

The Greater

Columbia Organist



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Organ Music and Astronomy – Congenial Partners!

Monday, October 3, 2016

7:00 p.m.

St. John's Episcopal Church

2827 Wheat Street

Columbia, SC 29205



On Monday, October 3, Matthew Whitehouse will present an organ/astronomy program at St. John's Episcopal Church as part of the recital series showcasing the recently rebuilt pipe organ. The new instrument includes pipes from three previous builders, Möhler (1926), Tellers (1969), and an unknown builder (1988), plus new pipes. The work was done by Lincoln Organs (Lincolnton, NC). Our own chapter member David Lowry served as consultant on the project.

The guest artist, Matthew Whitehouse, has appeared in recitals throughout the United States. His compositions have been performed in the United States and Europe. One of his major artistic interests is engaging audiences in exploring connections between music and astronomy, an interest frequently reflected in his work as a composer and performer. This program will feature the premiere of

Whitehouse's *Corona*, a work composed in preparation for the August 21, 2017, total solar eclipse visible from Columbia. The program will also include his large-scale composition *Pleiades Visions* (2012), which is inspired by traditional music and mythology associated with the Pleiades (Seven Sisters) star cluster. Music of J.S. Bach and the American composer Myron Roberts will round out the evening.

Whitehouse currently serves as Observatory Manager at the South Carolina State Museum and Director of Music at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Lexington. He holds the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from The University of Arizona, where he was a student of Pamela Decker, and completed undergraduate studies as a student of William Bates at The University of South Carolina.

A reception hosted by the Greater Columbia AGO Chapter will follow the recital. If you would like to contribute a food item for the reception, please contact Joy Ackerman at jpackerman@att.net or (803) 414-0479.

Exciting Young Organist in Recital!

**Friday, October 21, 2016
7:00 p.m.**

**Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
1100 Sumter Street
Columbia SC 29201**

Winner of three of the prizes at the 2016 Young Organist Competition sponsored by the Greater Columbia AGO Chapter, Katherine Johnson from Elm City, NC, garnered First Prize, Best Bach Performance Prize, and the Hymn Playing Prize. Now 16 years old, Katherine has been studying organ for four years, and is currently a student of Andrew Scanlon, professor of organ at East Carolina University in Greenville, NC. In early 2014 she was awarded the Central NC AGO Chapter's Cooper-Miller Organ Scholarship which enabled her to attend a Pipe Organ Encounter in Delaware. She has performed solo recitals at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Hickory, NC, and St. Timothy's Episcopal Church and First Christian Church, both in Wilson, NC. She has also attended summer organ programs at Oklahoma University, Interlochen Arts Academy, and Eastman School of Music. Katherine's former teachers are Phil Valera and Samantha Koch. Katherine will perform on the 73-rank Casavant Frères pipe organ at Trinity Cathedral. Katherine joins the alumni of the Young Organist Competition who continue to make us proud that we have a part in their budding careers.

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16 October, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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Hymn Fest and Music Celebration
The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer
1515 Boundary Street, Newberry
Sunday, October 2, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Hymn Fest and Music Celebration - You are invited to The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer (1515 Boundary Street, Newberry) for a hymn fest and music celebration on Sunday, October 2, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. This date marks the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the Schantz pipe organ. Special music will be provided by the senior choir under the direction of Gayle D. Lindley, choral scholars, community members, and church organist Huger Caughman, Jr. A reception will follow.

