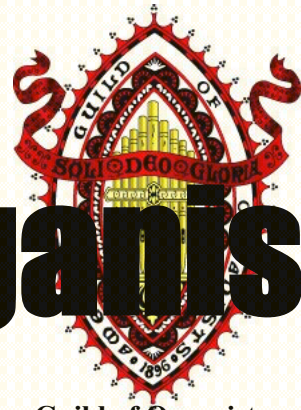


The Greater Columbia Organist



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Choral Workshop on *Making the Most of a Volunteer Church Choir*

Lillian Quackenbush, Clinician

Saturday, February 17, 2018

- 9:30-10:30 Lecture for Choir Directors**
- 10:45-12 Workshop with Demonstration Choir***
- 12-12:30 Demonstration of New Lewtak Organ
by Tim Belk**
- 12:30 Light Lunch ** (see below)**
- Reservations for lunch required!***

**Shandon Presbyterian Church Choir Room
607 Woodrow Street
Columbia SC 29205**



- During the first hour, Lillian Quackenbush will share with the directors a wealth of information gleaned from many years of directing church, college, and community choirs in the area.
- At 10:45, she will illustrate these techniques by directing a demonstration choir of our own choir members.
- A light lunch provided by Jim Johnson is available to registrants with a donation accepted for the Young Organist Competition. **Reservations required!****

Note: please encourage your choir members to participate, (even if you are not the director).

***Please invite your choir members to participate in the Demonstration Choir, and to join us after for the organ demonstration and lunch. Click [here](#) for a flyer for advertising the event to choirs. Note: Choir members are asked to arrive by 10:30.**

****Please RSVP to Susan Sturkie at sloopystur@aol.com by Monday, February 12, the number of choir members by section participating and the number of those staying for lunch.**

Lillian Quackenbush

Lillian Quackenbush has served as music director of several organizations and churches in the Midlands. She is the founder and past Artistic Director of the Sandlapper Singers. Having recently served as Interim Director of the Columbia Choral Society, she is currently the Artistic Director of the Palmetto Mastersingers. Dr. Quackenbush retired from Columbia College in 2009 after teaching voice, conducting the choir, and chairing the Department of Music. In 2012 the South Carolina Arts Commission selected her as the recipient of the Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Lifetime Achievement Award, recognizing her as "performer, teacher, conductor, scholar and advocate ... in the creation, performance, and understanding" of choral music."

Greater Columbia AGO Programs Coming in 2018

Columbia AGO Chapter's Young Organist Competition

Saturday, March 10, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Shandon Methodist Church

Three young organists from a field of screened applicants will perform major organ works as they compete for cash awards. Don't miss these outstanding performances. Open to the public

Presentation on Assistive Technology for Church Organists

Tuesday, April 17, 7:00 p.m.

Spring Valley Presbyterian Church

George Hiatt, Allen Representative from Fox Music House in Charleston, will explain and demonstrate some of the applications designed to help church musicians in their work.

Silent Film with Organ Improvisation

Friday, May 18, 7:00 p.m.

Shandon Methodist Church

By popular demand, Ron Carter from Marietta, Georgia, returns to accompany three silent film shorts. Bring family and friends for a wonderful evening of fun! Open to the public. Donations accepted for our organ scholarship fund.

****There will be a catered dinner at 6:00 p.m. on May 18 for members and non-members who make advance reservations.**

From Former Greater Columbia Chapter Member, Bill McNair

Dear friends,

I recently finished creating a new website where I offer, for free, many of the hymn introductions and reharmonizations that I have written over the years. It is:

www.hymnsfororgan.org

Please go take a look and see if you can find anything there that you might use. I welcome you feedback.

Thanks for your consideration,
Bill McNair
mcnairbill@hotmail.com

Update on Young Organist Competition Winner

Winner of three of the prizes at the 2016 Young Organist Competition sponsored by the Greater Columbia AGO Chapter, Katherine Johnson from Elm City, NC, garnered First Prize, Best Bach Performance Prize, and the Hymn Playing Prize. Now 17 years old, Katherine has been studying organ for five years, and is currently a student of Andrew Scanlon, professor of organ at East Carolina University in Greenville, NC. In early 2014 she was awarded the Central NC AGO Chapter's Cooper-Miller Organ Scholarship which enabled her to attend a Pipe Organ Encounter in Delaware.

