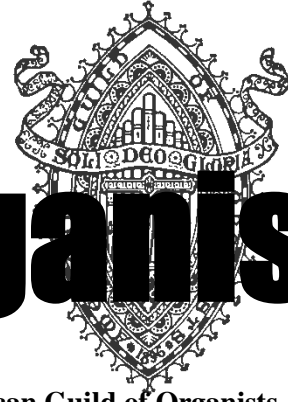


The Greater Columbia Organist



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BRAINSTORMING SESSION
Tuesday, November 9, 2010
6:00 p.m.

Adult Education Building
Eastminster Presbyterian
Church

3200 Trenholm Road, Columbia 29204

THE GREATER COLUMBIA CHAPTER OF AGO WILL **HOST** THE REGIONAL CONVENTION IN COLUMBIA DURING THE SUMMER OF 2013. Regional Councillor Laura Ellis from Florida will be at Tuesday night's meeting to help us begin planning for the 2013 Regional Convention. Your input is very important to the success of this convention. Please put this meeting on your calendar today.

FREE DINNER PROVIDED - R.S.V.P.

Please respond to Susan Sturkie at 788-6807 by Monday at noon (Nov. 8) if you are coming for dinner so we can prepare accordingly.

Food will only be ordered for those making a reservation. You are welcomed to come to attend the meeting only, but food may not be available for you if you do not make a reservation.

November AGO Meeting

Sunday, November 21, 2010

Christopher Jacobson
Associate Organist & Choirmaster
Trinity Cathedral
1100 Sumter Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Cathedral Artist Series

4:00 Evensong for St. Cecilia Day with prayers in memory of John Haney
5:00 Concert - Christopher Jacobson

Concerts are at 5:00 (following Choral Evensong at 4:00)
Free and open to all.



Dear AGO Friends,

In every grocery store in town it appears that shelves are currently stocked with traditional ingredients to make turkey stuffing, cranberry sauce, pumpkin or pecan pie, and all the “regulars” of what we call Thanksgiving. This is the time when we offer thanks by celebrating the glories of the harvest with friends and family. Like preparing a meal, this is also the time when we church musicians prepare our Thanksgiving Sunday order of worship like a musical feast - ordering traditional hymns of praise around triumphant anthems. One such familiar tune appearing on many “menus” this month is “Nun danket alle Gott” or “Now thank we all our God.” Recently, a pastor of mine reminded his congregation of the story behind this chorale. I share it with you:

“Martin Rinkart, a Lutheran minister, was in Eilenburg, Saxony, during the Thirty Years’ War. The walled city of Eilenburg saw a steady stream of refugees pour through its gates. The Swedish army surrounded the city, and famine and plague were rampant. Eight hundred homes were destroyed, and the people began to perish. There was a tremendous strain on the pastors who had to conduct dozens of funerals daily. Finally, the pastors, too, succumbed, and Rinkart was the only one left—doing 50 funerals a day. When the Swedes demanded a huge ransom, Rinkart left the safety of the walls to plead for mercy. The Swedish commander, impressed by his faith and courage, lowered his demands. Soon afterward, the Thirty Years’ War ended, and Rinkart wrote this hymn for a grand celebration service. It is a testament to his faith that, after such misery, he was able to write a hymn of abiding trust and gratitude toward God.”

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices. Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices. Who from our mothers’ arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

What astonishes me is the fact that Martin Rinkart could write such uplifting and joyful words during one of the worst periods of European history. Somehow, his faith “trumped” the hardships of his time. For many of those who have faced economic woes or physical or mental hardships during the past year, I would like to remind you that - as cliché as it sounds- somehow things work themselves out even in the darkest of times. Let Rinkart serve as a model for us all; let us be thankful of the gifts that we bring to God’s glory and let us continue to inspire those in our congregations with the most glorious music imaginable!

On behalf of the entire AGO Board, I humbly thank you for the support of our local AGO Guild and I whole-heartily wish you and your families the most glorious Thanksgiving imaginable. Lastly, I look forward to seeing you in person this month at Mr. Christopher Jacobson’s recital at the recently refurbished Trinity Episcopal Cathedral.

Yours,

Dr. Patrick Hawkins

Upcoming Events

Saturday, Dec. 4 - **David Higgs** - 10:00 a.m. Masterclass - First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, Dec. 5 - **David Higgs** - 5:00 Recital - Trinity Cathedral

(Part of the Cathedral Artist Series - Concerts are at 5:00 (following Choral Evensong at 4:00); free and open to all.)

