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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
MEAL BEGINS AT 6:00 P.M.

A PROGRAM OF PRELUDES & POSTLUDES

INCLUDING A

PROGRESSIVE DINNER



Please bring a side dish or dessert. Reservation required.**

6:00 p.m. - **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** 1715 Bull Street; Columbia, SC 29201 *Meal followed by a program of preludes.* and

Church of the Good Shepherd (1 block away)
1512 Blanding Street; Columbia SC 29201
A program of accessible postludes followed by a dessert reception.

Please join us for the opening event of our 2024-25 program year. It is a great opportunity to meet new people and renew old friendships. We will enjoy sampling a variety of culinary contributions and listening to a variety of musical selections.

**THE MEAT (LEMON CHICKEN), TEA AND WATER WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CHAPTER. PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE. THERE IS NO COST BUT RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.

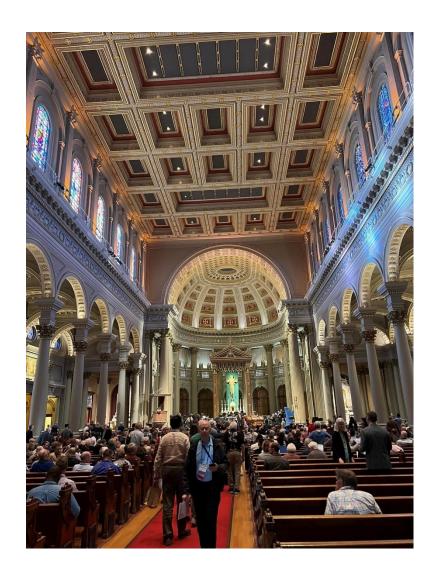
FOR RESERVATIONS and more information about delivery of your food, please contact Susan Sturkie at sloopystur@aol.com by Friday, September 6 and indicate whether you will bring a side dish or a dessert. Members are welcome to bring a guest if a reservation is made.

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Progressive Dinner - More information

- If you bring a side, please bring it in with you at St. Paul's and return it to your car on your way to Good Shepherd Episcopal.
- If you bring a dessert, please park at Good Shepherd Episcopal and walk across Bull St. to St. Paul's. You can either leave the dessert in your car or take it into Good Shepherd before 6:00 p.m. if it needs refrigeration. The sexton will be there from 5:00 to 6:00. Please take your dessert dish with you when leaving the reception.
- DON'T FORGET TO MAKE A RESERVATION

Interior of St. Ignatius
Parish, San Fransisco at
2024 National AGO
Convention, photo by Don
Grice





Sunday, October 27, 3:00 PM: Organ Recital by Paul Thomas

Location: Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

Paul Thomas was recently appointed Director of Music / Organist at Trinity Cathedral. A 4:00 p.m. Choral Evensong will follow the recital, and a reception will follow Evensong. Help us welcome Paul back to South Carolina, where he was a Furman grad prior to becoming a Yale grad.

Friday, November 15, 7:00 p.m.: Organ Recital Henry Dangerfield

Location: Shandon United Methodist Church

Henry Dangerfield was the 2024 winner of the Greater Columbia Chapter's Young Organist Competition.

PLANS FOR WINTER/SPRING PROGRAMS

Plans for Winter/Spring include programs on organ techniques, choral methods (with directing from the console), YOC Competition (March 8), and a Zoom on AGO certification (April 7). The final program in May will be a dinner with a program of music for organ and instruments. More information on all of these programs will be included in upcoming issues of the newsletter.

Greater Columbia Chapter Members Attend 2024 National AGO Convention in San Francisco

A group of our chapter members attended the AGO National Convention in San Fransisco this past summer and share their experiences below. Enjoy reading, and perhaps make plans to attend in future! ~ L. Jeffcoat

Patrick Hawkins writes, "I had a marvelous time attending the AGO National Convention in San Francisco this July with our fellow chapter members: Kevin Davis, Jeff Clearman, and Don Grice. I, myself, heard eleven very well played recitals by many of our leading national and international artists. Ample time was given to attend workshops, reading sessions, to browse exhibits, and to socialize with colleagues. It was especially moving to be reunited with all three of my university professors who were there for official AGO duties and/or to perform concerts in the largest venues. I came home with a stack of new music to learn including one of the newly commissioned pieces for the convention. Attending these regional and national events is always inspiring and I would encourage all to go if possible. I would add that it is critical to make your churches aware of the financial costs associated with attending these yearly AGO events and to try to negotiate ample continuing education funds as part of your salary package. It can't hurt to educate your church members on why it is important for you to be present at these conventions so that you can return renewed and inspired for another year of service to your parish."