Trinity Cathedral
CHORAL EVENSONG
at Trinity Cathedral
4:00 p.m. Sunday afternoons

**Choral Evensong offers the finest elements of Anglican liturgy,
and Trinity Cathedral welcomes all people for this service of readings, prayers, and
music.**

**Join us following Evensong for hospitality and refreshments under the oaks on the
Cathedral Lawn.**

1100 Sumter Street in Columbia

www.trinitysc.org/music

**The Parish Choir of The Church of the Good Shepherd will sing Choral Evensong in
Trinity Cathedral on Sunday, October 9 at 4 p.m. David Lowry is the Parish Musician.
Brent te Velde will be the organist.**

***Please send information for November's newsletter to
tonyroof@windstream.net by October 20.***

**Trinity Cathedral presents a concert by
The Treble Choristers of the
SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN & BOYS
Saint Thomas Choir School, New York City**



Thursday, October 13

7:30 p.m. in the Cathedral

**1100 Sumter Street
\$10 general admission at the door**



A MIGHTY TRILOGY

featuring
the **South Carolina Bach Choir**
and
North Carolina Baroque Orchestra

Motet: Singet dem Herrn, BWV 225
Orchestra Suite No. 1 in C Major, BWV 1066
Cantata: Ein feste Burg, BWV 80

Morgan Voke Thomason, *soprano*
Kristen Murdaugh, *alto*
Jake Thomason, *tenor*
Arlen Clark, *bass*
David Rhyne, *conductor*



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 8 P.M.

Daniel Recital Hall, Converse College, Spartanburg, SC
Parking: Corner of Drayton and N. Fairview Avenues
(Students FREE with valid I.D.)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 7 P.M.

Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Columbia, SC
1301 Richland St, Columbia, SC 29201
(FREE admission)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 4 P.M.

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC
2310 Augusta St, Greenville, SC 29605

PRE-CONCERT TALK: 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO EACH CONCERT
TICKETS: (SPARTANBURG/GREENVILLE) \$15/\$10/\$5

For Tickets or Information: SCBach.org | scbach.info@gmail.com | facebook.com/scbach

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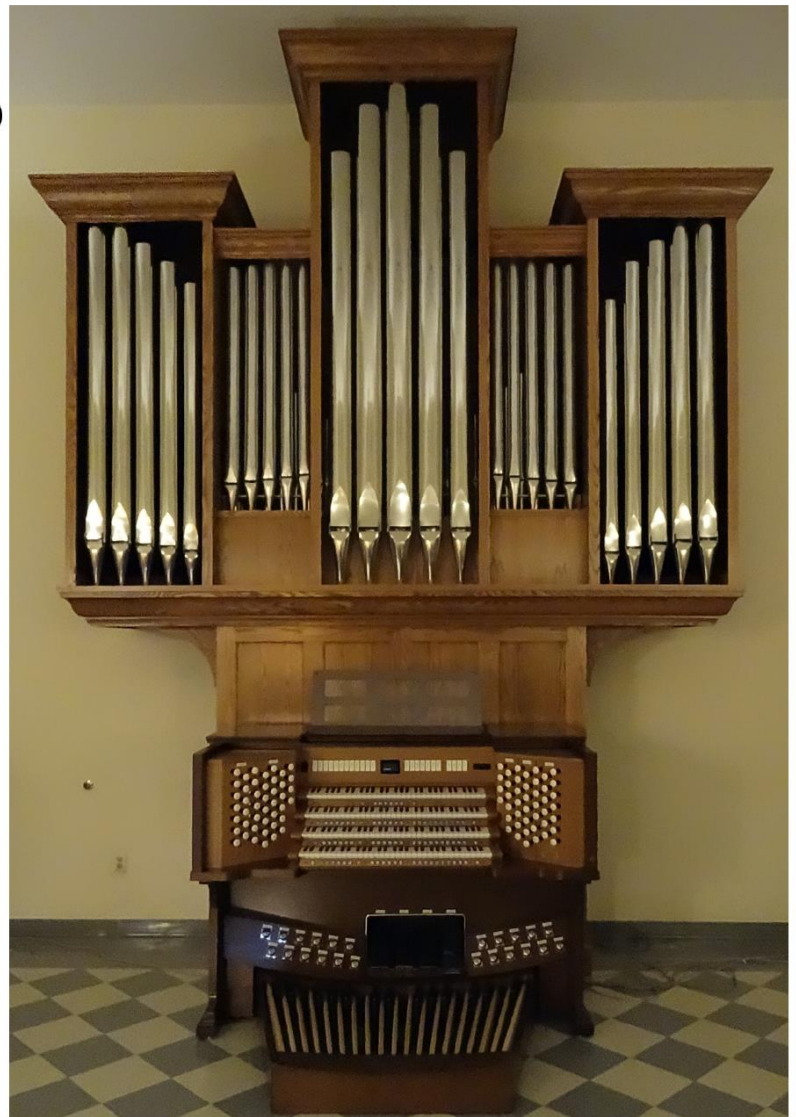
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The Sandlapper Singers presents
A Season to Celebrate, 2016-2017

