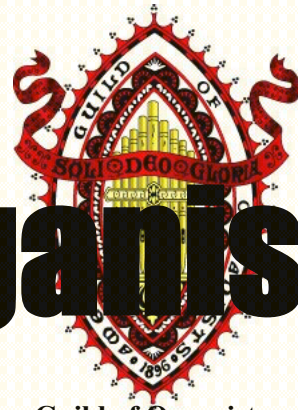


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March 2019

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TWO AGO EVENTS IN MARCH

Young Organist Competition 2019

Saturday, March 9, 2019

10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Shandon United Methodist Church

3407 Devine Street

Columbia SC 29205

In early February, six applicants from four states submitted materials for screening for the Young Organist Competition. A committee of AGO members listened to the CDs and chose the top three performers to participate in the final round of the competition on Saturday, March 9 here in Columbia. This is the ninth year for the Young Organist Competition which has seen many young organists go on to complete collegiate degrees in organ, win prestigious regional and national competitions, and obtain positions at churches and universities. We can be proud of our track record and this year promises to be another year of stellar competitors. Mark your calendar to attend the competition and prepare to be amazed at the virtuosity, musicianship, and musical maturity of these young organists.

A Women's History Month Recital

with

Organists

Deborah K. Bauer and Lenora M. Jeffcoat

Tuesday, March 19, 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

1100 Sumter Street; Columbia, SC 29201

The recital is open to the public and a reception will follow.

The program will include works by Fanny Mendelssohn-Hensel, Amy Beach, Emma Lou Diemer, and Jennifer Higdon, as well as selections by Bach, Handel, Felix Mendelssohn, and Walton. **Sarah Masterson** of the Newberry College music faculty will assist with program notes.

[Click here for a poster to advertise this event in your church.](#)



Deborah K. Bauer earned the Bachelor of Music degree in Organ Performance from Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC, and the Master of Music degree in Organ and Church Music from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, having studied organ with David Lowry and Marilyn Keiser. She has held organist and choir director positions in various Christian denominations consistently for more than 30 years and has enjoyed teaching piano and organ students of all ages. Currently, Mrs. Bauer is the Organist and Music Associate at Shandon United Methodist Church and enjoys performing solo organ and organ/brass recitals. She is a member of the Greater Columbia Chapter of AGO.



Lenora Morrow Jeffcoat, ARCO, has degrees in organ performance and musicology from Winthrop University and the University of South Carolina where she studied applied organ with David M. Lowry and William H. Bates. She also holds an Associate Diploma from the Royal College of Organists, London, obtained in 2018, and is currently pursuing the Fellowship Diploma. Mrs. Jeffcoat has served as organist in churches in Rock Hill, SC, Columbia, SC, and Memphis, TN., and has taught both piano and organ privately. She is a member of the Greater Columbia Chapter of AGO and of the Royal College of Organists.

Save These Dates for our May Chapter Events

There will not be a meeting in April

Friday, May 10, 7:00 p.m.** - Silent Film Event, with Ron Carter at Shandon United Methodist Church. Ron will once again entertain us with his amazing improvisatory skills. Bring family and friends for a wonderful evening of fun! (Free and open to the public.)

**Catered dinner at 5:45 p.m. for members and non-members. (Watch for more information about making dinner reservations.)

Tuesday, May 21, 6:30 p.m. - Dinner & Installation of Officers at Ascension Lutheran Church. We'll celebrate the end of the program year with a dinner, followed by Pastor Jackie Utley's famously fun "Women of the Bible" skit. Members are welcome to bring a guest. (Watch for more information about making dinner reservations.)



Our sympathies go to **Toni Hollingsworth** whose husband, David Cashion Green, died on January 21; to **Debbie Bauer** whose father-in-law, Dr. Larry L. Bauer, died on February 2; and to **Beverley Anderson**, whose mother, Constance Saunders, died in London, England, the end of January.

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Fri., March 22, 7:30 p.m.

