2012 – Nashville, Tennessee.

For more information see: <http://www.nashvilleago.org/2012/index.htm>

Region IV Convention 2013 – Columbia, SC. Watch for more information on our website:

www.regional2013.org



Subscribe to “The Tracker” from the OHS

Request a free sample copy of "The Tracker", the quarterly journal of the Organ Historical Society.

Contact Jerry Morton at:

mail@organsociety.org

Have you visited any AGO websites lately?

Find the most up to date information at:

www.columbiaago.org

<http://agoregionivblog.blogspot.com/>

www.agohq.org

**** NEW LISTING**

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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

BATESBURG-LEESVILLE

Batesburg Leesville Presbyterian Church, 103 Mitchell Street, is seeking to hire a part time organist/choir director. Responsibilities include, working with the pastor on selecting appropriate music for 11:00 am worship service and for special evening services (ex: Maundy Thursday, Christmas Eve services). Please contact David Rawl (803) 604-1238, drawl@excite.com or Robert Goings (803) 532-6035, RGoings494@aol.com .

COLUMBIA

*****Good Shepherd Lutheran Church***, 3909 Forest Drive, Columbia 29204. 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. Primary responsibilities include the weekly direction of the two Sunday morning choirs (traditional and contemporary), the children's music program, and the redevelopment of a handbell choir and youth choir. A full job description is available at www.gslc.com. Please send contact information and attached resume to gslcemployment@gmail.com.

*****St. Andrew's Lutheran Church*** in Columbia, South Carolina seeks a Choir Director for one adult and one children's choir. Duties would include conducting the choirs at the weekly rehearsals and Sunday Services, and for all Holy Day Services. This is approximately a quarter-time position. Bachelor's Degree required. Salary range: \$10,000-11,000. Employment would begin August 1, 2011. Send letters of interest and resumes to: St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 1416 Broad River Rd., Columbia, SC, 29210 or e-mail: jtrump@salutheran.com.

****DAVIDSON, NC**

St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Davidson, NC, seeks a Music Director-Organist to lead and develop the music ministry in an active parish of 600. Two services, 20 hours, salary negotiable based on education and experience. Historic 1865 II/17 George Stevens tracker organ in acoustically impressive nave. Chancel and children's choirs Sept.– May. Strong candidate will be familiar with Episcopal liturgy, comfortable and competent with organ and directing voices, experienced and flexible regarding musical style, selection and tradition, and have experience with adult and youth choir development. We seek a leader whose talent and commitment to music ministry will enhance the worship experience of all. Résumé and cover letter may be sent to The Rev. David Buck at dbuck@gostalbands.org. For more information, visit <http://www.saintalbans-davidson.org>.

CLINTON

Broad Street United Methodist Church in Clinton, SC is seeking a part-time Director of Music and/or Organist. Broad Street has a traditional worship service and a contemporary service on Sunday mornings. The Director is expected to rehearse and direct the chancel choir and the adult bell choir, and coordinate with the pastor on worship music. The Director will also provide leadership for the contemporary service "praise band" and worship team. Staff musicians shall work to sustain and to grow our musical programs and to enrich the Congregation's worship experience. The salary for the separate or combined positions will be negotiated commensurate with the level of education and experience of the applicant. The positions will be available beginning in January, 2011. Send resumes and contact information to BSUMC, PO Box 204, Clinton, SC 29325, or BSUMC e-mail address info@broadstreet-umc.org (Phone number 864-833-0177.) Broad Street is a three hundred member church located in downtown Clinton, a city of 9,000 people in the Piedmont Region of South Carolina.

The sanctuary is equipped with a new sound system, a three manual Zimmer pipe organ and a Yamaha grand piano. The church has an extensive choral library and a dedicated rehearsal space.

DENMARK

Bethel Park UMC 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 7pm. Our Sunday morning worship service is at 11am. We will offer a salary commensurate with experience. If interested, please forward resume, including references to Attn: PPRC, Bethel Park United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 207, Denmark, South Carolina 29042. bethelparkumc@bellsouth.net.

GILBERT

****Gilbert United Methodist Church** is seeking part/full-time church pianist/organist for 11:00 AM traditional worship service. Salary negotiable. Send resume to Gilbert United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 142, Gilbert SC 29054. Attn: John Nix.