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Mentors: A Choral Celebration

The Sandlapper Singers are kicking off the season with a spirit celebration of the teachers and mentors who've shaped and guided us. Our beloved founder, Lillian Quackenbush, returns as guest conductor for this special two-night event. Expect to be inspired!

Thursday, October 27, 7:30 PM
Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Friday, October 28, 7:30 PM
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Legends: A Christmas Celebration

Experience the joy of the season with an evening of Christmas music. With favorite carol arrangements from legendary conductor Robert Shaw, as well as holiday hits from the Billboard 100, this is a tradition you and your family won't want to miss.

Thursday, December 15, 7:30 PM
Spring Valley Presbyterian Church

Friday, December 16, 7:30 PM
St. Michael and All Angels' Episcopal Church

Masters: A Celebration of Song

World-renowned composer Z. Randall Stroope will join artistic director Dustin Ousley in conducting the first-ever concert dedicated entirely to Stroope's own compositions. High-school vocalists from around the state will join the Sandlapper Singers for this once-in-a-lifetime event.

Friday, April 28, 7:30 PM
Shandon Presbyterian Church

Saturday, April 29, 7:30 PM
Union United Methodist Church



Recital by Lenora Jeffcoat and Bill Bates

Thursday, November 3, 2016

7:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

1320 Marion St.

Columbia, SC

Works to include:

Grand Choeur Dialogue by Eugene Gigot

“O Quanta Qualia” or “The Joy of the Redeemed” by Clarence Dickinson

Rhosymedre by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Toccatà on “Amazing Grace” by J. Christopher Pardini

“Psalm 130” by William H. Bates (Commissioned by First Presbyterian Church in 2006 to celebrate Ron Miller’s 35th year at church organist and presented this night in remembrance of Ron)

“Sonata on the 94th Psalm” by Julius Reubke

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October Birthdays



10/03 Jenny Walrath
10/06 Don Grice
10/07 Tony Roof
10/10 Jim Boatwright
10/16 Barbara Houser
10/19 Lucinda Brandt
10/31 Giedre Gaskiene

**** NEW LISTING - OR CHANGES - Updated 9/4/16**

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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

BLYTHEWOOD

******Transfiguration Catholic Church is seeking a Part-time Director of Music. This vibrant, growing parish is located in Blythewood, SC, and is seeking to build up their liturgical music program. Interested candidates should possess strong keyboard, vocal coaching, and collaborative skills. Experience in a Catholic parish is preferred, but we would consider applicants who have a love for liturgy and a willingness to learn how to apply that to the Catholic Tradition. Interested candidates should send a resume or inquiries by email to Rev. Andrew Trapp at office@transfigurationssc.org

CHARLOTTE

****Weddington United Methodist Church** in south Charlotte, NC has a part-time Organist and Music Assistant position available. The church is a large suburban congregation with a thriving formal music ministry that includes the 40-voice Chancel Choir and 20-30 voice Children's Choir. There are 2 formal services each Sunday. Responsibilities include serving as accompanist for both choirs, weekly rehearsals for services, performance at the two formal services each Sunday, and for the funerals and weddings of the church community. The Chancel Choir annually performs the Shaw/Bennett "Many Moods of Christmas" suites and the Dubois "Seven Last Words" in addition to other oratorio and anthem literature. The music ministry collaborates with other artistic institutions in the region and guest artists frequently contribute to Sunday services.