Patrick Hawkins at the 2024 AGO National Convention with his three organ teachers. L to R, Peggy Haas Howell, Kimberly Marshall, and Janette Fishell

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Don Grice, Member at Large, shares: Over a thousand organists and organ enthusiasts converged on San Francisco recently to celebrate the organ and its music. The days and nights were filled with wonderful music, some new and some time-tested, wonderful playing, lots of great instruments and venues, friends old and new, all in a great city. Here are some highlights:

- ~A Jewish worship service at Congregation Sherith Israel featuring organist David Higgs playing the Los Angeles Art Organ Company's Opus 45 (1905)
- ~Korean organist Dong Il-Shin playing Franck and Liszt on Cathedral of Christ the Light's Orgues Létourneau Opus 118 (2010)
- ~San Francisco's celebrated all male choir Chanticleer in a mixed choral program at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Oakland
- ~Organist Faythe Freese in a program entitled "Pipes and Pageantry; Dance and Delight" played on Grace Cathedral's Aeolian-Skinner Organ Co., Inc. Opus 910-A (1933, 1952). It featured light effects on the interior walls of the cathedral, video projections, and a live dance troupe interpreting Pamela Decker's "The Freese Collections" inspired by three works of art displayed in Freese's home.
- ~Organist Ken Cowan playing the Skinner Organ Company's Opus 477 (1925, 1928) at Trinity + St. Peter's Episcopal Church in a program that included the final two movements of Elgar's Sonata in G, Op. 28.
- ~Organists Olivier Latry and Shin-Young Lee (to whom Olivier is married) at St. Ignatius Church's Hupalo & Repsasky Organ Builders instrument (2024) in a program of music for organ and orchestra supported by The Berkeley Symphony Orchestra. The final work was a organ duet version of Stravinsky's "The Rite of Spring."
- ~A Rising Stars concert at First Congregational Church of Berkeley on the church's Petty-Madden, Opus 55 (2006) featuring winners of the AGO Regional competition winners. Abigail Crafton of the Southeast Region, who was a prizewinner in the recent Columbia AGO's Young Organist Competition, was one of the recitalists.
- ~Many workshops and choral reading sessions scattered throughout the week as well as exhibits by several music publishers, organ builders, music schools, and related entities.

92 rank Fratelli Rufatti organ. St Mary's Cathedral, Geary Boulevard, San Francisco





PRESENTS

FALL 2024 ORGAN RECITALS

First Presbyterian Church 1324 Marion Street Columbia, SC 29201 Firstprescolumbia.org 803-799-9062



SEPTEMBER 6, 2024 12:30 PM

September First Friday Organ Concert

11:45pm lunch in Jackson Hall, 12:30pm concert in the Sanctuary

Thomas Russell plays works of Bach, Bates, Handel, and Mendelssohn OCTOBER 4, 2024 12:30 PM

October First Friday Organ Concert

11:45pm lunch in Jackson Hall, 12:30pm concert in the Sanctuary

Samuel Metzger, organist of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN

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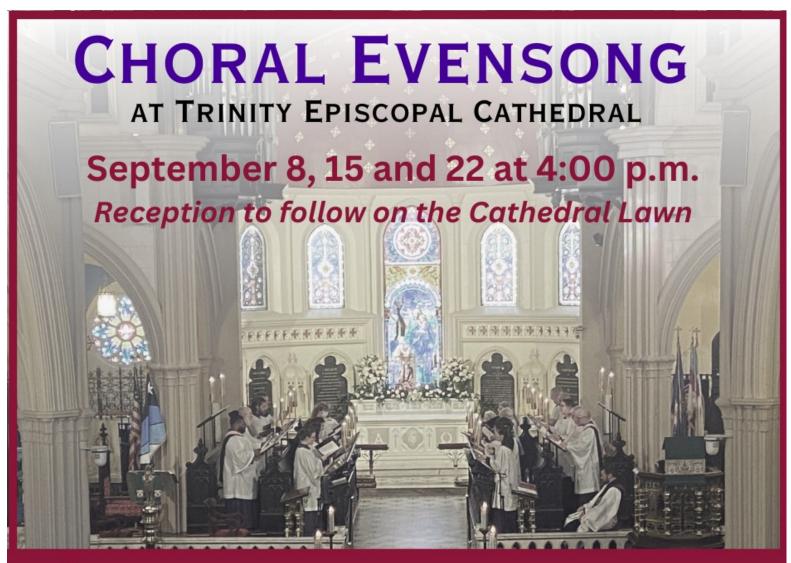
Some Strings Chamber Music Ensemble Sunday, September 15, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church 900 Calhoun St, Columbia, SC 29201

