

# The Greater Columbia Organist

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## Election Results

Please welcome:



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**A BIG thank you** to **Brad Cunningham** for serving on the board for three years as member at large!

Thank  
& you

Thank you so much for your responses to our survey. Twenty-eight responses were received with many great ideas. Your board is hard at work in incorporating some of those ideas into programs for the 2024-25 year.

Frances Webb's name was drawn as the winner for a one-year membership to AGO.

Congratulations!



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## Membership Renewals Sent by Checks

Dear Chapter Deans,

Members of your chapters have recently contacted us to inform us that the envelopes containing their checks for membership renewal sent to AGO headquarters have been returned, "address unknown." The Postmaster General is aware of this situation and we hope that this issue will be resolved as soon as possible.

In the meantime, please contact your chapter members and encourage them to renew by credit card. They can safely renew online [here](#), or they can call AGO HQ at 212-870-2310, and we will be happy to assist them in renewing their membership over the phone. Please let them know that if they insist on sending a check, their subscription to **The American Organist** magazine may be delayed.

Thank you for your immediate assistance in contacting your members and encouraging them to renew their membership as soon as possible by credit card.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth George, CMM  
Chief Membership Officer

## ***Catching Up with YOC Alumni***



Ryan Greene is a 2024 graduate of the Eastman School of Music with a Bachelor of Music in organ performance from the studio of David Higgs.

A native of South Carolina, Ryan began his piano study with Ann Wilson in Lexington. He was an inaugural member of the Organ Scholars Program at First Presbyterian Church in Columbia, S.C., where he studied with AGO member Thomas Russell. During that time, he served as substitute organist at several churches in the Columbia and Lexington area.

As a high school student, Ryan received many scholarships in piano and organ through local competitions. He attended the Summer Organ Academy at Eastman in the summer of 2019. In

the Spring of 2020, he won second place in the Young Organist Competition sponsored by the Greater Columbia Chapter of AGO. He was a recipient of the Gerald Barnes Award for Excellence in Pipe Organ in the Spring of 2021. In Spring 2023, he received third prize in the Ottumwa (Iowa) National Undergraduate Organ Competition. He attended the Yale Organ Week in the summer of 2023.

On May 2, 2024, he performed his senior recital at Christ Church in Rochester, NY, thus completing the requirements for a Bachelor of Music degree in organ performance (Class of 2024). The link for his recital can be found below along with the printed program. Ryan's current plans are to take a "gap year" before pursuing his master's degree in organ. During that year, he plans to complete a one-year master's program in film making in London (another passion of his). Congratulations to Ryan on his achievements and best of luck on his continuing journey in organ study.

*(Note: There are two organs in the church. Ryan uses both of them, one on the first half of the program and the other on the second half.)*

[Click here for Ryan Greene's senior recital at Eastman School of Music](#)

(Playing begins at around 5:40 on the recording.)

## **Ryan Greene**

from the studio of David Higgs  
in fulfillment of the Bachelor of Music Degree

~ On the Casparini ~

Suite du Deuxième Ton

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault (1676 - 1749)

- I. Plein Jeu
- IV. Basse de Cromorne
- VI. Récit de Nazard
- VII. Caprice

Trio Sonata No. 4 in E minor BWV 528

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)

- I. Adagio, Vivace
- II. Andante
- III. Un poco Allegro

Sonata No. 5, op. 65

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809 - 1847)

- I. Andante
- II. Andante con moto
- III. Allegro maestoso

~ On the Hook and Hastings ~

Prélude et Fugue sur le nom d'Alain, op.7

Maurice Duruflé (1902 - 1986)

Soliloquy

David Conte (1955)

Symphony No. 5, op. 42, no. 1

Charles-Marie Widor (1844 - 1937)

- I. Allegro vivace





If you missed the organ recital by Debbie Bauer, it is available to view [here](#).

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**Regional Conventions:** In 2025 there will be only 2 regional conventions.

