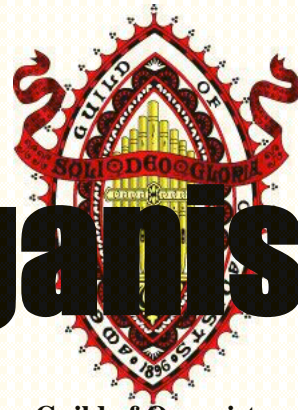


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**WE DO NOT HAVE A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING THIS MONTH.
STAY TUNED FOR UPCOMING AGO EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER.**

A Great Year!

This has been a wonderful year of AGO programs and I have a lot of people to thank. AGO board members Joy Ackerman, David Lowry, Susan Sturkie, Tony Roof, Norman McCorkle, Karen Shevenell, and Margaret Davis have all been faithful in attendance, generous with opinions, and unafraid of behind-the-scenes work. To program chair Joy Ackerman, there are not enough thanks for all your hard work and your tenacity in producing first-rate programs. A recap of 2016-2017 programs demonstrates great diversity and appeal.

In September, AGO welcomed three new organists to Columbia. Andrew Kotylo, Thomas Russell, and Brent te Velde performed for us at First Presbyterian and St. Peter's Catholic Church. "Chef Rich" at First Presbyterian provided a delightful catered dinner. In October, AGO member Matthew Whitehouse performed an outstanding recital at St. John's Episcopal Church on the rebuilt pipe organ with its new console. In November, Katherine Johnson, 2016 winner of the Young Organist Competition, performed a tremendous recital at Trinity Cathedral with a reception hosted by AGO.

At the beginning of the New Year, Columbia AGO celebrated 12th Night with a dinner at M Grille. Later in January AGO members David Lowry and Frances Webb presented a workshop covering "Conducting from the console" and "What your substitute needs to know." In February, Dr. Laura Ellis spoke on "How to use your time on the bench effectively" followed by a master class. The 7th annual Young Organist Competition was held in March with another bumper crop of amazing young organists. The final program of the year was a delightful presentation of the silent movie "Safety Last" with organ improvisation by Ron Carter.

All programs this year were well-attended by members and guests. This year AGO was able to reach more of the general public and educate them on our goals and garner their support for our mission.



Finally, a big thank you to the churches who hosted programs and provided equipment and manpower to make AGO's events so successful. As I approach my last year as your Dean of the Greater Columbia AGO, I look forward to an exciting 2017-2018 program year. Your board, with newly elected member Greg Stone who replaces David Lowry, is already hard at work planning for another exciting year of programs. We expect to announce our program calendar by mid-summer. Let's make next year our best ever! ~ Frances Webb, Dean

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Thank you to David Lowry for serving the past 3 years as a Member at Large!

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Welcome Greg Stone as our new Member at Large!

Maurice Duruflé: The Last Impressionist

When: Sunday, June 4, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Where: Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church, Augusta, GA


Details: Join us for an afternoon of beautiful music by French composer Maurice Duruflé. Works for organ highlight this concert, including his Requiem, Op. 9 for Choir and Organ. The event will feature award-winning Russian organist, [Anna Orlova](http://www.thececiliaensemble.com) in her American debut.

Admission: General admission tickets are \$20 for adults. College students with ID and children under 18 years of age are free. Tickets may be purchased at the door or online: (see <http://www.thececiliaensemble.com>)

This weekend The Cecilia Ensemble presents a concert featuring Russian Organist, Anna Orlova. Anna is a personal friend of David J. Cochrane, Director of Music at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, who worked a great deal with her during his time in Moscow. Having just graduated from the Moscow Conservatory, Anna, is one of the best rising organists in Russia. You do not want to miss the chance to hear her play!


"The Cecilia Ensemble presents 'The Last Great Impressionist', focused on the music of Maurice Duruflé. The program will include his suite: *Prélude, Sicilienne, Toccata (Op. 5)*, *Prélude et Fugue sur le nom d'ALAIN (Op. 7)*, *Quatre Motets sur des thèmes grégoriens (Op. 10)*, and *Fugue sur le theme du Carillon des Heures de la*

Cathédrale de Soissons (Op. 12). Duruflé's beloved *Requiem (Op. 9)*, completed in 1947, will be the centerpiece of the program.



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2017 Piccolo Spoleto Festival
Bethel United Methodist Church

Pitt and Calhoun Street

Charleston, South Carolina

Saturday, June 10, at 4pm



June Birthdays

6/04	William Douglas
6/05	Lenora Jeffcoat
6/06	Hamilton Stoddard
6/08	William Bullock
6/10	Sarah Masterson
6/11	Al Murrell
6/16	Matthew Whitehouse

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.

BLYTHEWOOD

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Blythewood, S.C., seeking organist for 11:00 a.m. Sunday Services. Traditional Lutheran service. No choir work involved. If interested, please email at: info@St.mark'lutheranlcmc.org

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.

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

** **Northeast United Methodist Church**, 4000 Hard Scrabble Road, Columbia SC 29223 is seeking to fill the part-time position of Choir Director. Candidates for this position must be devoted followers of Jesus Christ and must be persons of high moral character and integrity. Our desire is to select a person who considers this opportunity as a calling from God. The overarching goal of this position is to grow the kingdom of God through the music ministry of NEUMC.

This position is for the traditional service. Music Qualifications – At least 5 years of experience in music ministry as a church choir director. Duties - Recruit, rehearse and provide oversight for the Chancel Choir; organize and direct or provide oversight for a Children's Choir and Handbell Choir; The position will be responsible for preparation and performance of weekly Sunday worship service at 8:30 a.m. and (Wednesday) rehearsal. Compensation – Salary will be established based on the experience and skill-set of the selected candidate. The position does not include health benefits.

Application Information – Interested individuals should submit a resume to the NEUMC Office. Video submissions demonstrating the candidate's music skills are welcome and should be no longer than 10 minutes. Two letters of reference and contact information on five additional references should be included with the resume. For the complete job description, contact sloopystur@aol.com (Greater Columbia AGO) or the church office at northeast@neumc.com.

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.

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.

ORANGEBURG

*****The Methodist Oaks*** in Orangeburg is seeking a pianist and/or organist for their 11:00 a.m. Sunday service at Stringer Chapel and also to play for choir practice at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday mornings. Please contact Rev. Meredith Dark at 864-597-9525 or at mmdark@umcsc.org .

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. Submit resume and 3 references to: Pr. Eric Friedrichs at the church, Phone: 803-794-6430; Fax: 803-227-2922;
E-mail: Eric@mthlc.org.