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Have you registered for the 2019 AGO SE Regional Convention in Myrtle Beach!

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Don't forget to register at www.agose2019.com

In addition to all the great concerts at the upcoming 2019 Southeast Regional Convention in Myrtle Beach, there will also be some great presenters (including, from the Greater Columbia Chapter, David Lowry). Register today!!!

David Lowry

Workshop: Professional Development

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Workshop: Choral Repertoire for the Smaller Choir

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Workshop: St. James Music Press Choral Reading Session

Kevein Uppercue

Workshop: MorningStar/ECS Publishing Group Choral Reading Session

Regional Convention June 9-12

Artists Performances for 2019 Southeast Regional Convention in Myrtle Beach



Charles Tompkins of Greenville, SC performing at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Conway



Jared Johnson of Columbia, SC performing at First United Methodist Church, Myrtle Beach



Andrew Kotylo of Columbia, SC performing at First United Methodist Church, Conway



Carol Williams of Lynchburg, Virginia performing at the MB Convention Center, Myrtle Beach



Caroline Robinson, a Greenville native, performing with Long Bay Symphony, Charles Jones Evans,

conductor, at First Presbyterian Church, Myrtle Beach



Long Bay Symphony, Charles Jones Evans,

conductor, at First Presbyterian Church, Myrtle Beach



Carolina Master Chorale, Tim

Koch, director, performing at First Presbyterian Church, Myrtle Beach



Nicole Keller of Berea, Ohio performing at Trinity Anglican Church, Myrtle Beach



Nigel Potts of Charleston, SC performing at All Saints Church, Pawleys Island



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IF YOU HAVE PROGRAMMING IDEAS for 2019-2020, please send your ideas to any board member by June 1. Their names and addresses can be found in your **NEW 2019 DIRECTORY** on page 4.

(Debbie Bauer (debbiekbauer@gmail.com) was installed at our meeting this week as a new member-at-large to replace Norman McCorkle, who

has completed his term on the board.)

Substitute List - While you are looking at your directory, you can find an updated sub list beginning on page 38.

Student Members - On page 35 of the directory, you will find some young people who are organ students of our members. If you have an organ student who would like to become a Chapter Friend, contact Susan Sturkie at sloopystur@aol.com.

The **Index** of the directory is on page 3. See what else you can find in your Greater Columbia Chapter directory.

Please send changes and corrections to Susan at sloopystur@aol.com.



Accolades to Nichols Stigall, the 2018 winner of the Young Organist Competition. Nicholas applied to several universities and was offered generous scholarships from all of them. Indiana University offered him the prestigious Jacobs Scholars Award and he has accepted. He will be entering the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University in the fall of 2019. Nicholas is from Knoxville TN, where he studied with Dr. Edie Johnson. In its nine-year history, the Young Organist Competition has helped launch many careers of budding organists. Nicholas is another

“Rising Star” in the list of our alumni. Stay tuned for more updates on YOC alumni! ~ *Frances Webb*

Yours for the Taking!

I was contacted recently by a friend of the Young Organist Competition (non-AGO member) who has generously supported the contest since its inception. An avid listener to organ music, Pete Stewart has through the years recorded many of the *PipeDreams* programs on public radio. His project resulted in 214 beautifully produced and packaged CDs of the programs. Now in their retirement, he and his wife have decided to downsize and he needs to find a home (or homes) for his collection. Beginning with the fall AGO programs, I will have two boxes full of the CDs at each meeting for your perusal. I hope you will adopt some of these musical gifts from a dear friend of the AGO chapter. These are free to AGO members. A reminder will follow in the fall newsletters. ~ *Frances Webb*





The 20th 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.

Standard of Excellence



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

Mr. Bill Graham, Chair of Trustees for putting their trust in our company for this project. The new instrument will enrich the weddings and services that are held in this exquisite chapel for many year



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June Birthdays

- 6/01 Andy Kotylo
- 6/05 Lenora Jeffcoat
- 6/06 Hamilton Stoddard
- 6/08 Bill Bullock
- 6/10 Sarah Masterson
- 6/11 Al Murrell
- 6/16 Matthew Whitehouse
- 6/27 Ezra Blackwell

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Thanks to Norman McCorkle, who has completed his term on the board, and to Tony Roof, who has completed his term as South Carolina District Convener.

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.

CHAPIN

St. Peter Lutheran Church, Chapin, SC, is in search of a Director of Music Ministry and would perform the duties of Organist/Pianist/Choir Director. This position will be a part-time position requiring 20 hours of work a week. Work hours are flexible per day during the week and weekends to facilitate activities planned by church groups. For complete job description, please visit <https://stpeterchapin.com/conn.../director-of-music-ministries>. To apply, please send letter of interest, resume, three references with job title and contact information, and experience with worship service planning to susan@stpchlchapin.com. Deadline for applications is Friday, May 31st.