Reporting to the Director of Music and Arts, the Organist and Music Assistant is the principal accompanist for the church and provides support/assistance for various aspects of the music ministry. Specific duties will match the skills and talents of the final candidate. The Organist and Music Assistant is an integral member of and contributor to the life of the church/music community. Interested applicants should have a degree in music (graduate degree in music preferred) or equivalent training/experience together with demonstrated technical abilities. Salary dependent upon education/experience. Inquiries and applications (cover letter and resume including contact information for three references) should be sent to: Dr. Reginald Houze, Director of Music and Arts, Weddington United Methodist Church, 13901 Providence Road, Weddington, NC 28104.

reginald.houze@weddingtonchurch.org

COLUMBIA

Christus Victor Lutheran Church, 400 Harbison Boulevard, Columbia, SC 29212, is currently seeking a part-time Choir Director to partner with our Music Director/Organist in working with our choir. Time commitment includes weekly choir practice (usually Wednesday evenings) and regular and special seasonal worship practices and services. Should have a strong understanding of Lutheran theology, worship, and liturgy. Should also be familiar with ELCA worship resources such as Evangelical Lutheran Worship. Resumes may be submitted via regular mail to address above or by email to: pastorfredsuhr@bellsouth.net.

Shady Grove UMC, Irmo, SC, has opening for church organist/pianist and choir director. Duties include regular Sunday worship as well as special services, weddings, funerals and direction of the Chancel Choir. Applicants must have good communication skills and ability to organize. To apply, send resume to Shady Grove, UMC, Attn: SPRC, 1918 Shady Grove Road, Irmo, SC, 29063 or email resume to sgumch@bellsouth.net.

St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 100 Polo Rd., Columbia 29223. Position: Principal Organist. Hire Date: September 1, 2016 St. John Neumann, a vibrant parish of over 1,900 families, is seeking a Principal Organist to play 2-3 masses a weekend. The Organist will work in collaboration with the Director of Music to lead the congregational sung prayer with the parish cantors and accompany both the adult and children's choirs. The Organist must be available for Wednesday night rehearsals and all special Holy Day Liturgies throughout the year. Candidates should have a Bachelor's degree in Organ Performance (Master's preferred) and appreciate the ritual of Catholic liturgy. The position also requires the organist to serve on the music and acoustics committee in an advisory role in the design of an instrument for a new worship space. Qualified and interested candidates should submit a resume along with video material to David Cochrane at dcochrane@SJNChurch.com.

Saint Joseph Catholic Church, 3600 Devine Street, Columbia SC 29205, 1800 family parish seeks a degreed Music Director/Organist with the following skill sets: Organist proficient in accompanying, service playing, and improvisation with a love of hymnody and Liturgically adept choirmaster versed with the corpus of sacred choral literature with skills in working with children and adult vocal and handbell choirs. The ideal candidate will have experience with traditional Catholic music, sacred polyphony, Gregorian chant, recruiting and training cantors and choir members, and the best of new sacred choral and organ music. Computer and organizational skills along with working collaboratively are important. A successful candidate will have knowledge of the sacred liturgy, especially with the new translation of the Roman Missal. The Music Director will be involved in a campaign for designing and purchasing a new pipe organ. The position offers a competitive salary commensurate with experience, plus benefits. Submit résumés/queries to msgrharris@stjosephcolumbia.org No phone calls please.

****St. Michael's Lutheran Church**, 400 River Rd. Columbia, SC 29212 is seeking a part-time Organist/Choir Director for a church of just over 200 members. The position will have the responsibility for regular service music and one choir rehearsal each week, also arranging for choir and/or other special musical event services as scheduled by the church. The candidate should have a good understanding of the Lutheran theology, worship and liturgy. Please send resume and letter of interest via regular mail to 400 River Road, Columbia, SC 29212, or by e-mail to: sntmike@bellsouth.net

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.

EASTOVER

St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Eastover, built in 1871, has a reed organ and an upright piano. The current priest, The Rev'd Wayne Kinyon, is retiring, and his wife Carolyn is the current organist. The congregation is about 25 people. The hymnals in use are The Hymnal 1982 and Lift Every Voice and Sing II. Requirement is Sunday morning only. There is no choir. Contact Carolyn Kinyon at 803-960-8413.