[AGO Phoenix 2025](#)

June 16-18

[AGO Fort Worth 2025](#)

June 30-July 3

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# Hymn Festival

INFINITE BEAUTY

DAVID CHERWIEN

MARK SEDIO

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2024 7:00 P.M.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

1715 Bull St.  
Columbia, SC 29201

As part of the **2024 Summer Augsburg Fortress Music Clinic\***, David Cherwien and Mark Sedio will lead this service featuring hymns from two new hymnaries, *Living in Wonder: Hymns of Susan Cherwien*, vol. 4, and *Love Astounding: Hymns of Jeannette M. Lindholm* as well as from *All Creation Sings* and *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.



# AUGSBURG MUSIC

## Leading the Church's Song

### Summer 2024 Music Clinics

**\*Register now for this FREE Workshop**

## FEATURED CLINICIANS



**David Cherwien**



**Mark Sedio**

David Cherwien and Mark Sedio will lead new music reading sessions for adult choir, organ/piano, and children's choir, as well as lead workshops and a hymn festival.

Choristers Guild will also sponsor a handbell repertoire session led by **Marcia Brantley**.

**YOU MAY VISIT THE AUGSBURG FORTRESS AND CHOIRISTERS GUILD STORES**

**IF YOU CANNOT STAY FOR THE SESSIONS.**

**Columbia, SC - JULY 19-20**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

**1715 Bull St.**

**Columbia, SC 29201**

**\*To register & for more information, bios, and schedules go to <https://www.augsburgfortress.org/music/summer-music-clinics/>**

## Free to a good home.

Lowrey 2-manual organ with 2-octave pedal keyboard. Currently in downtown Columbia. Contact Jeff Maddox at 803-609-4157 for details.





**The 20<sup>th</sup> of every month is the deadline for the following month's AGO newsletter. Information received after that time may not appear in that month's newsletter.**



JULY  
BIRTHDAYS

7/01	Greg Stone
7/02	Joan Marco
7/05	Lane Hill
7/12	Polly Watts
7/13	Toni Hollingsworth
7/14	Sylvia Trimmier

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# POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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

## **\*\* NEW LISTING OR CHANGES IN JOB DESCRIPTION OR AD**

### **CHESTER**

**\*\*Presbyterian Church** in Chester - Interim organist or substitute organist. Magnificent organ, 1976 Austin with the console rebuilt two years ago. It is a two manual 36 rank instrument. There is also a 1938 Steinway Grand Piano in the worship space. Prelude, Offertory, Postlude, Doxology, Gloria Patri, and three hymns are required for each service. Interested persons should send their resume or background information to [maestrocto@gmail.com](mailto:maestrocto@gmail.com).

### **CLEMSON**

Clemson United Methodist Church, (300 Frontage Road, Clemson, SC) has the following position open in July of 2024.

Music Director Position available; Choir Director/Organist (full time or part time)

We are exploring a position available for a full-time Music Director/Organ/ Piano player or a combination of two part time persons (Choral Director and an Accompanist which would include playing the organ and piano)

We need someone to grow and lead the CUMC Chancel Choir and oversee all music ministries at CUMC which presently includes an active Bell Choir, Children's Choir Support, a Music Concert Series, and Combined Musical Offerings. The Director should be creative, using instrumentalists from our congregation and in our broader community, and have the freedom to involve children and youth in musical offerings where interest is indicated. The Music Director would be an integral part of a team working with the pastors and worship teams to implement meaningful music and worship. Compensation will be commensurate with the The American Guild of Organist and The Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts, depending on experience. Those interested in applying for one or more of these positions should send their resumes to [maria@clemsonumc.org](mailto:maria@clemsonumc.org).