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

St. Michael's Church is seeking both an interim Music Director and a full-time Music Director. The interim director should be able to start the Sunday after Easter, April 28th. The salary range is \$55-80K annually. The interim may apply for the full-time position. Both positions require a candidate to be a faithful Christian, with conducting and organ expertise, piano playing ability, willingness to play hymns, chants and anthems as well as leading some contemporary worship songs. A full list of responsibilities can be found on the website. A statement of faith is found at

<http://stmichaelschurch.net/about/what-we-believe/statement-of-faith/>. If you are interested in the position, please email matthew@stmichaelschurch.net and/or ted@stmichaelschurch.net.

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

Purity Presbyterian Church 135 Wylie Street, P.O. Box 278 Chester, SC 803-377-8176 Director of Music / Organist. Austin Pipe Organ, 1976, .38 ranks and a movable, two manual console, designed for worship service and for concert use.

Job Description Purpose: The Director of Music & Organist is foremost a disciple of Jesus Christ who seeks to give glory to God and enrich the congregation's encounter with God by utilizing musical talents to provide sacred music during scheduled worship services and other activities, supporting the music ministry and worship at Purity Presbyterian Church. The ideal candidate will be familiar with Presbyterian theology and traditions or demonstrate a willingness to learn to preserve a Christ-centered worship experience which glorifies God and honors our rich heritage. See full job description at <https://www.puritypc.org> under "Worship." Send resumes to: Rev. Jason W. Myers at puritypcpastor@truvista.net

COLUMBIA

College Place UMC, 4801 Colonial Drive, 29203, seeks a committed, forward-looking music director to lead music ministries. The music director will work with our new, energetic pastor to expand our musical offerings to serve a wide audience in our diverse community. The music director should be comfortable playing traditional Methodist hymns and services and be motivated to explore new and varied genres in worship of the Lord. The music director will plan, prepare, and perform Sunday services and other services such as weddings and funerals as needed.

College Place UMC is located in North Columbia, next to Columbia College. We are proud to be considered one of the most diverse Methodist churches in South Carolina. For more information contact Jammie Watters, College Place UMC, 4801 Colonial Drive, Columbia, SC 29203, cpumc.office@gmail.com or 803.754.5342

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.

McGregor Presbyterian Preschool, 6505 St. Andrews Rd., Columbia SC 29212 is seeking a part-time Music Teacher in their week-day morning program serving children from 2 to 4 years old. Responsibilities include teaching one day a week, to equal 6 hours per month. Candidates must have a background in working with young children. Preference will be given to those with experience in teaching music to young children. The position is for the nine month school year. It is possible that this position could be expanded to include the position of Director of Children's Choirs for McGregor Presbyterian Church (USA). For more information, please contact Rhonda Marino, Preschool Director, at rmarino@mcgpres.org, or at (803)-781-2539.

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. John Neumann Church in Columbia, SC, is an inclusive, welcoming, vibrant and culturally diverse Roman Catholic faith community of 2000+ families. Our parish is in the fulfillment stage of a three-year capital campaign with plans to build a new 1,000 seat church within 5 years. We are seeking a 30-hour Director of Music and Organist with a good understanding of Catholic liturgical practices and capable of using a variety of musical genres. The Director will function as a member of a pastoral team and be responsible for nurturing the prayer life of the community through music. The Director must demonstrate expertise as an organist and pianist on our four-manual Allen Heritage 487 Quantum organ and 6' Boston grand piano. The successful candidate will have experience in choral conducting and vocal skills. Familiarity with the Spanish language is a plus.

Responsibilities include selecting and directing music for three of our six weekend liturgies, holy days, and special celebrations; directing and accompanying on organ/piano cantors, adult and children's choirs and instrumentalists for rehearsals and liturgies; providing accompaniment for two school liturgies a month; recruiting and training of adult and children's choir members, instrumentalists, and cantors; playing for wedding and funeral liturgies (stipend by contract); maintaining and updating music library, instruments, and sound systems; and overseeing all administrative aspects of music ministry.

A degree in music preferred and/or extensive music ministry experience. Benefits include an annual leave package, continuing education benefits, retirement and health care through the Diocese of Charleston.

A detailed position description is available at <http://www.stjohnneumannsc.com/>. Interested applicants, please send resumes to info@sjnchurch.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.

Saint Michael and All Angels' Episcopal Church, 6408 Bridgewood Rd. Columbia, SC 29206 is looking for a part time Director of Music. The candidate should possess good organ skills as well as leadership experience in conducting adult and children's choirs. We also have a beloved hand-bell choir, and a full set of well-maintained hand bells. While experience with hand-bell repertoire and pedagogy are desirable, we are also willing to provide continuing education to develop good hand-bell ringing skills for people who are otherwise musically qualified for this position, though slim on hand bell experience. The candidate must either have familiarity with Episcopal liturgy or willingness to learn how we select music based upon the liturgical calendar and how we use it in worship. The position is part time and salaried, approximately 19-20 hours per week September through May, which includes personal practice time. The choirs do not rehearse in the summer months, though the music director is expected to provide ad hoc music for offertory in addition to the service music. Weddings are considered extra side work and will be compensated in addition to the competitive salary (commensurate with experience) we offer.

