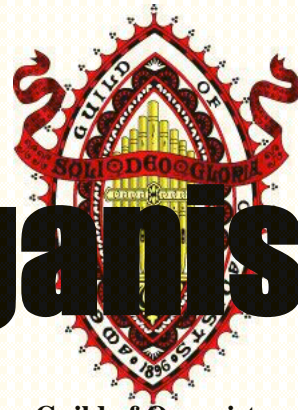


The Greater Columbia Organist



November 2017

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

Young Organist Competition Winner in Recital!

Friday, November 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Reception following in Wesley Hall

Shandon United Methodist Church

3407 Devine Street

Columbia SC 29205

Bruce Xu, the 2017 winner of the Young Organist Competition sponsored by the Greater Columbia AGO Chapter will return to Columbia to perform a full-length solo recital in November. Bruce is 14 years old, a sophomore at UNCSA's high school, studying organ performance with Dr. Timothy Olsen. Bruce was recently Music Intern at Augsburg Lutheran Church in Winston-Salem, NC. He is also in the Cantata Singers of UNCSA. He began organ lessons with Jimrae Lenser at age 9, and then went on to study with Craig Williams. In the Spring/Summer of 2017, Bruce won first prize in six organ competitions: UNCSA/Salem College High School Organ Festival & Competition; Greater Columbia AGO Chapter Young Organist Competition; East Carolina University Young Artist Organ Competition; L. Cameron Johnson Memorial Organ Competition; Quimby/AGO Chapter Competition Atlanta, GA; and Quimby/AGO Southeast Regional Competition Jacksonville, FL. As RYCO winner for the Southeast Region, he will perform at the national AGO convention in Kansas City, MO in the summer of 2018.



Program

Passacaglia in C minor, BWV 582	J.S. Bach
Sicilienne from Suite, Op. 5	Maurice Duruflé
Prelude and Fugue in G minor, Op. 7, No. 3	Marcel Dupré
Trio Sonata No. 2 in C minor, BWV 526	J. S. Bach
1. Vivace	
2. Largo	
3. Allegro	
Crown Imperial	William Walton
Choral No. 2 in B minor, FWV 39	César Franck
Symphony V, Op. 42, No. 1	Charles-Marie Widor
1. Allegro vivace	

Update on Young Organist Competition Alumni



Clara Gerdes

Originally from Davidson, NC, Clara Gerdes is a fourth-year student at the Curtis Institute of Music where she studies organ with Alan Morrison and harpsichord with Leon Schelhase. She was the winner of the 2014 Albert Schweitzer organ competition and UNCISA organ competition and the recipient of the first annual Pogorzelski-Yankee scholarship sponsored by the American Guild of Organists. Her performances have been broadcast on WDAV 89.9 classical public radio, NPR's "From the Top" (piano duo - November 2013), and have also been featured on the "Curtis Performs" livestream. She has performed at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine and Washington National Cathedral, at Spoleto, and the Oregon Bach Festival. Clara is a frequent collaborator and chamber musician and has

performed with Choral Arts Philadelphia, Opera Philadelphia, and Penn Composers' Guild, in addition to numerous Curtis student ensembles. Clara is a Wanamaker Grand Court Organ assistant organist. In addition, she has assisted the Charlotte, Houston and King's College (Wilkes-Barre PA) Royal School of Church Music in America summer training courses as organ scholar, and studied privately and performed at the Oundle school and McGill University summer organ academies. Presently she is one of two organ scholars at St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church, Locust Street (Philadelphia PA). In June 2017 she was the winner of the AGO Quimby/RCYO Mid-Atlantic Regional Competition. She will perform at the national AGO convention in Kansas City, MO, in July 2018.

Reflecting on Clara's performance in the Young Organist Competition 2014, I remember vividly her performance of Trio Sonata in d minor by J. S. Bach, all three movements played impeccably and elegantly from memory followed by *Transports de joie* by Olivier Messiaen. We are proud to have had a part in her burgeoning career. ~ Frances Webb

Greater Columbia AGO Programs Coming in 2018

Organ Basics for Pianists

Saturday, January 20, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon **St. Martin's in the Fields Episcopal Church**
Is there an adult pianist in your parish/congregation with good keyboard skills? Could that person become a substitute with additional organ training? English Morris, assisted by Frances Webb, will present a lecture/workshop aimed at adults with piano proficiency who are interested in playing the organ in church. Advanced high school piano students could attend as well. Participants may volunteer for "mini-lessons" on the basics. Although this is designed to be only a beginning, it could be a catalyst for further study. Please invite interested persons to attend.

