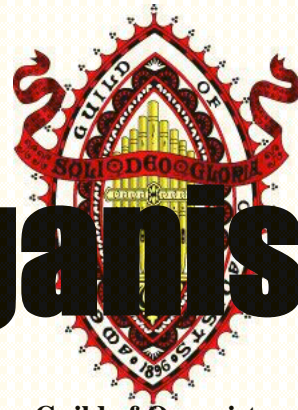


# The Greater Columbia Organist



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From the  
Dean

It is hard to believe that the summer months are upon us. As the AGO board anticipates the 2020-2021 program year, we have planned for a number of events to be held virtually through January. At this time, we plan to begin virtual programming in mid-September. None of us can be sure as to what the future holds with regard to COVID-19; therefore, to be proactive, the board is trying to have programs that can be held while observing social distancing. We will meet in July to put the finishing touches on programming. Please pay close attention to the August newsletter so that you will be able to make plans to attend as many events this year as possible.

We are pleased to announce that Lenora Jeffcoat has joined our board as a member-at-large. With her experience as an organist, and further pursuit of studies through the Royal College of Organists, she will be an asset to our board. Welcome, Lenora!

As always, your AGO board is here for you. We would love to hear from any of you with ideas for programming.

Have a safe and relaxing summer!

Greg

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Thank you, **Chuck Wilson**, for serving on the board as member-at-large!

Welcome **Lenora Jeffcoat** to the board!



# AGO ORGANFEST 2020

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The American Guild of Organists is thrilled to announce the first online [OrganFest](#), which will take place July 20-24. Each evening's broadcast will premiere a new work which had been commissioned for the 2020 National Convention in Atlanta, accompanied by interviews with the composers.

Featured performers will be Jens Korndörfer, Amanda Mole, Alan Morrison, Thomas Ospital, and Catherine Rodland. Additional recorded performances by recent international organ competition winners will be presented, and short presentations will share exciting news and updates from the AGO.

The daily YouTube premiere (8 p.m. Eastern) and accompanying [Festival website](#) will be available at no charge.

OrganFest 2020 promises to be an exciting way to showcase our beloved instrument and the great work of the AGO. Please share this information widely with your music-loving friends.

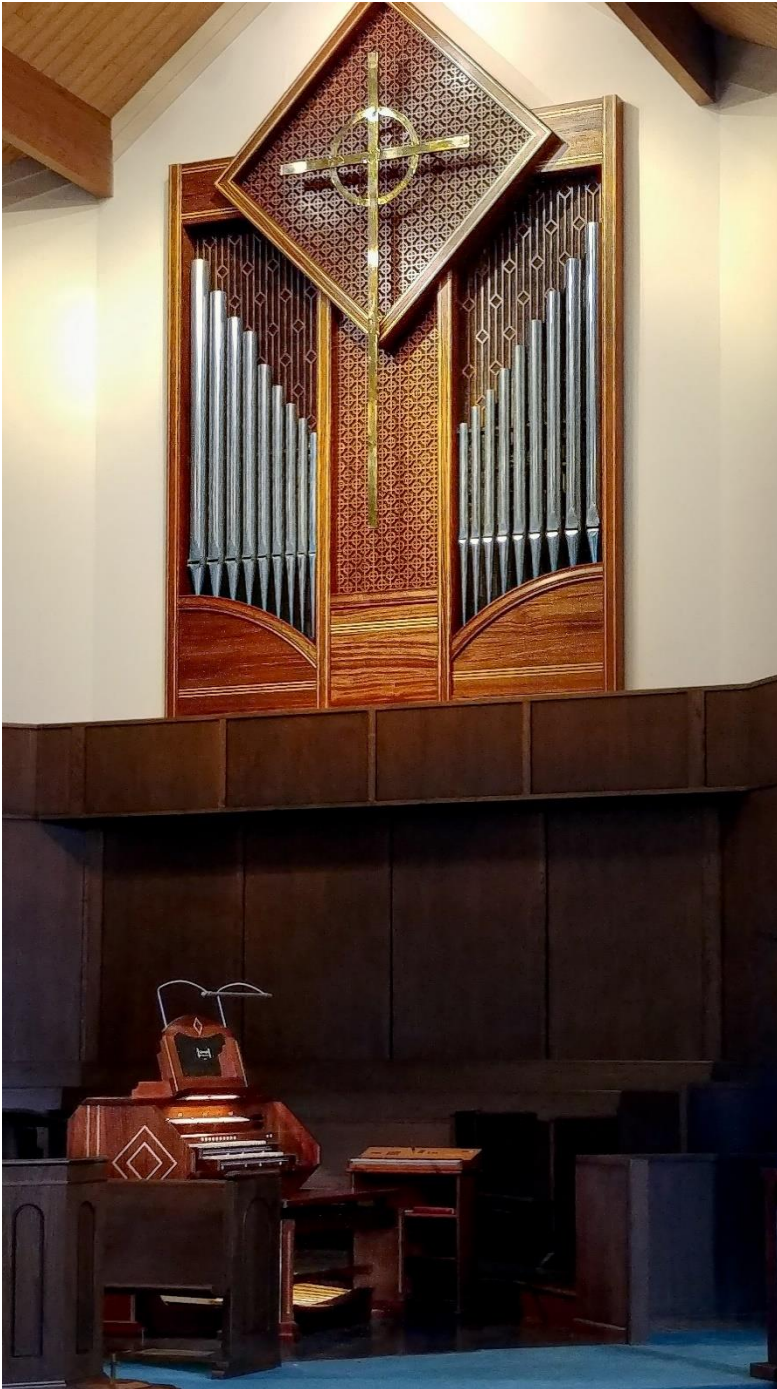
While we are saddened by the cancellation of many musical events this spring and summer, including our National Convention in Atlanta, we look forward to celebrating the future of organ music together online next month.



