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Greater Columbia Chapter of AGO October Program

Choral Workshop

Working with Aging Voices in Church Choirs

Kevin Crowe, Director*

Saturday, October 29, 2022

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.: Presentation for Choir Directors

11:00 a.m. – Noon: Demonstration Choir Rehearsal **

Kathwood Baptist Church

4900 Trenholm Road

Columbia, SC 29206

Aging impacts our lives in many ways but is especially challenging for singers. What can we do to help older volunteer choir members continue to contribute their voices to the best of their ability, feel valued, and enjoy the choral experience they have loved for so many years?

Having had considerable experience in working with volunteer church choirs and community choirs for seniors, Kevin Crowe will share ideas to assist choir directors in navigating this complex challenge.

He will begin with a session for directors on choral techniques at 10:00 a.m. At 11:00, he'll illustrate these techniques by rehearsing with a demonstration choir of volunteers from our churches.

****Please invite your choir members to participate in the Demonstration Choir. A flyer with details can be printed at this [link](#). Those experiencing age-related vocal changes are especially encouraged to participate, but all are welcome. Choir members should arrive by 10:45. Please email the number of choir members attending from your church and the part each sings to Susan Sturkie at sloopystur@aol.com by Monday, October 24.**



***Kevin Crowe** is a graduate student pursuing a Doctor of Musical Arts in Choral Conducting at the University of South Carolina. He received both his Master of Music and Bachelor of Music Education degrees from the University of Tennessee, where he conducted the Women's Chorale. After graduating, Kevin taught K-12 choral, instrumental, and general music in Denver, Colorado. While teaching, he discovered a passion for working with community choirs and older singers. He was Assistant Artistic Director of the Denver Gay Men's Chorus, Artistic Director of Sine Nomine (a mixed-voice chamber chorus), Artistic Director of the Northland Chorale (an adult show choir) and founding Artistic Director of the Sage Singers (a 50-voice chorus for elders and seniors in the LGBTQ+ community). In addition to school and

community music, Kevin has served as music director for both Presbyterian and Catholic congregations and maintained a private voice studio, currently serving as Music Director at Kathwood Baptist Church. He lives in Columbia, South Carolina, with his husband Eric Reagan. Eric is a fellow Columbia AGO member.

Save These Dates for Upcoming Chapter Programs

Friday, November 18, 7:00 p.m. - 2022 YOC Winner's Recital with Daniel Colaner, Akron, OH

Please join us at Trinity Cathedral and help us encourage this gifted young organist. There will be a reception following the recital.

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 6:30 p.m. - Epiphany Dinner

With the busy Advent/Christmas season behind us, we'll enjoy dinner and conversation with friends and colleagues. Members are welcome to bring a guest. Watch for further details in upcoming issues of the newsletter.

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.



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10/03	Bob Wingard
10/04	Christopher Nash
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10/06	Ryan Greene
10/06	Adam Reisenauer
10/06	Kevin Davis
10/07	Tony Roof
10/15	Thomas Russell
10/16	Barbara Houser
10/19	Lucinda Brandt

"Requiem" by Gabriel Fauré

Presented by the combined choirs of Shandon UMC, Trenholm Road UMC,
Washington Street UMC, Main Street UMC, and Cayce UMC

Nicholas Shumate, director

Debbie Bauer, organist

Sunday, November 6, 2022

4:00 p.m. in the Shandon UMC Sanctuary

Greater Columbia Chapter November program for 2022-2023



Daniel Colaner

Winner

2022 Young Organist Competition

Recital

Friday, November 18, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Reception following

Trinity Cathedral

1100 Sumter Street

Columbia SC 29201

Daniel Colaner, from Akron Ohio, has already achieved international recognition as an organist and pianist. The Diapason magazine named him among their "20 Under 30" Class of 2021, a select group of young adults at the forefront of the organ field. Daniel studies organ with David Higgs of the Eastman School of Music and piano with Sean Schulze at the Cleveland Institute of Music Preparatory Department. In addition to being an avid chamber musician, Daniel currently serves as Organ Scholar at Cleveland's Trinity Episcopal Cathedral under Todd Wilson and as an auxiliary organist at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Canton, Ohio. Watch for more details in the November newsletter.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 9:30 AM
@ BROOKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH WEST COLUMBIA, SC



Preregistration

- 25\$/person for early registration.
- Early registration closes at 3PM on Monday, October 10.
- Late registrations are \$30

Group Preregistration

- Take advantage of the discounted group rate | \$20/person for groups of 10 or more

Walk-In

- \$30/person
- Does NOT guarantee a book or octavo packet

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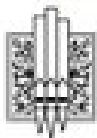
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**** NEW LISTING OR CHANGES**

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

CAMDEN

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church is seeking a full-time Director of Sacred Music and Organist to develop and maintain a sacred music program that will support and enable the people of the parish to encounter more deeply the sacred mysteries of the liturgy. Our Lady of Perpetual Help is a suburban parish of approximately 400 families. The parish choral program consists of a parish schola and a Spanish language choir. The Director of Sacred Music/Organist will collaborate with the pastor in the search for a new organ, which will be the first goal upon hiring. Must have a Bachelor's degree (Master's preferred) in music (choral conducting, organ performance, or sacred music) and possess 3-5 years relevant experience in a Catholic parish as the director of the music. Candidates must have a passion and working knowledge of the Church's teachings on sacred music and liturgy. 30 hours per week salary. Diocese of Charleston Benefits. Flexible office hours.

Full job description is available to GCAGO members by contacting sloopystur@aol.com. Others, please contact the church.

To apply, please submit a cover letter, resume, (3) professional references, to:

Jzimmerman@CharlestonDiocese.org. Finalists will be asked to submit additional materials and may be invited to the parish for an on-site interview/audition.