Choral Workshop on Making the Most of a Volunteer Church Choir

Saturday, February 17, 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.* **Shandon Presbyterian Church**
We share our knowledge of choral best practice with our choirs regularly but it's helpful when they hear it from someone else. During the first hour, Lillian Quackenbush will share information gleaned from many years of directing church, college, and community choirs in the area. At 10:45 Lillian will direct a "demo-choir" of our own choir members. Please advertise this event among your choir members. It's a wonderful opportunity with a minimal investment of their time. At noon, Tim Belk, Shandon Presbyterian organist, will lead an "organ crawl" of the new Lewtak installation. A light lunch prepared by Jim Johnson will follow at 12:30 with donations going to the Young Organist Competition fund.

***9:30-10:30 Lecture / 10:45-12 Choral Workshop / 12-12:30 Organ Crawl / 12:30 Lunch**

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Choir of Adults

with the North Carolina Baroque Orchestra, *performing on period instruments*

Sunday, November 5 at 4:00 p.m.

Tickets from \$15 to \$45 (\$12 for students and military) are available through the Cathedral music office (461-7306) and website (www.trinitysc.org/music).

LESSONS & CAROLS FOR ADVENT

Sunday, December 3 4:00 p.m.

featuring *Ceremony of Carols* by Benjamin Britten
performed by the Cathedral Girls' Choir

with Betsey Sesler, *harp*

Free and open to all.

CHORAL EVENSONG

Sundays at 4:00 p.m.

Join us at Trinity as the sun is setting for this service of readings, prayers, and music, and afterwards for hospitality and refreshments under the oaks in the Cathedral Courtyard.

CHORAL VESPERS

Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.

A 15-minute service of music, scripture, and prayers to end the day.

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Handbell Encounter

Sharpen basic ringing skills, learn/review handbell techniques and then ring music using those techniques!

Have fun connecting with other handbell enthusiasts in the area!



Saturday, November 4, 2017
8:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Event Clinician: Dr. Lynn G. Atkins

Location:
Living Springs Lutheran Church,
4224 Hard Scrabble Road
Columbia, SC 29223
www.livingspringscolumbia.org

\$35 per person,

\$45 after October 20th

Contact Person for more information: George Donovan, 803-736-0661, ext. 1003

email music&worship@livingspringscolumbia.org



The Vista Ensemble: Music from the Bach Circle
Saturday, November 4, 2017, 4:00 PM
If Art Gallery
1223 Lincoln Street
Columbia, SC 29201

The Vista Ensemble (Erika Cutler, baroque violin; Patrick Hawkins, square piano; and Jeana Melilli, traverso) will perform a concert featuring music by the Baroque master, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) as well as scores composed by his various pupils and sons. Featured on the recital will be music by C.P. E. Bach, J. S. Bach, Kirnberger, and Krebs.

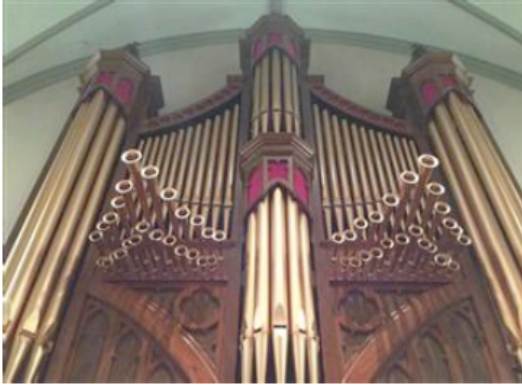
Tickets may be purchased [online](#) before the concert or at the door. General admission is \$20.00 and Seniors and Students are \$10.00.

The Vista Ensemble is an affiliate of the Carolina Music Museum in Greenville, South Carolina. Any donations made to the organization are tax deductible.



Brand new, never worn, pair of organ shoes for sale - size 6 ½ W for \$28.00.

If interested please contact: Mrs. Mary Ann Wiskur
mwpiano.maw@gmail.com



Pipe Organ Directory

Be sure your church is included!