Come and listen to some wonderful chamber music performed by **Some Strings**, led by Brittany Martin. This concert is part of the St. Timothy's Concert Series.

It is free and open to the public.







FREE AND OPEN TO ALL
1100 SUMTER ST., COLUMBIA
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Choral Evensong at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral resumes on September 8. Join us each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in our historic Cathedral, located at 1100 Sumter St. in downtown Columbia. Following each service, please join us for a reception on the Cathedral Lawn. Free and open to the public.



Trinity Episcopal Cathedral invites you to a special service of Evensong for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 29. This service will include a special blessing for first responders. Evensong is free and open to the public.

Following the service, all are welcome to join us on the Cathedral Lawn for toucha-truck and a parish shrimp boil. The suggested donation for dinner is \$10 per person, but kids and college students always eat free.

Please RSVP at trinitysc.org/shrimpboil.



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The **20**th 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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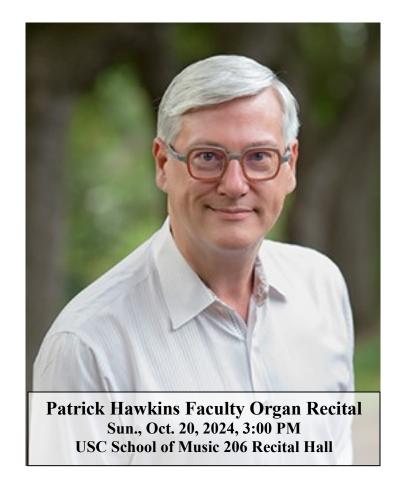
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BENNETTSVILLE

**First Methodist Church, Bennettsville, SC, seeks a Music Director to lead the music program of the church. Primary duties include providing appropriate weekly service music on the 43-rank Casavant organ and leading the adult, handbell, and children's choirs. Flexibility in job structure. Will work primarily with minister to oversee an active music ministry. Salary commensurate with training and experience. Optional opportunity to earn additional income providing music classes for church day care program. Please send cover letter and resume to church office (wandaweaverfumc@gmail.com). For additional information, contact Rev. Taylor Coates (843-479- 3231) or Virginia Fowler, PPRC Chairman (heyva2@yahoo.com)

CHESTER

Presbyterian Church in Chester - Interim organist or substitute organist. Magnificent organ, 1976 Austin with the console rebuilt two years ago. It is a two manual 36 rank instrument. There is also a 1938 Steinway Grand Piano in the worship space. Prelude, Offertory, Postlude, Doxology, Gloria Patri, and three hymns are required for each service. Interested persons should send their resume or background information to maestrocto@gmail.com.

COLUMBIA

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2200 Lee St., Columbia (Five Points), SC 29205. HTLC is a confessional liturgical congregation in fellowship with the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod and as such we practice closed communion. An organist is needed for our 10:30 Sunday as well as seasonal services. We follow a liturgical order of worship, and have a two manual pipe organ. A permanent commitment is ideal, however, we are willing to consider short-term contracts such as 3 or 6 month. If you are interested in this position please contact Rev. Christopher Burger at (803) 799-7224 or via email at Rev.Burger@gmail.com

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

Organist and Music Associate position Part -time position or potential for a full-time position if interested in some administrative duties. Please email Eddie Huss, Minister of Music at ehuss@shandon-umc.org or text 336-870-0534 for additional information. The position is open July 1, 2024. (The organ was built by Moller and Angerstein Organ Works, 68 ranks over 3 manuals).