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 (two manuals and 26 ranks) was built by Gabriel Kney and Associates of London, Ontario, in 1986, and is designed to lead the congregation in glorious singing, accompany the choir and perform in recitals. It is tracker action but has combination action to make it accessible for different periods of music. One service, choir rehearsal on Wednesday evening at 6:30, which is flexible. Accompany soloists and small instrumental ensembles, play for weddings and funerals. (Additional income for weddings and funerals.) The organist will collaborate with the choir director and pastor to plan for services. Special services include Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, and Maundy Thursday. The organist may accompany the children's choir as they sing in a worship service (with a short rehearsal before they sing). Education Requirements: Have excellent hymn playing skills, able to provide appropriate organ music for all services

The position is open Sunday, August 28, 2022.

For more information, contact Christie McLeod at acmcleod1995@roadrunner.com or 843-910-4538.

The organ can be seen on the church's website www.cherawfpc.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. **UPDATED JOB DESCRIPTION** – 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.

Send contact information and attached resume to gslcemployment2@gmail.com.

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, EPC, 311 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC, 29532. Church Organist / Choir Accompanist (PT). Darlington Presbyterian Church, EPC is located in the lovely county seat of Darlington. Founded in 1827, Darlington Presbyterian Church has 400 plus members who enjoy a rich history of worship, ministry, and missions. Our worship services are centered on the Word of God as we celebrate our Savior through a meaningful liturgy in the Reformed Tradition. DPC offers a live-stream 11am morning worship that is musically led by the Chancel Choir, is accompanied by a 1988, 3 manual, Schantz Pipe Organ, and is supported with an occasional soloist, Handbell Choir, and other instrumental groups. The Chancel Choir presents each year two seasonal offerings, a Maundy Thursday service and a Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols. Additionally, DPC continues its annual tradition of holding two Christmas Eve services for the community. **Church Organist / Choir Accompanist (PT)**

Darlington Presbyterian Church, EPC is seeking a committed Christian whose desire it is to use his/her God given talents in service to the Lord and His people. This position requires skill in organ performance as a soloist, and in piano and organ performance as an accompanist to choirs, instrumentalists, soloists, and congregational singing. The ability to sight read and to play choral parts are needed skills as well. Salary: \$15,000 (plus \$2,000 for traveling expenses).

Responsibilities include playing for the weekly 11am Sunday morning worship service which includes pre-worship rehearsals with the Chancel Choir and other musicians as needed; accompanying Wednesday evening choir rehearsals with the Children's and Chancel Choirs; playing for seasonal worship services and their respective rehearsals; and being available to play for the weddings, funerals and memorial services of church members and their families, for which additional compensation is given.

Interested candidates should email a cover letter and resume to Dr. Teresa Irwin, the Director of Music Ministries, at tirwin1685@gmail.com.

GOOSE CREEK

St. Timothy Lutheran Church, PO Box 807, Goose Creek SC 29445, Part Time Organist Position. 2012 Allen Quantum Q265D, 37-stop 2-manual console. The ideal candidate has experience playing a traditional liturgical service and accompanying a choir; views organ skills as a service to God and as a vital part of worship leadership; is open to and reliant on following God's Spirit in a team environment. Please submit resume to: info@sainttimothythlutheran.org with subject line Organist or Music Ministry.

GREENWOOD

Immanuel Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Greenwood, South Carolina, has a job opening for a Choir Director and Organist. There is one 10:00 am Sunday service and a choir rehearsal on Wednesday evenings. The Music Director will also be in charge of additional worship services (Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, etc) at the direction of the worship committee. Weddings and funerals are paid extra and the organist has first right of refusal. The Organ is a 14-rank 1974 Zimmer pipe organ which was recently refurbished. Greenwood is a very short 1-hour drive from Columbia. Immanuel has a long-standing reputation for quality, traditional Lutheran worship. There are additional funds available in the budget for guest instrumentalists and choral scholars throughout the year. The director of music will also oversee the handbell choir and an opportunity to build a children's choir. Salary range is \$25-30k depending on experience and ability. The music director may work from home on days that physical presence is not necessary. Please email Christopherknash@gmail.com for any questions or to send a resume.

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. Pastor: Rev. Sara Relaford, Church Secretary: Lori Worsencroft

SAVANNAH, GA

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Parish on Wilmington Island in Savannah, Georgia, is seeking a parish musician/music director. Our parish has approximately 750 registered households and our school 250 students. A well-qualified candidate will have experience in providing accompaniment for congregational singing on the organ and/or the piano. This position includes, but is not limited to, participation in four weekend liturgies, Holy Day masses, school masses, weddings, funerals, Holy Hour on First Fridays, and other liturgies during the year. Re-forming an adult choir and practices with a student choir and teaching music in our school (1-2 classes per day) are also expected. To apply please send your resume to Fr. Michael J. Kavanaugh at frkavanaugh@spacsav.net.

WEST COLUMBIA

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1717 Platt Springs Road, West Columbia, seeks a part-time organist/ choir director for one traditional ELW service with choir rehearsal. Advent and Lenten Midweek services are also required. The church is located at 1717 Platt Springs Road in West Columbia, SC.29169. Please contact the Rev. Dr. Arthur Turfa, Interim Pastor, at aturfa@aol.com or 803-381-1468 for more information. Salary is based on experience.

Still Hopes Episcopal Retirement Community in West Columbia, SC, is seeking a part-time organist to play our Allen organ at our 11:00 AM Sunday Chapel service. The service is an Episcopal service, typically including four hymns, a prelude, and a postlude. This is a paid, part-time position. Please contact Rev. Doug Gray, Chaplain, at 803-739-5033, or via email at dagray@stillhopes.org if interested.