The Greater Columbia Chapter is embarking on a project to document the pipe organs in the Greater Columbia area. No decision is yet made if this will be in printed form or in digital form. In either case, we wish to publish the following information:

- The builder of the organ, or, if it is a rebuilt instrument, the builders.
- The date of installation or dates, if rebuilt.
- A picture of the space in which the organ is installed.
- A complete specification from a printed program or from the contract.
- Include brief information of any dedicatory event.
- List any recordings made on the instrument.

There are some “Gemini” organs (combination of pipe and digital sounds) and we will include them. There will be no attempt to list entirely digital organs.

We would appreciate receiving any or all of those items via USPS or on line. Please use an address listed below.

If any of the requested materials are not available, we will ask to come to the church and copy the specification and/or make any pictures.

This project clearly will take a few months and we appreciate your cooperation in collecting these materials, the sooner the better.

The reason for this project is mainly to establish a historical account of pipe organs in the Greater Columbia area. Similar projects have been done and are being done in several USA chapters.

Thanks for your help in this project.

Please send materials to:

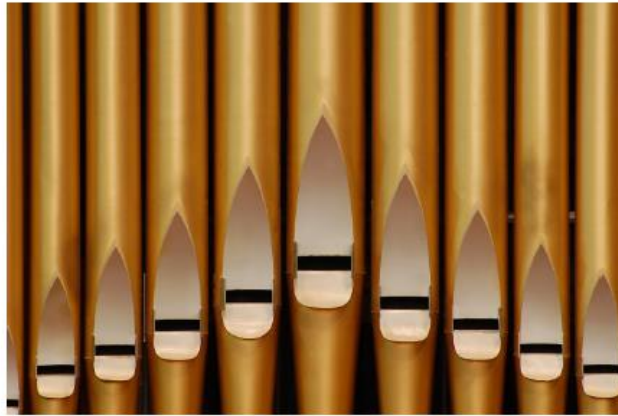
Dr. David Lowry, The Church of the Good Shepherd
1512 Blanding St., Columbia, SC 29201

Or to

DavidL1205@aol.com

The best telephone contact is mobile 803-608-1934.

Young Organist Competition 2018



sponsored by the
Greater Columbia AGO Chapter

Saturday, March 10, 2018
Columbia, S.C.

Open to grades 8–12

First Prize \$1,500

Second Prize \$1,000

Third Prize \$750

Hymn Playing Award \$250

Bach Playing Award \$250

For rules and application see
Young Organist Competition 2018
at www.columbiaago.org

University of North Carolina School of the Arts
Winston-Salem NC

2018 High School Organ Festival & Competition

January 26-28, 2018

Application and CD due December 15, 2017

Prizes

Thomas S. Kenan, III First Prize: \$2000
(or one year of in-state tuition to UNCSA, currently valued at over \$8500)

Piedmont NC AGO Chapter Second Prize: \$1000

Third Prize: \$500

John & Margaret Mueller Hymn Prize: \$350
(awarded separately from other prizes)

Required Repertoire (for recording and competition)

* A Bach Prelude (or Toccata or Fantasy) & Fugue (including the “8 Little”) or two movements from a trio sonata or concerto

*One or more contrasting movement(s) from a single work in the 19th – 20th/21st century repertoires

*A hymn chosen from the Competition Hymns – Available on November 1, 2017

Complete information including application materials can be found here:

[2018 High School Organ Festival & Competition.](#)



W. Darr Wise Piano Competition

at Newberry College

February 24, 2018



About the Competition

Dr. W. Darr Wise served Newberry College for 42 years as a piano faculty member and College Organist in the Department of Music, retiring as Professor Emeritus in 1998. Wise's students went on to study and teach at major conservatories, and have successful careers as performers, church musicians, teachers, retailers and leaders in the music industry, and administrators in all levels of education.

Prizes

First, second, and third prizes will be awarded in each category. First prize winners will receive a cash award. All prize winners will perform one piece on the closing recital.

First Prize Senior Division - \$500

First Prize Junior Division - \$250

Honorable Mentions will be made at the discretion of the judges.

Competition Repertoire

JUNIOR DIVISION (Grades 6-8)

- Two contrasting solo pieces

There is no minimum performance time limit, although students will be given a maximum of ten minutes for each audition.

SENIOR DIVISION (Grade 9-12)

- One movement of a Classical sonata
- One contrasting piece of the contestant's choosing

There is no minimum performance time limit, although students will be given a maximum of twenty minutes for each audition.