WE NEED PLAYERS - PLEASE LET **PATRICK HAWKINS** KNOW IF YOU WISH TO PERFORM IN THE MASTERCLASS. PLEASE SEND PATRICK TITLES/COMPOSERS OF PIECES TO BE PERFORMED NO LATER THAN **NOVEMBER 15TH** SO THAT HE MAY TELL PROF. HIGGS WHAT EVERYONE WILL BE PERFORMING. ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO PERFORM, EVEN IF IT IS A SHORT CHORALE PRELUDE FOR THE ORGAN.

AGO Holiday Party
December 3
7:00-9:00
Please bring a finger food
Hosted by David Lowry
Heritage Penthouse
1829 Senate Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Sunday, November 14, 2010 6:00PM

An Appalachian Folk Mass

An Appalachian Folk Mass is the creation of Cantor Tom White. It is a worship service at Ebenezer using the hymnody of the American South, especially The Sacred Harp, from where we get some of our most beloved hymnody. It will be led by a vocal octet, accompanied by authentic folk and bluegrass instruments from the region. This all creates an array of evocative music and connects the worshiper to a holy soundscape. The Rev. Paul H. Pingel will preach. Special guest musician is John Wetzel, fiddle/mandolin. This Patrons/Friends of the Arts event will conclude Founders Day weekend. Please join us for a reception of Americana immediately following.

Patrons/Friends of the ARTS: *Our 25th Year!*

Contact us:

www.ebenezerlutheran.org 803.765.9430 or twhite@ebenezerlutheran.org

Thomas J. White, Cantor
Ebenezer Lutheran Church ELCA
1301 Richland Street
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 765-9430 x17

Association Of Lutheran Musicians
Of South Carolina
presents

Michael Burkhardt



ALM Fall Workshop

Saturday, November 13, 2010
St. Andrews Lutheran Church
1416 Broad River Road * Columbia, SC 29210

SCHEDULE

8:30 - 9:00 - Registration / Shop at the Music Display
9:00 - 10:15 - The Organist of the 21st Century
10:15 - 10:45 - Break/Shop at the Music Display
10:45 - 11:45 - A Whole Person Approach to the Child
Voice
11:45 - 12:45 - Lunch / Shop at the Music Display
12:45 - 1:45 - Hymn Improvisation for Organists
1:45 - 2:45 - Anthem reading session
2:45 - Shop at the Music Display

Session 1 - The Organist of the 21st Century - This workshop will focus on adapting music at the organ based on cultural context and style.

Session 2 - A Whole Person Approach to the Child Voice - This workshop will focus on rehearsal techniques and learning style processes useful for the developing child voice.

Session 3 - Hymn Improvisation for Organists - This session will focus on creative hymn playing and core improvisation techniques.

Contact Susan Sturkie at sloopystur@aol.com if you would like a registration form or for more information. You may register at the door, but lunch reservation/payment must be made by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday.

CATHEDRAL ARTIST SERIES

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
1100 Sumter Street; Columbia

The new 5:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon Cathedral Artist Series concerts begin in November with three outstanding organ recitals on the newly-refurbished Casavant organ:

November 14 - BRIAN JONES, *Emeritus* Director of Music and Organist, Trinity Church, Copley Square, Boston

November 21 - CHRISTOPHER JACOBSON, Associate Organist & Choirmaster, Trinity Cathedral, Columbia

November 28 - DAVID TURNER, Organist, Christ Church, Greenville

And coming next month: December 5 - DAVID HIGGS, Professor of Organ, Eastman School of Music

These 45-minute recitals are free and open to all; they follow the service of Choral Evensong and Eucharist, which begins at 4:00 p.m. For more information, see the Cathedral Concerts webpage at www.trinitysc.org/concerts, or contact the Cathedral music office at 771-7300

TWO PIANOS FOR SALE

Wurlitzer spinet \$1000 negotiable (new \$2500)

Baldwin Hamilton studio \$1500 (new \$5-6000)

Contact Dr. Timothy Sligh, 803-238-9391



2010 Community Production of Handel's

Messiah

Conducted by Dr. Bingham Vick, Jr.
Retired director of the Furman Singers, Furman University
Accompanied by the Lake Murray Symphony

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 7:00 pm
LEXINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Tickets will be \$5 and will be available mid-October
Choir members do not need to purchase tickets, but need to provide their own copy of Messiah (G. Shirmer)

There will be 3 mass rehearsals for this ONE performance: (All rehearsals and performance will be in the Lexington Baptist Church Auditorium)

Sunday, October 17, 2:30 – 4:30 PM
Sunday, November 14, 3:00 – 5:00 PM
Friday, November 19, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Please consider your involvement in this great Community Event. WLTX – 19 will be airing the performance during the Christmas season.