FLORENCE

Cross and Crown Lutheran, PART-TIME DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES. P/T Director of Music Ministries needed for Florence, SC church. 10 hours per week. Duties include planning and coordinating the congregation's music program, direct the choir, and participate in planning of worship and other musical activities. Education and experience appropriate for a professional church keyboard musician is desired. Please send resume to: Cross and Crown, 3123 W. Palmetto St. Florence. info@cross-n-crown.org

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.

JENKINSVILLE

White Hall AME, Jenkinsville, SC (Fairfield Co.). Church pianist/organist needed Salary \$150-\$200/week. Contact 803-739-2973 or 803-414-3641 or Sherry Frazier at pianomaster2@aol.com

LAURENS

Atonement Lutheran Church, 413 West Farley Avenue, Laurens, SC 29360 has a current opening for a church organist. We are currently obtaining an organ for the sanctuary, and seek to have a regular organist for Sunday morning worship, in addition to special worship services as needed. Perfect opportunity for a student. Requirements: Be familiar with, or be able to learn liturgical settings and hymns from Lutheran Book of Worship (1978 green hymnal). Contact: Sean Miller, Pastoral Intern, 864-684-1704, lutheran05@yahoo.com.

MT. PLEASANT, SC

****East Cooper Baptist Church**, 361 Egypt Road, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464 is seeking a part-time Organist for our Sanctuary Services. This position will entail time for rehearsals on Wednesday evenings, playing for two of our morning services on Sunday morning, and personal rehearsal time. This person must have a passion for the Lord and for corporate worship, be a qualified and experienced organist, and be a flexible "team player." If you are interested in being a part of a wonderful worship team, using your gifts to lead others in worship, please send resume to jennifer@ecbconline.com for more information. East Cooper has a full music program, including large orchestra and an Arts Academy. You can find out more about the church at www.ecbconline.com.
Dean Henderson, Worship Pastor - (843) 856-3222 ext. 2041, (843) 856-1136 (fax)

NEWBERRY

Colony Lutheran Church, 48 Colony Church Rd., Newberry, SC. **Director of Music/Organist, Part-time.** Located half-way between Prosperity and Newberry on USH#76. One Sunday Worship @ 11:00 a.m. Baldwin 636, 2 manual electronic organ, handbells. Salary negotiable. For more info, contact Worship & Music Chairperson Bettye H. Fulmer @ 803-276-7998, or Pastor Jerry Trantham @ 803-276-7151, colonylc@bellsouth.net.

POMARIA

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2496 SC Highway 773, Pomaria. Choir Director/Organist. One Service/One Practice, Sunday morning. Contact Pastor Brent Nichols: nicholsfive@juno.com , (803)924-4851.

SALUDA

St. Paul UMC, 102 E. Butler Ave., Saluda, SC. Permanent, part-time Organist. Two services on Sunday (9 & 11) and choir rehearsal on Wednesday evening. We are looking for someone proficient on organ and piano, who can accompany a choir, and provide prelude, offertory and postlude. Salary is negotiable, based on the qualifications and needs of the applicant. Please send resume and references to Rev. Robert Cox, Pastor, St. Paul UMC, 102 E. Butler Ave., Saluda, SC 29138 or email to pastor@stpaulsaluda.com. I can receive both Word and PDF documents.

SENECA

Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church, <http://www.eternalshepherd.org/> Choir accompanist. Contact Lars Helland, email:larsh@alltel.net cell: 706-244-4544
Home: 706-356-2690 or Rick Schmidt at 864-886-9306.

WEST COLUMBIA

Our Saviour Lutheran Church in West Columbia, SC is seeking a Handbell Director. The candidate will be responsible for planning, practice, and conducting for selected services. Our bell choir currently practices September through May on Wednesday evenings. Worship service is Sundays at 10:30. Salary for this position is negotiable. If interested, please call Pastor Lance Henderson at 803-794-8180 or email him at oslcpastor@sc.rr.com

Springdale Baptist Church is seeking an organist to play Sunday morning and evening services. The candidate should be proficient in both traditional and contemporary worship genres. Occasionally the organist may be required to accompany anthems for the choir during Wednesday evening rehearsals. Please send resumes to Springdale Baptist,
Attention: Personnel, 357 Watling Rd., West Columbia, SC 29170
or email to: jonathan@springdalebaptist.org