She has performed solo recitals at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Hickory, NC, and St. Timothy's Episcopal Church and First Christian Church, both in Wilson, NC. She has also attended summer organ programs at Oklahoma University, Interlochen Arts Academy, and Eastman School of Music. Katherine's former teachers are Phil Valera and Samantha Koch.



On a personal note, I remember her performance of "Moto Ostinato" from *Sunday Music* by Petr Eben. Katherine joins the alumni of the Young Organist Competition who continue to make us proud that we have a part in their budding careers. ~ *Frances Webb*

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Join Us for an Organ Dedication Concert

Sunday, February 11, 4:00 pm
featuring Dr. Joby Bell, guest organist,
playing our newly built and installed
Casavant organ

Reception to follow in the Parlor

Forest Lake Presbyterian Church
6500 N. Trenholm Rd, Columbia

February Birthdays



Ed Brown	2/02
Joyce Farrow	2/08
Janet Schmidt	2/11
Karen Shevenell	2/11
DonAlcorn	2/15
Frank Ballard	2/20
David Lowry	2/21
Chuck Wilson	2/22
George Donovan	2/23
James Johnson	2/26

MARK DANIEL MERRITT IN DOCTORAL LECTURE RECITAL

Tuesday, February 13 at 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

The University of South Carolina

School of Music

813 Assembly St., Columbia, SC 29208

Mark Daniel Merritt, candidate for the Doctor of Musical Arts in Choral Conducting at the University of South Carolina will discuss the history, conductors, and music of the Mystic Area Ecumenical Choir Festival in Connecticut. The festival is in its 50th year. Merritt will conduct the University of South Carolina Graduate Vocal Ensemble in performance of music presented at previous festivals including: two of his compositions, along with pieces by William Billings, Gabriel Fauré, Hal Hopson, and Sally Albrecht. The concert will be accompanied by pianist Caryn Ong, organist William Douglas, and a brass ensemble.

The Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts in SC and the Augusta Chapter of the AGO

offer their annual workshops this year at St. John's UMC in Aiken, SC, on
February 16-17, 2018.

This year's clinicians include **Michael Shake** and **Philip Stopford**.

Michael Shake is the Director of Music and Artistic Ministries at King of Glory Lutheran Church in Dallas, Texas. Michael will present an organ concert in the sanctuary of St. John's on Friday evening at 7:00pm. On Saturday, he will present a course on hymn-playing.

Philip Stopford is the Director of Music at Christ Church (Episcopal) in Bronxville, New York. Philip will lead a reading session of his choral works. He will also offer courses on choral directing techniques and rehearsal techniques.

Other offerings include: reading sessions from multiple publishers and music available for purchase from Pecknel Music.

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Workshop*

*Bishop Andrew Waldo
Keynote Speaker*

St. Michael and All Angels'
Episcopal Church
6408 Bridgewood Road
Columbia, SC 29206
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The AGO National Convention

At the 2018 AGO National Convention in Kansas City you will see and hear incredible performances by world-class organists and choirs, hear new music by some of the world's best modern composers, be able to check out dozens of workshops and seminars, and enjoy creative worship services in some of the most beautiful and historic organ venues in the country. The members of the Greater Kansas City Chapter of The American Guild of Organists look forward to sharing the grandeur of the city's organs and performance venues with you from July 2 – 6, 2018.

Early: Jan. 1 – Mar. 31, 2018
Regular Member* \$435
Senior (65+) \$395
Spouse/Partner \$350
Young Organist (under 30) \$250
Non-member \$550

Transportation Package: \$175 for adults, \$100 for Young Artists
(Air conditioned buses, Various return options to hotels)

[Click here for more information.](#)

Thank You!

Heartfelt thanks for the extremely generous donation of \$975.00 towards expenses for Tim Smith. Also, many thanks for all of those who performed and/or attended the concert for Tim on December 14th. He was beaming. That night meant so much to him. He is a very special soul that has touched so many. Please continue to be in prayer for Tim.
– Christ Church, Lancaster

Congratulations

*Rebecca Quinn Monroe
January 10, 2018
7 lbs., 13 oz.
21 in. long.*



*Proud parents are Thomas and **Margaret Monroe**. Margaret is a long-time member of our chapter who lives in Lancaster.*



International Organ Recital Series

Maxine Thévenot
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Saturday, February 24, 11 a.m.

Young Peoples' Program:
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**** 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.