### **CLINTON**

**First Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)** of Clinton, South Carolina seeks a creative and inspiring individual to serve as Director of Music on a part-time basis. This individual needs to be grounded in Christian faith and demonstrate a commitment to fellowship and service. A college degree in music is preferable for this position, or equivalent work experience in church choral direction will be considered. This position will be directly supervised by the Worship and Music Committee and the Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church. The duties will include the development and supervision of the music program consisting of the adult choir and adult handbell choir. The Director of Music is responsible for providing choir music at appropriate services and meetings of the church, and for developing creative and attractive programs of music and music education involving many church members and including children and youth.

To inquire more about this opportunity and the chance to assist in enhancing our worship services with music, please send your resume to First Presbyterian Church, P O Box 29, Clinton, SC 29325 or email to [lisa@fpccclinton.org](mailto:lisa@fpccclinton.org). Direct all correspondence to the Worship and Music Committee including three (3) references with your resume.

## **COLUMBIA**

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**, 2200 Lee St., Columbia (Five Points), SC 29205. HTLC is a confessional liturgical congregation in fellowship with the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod and as such we practice closed communion. An organist is needed for our 10:30 Sunday as well as seasonal services. We follow a liturgical order of worship, and have a two manual pipe organ. A permanent commitment is ideal, however, we are willing to consider short term contracts such as 3 or 6 month. If you are interested in this position please contact Rev. Christopher Burger at (803) 799-7224 or via email at [Rev.Burger@gmail.com](mailto:Rev.Burger@gmail.com)

**Shandon United Methodist Church**, 3407 Devine Street, Columbia, SC 29205.

Organist and Music Associate position Part -time position or potential for a full-time position if interested in some administrative duties. Please email Eddie Huss, Minister of Music at [ehuss@shandon-umc.org](mailto:ehuss@shandon-umc.org) or text 336-870-0534 for additional information. The position is open July 1, 2024. (The organ was built by Moller and Angerstein Organ Works, 68 ranks over 3 manuals).

## **GILBERT**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**, 246 St. Paul's Church Rd.,

Gilbert, SC 29054 is seeking a Music Director for its Sunday worship services. The applicant may interview for the entire position (Organist/Pianist/Choir Director/Handbell Director) or for a single or any combination of these positions depending on their skill levels. The Music Director leads and directs the choir / praise band (when applicable) during worship. Also, is responsible for scheduling choir / praise band (when applicable) and handbell rehearsals, selecting appropriate music and managing annual music budgets. Music should be appropriate for use in the Lutheran service and follow the theme or the lessons appointed for the day. Hymns/Songs from the ELW and the Worship & Praise book should be used. Music selections shall be made in consultation with the Pastor whenever possible. Special programs are normally presented seasonally, i.e. Christmas Cantata/Children's Christmas Program, Easter, Community Thanksgiving services when held at St. Paul's, Lenten services and following special Lutheran celebration Sundays throughout the year. Compensation for this position is negotiable based on experience and merit. For more information and complete job description or to apply, contact Janet Boyd at [boyd5janet@gmail.com](mailto:boyd5janet@gmail.com) or 803-634-0018.

## **HARTSVILLE**

**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church**, Hartsville, SC, is in search of a part-time Organist. Duties include Sunday services, Wednesday night choir rehearsals, and any special services during the year. Salary is \$300 per week (negotiable) and extra for additional services. The Organist gets two days paid vacation plus sick leave. Our instrument is a 32-rank, two manual, Casavant Freres Limitee. The Organist reports to the Music Director and the Rector. If interested in the position, please send your resume to St. Bartholomew's at 103 Campus Dr. Hartsville, SC 29550 or via email at [stbartsepiscopal@gmail.com](mailto:stbartsepiscopal@gmail.com).