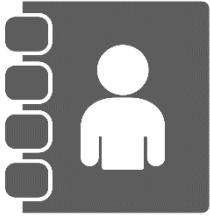
# Seven Oak's Presbyterian Church Organ Renovation

Thanks to God's guidance and provision, along with the support of the people of Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church, and the vision and dedication of Tom Lewtak and the Lewtak Organbuilders staff, our congregation now enjoys the music produced by our new organ.

This this new 22 rank instrument has over 1,300 pipes. The pipework was produced by Jacques Stinkens in the Netherlands, and by the Michal Kenis' pipe foundry in the Czech Republic. The pipework includes a 16' Open Principal in the Pedal division. All pipework was voiced with extraordinary care and skill to maximize the quality and clarity of each rank,



and to create a satisfying ensemble sound that takes full advantage of the building's acoustics. Pipe chests for the Great and Pedal divisions are electro-mechanical, and there are two slider chests for the newly enclosed Swell division, which is under expression. The Great and Pedal divisions are unenclosed. A completely new winding system was provided with the organ's installation, including a new blower and bellows. The two manual, stop tab console includes a beautiful inlaid wood pattern in a cabinet of Sapele wood. The keyboards are German built, with adjustable tracker-like action, granadilla naturals and bone sharps. The console also includes a modern capture system, transposer, variable speed tremulant, adjustable lighting and adjustable bench. The organ also has a new electronic relay and switching system. The organ is tuned to a temperament that is more consistent with classical temperaments, enhancing the overall quality of the sound, and adding a touch of historical authenticity to the music. The project was capped off with the installation of Tom Lewtak's beautifully designed and crafted organ façade, which both expanded the tonal egress from the chamber and significantly enhanced the aesthetic quality of the worship space. All in all, this project has transformed our church's music and worship by replacing our old Zimmer & Sons unit organ with an instrument having independent divisions creating an impressive sound, and a richness of colors across all the individual ranks. A dedicatory recital is being planned for later this year.



# NEW MEMBERS AND DIRECTORY CHANGES (6/15/2020)

PLEASE ADD THIS INFORMATION TO YOUR **2020-2021 AGO DIRECTORY**.

## NEW MEMBERS

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**Kate Ouyang** (returning member, moved back from Charlotte)  
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## CHANGES

**Monty Bennett** – work number is 707-824-5611, Ext. 116

**George Hiatt** is now at Trinity United Methodist Church in Charleston.

**Charles Owings** - email address is now [maestrocto@gmail.com](mailto:maestrocto@gmail.com).

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## **June Birthdays**

- 6/02 Tucker Smith**
- 6/05 Lenora Jeffcoat**
- 6/06 HamiltonStoddard**
- 6/08 William Bullock**
- 6/10 Sarah Masterson**
- 6/11 Al Murrell**
- 6/16 Matthew Whitehouse**
- 6/20 Jordan DeRouen**
- 6/27 Ezra Blackwell**

## **July Birthdays**

- 7/01 Gregory Stone**
- 7/02 Joan Marco**
- 7/12 Polly Watts**
- 7/13 Toni Hollingsworth**
- 7/14 SylviaTrimmier**
- 7/30 Susan Welch**
- 7/30 Dan McGehee**

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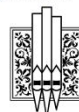
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## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

### **\*\* NEW LISTING - OR CHANGES**

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

### **CAMDEN**

**Lyttleton Street United Methodist Church** (LSUMC) in Camden, SC is looking for a Worship Leader for our elevate! worship service. This Praise/Contemporary service currently meets twice/month. We are actively working to transition to a weekly service and need/want a Worship Leader to assist us with the transition. Initially the position is part-time. Greater Columbia AGO members contact Susan for copy of flyer with more information. Others, please contact the church or Joan McCulley, Chair elevate! Steering and Search Committees 610-513-7855 (cell)

### **CHAPIN**

**\*\*St. Jacob's Lutheran Church**, Chapin, SC is seeking a part-time Director of Music / Organist. The Director is expected to rehearse and direct the chancel choir and bell choir and coordinate with the pastor on worship music selections. The salary for the position will be commensurate with the level of education and experience of the applicant. Send resumes and contact information to St. Jacob's Lutheran Church, 844 Columbia Ave., Chapin, SC 29036, or e-mail [churchoffice@st-jacobs.org](mailto:churchoffice@st-jacobs.org).