BEAUFORT

Carteret Street United Methodist Church, 408 Carteret Street, Beaufort, SC 29902 is seeking a part-time organist who will provide music in a worshipful spirit on Sunday morning and other occasions. The church has an average worship attendance of 250 with two services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sundays September to May and one service at 10:00 a.m. from June to August. The choir is composed of 18-20 semi-professional voices who are faithfully committed to the ministry of music. The 12 Rank M.P. Moller organ was rebuilt by A. E. Schleuter in 2013. A grand piano is also present in the sanctuary.

Qualifications: Person who professes the Christian faith and exhibits Christian character; Degrees in music are preferred, but not required; Experienced in church setting; Works well with others as a member of a team.

This is a part-time position consisting of 12-15 hours per week. The salary range is \$16,000 to \$20,500. Persons interested in applying should provide a complete resume and no less than three professional references. Send resume and references to: Mrs. Cindy Keener, Chair, Staff-Parish Relations Committee, CSUMC@islc.net. Church Office Phone: 843-524-3841

(For additional information, contact the church office or the Greater Columbia Chapter AGO at sloopystur@aol.com.)

BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA

****St. James Lutheran Church** needs an organist. Contact Sonja Kinard 912-399-4840

Weekly service at 11 a.m., Mid-Week Lenten services. Practice with choir at present on a Saturday once or twice a month. Play for anthem on Sundays.

CHARLESTON

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, a growing congregation in West Ashley, at 3075 Bees Ferry Rd., Charleston, SC seeks a part-time (12-15 hours per week) Director of Music/Organist. The newly built sanctuary has outstanding acoustics complete with a rebuilt and updated 1963 Noehren Pipe Organ equipped with 26 independent stops, 37 ranks, and 1,853 pipes. Traditional Sunday morning service at 11:00am and seasonal non-Sunday services and weekly Wednesday evening Chancel Choir rehearsals. Bachelor Degree in Music preferred. Competitive Salary. Email cover letter, resume, and references to Barbara Habegger, Organist Search Committee Chair, bahabegger@att.net. For more detailed information call 843-693-5581. Please leave a message and call back number.

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.cherawpc.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.

CHESTER

Bethel United Methodist Church, Chester S.C. founded in 1837 is seeking a part-time organist/choir director. Sunday services are at 11:00 a.m. and rehearsals are held weekly but may vary during the summer months. Additional services include Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, and Maundy Thursday. Our 1943 Pilcher/Moller organ received an updated console in 1986 and the organ was rebuilt in 2004. Please contact Bethelumc@truvista.net for additional information if interested.

COLUMBIA

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.

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.

Trenholm Road United Methodist Church, 3401 Trenholm Road, Columbia, SC, seeks a part-time organist/accompanist. Responsibilities include two Sunday morning worship services (8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.) and Wednesday evening choir rehearsals, plus seasonal services. For additional information please e-mail Sarah Fletcher at sfletcher@trumc.org.

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

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

Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Lexington, SC, is seeking a part time organist. Responsibilities include one Sunday morning worship service (9AM) plus usual seasonal services. Instrument is a 3-manual Allen Renaissance. For additional information or to submit a resume, email Nancy Gibbons at nancy@wearepilgrim.com.

SUMMERVILLE

****St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA)** St. Luke's, an Evangelical Lutheran Church located in the heart of Summerville, South Carolina, seeks applicants for the position of Director of Music Ministries. This is a full-time position with primary responsibilities for providing music for all worship services on our 18-rank Schantz pipe organ, directing all choirs, and musical ensembles. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Salary is negotiable and is based upon experience. The start date is also negotiable but preferably no later than April 15, 2018. Applications should include a letter of interest and resume and be sent to searchcommittee@slc.org. Questions can be directed to the Search Committee Chair, **George Metz**, at that email.

WEST COLUMBIA

Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church, 3011 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169. Needed immediately. This permanent part-time position includes directing adult and children's choirs, handbell choir, organist for Sunday morning blended service (traditional with contemporary) at 9:00 a.m. Zimmer 3 manual pipe organ and Yamaha Grand Piano. For more information, contact Pastor Mary Anderson at 803-794-6430 or mwanderson140@gmail.com. Submit resume and 3 references to: Wynne Price, E-mail: wprice3@sc.rr.com, Phone: 803-920-4087; Church phone: 803-794-6430; Fax: 803-227-2922;