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
SEVENTH HEAVEN CONCERTS
SEVEN SPECIAL MUSICAL EVENTS 2010 - 2011**

HEAVEN MUST HAVE SENT YOU
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6TH 7 P.M.
**Service of Advent Lessons & Carols
for the feast of St. Nicholas**

Hear your favorite Advent hymns during the church's name season!
Church of the Advent adult choirs, Brennan Szafron, organist/choirmaster

HIGHWAY TO HEAVEN
SUNDAY, JANUARY 23RD 4 P.M.
Southern Appalachian Chamber Singers
Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, NC
Joel Reed, director

HEAVEN FOR EVERYONE
SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH 4 P.M. & 4:45 PM
DOUBLE HEADER!
Service of Choral Evensong for the season of Lent
Church of the Advent youth & adult choirs
Brennan Szafron, organist/choirmaster
Organ Recital
Polish concert organist Marek Kudlicki

STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN
TUESDAY, APR. 19TH 12 NOON
"Le Chemin de la Croix"
by Marcel Dupré. Organ meditations on the Stations of the Cross
Margaret Hopper & Brennan Szafron, organists

HEAVENLY DAY
FRIDAY, MAY 6TH 7:30 P.M.
Mastersingers of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Charlotte, NC
Choral Concert featuring the children's touring choir
Ben Outen, organist/choirmaster, Aaron Goen, assistant organist/choirmaster





Young Organist Competition 2011

This is a reminder that the *Young Organist Competition* will take place on March 5, 2011. The first prize will be \$1000, the money for which we are accumulating by taking offerings at the first three events of the AGO program year. Collections from the first two events have made a start but we have a long way to go.

On November 21, Trinity Cathedral will present Evensong for St. Cecilia Day with prayers in memory of John Haney. Christopher Jacobson will present an organ recital at 5:00 p.m. The free will offering collected at this event will go entirely to the competition. I would encourage you to be generous in helping establish this worthy event.

We already have an entry for the competition with several other young organists expressing interest. It is imperative that we amass the funds to make this a successful first time event. If you cannot attend the November 21st event, please send your donation to me at the address listed below. All contributions, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated. I would be happy to talk with you about any questions you may have. Thank you in advance for making this dream come true.

Frances M. Webb
Chair, *Young Organist Competition 2011*
92 Currant Lane
Columbia SC 29210-3521
803-772-1492
franceswebb@sc.rr.com

Young Organist Competition 2011

sponsored by the
Greater Columbia Chapter AGO

Saturday, March 5, 2011
Columbia, SC

Open to grades 8-12

First Prize \$1000 and
performance opportunities.

For rules and application see
Young Organist Competition 2011
at www.columbiaago.org



November Birthdays

11/01 Charlene Shealy-Lanford
11/04 Beverly C. Salley
11/04 William Carswell
11/09 Sydney Kale
11/11 Ed West
11/11 Joy Ackerman
11/15 Sallie Covington Chester
11/17 Margaret Davis
11/26 Frances Webb
11/26 Louis Shirer
11/29 Elisa Moskovitz



** NEW LISTING

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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

BATESBURG-LEESVILLE

Batesburg Leesville Presbyterian Church, 103 Mitchell Street, is seeking to hire a part time organist/choir director. Responsibilities include, working with the pastor on selecting appropriate music for 11:00 am worship service and for special evening services (ex: Maundy Thursday, Christmas Eve services). Please contact David Rawl (803) 604-1238, drawl@excite.com or Robert Goings (803) 532-6035, RGoings494@aol.com.

COLUMBIA

Washington Street United Methodist Church is seeking a part-time director of music beginning January 1, 2011. The director of music provides leadership and coordination of our music program. The director is expected to rehearse and direct the sanctuary choir, coordinate with the senior pastor on worship music, and coordinate other music ministries. Our preferred candidate will hold a master's degree in music with an emphasis in choral music and have at least 5 years experience directing church choirs. Please send resumes with references by September 24, 2010, to wsumc1@bellsouth.net or Music Search Committee, Washington Street United Methodist Church, 1401 Washington Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

Windsor United Methodist Church, 9500 Windsor Lake Blvd. Columbia 29223. Mid-size United Methodist church is seeking a Music Director for diverse church in metropolitan area to arrange all music and arts for two Sunday worship services - one traditional and one casual/contemporary. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, directing the adult, youth and handbell choirs for the traditional service, and serving as worship leader and producer for the contemporary service. The ideal candidate has experience producing various service types incorporating drama, video, music and dance as appropriate, while collaborating with pastoral staff. In addition, ideal candidate should be proficient on guitar or keyboard and be comfortable singing in both traditional and contemporary styles. Position requires 20 hours per week and pay is commensurate with experience. Please e-mail resumé and references to marilynsummers@aol.com or fax to 803-788-0458. For more information, contact Marilyn Summers at 788-1528.