**Clarinet and Organ Recital with Joseph Eller
and alumnus Thomas Russell**
School of Music Recital Hall – Free

Join us for a unique concert featuring music for clarinet and organ, with some solo works for each instrument. **Joseph Eller** has performed solo and chamber music recitals throughout North and South America, Europe and Asia. He is principal clarinetist of the SC Philharmonic and has played extra with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, the Atlanta Opera Orchestra, Charleston Symphony Orchestra, Greenville Symphony Orchestra and numerous other orchestras throughout the southeastern U.S.



Thomas A. Russell is organist and assistant director of music at First Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC. A graduate of the Yale School of Music and Institute of Sacred Music and the UofSC School of Music, his career as a recitalist and solo performer have taken him throughout the US and Europe.

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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12:00 LUNCH

THE BRIDGE

12:30 CONCERT

SANCTUARY

2019

February 1 - Bach's *Passacaglia and Fugue in C Minor*, and an explanation of how the organ works

March 1 - Music for Clarinet and Organ, with Joseph Eller

April 5 - Toccatas, including the Toccata from Widor's *Symphony No. 5*

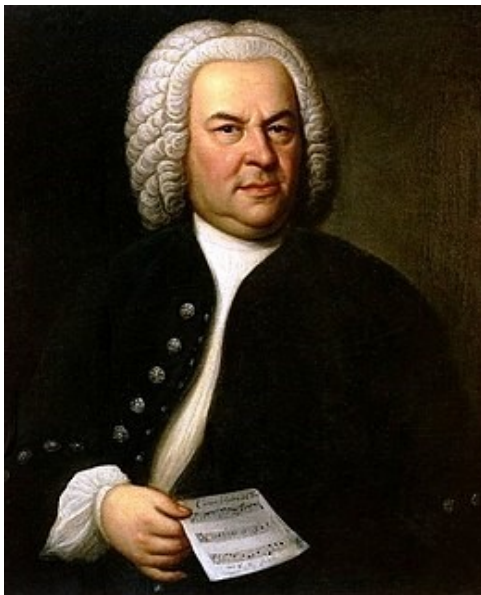
May 3 - Organ Scholars

June 7 - Music for Young People

First Presbyterian Church
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Bach Society of Charleston

Ricard Bordas, Artistic Director



7th Bach Festival of Charleston *Bach Society of Charleston*

Friday, March 8th, 7:30 pm
Works by Mozart, Vivaldi and J.S. Bach
Timothy Parsons, Countertenor
Baroque String Players on period instruments
First (Scots) Presbyterian Church, 53 Meeting St.

Saturday, March 9th, 12:30 pm
Clara Gerdes, Organ Recital
Works by Howells, Elgar and J.S. Bach
St. Michael's Church, 71 Broad St.

Saturday, March 9th, 4:00 pm
Young Artists Recital
Bishop Gadsden
1 Bishop Gadsden Way

Sunday, March 10th, 3:00 pm
Works by J.S. Bach and Handel
Ricard Bordas, Conductor
Daniel Sansone, Organ
Charleston Baroque Orchestra and Voices
First (Scots) Presbyterian Church, 53 Meeting St.