Competition Details

Schedule

10:00am to Noon - Junior Division

1:00pm Junior Division Prizes Announced

1:00pm to 3:00pm - Senior Division

3:45pm Senior Division Prizes Announced

5:00pm Closing Recital featuring the three prize winners in each category

Each registrant will receive an email with an assigned warm-up time and room along with an assigned competition time by February 1st.

Please mail the completed application form and your non-refundable \$25 registration fee to:

Newberry College Music Department
Attn: Dr. Sarah Masterson
2100 College St.
Newberry, SC 29108

Postmark Deadline is January 15, 2018

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RSVP by January 15, 2018

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November Birthdays



11/01 Charlene Shealy-Lanford
11/04 Beverly Salley
11/04 Monty Bennett
11/11 Joy Ackerman
11/16 Keith Taylor
11/17 Margaret Davis
11/26 Louis L. Shirer
11/26 Frances Webb
11/29 Elisa Moskovitz

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.

BEAUFORT

Carteret Street United Methodist Church, 408 Carteret Street, Beaufort, SC 29902 is seeking a part-time organist who will provide music in a worshipful spirit on Sunday morning and other occasions. The church has an average worship attendance of 250 with two services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sundays September to May and one service at 10:00 a.m. from June to August. The choir is composed of 18-20 semi-professional voices who are faithfully committed to the ministry of music. The 12 Rank M.P. Moller organ was rebuilt by A. E. Schleuter in 2013. A grand piano is also present in the sanctuary.

Qualifications: Person who professes the Christian faith and exhibits Christian character; Degrees in music are preferred, but not required; Experienced in church setting; Works well with others as a member of a team.

This is a part-time position consisting of 12-15 hours per week. The salary range is \$16,000 to \$20,500. Persons interested in applying should provide a complete resume and no less than three professional references. Send resume and references to: Mrs. Cindy Keener, Chair, Staff-Parish Relations Committee, CSUMC@islc.net. Church Office Phone: 843-524-3841

(For additional information, contact the church office or the Greater Columbia Chapter AGO at sloopystur@aol.com.)

CHARLESTON

****Holy Spirit Lutheran Church**, a growing congregation in West Ashley, at 3075 Bees Ferry Rd., Charleston, SC seeks a part-time (12-15 hours per week) Director of Music/Organist. The newly built sanctuary has outstanding acoustics complete with a rebuilt and updated 1963 Noehren Pipe Organ equipped with 26 independent stops, 37 ranks, and 1,853 pipes. Traditional Sunday morning service at 11:00am and seasonal non-Sunday services and weekly Wednesday evening Chancel Choir rehearsals. Bachelor Degree in Music preferred. Competitive Salary. Email cover letter, resume, and references to Barbara Habegger, Organist Search Committee Chair, bahabegger@att.net. For more detailed information call 843-693-5581. Please leave a message and call back number.

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 amcleod1995@roadrunner.com or 843-910-4538.

CHESTER

Bethel United Methodist Church, Chester S.C. founded in 1837 is seeking a part-time organist/choir director. Sunday services are at 11:00 a.m. and rehearsals are held weekly but may vary during the summer months. Additional services include Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, and Maundy Thursday. Our 1943 Pilcher/Moller organ received an updated console in 1986 and the organ was rebuilt in 2004. Please contact Bethelumc@truvista.net for additional information if interested.

COLUMBIA

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.

****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).

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@pbtcomm.net

LANCASTER

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

****Faith United Methodist Church**, 5151 Sunset Boulevard, Lexington, is seeking a part-time Director of Traditional Worship. This staff person will direct the adult choir, lead the handbell ensemble, and work regularly with the pastor to plan meaningful worship services. Interested candidates are invited to send a resume to Pastor Mandy Young at mandytyoung@faithlexington.org. Faith is a growing church that is part of a Congregational Redevelopment Project in the SC Conference. Self-starters and energetic individuals who are interested in trying new things and thinking "outside of the box" are encouraged to apply.

WEST COLUMBIA

Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church, 3011 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169. Needed immediately. This permanent part-time position includes directing adult and children's choirs, handbell choir, organist for Sunday morning blended service (traditional with contemporary) at 9:00 a.m. Zimmer 3 manual pipe organ and Yamaha Grand Piano. Submit resume and 3 references to: Wynne Price, E-mail: wprice3@sc.rr.com, Phone: 803-920-4087; Church phone: 803-794-6430; Fax: 803-227-2922;