CLINTON

Broad Street United Methodist Church in Clinton, SC is seeking a part-time Director of Music and/or Organist. Primary responsibility of the Director is to provide leadership and coordination of our music program. The organist will play at all rehearsals and worship services. The two positions may be combined. Broad Street has a traditional worship service and a contemporary service on Sunday mornings. The Director is expected to rehearse and direct the chancel choir and adult bell choir, coordinate with the pastor on worship music, and provide support for the "praise band." The staff musicians shall work to sustain and to grow our musical programs and the Congregation's worship experience.

The salary for the separate, or combined, positions will be negotiated commensurate with level of education and experience. The positions are available beginning August 8, 2010. Send resumes and contact information to BSUMC, PO Box 204, Clinton, SC 29325, or BSUMC e-mail address: info@broadstreet-umc.org. (Phone number 864-833-0177)

DENMARK

Bethel Park UMC 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 7pm. Our Sunday morning worship service is at 11am. We will offer a salary commensurate with experience. If interested, please forward resume, including references to Att: PPRC, Bethel Park United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 207, Denmark, South Carolina 29042. bethelparkumc@bellsouth.net

FLORENCE

Cross and Crown Lutheran, PART-TIME DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES. P/T Director of Music Ministries needed for Florence, SC church. 10 hours per week. Duties include planning and coordinating the congregation's music program, direct the choir, and participate in planning of worship and other musical activities. Education and experience appropriate for a professional church keyboard musician is desired. Please send resume to: Cross and Crown, 3123 W. Palmetto St. Florence. info@cross-n-crown.org

St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Organist (10 hours). St. John's Episcopal Church, 252 S. Dargan Street, Florence, SC 29506. Phone: (843) 662-5585; fax: (843) 669-9443; e-mail: twilliams@stjohnsflorence.org; website: www.stjohnsflorence.org. The Music Ministry of this traditional 240-family parish church includes an annual concert series, annual regional choir workshop, summer choir camp, and 28-voice choir. Duties include accompanying weekly choir practice and playing for one Sunday service/week, seasonal liturgies, funerals, and weddings. The parish is seeking a competent musician with solid keyboard skills and a background in classical repertoire. A bachelor degree in music is preferred. Dedication to one's ministry, strong work ethic, excellent organizational skills, and ability to work collaboratively are essential to the continuing development of a rapidly growing, vibrant music ministry. 2-manual, 9-rank Moller pipe organ. \$11,000 (additional stipend for weddings). Send résumé, references, and audition tape/CD to Tammy Williams, Minister of Music.

GREENWOOD

Immanuel Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Greenwood, South Carolina is seeking a half-time Director of Music and Organist. The candidate will be responsible for worship planning in co-operation with the pastor; will direct the Chancel Choir and Handbell choir, and will provide music for all worship and special services. The candidate is expected to have proficiency in organ, piano, and conducting skills. The church's two manual pipe organ has been recently updated. Traditional worship using the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal's liturgy and hymns is the church's current practice. Anthem genres may vary within the realm of sacred music. A degree in church music or associated fields and previous experience in traditional Lutheran worship are preferred. People skills are a necessity. Salary is negotiable based upon degree, experience, and skills following AGO guidelines. If interested, contact Pastor Nathan Gragg at (864) 223-0590 or send cover letter and resume as pdf via email to ilcpastor@earthlink.net. This position will be available August 1, 2010. Contact Name: Pastor Nathan Gragg, Immanuel Lutheran Church, 501 East Creswell Avenue, Greenwood, SC 29646. Phone: (864) 223-0590

Fax: (864) 943-0647 Email: ilcpastor@earthlink.net Website: www.ilconline.org

JENKINSVILLE

White Hall AME, Jenkinsville, SC (Fairfield Co.). Church pianist/organist needed Salary \$150-\$200/week. Contact 803-739-2973 or 803-414-3641 or Sherry Frazier at pianomaster2@aol.com

JOHNSTON

Johnston United Methodist Church, located in Johnston, SC (Edgefield County) seeking to hire a part time (approximately 10 hours per week) choir director. Responsibilities include weekly rehearsal of adult choir, selecting appropriate anthems for weekly worship service and leading choir and congregation in singing during the 10 am Worship service each Sunday morning. Choir Director will also be responsible for working with the pastor to ensure and provide appropriate music for special evening services throughout the year (ex: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Christmas Eve services). Salary is negotiable based on experience. Please contact Donna Livingston or Rev.

