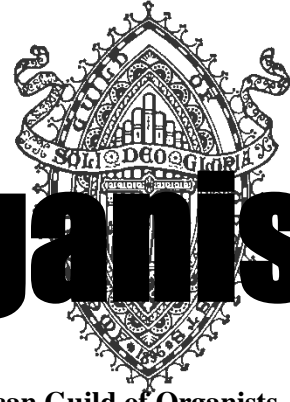


The Greater Columbia Organist

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Convocation

September 12, 2010

Shandon United Methodist Church
3407 Devine Street
Columbia, SC, 29205

4:00 PM

Dr. Sally Cherrington Beggs

Mr. Louis Shirer

Shandon United Methodist Church Chancel
Choir

Installation of Officers

For those who are interested, we invite you
to wear your formal, academic hoods.



From the Dean

Dear AGO Friends,

By this time of year, the vast majority of you are back in full swing with your choir rehearsal preparations, planning music for the fall and winter months, and browsing your files for the best preludes and postludes that one could possibly unearth. I, myself, have already returned to work teaching my choirs and piano students at Spring Valley High School and also have returned to weekly rehearsals with the adult choirs at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Columbia. Actually, I find this an exciting time of year! There is so much good music to look forward to performing with friends.

Although you are undoubtedly busy with all of your music-making tasks, I hope that you all will take a few hours out of your schedule on September 12, 2010 to attend the **Opening Convocation for the Greater Columbia Chapter of the AGO at Shandon United Methodist Church** at 3407 Devine Street, Columbia. The program will begin at **4:00 PM** and we will be treated with Dr. Sally Cherrington Beggs, College Organist at Newberry College, performing the opening prelude. We will hear the adult choir of Shandon UMC and also will enjoy a thirty minute recital following the convocation by our local member, Louis Shirer.

Lastly, I would like to inform you that there will be a special offering plate for you to contribute to the 2011 Middle School and High School Organ Competition that our AGO chapter will be hosting this coming spring. We are all very excited about this event, but we need your support to raise money for the 1st place prize award of \$1,000 as well as for the costs in hosting the competition. One of the main outreach and educational goals of the AGO is to foster interest in the organ with our youth. It is our hope that by sponsoring this competition that we will spark some excitement in those young musicians who are currently studying the organ. I thank you in advance for any contribution that you can make!

Yours truly,

Patrick Hawkins, D.M.A.





OCTOBER AGO MEETING

The October AGO meeting will be a **Hymn Festival** hosted by the Choirs at Eastminster Presbyterian Church on **October 15, 2010 at 7:00 PM**. Dr. Patrick Hawkins, our chapter's Dean, will be the organist for the festival. A reception will follow the event.

Fall Director's Workshop

Sponsored by



Charlotte Chapter of Choristers Guild

"Love Your Instrument. Whoever is not in love with his instrument will always feel that he lacks the perfect medium for his artistic revelation."

-Robert Schumann

Randy Edwards will focus on youth choirs and David VanderMeer will focus on handbells at this Friday/Saturday event, which will be held on September 17/18 at Providence Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Full information and a registration form are available at <http://www.cgcharlotte.org/>



Centennial Concert Series for 2010-2011

The Heritage at Lowman

September 12 3:00 PM

As part of its 100th anniversary celebration, the Heritage at Lowman is pleased to present its Centennial Concert Series for 2010-2011. On Sunday, September 12, Jennifer Parker-Harley, renowned flutist, will be the featured artist. Dr. Parker-Harley is an experienced orchestral flutist, teaching artist, and is on the faculty of the University of South Carolina. The concert begins at 3:00 p.m. in the New Life Chapel on the Lowman campus, and will be followed by a reception with the artist. The event is free and open to the public, however seating is limited. Please call (803) 451.7414 to make your reservation.

Young Organist Competition 2011

POE (Pipe Organ Encounter) 2010 held here in Columbia in June reaffirmed the belief that there are young people who are fascinated by the pipe organ and really love to perfect their skills at playing the instrument. In order to offer an incentive to continue the study of organ, the Greater Columbia Chapter of AGO has established the *Young Organist Competition 2011* which will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2011. Students in Grades 8-12 will submit a CD of their playing of required repertoire for a panel of judges who will select semifinalists. Those winners will come to Columbia to perform for a panel of outstanding judges. The first-place winner will receive \$1000 and an opportunity to return to Columbia at a later date and perform on an organ recital.

To undertake this venture will require a financial commitment. The free-will offering taken at Convocation on September 12 will be designated entirely to promote the competition. At AGO programs in October and November, offerings will also be given entirely to the competition. In addition, if you would like to contribute personally or if you have questions, feel free to contact me. (Checks may be made out to AGO or American Guild of Organists.)

