

The Greater Columbia Organist



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May AGO Meeting **World of Weddings Progressive Dinner*** **Thursday, May 18, 2023 - beginning at 6:00 p.m.** **The deadline for reservations is Thursday, May 11.**



Join us as we journey to three Forest Acres area churches where we'll enjoy good food and hear chapter members play organ selections for weddings.

The cost for the catered main meal is \$10, payable at the door.

***Those attending are asked to provide light hors d'oeuvres and desserts for the beginning and ending portions of the evening.**

If you are bringing an appetizer, please have your food at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church by 5:45.
If you are bringing a dessert to Forest Lake Presbyterian Church, please help with cleanup.

Please contact Susan Sturkie at sloopystur@aol.com by May 11 to make a reservation and to tell her whether you will be bringing an hors d'oeuvre or dessert.

6:00 p.m. – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 3909 Forest Drive (29204)

Meet in the narthex or courtyard, depending on the weather, for appetizers, then go into the sanctuary for wedding preludes. **(If you are bringing an appetizer, please bring them by 5:45.)**

7:00 p.m. – Trenholm Road United Methodist Church, 3401 Trenholm Road (29204)

Go to the back of the buildings and meet in the dining room for the buffet-style meal of grilled chicken, rice pilaf, grilled vegetables, and tea. We will then go to the sanctuary for wedding processionals. **(Park in the rear at the Gym Portico and use that entrance.)**

8:15 p.m. – Forest Lake Presbyterian Church, 6500 North Trenholm Road (29206)

We'll begin in the sanctuary for wedding recessionals, then go to the Parlor for desserts. **(Enter the Parking Lot to the left of the church from Trenholm Rd. and use that entrance to the buildings.)**

We'd like to thank the following chapter members and their churches for hosting this event:

Susan Sturkie, Organist at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Sarah Fletcher, Director of Music Ministries at Trenholm Road United Methodist Church

Sylvia Trimmier, Organist at Forest Lake Presbyterian Church



Laura Ellis in Concert

Sunday, May 21, at 3:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
1001 5th Ave
Conway, SC 29526

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Friday, May 5 7:00 p.m.
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
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- 5/01 Josh Evanovich
- 5/03 Michael Varnadore
- 5/07 Simmons Easterling
- 5/12 Elaine Sandberg
- 5/13 Sarah Fletcher
- 5/24 Lloyd Pilkington
- 5/24 Charles Owings
- 5/31 Hunter Cox

2023-2024 ELECTION

**Voting Members, an email has been sent containing your ballot.
Please return by May 10, 2023.**

Presented slate:

- Dean - Lenora M. Jeffcoat (Completing three-year term as Member-at-Large)
- Secretary - Frances Webb (Completing term as Secretary; Nominated for re-election)
- Member-at-Large - Huger Caughman (This is a three-year term.)

INCARNATION
LUTHERAN ELCA

*Choral Evensong
and an Organ Recital*

May 7th at 4:00pm

Please join us for a service of Evensong
followed by a concert of the complete Opus
122 (Eleven Chorales) by Johannes Brahms.

