

The Greater Columbia Organist

May 2025

A Publication of the Greater Columbia Chapter of the
American Guild of Organists



May Event

Friday, May 16, 6:30 p.m.

**Dinner followed by a
Program of Music for Organ and Instruments**

This will be a repertoire sharing time with selections presented by chapter members and their guest instrumentalists.

Location: St. David Lutheran, 132 St. David's Church Rd., West Columbia, SC. 29170.

***Reservations are required for the catered dinner.** The cost is \$12.00 per person (pay at the door).

Please contact Susan Sturkie at sloopystur@aol.com by **Friday, May 9** if you plan to eat.

Greater Columbia AGO members are welcome to bring a guest, but a reservation is needed for all..

Menu: Lemon chicken, rice pilaf, vegetable medley, kale salad, dessert, tea.





VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE IN A FEW WEEKS for the open positions of the Greater Columbia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists' Board.

The following people have been nominated for the positions that are open this year:

Dean – Don Grice (Two-year term)

Secretary – Jeff Clearman (Two-year term)

Member-at-Large - Lenora Jeffcoat (Three-year term)

Additional nominations may be made by petitions signed by at least five (5) members of the Chapter in good standing and submitted to the Secretary (Frances Webb, franceswebb@sc.rr.com) within 14 days after the submission of the Nominating Committee report to the members in the Newsletter so that they may receive the same consideration as those proposed by the Nominating Committee.

Election will be by simple majority of eligible voting members only. (All voting members whose dues are paid or invoiced and not canceled at the time the ballots are sent. Chapter Friends are not eligible for voting.)

The voting will take place by an emailed ballot sent to all current voting members and returned by email or mail by the noted deadline.

WATCH FOR YOUR 2025-2026 BALLOT COMING SOON

Program Planning for the 2025-26 Year

Our Executive Board will soon begin planning programs for the 2025-26 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**.



Student Organist Showcase Recap

On Sunday, March 23, the chapter presented a *Student Organist Showcase* at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church. Eight Columbia area organ students participated and played compositions of various styles to a very enthusiastic and supportive audience.

The student organists are (pictured L to R) Nelson Addison, Jackson Morton, Mary Drew Bult, Catherine Black, Vincent Dia, Thomas Blake, Simmons Easterling, and Nick Eller.

The organ teachers of these students are Greater Columbia AGO chapter members Patrick J. Hawkins, DMA; David M. Lowry, DMA, HonRSCM; Thomas Russell, MM; Susan Wilson, MCM; and also non-Greater Columbia member, David Rhyne, DMA, of Greenville, S.C. We are grateful to St. Martin's-in-the-Fields for hosting the event, and especially to Ronnie Wise, their Organist and Director of Music Ministries.



L'Organo

2025



Eugene Lavery

- Monday, May 26, 2025
- 10:00 AM
- St. Michael's Church



Aaron Patterson

- Tuesday, May 27, 2025
- 10:00 AM
- St. John Lutheran Church



Thomas Russell

- Wednesday, May 28, 2025
- 10:00 AM
- Cathedral of St. John the Baptist



Pamela Kane

- Thursday, May 29, 2025
- 10:00 AM
- Mother Emanuel AME Church



Chase Olson

- Friday, May 30, 2025
- 10:00 AM
- Summerall Chapel, The Citadel



Laura Smith

- Saturday, May 31, 2025
- 3:00 PM
- Holy Spirit Evangelical Lutheran Church



Sarah Carlson

- Sunday, June 1, 2025
- 3:00 PM
- St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church



David Kraft

- Monday, June 2, 2025
- 10:00 AM
- St. Michaels Church



Brennan Szafron

- Tuesday, June 3, 2025
- 10:00 AM
- St. Matthew's Lutheran Church



Eddie Zheng

- Wednesday, June 4, 2025
- 10:00 AM
- Cathedral of St. John the Baptist



Rosalind Mohnsen

- Thursday, June 5, 2025
- 10:00 AM
- Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul



Thomas Heidenreich

- Friday, June 6, 2025
- 10:00 AM
- St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

The Columbia Choral Society

Presents



Ebenezer Lutheran Church

1301 Richland Street

Sunday | May 18, 2025 | 4:00 PM



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BEYOND ALL PRAISING

A Hymn Festival featuring composer

David Cherwien

Sunday, May 4th at 6pm

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

206 Central Ave. Summerville, SC 29483

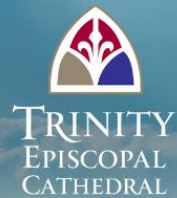
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SUNG BY THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR OF ADULTS

Sunday, May 11
at 4:00 p.m.



FESTAL EVENSONG

AND CHORISTER RECOGNITION

May 18 at 4:00 p.m.

SUNG BY THE CATHEDRAL
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CATHEDRAL SINGERS



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SUNG BY THE
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CATHEDRAL
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Thursday, May 29
5:30 p.m.
1100 Sumter St.
Columbia, SC

FESTAL EVENSONG FOR ASCENSION DAY



Congratulations to
First UMC in Salisbury, NC and
St. Michaels Catholic Church in Murrells Inlet, SC.

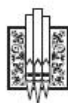
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Dan Miller

Dedication Concert

**JUNE 1, 2025
4:00PM**

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METHODIST CHURCH
217 S. CHURCH STREET
SALISBURY, NC**



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Newsletter Deadline

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.



