

The Greater Columbia Organist



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Choral Methods with Beth Mears Monday, September 10 First Baptist Church Choir Room

6:00 p.m.: Choral Methods “Mini-lecture” by Beth Mears

6:45-7:30 p.m.: Observation of part of Columbia Choral Society Rehearsal

8:00 p.m.: AGO Members are invited to gather at 1801 Grille.*

****Prior reservation to sloopystur@aol by Tuesday, Sept. 4 is requested for those going to 1801 Grille.***



Beth Mears received her Bachelor of Music Education degree from Furman University, and holds a Master of Music Education and a Doctorate of Musical Arts degree in Choral Conducting from the University of South Carolina. An educator since 1983, Dr. Mears has worked with choirs of all ages. Her groups have performed in festivals at the state, national and international levels, and have consistently received superior ratings. In addition to directing the Columbia Choral Society, she is the Choral Director at Richland Northeast High School, where she is an instructor for the Palmetto Center for the Arts Magnet Program. Dr. Mears is also the

Director of Music at Forest Lake Presbyterian Church. A Columbia native, she has also been a voice teacher, an adjudicator, and a clinician. She has sung with Colla Voce, and has been a singer and soloist for Sandlapper Singers and the Columbia Choral Society.

Upcoming Fall Chapter Events

Thursday, October 11, 7:00 p.m. at Christ Chapel, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary: Lecture/Recital by Patrick Hawkins on Early Spanish/Italian/German Organ Music and ornamentation. Patrick will be presenting a recital at Boston's historic Kings Chapel in November.

Friday & Saturday, October 19 & 20 at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary: Association of Lutheran Church Musicians (ALCM) Workshop. Our chapter is contributing financially to this event. (See ALCM website at ALCM.org for details. This is the national organization, not the Association of Lutheran Musicians of SC.)

Friday, November 16 at Shandon United Methodist Church: Recital by Nicholas Stigall, First Place Winner of our 2017 Young Organist Competition. Join us as we help launch another gifted young organist's career! Open to the public; reception following.

Matthew Whitehouse

Forest Lake Presbyterian

September 23 4:00 p.m.

Organ Works Inspired by the Stars

Come hear organist and astronomy educator **Matthew Whitehouse** present a program of organ works inspired by the stars! This concert experience includes both historical and modern works accompanied by projected astronomical images. We'll explore the ancient Greeks' notion of the Music of the Spheres, discover a piece by the "Father of Modern Astronomy" William Herschel, and hear some of Matthew's own compositions and improvisations. We hope to see you there!

Organist, composer, and astronomy educator **Matthew Whitehouse** has appeared in recitals throughout the United States and internationally, and his compositions have been performed in major European venues such as Notre Dame Cathedral and St. Sulpice in Paris. One of his major creative interests is engaging audiences in exploring connections between music and astronomy, an interest frequently reflected in his work as a composer and performer. Recent engagements include St. Paul's Cathedral in Melbourne, Australia.

Dr. Whitehouse currently serves as Observatory Manager at the South Carolina State Museum in Columbia. He is engaged internationally as a speaker on music/astronomy connections, and has given presentations at conferences of the American Astronomical Society, Astronomical Society of the Pacific, and International Astronomical Union. He has appeared twice as a presenter for the interdisciplinary *Conference on the Inspiration of Astronomical Phenomena* (INSAP): INSAP VII (2010) in Bath, UK, and INSAP VIII (2013) at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City.

In addition to his responsibilities at the South Carolina State Museum, Dr. Whitehouse serves as Director of Music at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Lexington, South Carolina. He completed undergraduate studies in organ performance at The University of South Carolina and holds the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from The University of Arizona as a student of Pamela Decker.



Timmonsville UMC, (outside of Florence) has a **small Moller pipe organ** that they will give away. It looks like a Moller Artiste of about 4 ranks. The Church is closing. If anyone is interested in the organ, call Pastor Tommy Milo at 843-230-4700.



Patrons and Friends of the Arts
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“A Taste of the South”
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Sunday, September 30, 2018 at 4:00pm

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This event is free and open to the public!

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Giedre Gaskiene

31 OCTOBER 1962-8 APRIL 2018

*With
Sympathy*

Word has just been received of the death of a former member of the Greater Columbia AGO Chapter. Giedre Gaskiene died in her sleep on April 8, 2018, at the age of 55. Her body was shipped back to her home country of Lithuania for burial. Giedre contributed to the Columbia musical scene in many ways, singing in the choir at St. Peter's Catholic Church

and in Colla Voce. As an AGO member, she was a faithful supporter of the Young Organist Competition. She will be missed in so many ways.



Congratulations!

Mary Clare Jeffcoat was born on Wednesday, June 20 at 2:04 p.m., weighing 8 pounds 11 ounces and 20 inches long. She is welcomed home by parents Harry and Lenora Jeffcoat and big sister Lenora Grace.