Patrick Hawkins



Alcee Chriss



June 18-21, 2023



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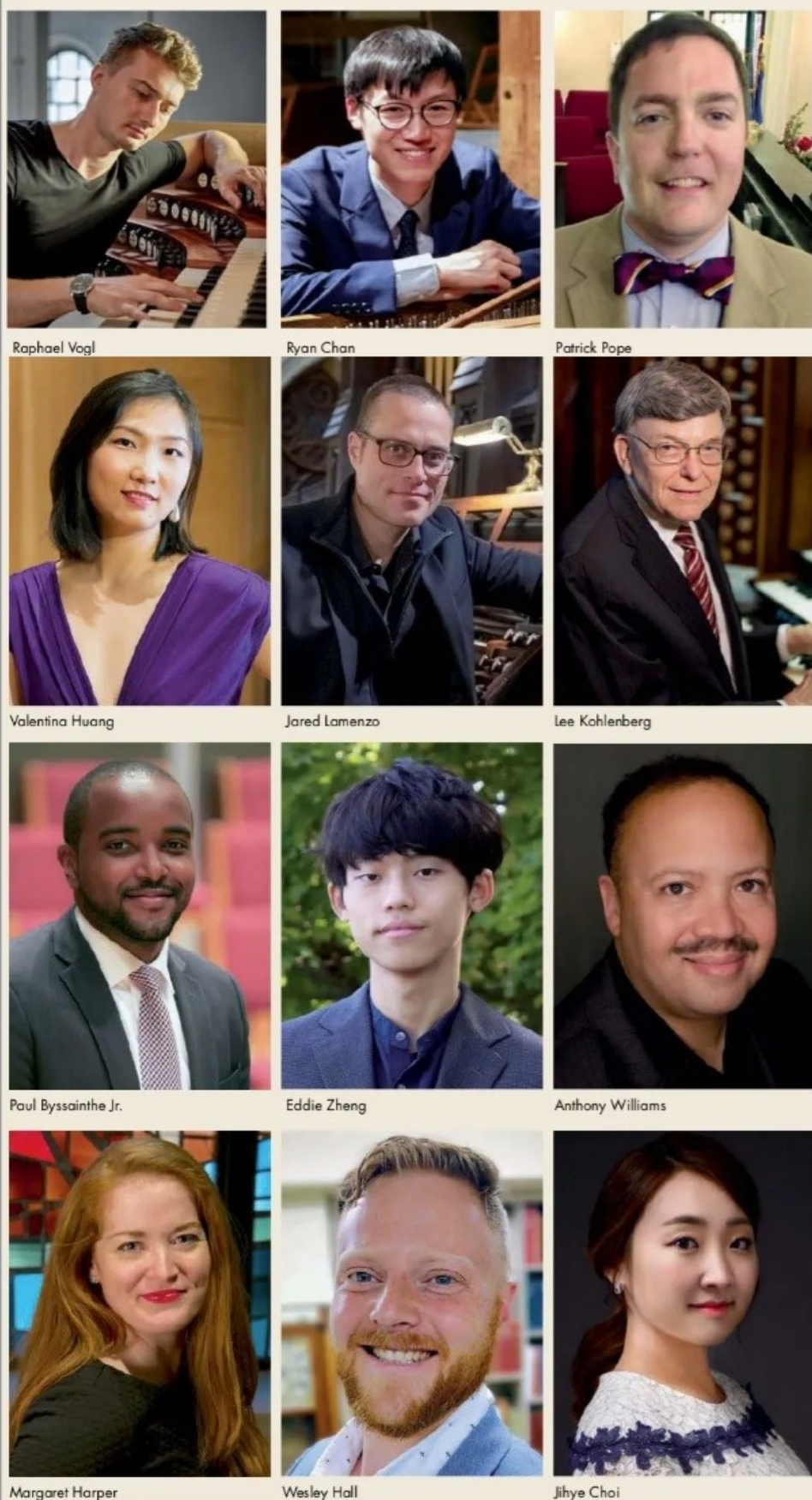
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The 20th of every month is the deadline for the following month's AGO newsletter. Information received after that time may not appear in that month's newsletter.



Program Planning for the 2023-24 Year

Our Executive Board will soon begin planning programs for the 2023-24 program year. If you have suggestions for consideration, please contact a member of the Executive Board, or send the information to Susan Sturkie at sloopystur@aol.com by **May 31**.

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**

**** ARDEN, NC**

Nativity Lutheran Church, Arden, NC, Full-time (35 hour) position for Director of Worship and Music open for excellent candidates at Lutheran Church of the Nativity in Arden, NC. Located in the beautiful Blue Ridge mountains and next to Lutheridge, the position has a competitive salary and outstanding benefits as part of a dynamic team. The ideal candidate will have 5 or more years of experience leading multiple musical groups and ages in a congregation familiar with ELCA liturgy and hymns. Please see the job description at <https://nativityarden.org/join-our-team> and submit resume and any other applicable information to worshipandmusic@nativityarden.org.

COLUMBIA

Fort Jackson Chapels

Please find listed below a brief description of the part-time positions, Veritas Management Group are seeking to fill. Our goal is to fill the positions, as well as create a Substitute Listing for musicians/worship leaders.

- ***Worship Leader:*** Responsible for singing while playing an instrument (piano, keyboard or guitar) in a Contemporary Protestant service. The Worship Leader provides appropriate musical support during the Designated Worship Service, Rehearsals and Special Services.
- Contact: Nadine Felton at nadine@veritasmanagementgroup.com.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 3909 Forest Drive, Columbia 29204. Person experienced in liturgical worship, preferably Lutheran worship, is sought to serve as Part-time Director of Music Ministry (directing adult and children's choirs). Plan and administer the entire music program in consultation with the pastor, staff, and lay worship committee, including weekly selection of hymns, choir anthems, and service music and music for special services during Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. Minimum of Bachelor's degree in Music or other related degree. Experience in directing church choirs and proficiency in playing the piano and singing is necessary. \$25,000-\$28,000. Send contact information and attached resume to gslcemployment2@gmail.com.