FORT MILL

Philadelphia United Methodist Church (Fort Mill, SC) is looking for a church pianist/organist. This part-time position is designed to enhance the overall music/worship ministry of our church by providing well-prepared musical leadership and accompaniment for the Chancel Choir as well as service music for our scheduled worship services (8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.) and other occasions in support of the music ministry of our church. The church pianist/organist will work closely with (and under the direction of) the Chancel Choir Director who is responsible for both the choir and handbell music ministries. While there are no specific education requirements, experience and proficiency in playing the piano/organ and providing choral accompaniment is required. We're looking for an individual with a passion for musical worship, devotion to God, and a demonstrated ability to work with a variety of musical styles -- sacred and secular, traditional and contemporary, choral and instrumental. Knowledge of the liturgical calendar used by the United Methodist Church preferred, but not required. To apply and/or to request more information (including a more detailed job description), contact Andy Faulkenberry, Director of Worship Arts, at andy@pumcfortmill.org. www.pumcfortmill.org.

LAURENS

**First United Methodist Church of Laurens, SC, is looking for a Part-Time Director of Music to play the organ/piano and direct the choir and bell choir. Contact the church or sloopystur@aol.com (GC AGO members) for the job description for this position. Applicants can send a resume to First UMC attention SPRC, P.O. Box 203, Laurens, SC 29360 or call the church office at 864-984-7696 for more information. Rev. Alice MacKeil, Pastor, First United Methodist Church, Laurens, SC 29360. pastoralice@charter.net fumclaurens@prtcnet.com

LEXINGTON

Nazareth Lutheran Church (ELCA), Lexington, South Carolina seeks an individual to fill the position of parish musician. The qualified candidate should be equally competent on both the organ and piano. The organ is a two manual Allen Organ with an AGO pedal board. In addition to playing the organ for all services, the parish musician will also direct the choir. A hand bell choir has been started; however, the church does not own its own set of bells. The choir has been using borrowed bells. The congregation has started a hand bell fund; therefore, it is a goal of the church to continue this portion of the music ministry. The salary will be negotiable. If you are interested in applying for the position of Parish Musician at Nazareth Lutheran Church, please call the church office at (803)-359-7993.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Lexington, SC - immediate opening within their music department for an Accompanist/Piano and Organ. This position is a Permanent Exempt Part-Time Salaried. Shall provide and play for the Sun. 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., the Wednesday evening service at 6:30pm, mid-week special services, funerals for church members, weddings, and all choir practices. Our Organ is an Allen Digital, Diane Bish Series with three manuals. We have a midsize Digital Yamaha Baby-grand piano in the sanctuary and in our Parish Life Center a full-size Baby-grand piano. Requirements include a music related degree with specialization in church music or the experience and skill comparable to such a degree. Should also have sufficient keyboard ability to sight read hymns, anthem accompaniments and contemporary music accompaniments. Applicants must have good communication skills and the ability to organize, and be prepared for all services and choir practices. The Accompanist is a member of the Music Department team which works with the pastors to coordinate music and worship activities within the church. Full Job descriptions may be obtained by calling the church office at 803-359-2470 or emailing a request to: office@stpeterslexsc.org To apply: Send a resume to: St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 1130 St. Peter's Road, Lexington, SC 29072 or email a resume to: office@stpeterslexsc.org open position.

ROCK HILL

Epiphany Lutheran Church (ELCA), a progressive, open and welcoming mid-sized congregation in Rock Hill, SC, located 25 miles south of Charlotte, NC, is seeking a part-time (20 hours) Director of Music Ministries. Duties include planning and coordinating the congregational weekly worship and music ministries, playing at two worship services each Sunday, directing the choirs, and planning other musical activities for the congregation according to the unique style of Epiphany. Experience appropriate for a professional church keyboard musician is desired. Please send cover letter and resume to epiphany@epiphany-rockhill.org.