5/01	Joshua Evanovich
5/06	Nelson Addison
5/07	Simmons Easterling
5/12	Elaine Sandberg
5/13	Sarah Fletcher
5/13	Lucinda Shields
5/15	Henry Fulmer
5/24	Lloyd Pilkington
5/24	Charles Owings
5/31	Hunter Cox

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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.

CAMDEN

Lyttleton Street United Methodist Church, 1206 Lyttleton Street, Camden, SC, seeks a part-time organist/accompanist. Responsibilities include one Sunday morning worship service (9:00 a.m.) and Wednesday evening choir rehearsals, plus seasonal services. There is potential to add accompanying services for the 11:15 contemporary service. For additional information please e-mail Patty Bellus at lsumc.net or see our website, <https://lsumc.net/about-us/employment>. Organ specifications may be found here:

<https://www.columbiaaqo.org/ColumbiaOrgans/Organs/LYTTLETONUMCSumter.pdf>.

CHESTER

Presbyterian Church in Chester - Interim organist or substitute organist. Magnificent organ, 1976 Austin with the console rebuilt two years ago. It is a two manual 36 rank instrument. There is also a 1938 Steinway Grand Piano in the worship space. Prelude, Offertory, Postlude, Doxology, Gloria Patri, and three hymns are required for each service. Interested persons should send their resume or background information to maestrocto@gmail.com.

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

*****Incarnation Lutheran Church***, 3005 Devine Street, Columbia 29205 is seeking to hire a music director/organist.

Incarnation initially advertised for one person for all jobs. (See below.)

They are now considering two people:

Part-time Organist - 15 hours/week

He/She will be responsible for preparation and performance of weekly Sunday worship service, as well as other services that occur, including funerals and weddings, maintain the organ and piano, and assist in planning worship as well as other duties. Contact office@incarnationlutheran.com to schedule an interview. Please see the full job description on our website at <https://www.incarnationlutheran.com>

Choir Director Part-time 10 hours per week

He/She will be responsible for directing the Chancel Choir and the Handbell Choir, and supporting the Children's Choir, as well as auditioning and managing paid singers. Contact office@incarnationlutheran.com to schedule an interview. Please see the full job description on our website at <https://www.incarnationlutheran.com>

Music Director/Organist - The position will be part time (25 hours per week).

Preparation and performance (Flentrop Organ) of weekly Sunday worship at 10 a.m. as well as other special services during the liturgical year such as Advent and Lenten midweek evenings, Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Easter. Serve as organist/music director for all funerals and weddings as able.

Organize, direct, enhance and maintain a joyful spirit among our existing musical ensembles, the Chancel Choir and the Handbell Choir. Oversee and maintain our musical instruments, music library and rehearsal spaces. Attend weekly staff meetings and engage in planning and supervisory meetings with the Pastor as mutually agreed to.

Other opportunities for leading the congregation in song to include growing a children's music program: Children's Choir – 3rd -5th, Youth Choir – 6th - 8th
Please send resume to office@incarnationlutheran.com .

St. Luke Lutheran Church, 1127 Olympia Ave., Columbia, SC 29201. St. Luke Lutheran Church (Olympia) is seeking a part-time Director of Music / Organist. The Director is expected to rehearse, direct and accompany the adult choir on piano and/or organ and to coordinate with the pastor on worship music selections. 11:00 a.m. Sunday services. Special services. Extra pay for weddings and funerals and the pianist/organist has first right of refusal. Please send resumes and contact information to St Luke Lutheran Church at 1127 Olympia Avenue, Columbia, SC 29201, or e-mail to carenhazelwood@bellsouth.net.

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, in Irmo, SC, is seeking a part-time Director of Music / Organist. The Director is expected to rehearse and direct the chancel choir and bell choir, and coordinate with the pastor on worship music selections. The salary for the position will be commensurate with the level of education and experience of the applicant. Please send resumes and contact information to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 10000 Broad River Road, Irmo, SC 29063, or e-mail bethlehemplutheranirmo@gmail.com.

The Episcopal Church of St. Simon & St. Jude in Irmo, SC, is an inclusive, medium-sized parish with an unwavering commitment to music, most recently shown by our 2024 refurbishment of the pipe organ and console. We seek one or more musicians to join our liturgy leadership team, as organist/choir master(s) in May/June 2025. The responsibilities include assisting in liturgy planning, accompanying choir and congregational singing for our main service, and assisting with the handbell choir. The salary range is commensurate with job scope and experience and is guided by American Guild of Organists standards. Four weeks of vacation are provided for this part time position. To be considered for the position(s) please email your letter of interest and resume directly to Rev. Jill Williams at revjillwilliams@gmail.com or call the office at (803) 732-0153.

LEXINGTON (Red Bank)

St. James Lutheran Church (Red Bank, SC) is seeking a part-time Organist/Pianist to lead our music for our regular Sunday morning services and others. We prefer someone who plays piano and organ; however, we will entertain applicants who at this moment can only play piano. St. James' regular worship service time on Sunday is 10:30 a.m. and we have an Adult Choir rehearsal. Other services as needed include: Christmas Eve, Advent and Lenten services, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, funerals and weddings as needed. The organ is located in our sanctuary and pianos are located throughout the building. Contact the church office for details outlining qualifications, responsibilities, etc. Interested applicants ought to provide a complete resume and professional references to the church office. (office@stjameslex.com).

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. Director of Music 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/>