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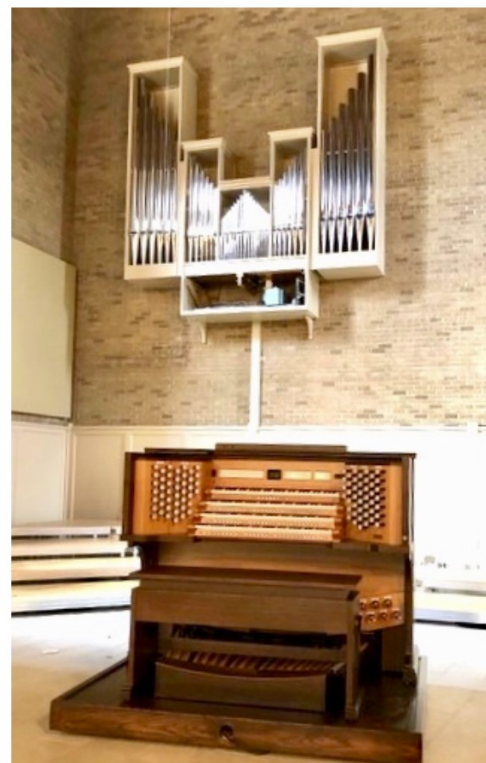
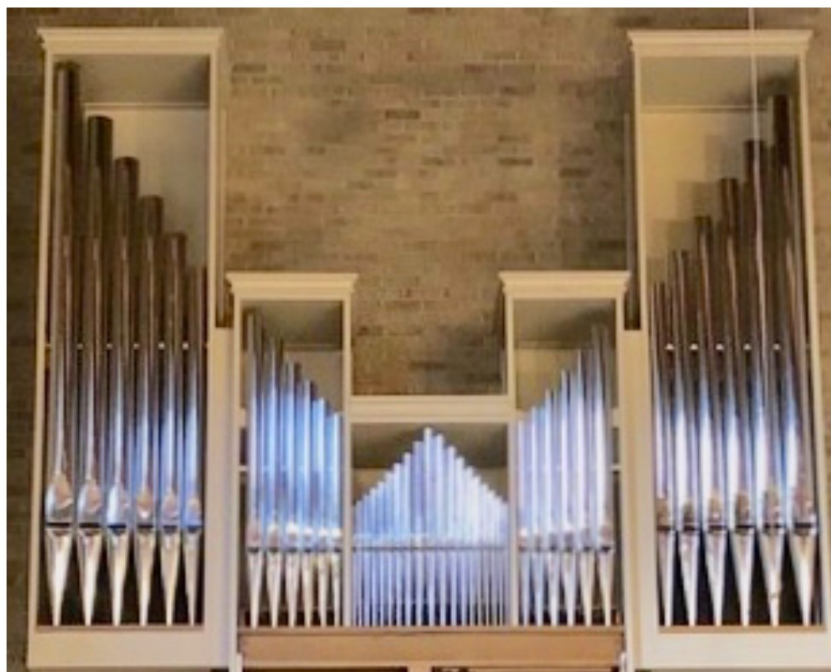
**St. Augustine:
"Whoever sings, prays twice"*

St. Michael and All Angels'
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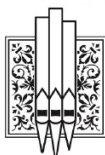
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March Birthdays



3/02	Barbara Taylor
3/09	Clifford Hospital
3/12	Sharon McCroskey Witherell
3/16	Floride McKoy
3/28	Debbie Bauer



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.

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.

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

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.

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

Living Springs Lutheran Church, Part-time Choral Director,

Do you have gifts and passion for directing a choir? Living Springs is hiring a part-time Choral Director to serve as a partner in our growing, diverse Music/Worship Leadership Team. Choral Director would lead weekly Adult Choir rehearsals, build choir skills, and develop choral worship offerings for at least 2 Sundays per month, plus special occasions. Approximately 21-25 hours per Month. Contact Living Springs Minister of Worship, Deacon Justin Rimbo, 803-736-0661, justin@livingspringscolumbia.org.

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.

****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@pbcomm.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@comporium.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.

LEXINGTON

Providence Lutheran Church, 840 Old Chapin Road, Lexington 29072. Instrumentalist and Choir Director - Plan and coordinate the music and instrumental accompaniment for worship music. Keyboard and Piano. Assist in selecting and providing music for Sunday morning and seasonal worship services. Conduct rehearsals, direct and accompany choir and special music. Provide instrumental music for weddings and funerals held at Providence Lutheran Church. Contact Pastor Patti Sue Burton-Pye for more information and to apply. psbpye@yahoo.com (803) 403 - 7755 (cell), (803) 359 – 4210.

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