Continued

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, an Anglo-Catholic leaning parish, is seeking a ¼ time - part-time Organist and/or Organist and Choirmaster for its 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning service. Organ: 2-manual Allen Renaissance Quantum, Acoustic Portrait, 58 stops. Choir Rehearsals are on Saturdays from 2PM-3:30PM (the day and time can be adjusted by the new organist). Job duties include leading congregational singing, accompanies and directs anthems, ensembles, and soloists at organ/piano. Also accompanies Cantor in singing the psalms, plays prelude, postlude, offertory anthem, and service music. St. Luke's also has Youth choristers who sing the anthem on the 5th Sundays. Special services include Lenten Wednesdays, Holy Week, Christmas Eve Mass, etc. The organist also plays for weddings and funerals per church policy. We seek someone with vision, imagination, creativity, flexibility, and the ability to teach and inspire our six-member choir (five of whom are paid professional singers). The ability to work well independently and in conjunction with the priest as well as an openness to versatility is a must. Hymns used come from *The Hymnal 1982, Lift Every Voice and Sing, II, Wonder, Love, and Praise*. Knowledge of the Anglican/Episcopal liturgy, classical solo and/or choral vocal pieces/works, and the literature and works of African American composers is highly desired. Salary negotiable depending on experience and ability. There is also the option to just serve only as the organist and the Choir Administrator/Librarian does the administrative aspects of the job. Please submit Cover Letter and Resumé along with two or three references to fr.raphiell@gmail.com with subject line: Organist/Choirmaster. You may also call the church office (803) 254-2327 to speak with the priest, Fr. Raphiell Ashford, for more information. 1300 Pine Street, Columbia, SC 29204

DARLINGTON

Darlington Presbyterian Church, Organist Position (PT) Darlington Presbyterian Church, EPC, is currently looking to hire an organist who is a committed Christian desiring to use his/her talents for the Lord. In addition to having skill in organ performance as a soloist, the position requires expertise in accompanying choir rehearsals, soloists, and congregational singing on both the organ and piano. The ability to sight-read and to play choral parts are needed skills as well. DPC has one worship service each week (Sunday 11:00 a.m.) and preparation for that service includes accompanying the Children's Choir rehearsal and Chancel Choir rehearsal on Wednesday nights. We also enjoy several seasonal special worship services during the year: Maundy Thursday, Easter Sunrise, Christmas Festival of Lessons & Carols, Two Christmas Eve Services.

Interested candidates are welcome to send a cover letter and resume to Dr. Irwin, the Dir. of Music Ministries at tirwin1685@gmail.com.

GREENWOOD

Main Street United Methodist Church, Greenwood. ORGANIST, PART-TIME POSITION. RESPONSIBILITIES: Accompanies the chancel choir at weekly rehearsals, additional rehearsals and during the worship service either on the piano or pipe organ. Prepares and performs a variety of preludes, offertories, and postludes appropriate to the church year. Assists in the planning, performing, and implementation of service music for festival services.

Accompanies church weddings when requested and oversees other organist's use of the organ for weddings and/or funerals. Oversees the maintenance of the organ by a reputable firm. Performs additional tasks as directed by Senior Minister and Director of Music. QUALIFICATIONS: Education: College Degree in Music preferred, or equivalent in private training. Experience: Service as organist in a church with a pipe organ with similar specifications and service requirements. INSTRUMENTS: Three Manual Moller/ Schleuter pipe and digital combination. Yamaha Grand piano. Contact Gina Jolly at Gina.jolly@mainstreetgreenwood.org with questions or a resume.

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.

MARION

Marion Presbyterian Church, 208 S Main St. PO Box 186 Marion, SC 29571, Organist/pianist/choir director. Flentrop organ installed 1988, Schimmel piano. Position will become vacant mid August 2022. Contact the church at 843-423-2272 for more information.

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. Resumés may be sent to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 637, Orangeburg, South Carolina, 29116 or emailed to jane@fbcorangeburg.org.

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.
