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Scholarship money available for Organ Students!

Scholarship money is available for any organ student taking lessons from a current Greater Columbia AGO Chapter member. PLEASE ENCOURAGE any prospective organ students or current organ students to apply! This is available to ANYONE taking lessons, youth or adult, at any skill level. Applications are available at www.ColumbiaAGO.org. More information can be found on page 11 of the 2024 AGO Directory, which you should receive soon.

The following members are currently accepting students:

[Brad Cunningham](#)
[William Douglas](#)
[Don Grice](#)
[Patrick Hawkins](#)
[Jim Johnson](#)
[David Lowry](#)
[Louise Hamilton Stoddard](#)

If you are a member, teaching organ lessons and not on this list, please contact [Susan Sturkie](#).

Program Survey for the 2024-25 Year Enter for One Year Free National Membership!

Please complete the following survey for the Greater Columbia chapter of AGO. It should take less than 2 minutes.

If you fill out the survey and provide your contact information, you will be entered in our drawing for **ONE YEAR FREE NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP**. Drawing will be held on June 15, 2024.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JC7DF62>

Young Organist Competition Alumni Make Us Proud!

Those of you who are avid readers of *The American Organist* read about the results of the Albert Schweitzer Organ Festival and Competition held in September of 2023 (page 19 in TAO May issue). It should make us proud that three of the participants were previous winners of the Young Organist Competition sponsored by our Columbia AGO Chapter.

First place winner was Daniel Colaner (YOC winner in 2022) who took home the handsome prize of \$7500. Henry Dangerfield (YOC winner in 2024) was awarded third prize (\$1500) and the David C. Spicer Hymn Playing Award and the Audience Prize.

The opening recital was performed by Bruce Xu, winner of the ASOFH first prize and audience prize in the Young Professional Competition in September 2022. Bruce was the YOC winner in 2017.

Additionally, in a recent e-mail, Daniel Colaner announced that he has been invited to join the incoming freshman class at Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia and he will be assuming an Organ Scholar position at Church of the Redeemer (Episcopal) in Bryn Mawr, PA.

In virtually every issue of *The American Organist*, our YOC winners continue to garner prizes for their outstanding accomplishments in organ performance. Congratulations to the three alumni!



Bruce Xu



Daniel Colaner



Henry Dangerfield



PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTER (POE)

Winston-Salem, N.C.

July 14–19

Youth Ages 13–18

The Piedmont Chapter hosts this signature AGO program for young musicians, ages 13–18, in partnership with the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. In addition to lessons, recitals by guest artists, and repertoire classes, students will tour the carillon at Wake Forest University, and receive daily improvisation lessons with Jacqueline Yost.

Faculty include John Alexander, Bill Allred, Susan Bates, John Cummins, Marya Fancey, Susan Foster, Dreama Lovitt, Timothy Olsen, Susan Orgain, and Jacqueline Yost. Instruments by Fisk, Flentrop, Casavant, Noack, Hook and Hastings, Skinner, and Tannenberg (1800).

[Click here](#) to learn more and register. **Deadline to apply is May 10.**

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churches house instruments
by Andover, Casavant,
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**For more information contact the
University's organ instructor,
Dr. Patrick Hawkins**

organos@gmail.com or 803-404-3805



ORGAN RECITAL
by Debbie Bauer

Music by Bach, Franck, Widor, and Messiaen

Sunday
JUNE 16
4:00 p.m.

SHANDON
UNITED METHODIST
3407 Devine Street
Columbia, SC 29205



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.





6/04	William Douglas
6/05	Lenora Jeffcoat
6/06	Hamilton Stoddard
6/08	William Bullock
6/08	Jeffry Caswell
6/11	Al Murrell
6/16	Matthew Whitehouse

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Mark Sedio

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Columbia, SC - JULY 19-20

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church
1715 Bull St.
Columbia, SC 29201**

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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

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

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.

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. 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

****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 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 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.

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. 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.

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. Please contact Mr. Price or Rev. Sara White (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. Resumes may be sent to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 637, Orangeburg, SC 29116 or emailed to 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 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.