September Birthdays



9/09 Patrick Hawkins
9/12 Michael Williams
9/18 English Morris
9/18 Mark Merritt
9/25 Robert Neese
9/26 Susan Sturkie
9/26 James Sowell

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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.

BARNWELL

****Barnwell Presbyterian Church**, (PCUSA) Barnwell, SC, seeks part-time organist to play Sunday service, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. (No choir, no choir practice) Moeller 2 manual pipe organ in excellent condition. Salaried position with vacation time as part of the package. Additional compensation for weddings and funerals. We are a smaller congregation in the midst of transition and desire someone who is interested in growing with us. For more information or to submit a resume, please contact Dr. Dudley Weaver at dudleyweaver@gmail.com. The church website is www.barnwellpresbyterianchurch.org.

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.cherawfpc.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 acmcleod1995@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

****College Place UMC**, 4801 Colonial Drive, 29203, seeks a committed, forward-looking music director to lead music ministries. The music director will work with our new, energetic pastor to expand our musical offerings to serve a wide audience in our diverse community. The music director should be comfortable playing traditional Methodist hymns and services and be motivated to explore new and varied genres in worship of the Lord. The music director will plan, prepare, and perform Sunday services and other services such as weddings and funerals as needed.

College Place UMC is located in North Columbia, next to Columbia College. We are proud to be considered one of the most diverse Methodist churches in South Carolina. For more information contact Jammie Watters, College Place UMC, 4801 Colonial Drive, Columbia, SC 29203, cpumc.office@gmail.com or 803.754.5342

****Forest Lake Presbyterian Church**, 6500 North Trenholm Road, Columbia, SC, is seeking a part-time organist/pianist. Our newly installed Casavant organ features two manuals, 22 stops, and 27 ranks of pipes. Responsibilities include two Sunday morning services (9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.), seasonal services, and Wednesday evening choir rehearsals. Duties are lighter during the summer months. Resumes may be sent to Dr. Elizabeth M. Mears c/o Forest Lake Presbyterian Church, 6500 North Trenholm Road, Columbia, SC, 29206. For a job description or additional information, please contact Dr. Mears, Director of Music, at bethmears@flpc.org.

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.

****Sherwood Forest Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Columbia SC**, has opening for a part time (20 hours/month) church organist/pianist and choir accompanist. We are a small traditional hymn singing congregation. Duties include regular Sunday worship as well as special services. To apply, email resume/ letter to Secretary@sherwoodforestchurch.com or call 803-787-6370.

****St. John's Episcopal Church**, 2827 Wheat St., Columbia, SC, 29205 is searching for a part-time organist. 2016 Lincoln Pipe Organ. Our summer schedule involves two Sunday morning services. Wednesday evening choir rehearsals begin in August. For more information, please contact Michael T. Brown at mtb@stjohnscolumbia.org.

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.

****St. Michael's Lutheran Church**, Columbia (Irmo-Lake Murray). Cantor/Music Director/Organist Looking for a musician to lead the congregation and a small choir, along with a number of volunteer instrumentalists, in support of Sunday worship, with occasional opportunities to do other services during the week as negotiated. Centered in traditional, but vibrant worship using piano, organ, choir, and innovative congregational involvement in worship is encouraged and celebrated. One worship service each Sunday with weekly Holy Communion, preceded by a choir rehearsal during the Sunday Church School hour is the current pattern. Good communication and collaborative worship planning with lay leaders and the pastor is expected and appreciated. Salary \$10-12,000. Please contact Pastor Frank W. Anderson at pastorfrank2016@att.net or 803-730-4075 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). No choir. \$150 a week.

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@pbcomm.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.

NEWBERRY

****Aveleigh Fellowship of Presbyterians** is seeking a full-time Director of Worship. Responsibilities would include planning and oversight of a weekly blended service; special seasonal services; and choir, instrumentalists, children's music, hand bells and chimes. Possible involvement in a weekly contemporary service. Keyboard/organ, choral, handbells, and guitar skills may be required. Basic computer skills with a working knowledge of PowerPoint and Pro Presenter are necessary. Hours are negotiable. Salary will be based on hours, skill set, and experience. Church organ is 11 Rank Pilcher updated in 1997 by Fritzche. 4 octaves each of Malmark Handbells and Malmark Chimes. If interested, please contact Gregg Summer 803-924-3590.

WHITE ROCK

Bethel Lutheran Church, 2081 Dutch Fork Road, Chapin, SC 29036 is searching for a part-time Organist/choir director. Our instrument is an Allen MD565 Organ. Candidates should have experience in playing liturgical worship services. For more information, please contact Pastor Roy Butler at chapbutler@gmail.com.