GILBERT

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 246 St. Paul's Church Rd.,

Gilbert, SC 29054 is seeking a Music Director for its Sunday worship services. The applicant may interview for the entire position (Organist/Pianist/Choir Director/Handbell Director) or for a single or any combination of these positions depending on their skill levels. The Music Director leads and directs the choir / praise band (when applicable) during worship. Also, is responsible for scheduling choir / praise band (when applicable) and handbell rehearsals, selecting appropriate music and managing annual music budgets. Music should be appropriate for use in the Lutheran service and follow the theme or the lessons appointed for the day. Hymns/Songs from the ELW and the Worship & Praise book should be used. Music selections shall be made in consultation with the Pastor whenever possible. Special programs are normally presented seasonally, i.e. Christmas Cantata/Children's Christmas Program, Easter, Community Thanksgiving services when held at St. Paul's, Lenten services and following special Lutheran celebration Sundays throughout the year. Compensation for this position is negotiable based on experience and merit. For more information and complete job description or to apply, contact Janet Boyd at boyd5janet@gmail.com or 803-634-0018.

HARTSVILLE

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Hartsville, SC, is in search of a part-time Organist. Duties include Sunday services, Wednesday night choir rehearsals, and any special services during the year. Salary is \$300 per week (negotiable) and extra for additional services. The Organist gets two days paid vacation plus sick leave. Our instrument is a 32-rank, two manual, Casavant Freres Limitee. The Organist reports to the Music Director and the Rector. If interested in the position, please send your resume to St. Bartholomew's at 103 Campus Dr. Hartsville, SC 29550 or via email at stbartsepiscopal@gmail.com.

LEXINGTON

Lexington United Methodist Church, Organist. Two Sunday morning services, Tuesday. evening service, Wednesday practice, additional services for Advent and Lent. Traditional/Classical style. Vibrant and growing congregation that is welcoming to all! Wonderful choir and many fine instrumentalists. Allen organ. Salary commensurate with experience. Contact Diane Crosby, Church Administrator, with your resume or any questions - (803)359-6838 ext. 113 or dcrosby@lexumcsc.com

MONROE, NC

**Central United Methodist Church in Monroe, NC, is seeking a Director of Music Ministries to meet our vision of connecting with God, connecting with each other and connecting with the community. Central is a mid-sized congregation that offers three weekly worship services that include Contemporary and Traditional services on Sunday and a Tuesday evening Dinner Church service for our community. Our music ministry currently includes a chancel choir, praise band, youth & children choir, handbell choir and special music groups. The Director of Music Ministry would be expected to be the primary pipe organist (Casavant organ). The Director would plan, direct and/or oversee all music ministry groups and ensembles. The salary level is commensurate with education and experience. We welcome those who are called to provide leadership of a music ministry team and serve with a church whose calling is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Please send your resume, three references, and a video sample of your music from a service to Dr. Jane Neese, Chair of the Staff Pastor Relations Committee at music from a service to Dr. Jane Neese, Chair of the Staff Pastor Relations Committee at music from a service to Dr. Jane Neese, Chair of the Staff Pastor Relations Committee at music from a service to Dr. Jane Neese, Chair of the Staff Pastor Relations Committee at music from a service to Dr. Jane Neese, Chair of the Staff Pastor Relations Committee at music from a service to Dr. Jane Neese, Chair of the Staff Pastor Relations Committee at musicministry@centralumcmonroe.org. For a copy of the

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, SC 29116 or emailed to jane@fbcorangeburg.org.

ROCK HILL

Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, Associate Reformed, 2132 Ebenezer Road, Rock Hill SC. Director of Music The link below will take those interested to the specifics on how to apply, the specifications of our pipe organ, and the new job description with salary included. https://ebenezerarp.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.

WINNSBORO

Sion Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) in Winnsboro is seeking a part-time music director/organist or pianist to provide music on Sundays at the 11 a.m. worship service and at the 9:30 a.m. adult choir rehearsal preceding the Sunday service. Duties include preparing and playing a prelude, offertory, choral anthem, hymns and postlude. Additional services throughout the year include one Christmas Eve service. Any other services will be discussed on a one-to-one basis, with additional compensation for the musician.

The church instruments include a Kegg pipe organ, a Steinway grand piano and three octaves of handbells. Sion is a traditional church with a congregation who loves and appreciates quality music and the efforts of musicians. This position has potential for growth in the adult choir as well as the formation of a handbell choir.

Sion Presbyterian is 30 miles north of Columbia. The church is flexible regarding terms of employment and the music position can be permanent, part-time, interim or Sunday by Sunday. The salary is \$200 per week, and this may be negotiable depending on qualifications and commitment.

For questions or more information, please call the Sion church office at 803-635-3391 and leave a message for Lynne Douglass.