## **IRMO**

**Mt. Olive Lutheran Church** in Irmo, SC is seeking to fill the organist/pianist and choir director positions. The organist/pianist duties include the following: provide music for regular worship services (includes Sunday 8 and 10:30 am) as well as special liturgies such as Advent, Lent, Holy Week etc. Strong organ/piano skills, ability to play in different musical styles, accompany the choir. The choir director's duties include leading vocal and handbell choirs for one liturgical service per week September through May. Both positions include Sunday afternoon rehearsals. For a full job description for each position, please visit: <https://mtolivesc.org/music/>. Interviews for the organist/pianist position will include questions and an audition. The playing portion will include two verses of a prepared hymn, sight reading another (of parish's choosing) as well as a favorite prelude or postlude piece. The church will also complete a background check as required. Interested candidates for either position may submit their resume to Liz Rosinski at [lizrosinski@me.com](mailto:lizrosinski@me.com). Any questions? Please call or text Liz at 803.413.3364.

## **LEXINGTON**

***Pilgrim Lutheran Church*** in Lexington, SC, Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Lexington, is seeking a committed Christian to provide organ/piano music and accompaniment for scheduled worship services, rehearsals and other activities in support of the music ministry of the church. Having a pivotal role in the musical life of the church, this individual should be a strong team player with the ministerial staff as needed and with the Director of Music at Pilgrim Lutheran. Please submit a letter of recommendation and resumé to Susan Cafferty at [susan@wearepilgrim.com](mailto:susan@wearepilgrim.com).

## **MOUNT PLEASANT**

***Hibben United Methodist Church***, 690 Coleman Blvd, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

Organist and Choirmaster Part Time: Responsible for planning, leading and coordination for the overall music ministries of Hibben UMC Church. Principal duties are Sunday morning worship, special services such as Christmas and Easter, weekly Choir rehearsals, ensemble and volunteer coordination, and planning with worship committee, staff and other volunteers to create worship that is energetic and true to the value system of a congregation that strives to serve and grow in discipleship and mission. Principle report is to the Lead Pastor and administrative accountability is to Staff Parish Relations Committee.

Salary and hours will be determined based on experience and other qualifications. A successful background check is required for this position. To apply, please submit a resume with a cover letter and three professional references to [srprice@comcast.net](mailto:srprice@comcast.net). Please contact Mr. Price or Rev. Sara White ([revsara@hibbenumc.org](mailto:revsara@hibbenumc.org)) to request a complete job description.

## **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, SC 29116 or emailed to [jane@fbcorangeburg.org](mailto:jane@fbcorangeburg.org).

## **ROCK HILL**

***Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, Associate Reformed***, 2132 Ebenezer Road, Rock Hill SC. This job opening at Ebenezer Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill for Director of Music has been changed to a **full-time job** that is now titled **Director of Music Ministry/Organist**. The link below will take those interested to the specifics on how to apply, the specifications of our pipe organ, and the new job description with salary included.

<https://ebenezerarp.org/sermons-other-resources/job-opening-music-ministryorganist>

(Yes, without a "t" at the end)

## **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](mailto:stpaulsmumc@gmail.com) for more details.



## **WINNSBORO**

***Sion Presbyterian Church*** (PCUSA) in Winnsboro is seeking a part-time music director/organist or pianist to provide music on Sundays at the 11 a.m. worship service and at the 9:30 a.m. adult choir rehearsal preceding the Sunday service. Duties include preparing and playing a prelude, offertory, choral anthem, hymns and postlude. Additional services throughout the year include one Christmas Eve service. Any other services will be discussed on a one-to-one basis, with additional compensation for the musician.

The church instruments include a Kegg pipe organ, a Steinway grand piano and three octaves of handbells. Sion is a traditional church with a congregation who loves and appreciates quality music and the efforts of musicians. This position has potential for growth in the adult choir as well as the formation of a handbell choir.

Sion Presbyterian is 30 miles north of Columbia. The church is flexible regarding terms of employment and the music position can be permanent, part-time, interim or Sunday by Sunday. The salary is \$200 per week, and this may be negotiable depending on qualifications and commitment.

For questions or more information, please call the Sion church office at 803-635-3391 and leave a message for Lynne Douglass.

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