We are a parish that understands the importance of the music ministry and will be supportive of your efforts on that behalf as well as for your personal growth as a musician. If you are interested in exploring whether or not this opportunity is a good fit for both you and us, please contact the Rev. Charles Smith with your letter of interest and CV at vicar@saintmichaelepiscopal.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

Christ Episcopal Church, 534 Plantation Road, Lancaster, SC 29720, is currently looking for a part time organist/choir director, approximately 12 to 14 hrs. per week. We are looking for a person who has a love and joy for music and who would like to be part of a truly great musical tradition.

If interested, please contact the church office at episcopal@compodium.net or 803-286-5224.

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 .

LAURENS

****First Presbyterian Church DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

(For a more detailed Job Description, contact the church. GCAGO members may contact Susan Sturkie for this.)

The Director of Music is responsible for directing the Chancel Choir as well as developing and supporting all aspects of the music program including supervision of and/or directing (as necessary) the children's choirs. Encouraging, supporting and facilitating all musical talents present in the congregation are essential to this role. This is a part-time position and salary is negotiable, depending on qualifications, experience and ability to perform as principal organist as well as Director of Music if required.

Responsibilities

1. Chancel Choir - Conducting and leading the church's Chancel Choir is the primary responsibility of the Music Director. This includes music planning, recruiting members, oversight of regular rehearsals, the preparation of the choir for their participation in the church's Sunday morning worship, organization and leadership for special choral events and conducting the Chancel Choir during the Sunday morning worship. Selections of music for use during the Worship Services should be done in coordination with the Senior Pastor.
2. Oversight of the Church's Musician(s)
3. Special Events
4. Summer Choir Break: It is the responsibility of the Director of Music to provide suitable special music during the month by arranging solos, quartets, or other music during this time.
5. Music, Records and Instrument Maintenance and Budget - The Director of Music will be primarily responsible for the oversight and support of all musical endeavors of the church. This includes facilitating and coordinating the use of facilities and instruments when desired by sanctioned church organizations in accordance with Church Policy and Procedures. This may also include performing on the organ (if also serving as organist) or piano during weddings, funerals or other events held in the church if requested to do so or coordinating with other performers on behalf of the church if necessary.

Correspondence and questions may be sent to email address fpclaurens@gmail.com or call the Church office at 864-984-6561 and someone will return your call.

LEXINGTON

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

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church is seeking a part-time organist/pianist/choir director. This position can be filled by one or two people. Our Möller organ was installed in 1980, has two 2 manuals, 18 ranks of pipes, and is further described on the Columbia AGO's website. Primary responsibilities include playing service music, congregational hymns, and preparing an anthem for one Sunday service each week, as well as leading choir rehearsal on Wednesday evening. In addition, the musician is expected to play for special seasonal services, funerals and weddings. Salary and vacation are commensurate with experience. For more information, please contact standrews.orangeburg@umcsc.org. Resumes may be emailed or sent to Musician Search Committee, St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, 1980 Columbia Road, Orangeburg SC 29115.

SAVANNAH

Blessed Sacrament Church in Savannah is seeking a parish musician/music director. A well-qualified candidate will have experience in providing accompaniment for congregational singing on the piano and the organ. This position includes but is not limited to participation in all weekend liturgies, Holy Day masses, school masses, weddings and funerals, and other liturgies during the year. Weekly choir practice with an adult choir and with a student choir is also included in responsibilities. To apply please send your resume to Fr. Brett Brannen at parish@mbschurch.org.

****First Presbyterian Church**, Savannah, GA is looking for a Director of Music and an Organist. **DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Responsibilities include directing the Chancel Choir (20 current participants), directing or supervising a graded choir program for children and youth (50 current participants), and a potential for directing handbell choirs for adults and youth. Other duties include collaborative worship planning with clergy, managing a concert series of 4 concerts per year, and administrative tasks necessary to maintain a vibrant music ministry. 25-32 hours per week, depending on responsibilities assumed. For the right candidate, the position may be combined with the open organist position to create a full-time job. **ORGANIST:** The church has a 2005 3 manual, 47 rank Schleuter organ and a 9-foot Steinway piano. Responsibilities include accompanying the Chancel Choir and the Youth Choir, playing one service on Sunday mornings, plus special services during Advent and Lent. Depending on qualifications and interest, there is an opportunity for directing handbell choir(s). 20-25 hours per week, depending on responsibilities assumed. For the right candidate, the position may be combined with the open Director of Music position to create a full-time job. For more information, email Sherry McBeath, search committee chair: musicsearch@savannahfpc.org. Resumes must be submitted by June 15, 2019. EOE/AA.

SAINT MATTHEWS

****St. 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 9:30am on Sunday mornings (or another time during the week) and worship service on Sundays from 11:00am – 12:00pm. 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