### **CHARLESTON**

**Martin Luther Lutheran Church** is seeking a part-time Music Director to lead our music on Sunday morning and for other services. We need someone who plays organ and piano, can direct our choir, and can start a handbell choir. Directing a children's choir could be a possibility as we are slowly gaining children.

Profile:

- One service: 9:00a.m., and weekly Adult Choir rehearsal
- Other services as needed (Christmas Eve, Advent and Lenten Wednesday evenings, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, funerals and weddings as needed)
- An organ and a grand piano are in the sanctuary. Pianos in the choir room and fellowship hall.

Contact the congregation for details outlining qualifications, responsibilities, etc. Persons interested in applying should provide a complete resume and professional references. Send resume and references to Martin Luther Lutheran Church at [MLLC@knology.net](mailto:MLLC@knology.net)

Church Office phone: (843) 795-4855 1605 Harborview Rd. Charleston (James Island), SC 29412

## **COLUMBIA**

***Living Springs Lutheran Church***, 4224 Hard Scrabble Road, Columbia, SC 29223. Part-time Organist/Accompanist. Living Springs is hiring a part-time organist/accompanist to work alongside our Worship and Music Team, and to enhance the worship services of our growing, diverse congregation. This person would be responsible for playing organ and/or piano on Sunday mornings for both services, attending Wednesday rehearsals with our choir (with summers off), and accompanying the choir at special concerts and events. Approximately 21-25 hours per Month. Contact Living Springs Minister of Worship, Deacon Justin Rimbo, 803-736-0661, [justin@livingspringscolumbia.org](mailto:justin@livingspringscolumbia.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 preschool through fifth grade. Duties include directing weekly Sunday evening rehearsals and preparing anthems for Sunday morning worship services. Preference will be given to candidates with a degree in music, elementary level choral directing experience, and proficiency in both piano and voice. The position is for the nine months of the school year, approximately 6 hours per week, with compensation based upon education and experience. This position could be expanded to include the position of Part-time Music Teacher in the McGregor Presbyterian Preschool. For more information, contact Joy Ackerman, Director of Music, at [jpackerman@att.net](mailto:jpackerman@att.net), or at 803-414-0479.

***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](mailto:Secretary@sherwoodforestchurch.com) or call 803-787-6370.

***St. Luke's Episcopal Church*** is seeking a part-time organist and/or organist choirmaster for its 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning service. Organ: 2-manual Allen Renaissance Quantum, Acoustic Portrait, 58 stops Choir Rehearsals are on Thursdays 6:00PM—7:30PM (the 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 on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays, currently directed by our Deacon. Special services include Lenten Wednesdays, Holy Week, Christmas Eve Mass, etc. The organist also plays for wedding and funerals per church policy. We seek someone with vision, imagination, creativity, and the ability to teach and inspire our ten-member choir (five of whom are choristers from the local college). The ability to work well with the priest is a must. Knowledge of the Anglican/Episcopal liturgy (Anglo Catholic/High Mass), and comfort in teaching and playing Negro Spirituals highly desired. Salary negotiable depending on experience and ability. We are looking for someone who can begin on Sunday, June 14th or soon after. Please submit Cover Letter and Resumé along with two or three references to [fr.raphiell@gmail.com](mailto: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.

***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](mailto:stmarkumccola@gmail.com) or call Wayne Hall at (803) 252-7297 for more information.

***Trenholm Road United Methodist Church***, located at 3401 Trenholm Road in Forest Acres, seeks a part-time organist/pianist (10-15 hours per week). Regular duties will include providing service music for two Sunday worship services (8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.), accompanying Wednesday night choir rehearsals (6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.), and playing for special seasonal services as needed. Sanctuary instruments are a three manual, 36-rank Austin pipe organ (1981), and a Steinway Grand (Model M) piano. Applicants should send a cover letter, resume and contact information for two references to [sfletcher@trumc.org](mailto:sfletcher@trumc.org).