It is exciting that there is a younger generation of organists. They need challenges to bring their playing to the highest possible level through opportunities to perform. Your help in making this dream come true will be greatly appreciated.

Frances M. Webb
Chair, *Young Organist Competition 2011*
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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



Graduate Vocal Ensemble Choral Conducting Recital
USC, Graduate Vocal Ensemble;
Conductor, Tim Wert, Masters Degree Candidate in Choral Conducting

October 5th
Ebenezer Lutheran Church
6 PM

Tim will conduct the Graduate Vocal Ensemble from USC in a choral recital of multi-genre pieces beginning with Josquin's "Absolom fili mi" and ending with the spiritual "Ain' Got Time to Die." There will be several unique aspects to this recital which will serve to partially fulfill requirements for a master of music degree in choral conducting. About a third of the recital will be accompanied by harpist Becky Nissen from N. Myrtle Beach. Becky is Director of Music for a church in Surfside Beach, and has recently participated as Presenter and Director of a Harp Ensemble at a national convention in southern California on Harps in Worship. Three pieces will be accompanied by a string quartet led by Mary Lee Taylor Kinoshian of the well loved Upton Trio. She is a composer as well as a teacher who also performs on a regular basis with this string quartet for weddings and promotional events on behalf of the SC Philharmonic. The remainder of the recital will be a capella and will include a premier of an arrangement of Stephen Foster's "Hard Times" by Gerald Custer. Jerry's compositions have been published by GIA and other well known choral music publishers. Jerry has dedicated "Hard Times" to Tim for this recital and plans to attend the performance from his home in Michigan where he teaches at Wayne State University and is Director of Music at Farmington Presbyterian church. Jerry plans to be in attendance for this premier.

The recital will be held on October 5th, at Ebenezer Lutheran Church, at 6 p.m. There will be a reception following the recital at the church. Admission is free. Because a count is needed for the reception, please email fellow AGO member Tim Wert if you plan to attend: twertsc@gmail.com, or through facebook.

September Birthdays

Tom White	9/02
Patrick Hawkins	9/09
Insun (Natalie) Choi	9/09
English Morris	9/18
Gabe Smallwood	9/21
Sara Beardsley	9/23
Robert Grenier	9/24
Robert Neese	9/25
Susan Sturkie	9/26
Emma Young	9/27



Early Childhood Music Classes

The Music Pups classes are for children from birth to 4 years of age. Please call now to choose a schedule to attend a **FREE FUN CLASS** being held **Labor Day Week!**

Classes will begin the week of September 13th for those interested in a 10 week program for children entitled *The Lion Collection*. Our philosophy is learning through play. Both the parent (or caregiver) and child are learning by moving, singing, dancing and having a great time together. You'll enjoy seeing your child grow musically and know that connections are being formed in their hearts, their brains and freedom of self-expression for their well-being and for yours.

Music is fun for everyone, especially in the Music Class!

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**** 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

****St. David's Episcopal Church** is seeking to hire an Organist/Choir Director who would be willing to work one evening during the week for Choir Rehearsal and on Sundays for worship. We have an excellent pipe organ. Salary commensurate with experience. For an interview or for additional information, please contact The Reverend Robert L. Chiles at (803) 736-0866 or at frchiles@aol.com. (Susan has more information, also.)

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 Attn: 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

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.

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???

September is a time for making plans and looking at calendars. How far do you plan ahead? Have you bought your 2011 calendar yet? Our chapter plans some events as much as one year in advance. We have regional conventions in odd-numbered years and national conventions in even-numbered years. The National Convention Committee requests that national convention bids be submitted eight years in advance. In other words, they are now accepting convention bids for 2018! So, grab your calendar and make plans to attend these events!

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.slago.org/>

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Find the most up to date information at:

www.columbiaago.org

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

www.agohq.org



NATIONAL ELECTIONS

Election results were reported on Wednesday, July 7, during the AGO Annual Meeting, at the AGO National Convention in Washington, D.C. Members of the newly elected National Council include four national officers, four national councillors with portfolio, and nine regional councillors drawn from across the country. The non-voting executive director serves as an ex officio member of Council.

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SECRETARY Lois Z. Toepfner, Westborough, MA

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CO

COUNCILLOR FOR CONVENTIONS Dennis Elwell, Ardmore, PA

COUNCILLOR FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT Marlene Hallstrom, Wichita, KS

REGION IV COUNCILLOR Laura Ellis, Gainesville, FL

(The complete list of results can be seen on the national website www.agohq.org)