Becky Shirley (803-275-4885) or by email jhumc@bellsouth.net . Needed by June 2. Church contact information for anyone interested in applying is:

Johnston United Methodist Church, 471 Lee Street Johnston, SC ph:803-275-4885, ask for Fay Adams, Chairperson of Staff-Parish Relations committee.

LAURENS

Atonement Lutheran Church, 413 West Farley Avenue, Laurens, SC 29360 has a current opening for **a church organist**. We are currently obtaining an organ for the sanctuary, and seek to have a regular organist for Sunday morning worship, in addition to special worship services as needed. Perfect opportunity for a student. Requirements: Be familiar with, or be able to learn liturgical settings and hymns from Lutheran Book of Worship (1978 green hymnal).

Contact: Sean Miller, Pastoral Intern, 864-684-1704, lutheran05@yahoo.com.

NEWBERRY

Colony Lutheran Church, 48 Colony Church Rd., Newberry, SC. **Director of Music/Organist, Part-time**. Located half-way between Prosperity and Newberry on USH#76. One Sunday Worship @ 11:00 a.m. Baldwin 636, 2 manual electronic organ, handbells. Salary negotiable. For more info, contact Worship & Music Chairperson Bettye H. Fulmer @ 803-276-7998, or Pastor Jerry Trantham @ 803-276-7151, colonylc@bellsouth.net.

POMARIA

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2496 SC Highway 773, Pomaria. Choir Director/Organist. One Service/One Practice, Sunday morning. Contact Pastor Brent Nichols: nicholsfive@juno.com , (803)924-4851.

SENECA

Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church, <http://www.eternalshepherd.org/> Choir accompanist. Contact Lars Helland, email: larsh@alltel.net cell: 706-244-4544 Home: 706-356-2690 or Rick Schmidt at 864-886-9306.

WEST COLUMBIA

****Our Saviour Lutheran Church** in West Columbia, SC is seeking a Handbell Director. The candidate will be responsible for planning, practice, and conducting for selected services. Our bell choir currently practices September through May on Wednesday evenings. Worship service is Sundays at 10:30. Salary for this position is negotiable. If interested, please call Pastor Lance Henderson at 803-794-8180 or email him at oslcpastor@sc.rr.com

Springdale Baptist Church is seeking an organist to play Sunday morning and evening services. The candidate should be proficient in both traditional and contemporary worship genres. Occasionally the organist may be required to accompany anthems for the choir during Wednesday evening rehearsals. Please send resumes to Springdale Baptist, Attention: Personnel, 357 Wattling Rd., West Columbia, SC 29170 or email to: jonathan@springdalebaptist.org

WHITEVILLE, NC

First Baptist Church in Whiteville, NC is searching for a part-time organist. The new organist will begin in September. There is one Sunday service at 11:00 a.m., one Wednesday evening choir rehearsal each week, and six to eight occasional services (i.e. Advent Service, Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday, etc.) The organ is a two manual, eighteen rank Schantz. The church is traditional in worship style, following the Revised Common Lectionary. Repertoire for the choir is eclectic, including classics, traditional anthems, spirituals and contemporary anthems. The salary is negotiable based on experience. A full job description is available on request. Interested organists may contact Eddie Fort, Minister of Music eddiefort@embarqmail.com or Dr. Ron Hinson, pastor, wfbcpastor@embarqmail.com or (910)642-2139.



Planning Ahead???

Region IV Convention, June 26-29, 2011 – Greensboro, NC.

For more information see: <http://www.ggago.org/convention/default.html>

Region IV POE 2011 – Birmingham, Alabama.

Watch for more information on their website: <http://orgs.bsc.edu/bhamago/>

National Convention, July 1-6, 2012 – Nashville, Tennessee.

For more information see: <http://www.nashvilleago.org/2012/index.htm>

Region IV Convention 2013 – Columbia, SC. Watch for more information on our website: <http://www.columbiaago.org/index.html>

National Convention, July 7-10, 2014 – Salt Lake City, Utah. Watch for more information on their website: <http://www.slicago.org/>



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www.columbiaago.org

<http://agoregion4.blogspot.com/>

www.agohq.org