## **DARLINGTON**

**Trinity United Methodist Church** of Darlington, SC is in the process of filling the position of Organist and Choir Director (one person). This is a part time position. Duties include one Sunday service at 11am and one choir rehearsal. Possibility of one children's choir. The instrument is a 22-rank Casavant sitting in a beautiful acoustical atmosphere. For further information, please contact either Dr. Keith F. Taylor (843-610-3319) or Ernie Shuler (843-307-0389).

## **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; vies 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@sainttimothy.lutheran.org](mailto:info@sainttimothy.lutheran.org) with subject line Organist or Music Ministry.

## **HARTSVILLE**

**Our Shepherd Lutheran Church**, 1410 W Bobo Newsom Hwy., Hartsville SC 29550  
Yamaha Clavinova. \$85 per service. For more information, contact Vicar Mike Lang at [Michael.lang@my.lr.edu](mailto:Michael.lang@my.lr.edu)

**St Bartholomew's Church**, Hartsville, SC is in search of a part-time Organist. Duties include Sunday services, choir rehearsals, and any special services during the year. Vacation and continuing education included. Salary is \$180 per week and \$100 for additional services. Our instrument is a 32-rank, two manual, Casavant Freres Limitee. The organist reports to the Choir Director and the Rector.

Send your resume to St. Bartholomew's at the address or via email.

103 Campus Drive, Hartsville, SC 29550 [stbartchurch@gmail.com](mailto:stbartchurch@gmail.com)-Church Office: (843) 332-8765

## **IRMO**

**\*\*Bethlehem Lutheran Church**, in Irmo SC is seeking a part-time Director of Music / Organist. The Director is expected to rehearse and direct the chancel choir and bell choir, and coordinate with the pastor on worship music selections. The salary for the position will be commensurate with the level of education and experience of the applicant. Send resumes and contact information to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Irmo, SC 29063, or e-mail address [bethluch@bellsouth.net](mailto:bethluch@bellsouth.net).

## **JOHNSTON**

**Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church** is seeking a part-time Director of Music to support its worship and music ministry. The Director needs to be knowledgeable of traditional Lutheran worship, have good skills as an organist and pianist, be capable of conducting a volunteer choral choir and handbell choir, and supporting and encouraging the congregation's song. We have one Sunday service at 11:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal is at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays. Applicants should send their resumes with two or three references to Lib Cumbee, Chair of the Worship and Music Committee, [cumbeeelizabeth42@gmail.com](mailto:cumbeeelizabeth42@gmail.com)

## **LEXINGTON**

**\*\*Pilgrim Lutheran Church** in Lexington, SC, is seeking a committed Christian to provide organ/piano music and accompaniment for scheduled worship services 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 as a full partner with the ministerial staff and the Director of Traditional Music at Pilgrim Lutheran. Please submit a letter of recommendation and resumé to Susan Cafferty at [susan@wearepilgrim.com](mailto:susan@wearepilgrim.com).

**St. Matthew's Lutheran Church**, 1273 Calks Ferry Road, Lexington, is searching for a Parish Musician. Responsibilities include playing for one Sunday morning service and directing/rehearsing adult and youth choirs. The applicant needs to have experience playing a variety of hymn styles on the organ and piano as well as seeking out and encouraging congregation members to share their music skills during worship. Resumes should be emailed to [sml.sec.lex@gmail.com](mailto:sml.sec.lex@gmail.com). For more information, please call Pastor Karen Hawkins at 803.957.9345.

**Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church** of Lexington, SC, is seeking applications to fill the part time position of Organist/Music Associate. SGPC is a thriving ECO non-liturgical congregation in the heart of Lexington, SC, with an engaging music and arts ministry. The organist will serve on a team that includes the Director of Music and Arts, several audio/visual specialists and a staff pianist. Qualified candidates will possess at least an undergraduate degree in music and/or appropriate experience in a traditional worship setting. All interested candidates should contact Director of Music and Arts, Hal McIntosh at [hmcintosh@saxegotha.org](mailto:hmcintosh@saxegotha.org) or 803-359-7770, extension 13.

#### **MOUNT PLEASANT**

**\*\*All Saints Lutheran Church**, Mount Pleasant, is seeking a Part-Time Music Ministry Associate to partner with the Music Director to support and enhance our multi-generational music program, with an emphasis on children and youth music. The position is 15 hrs/week, with the possibility of increasing to 25 hrs with additional Communications responsibilities. Please send a cover letter, resumé, and the names and contact information of three professional references to Rev. Litman-Koon at [pastor.glk@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.glk@gmail.com).

#### **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](mailto: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](mailto:stpaulsmumc@gmail.com) for more details.  
Pastor: Rev. Sara Relaford, Church Secretary: Lori Worsencroft

#### **WEST COLUMBIA**

**Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church**, 1000 "B" Avenue, West Columbia. Director of Music Ministry (Organist/Choir Director, other). Please see this full-time job description and more information at [agohq.org](http://agohq.org) (Positions available.).