

The Greater Columbia Organist



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Dear AGO Friends,

If you are like I am, then you've been looking forward to summer for weeks. There is just nothing as terrific as having several weeks to recharge your batteries. In fact, I find that the best place for me to get in touch with myself is at a summer convention or music workshop. If you are able, I whole-heartedly encourage you to attend the 2011 Regional AGO Convention in Greensboro this June. The workshops, recitals, and commissioned works are should be top-notch! And, let's face it, the best part is simply being able to catch up with former college pals, meeting colleagues from around the region, and simply being able to share ideas with other musicians. I would also like to remind my Columbia friends that we will be hosting the AGO Regional in 2013, so this is the last opportunity for us to see another convention at the regional level before our big event.

This is also a great time for you to think about how you can become involved in your guild this coming year. Plan on joining a committee for the 2013 regional - we will need many hands to pull this off successfully, think about sponsoring an AGO event at your church, increase your musical skills by playing for a masterclass...the possibilities are limited only by your own willingness and imagination.

Patrick

It is now time to pay your AGO DUES for 2011-2012. You should have gotten a blue dues form in the mail around May 18. Thank you to those who have already returned your dues to Susan Sturkie. If you cannot find your form, there is another one for you and anyone who might be interested in joining AGO on our website at ColumbiaAGO.org. Please forward one to a friend.

Upcoming Events



To Our Valued Patrons

Bel Canto will be presenting its performances at the Episcopal Church of St. Simon & St. Jude, 1110 Kinley Road in Irmo SC. The concert will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 3rd. Admissions are free. A thank offering can be collected.

Directed by Mr. Eldridge McPhee, this concert offers the audience a consortium of exciting music which will feature arrangements by modern composers such as Ralph Vaughn William's "Antiphon" and Morten Lauridsen's "Lux Aeterna". Opera buffs will be delighted by our renditions of "Nessun Dorma" from Puccinni's "Turandot" and "The Easter Hymn" from Pietro Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana" as well as the beautiful six and eight part arrangements of well-known anthems and spirituals which express the rich and robust singing style that this 16-member vocal ensemble is known for.



The Bel Canto Singers is pleased to present American soprano, **Kali Wilder**, and a brass and percussion ensemble from **The Royal Bahamas Defense Force Band**.

For directions call the church office (803) 732-0153 or email to steel@sc.rr.com.



**The Sandlapper Singers Introduce a new Educational Organization:
"YOUNG SANDLAPPER SINGERS"**

Columbia, SC- An educational outreach of the Sandlapper Singers to supplement music education in the schools will begin this summer. The Young Sandlapper Singers will be a training ground for children and youth in rising 3rd through 8th grades. Classes in ear training, music reading, vocal production, and ensemble singing will provide opportunities for students to excel in choral singing and music skills, consistent with the high quality of its parent group, the Sandlapper Singers. This new venture will begin **June 20-24 with a half-day summer camp** at Forest Lake Presbyterian. The cost for the week-long camp is \$80. For registration forms and further information go to www.sandlappersingers.org and click on "youth programs." The fall classes will begin in September. The Young Sandlapper Singers program has been established through a grant from the Lipscomb foundation.

Karen Harmon, is **the Camp Director and Director of the Young Sandlapper Singers**. Ms. Harmon is currently Music Teacher and Choral Director at Logan Elementary and directs three choruses. Under her direction, the choruses are in high demand for performance throughout the Midlands, were featured in segments on SCETV and consistently receive superior ratings at choral festivals. She received degrees in Music Education from Furman University and USC and is a National Board Certified teacher



About The Sandlapper Singers

The Sandlapper Singers, South Carolina's premier chorus, has presented American music in a uniquely entertaining and engaging style since 1996 and are the area's only professional choral group. The 31-voice auditioned ensemble are currently in the group's fourteenth season, performing an annual subscription series of three concerts at new venue- Dreher High School, in Columbia. The singers also offer several additional performances each year in communities across the state of South Carolina. Directed and conducted by founder Dr. Lillian Quackenbush (retired chairman of the Columbia College music department), the singers focus on American music and the works of American composers past and present- making a departure from the usual programming of European choral literature, and offering a delightful mix of both familiar and new musical sounds. Sandlapper Singers concerts are a multimedia performance combine singing, staging photography, lighting schemes and insightful commentary. They enlighten, entertain and give audiences the chance to delight in a multiplicity of music that was "made in the USA."

Contact Information:

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e: events@sandlappersingers.org **or** visit www.sandlappersingers.org **or** daveq1@sc.rr.com

Save the Date!

Craig Jessop is
coming to
Columbia for a
Choral Festival!

September 30th -
October 1, 2011

Pertinent information to be
released soon.

Sponsors:

- * Eastminster Presbyterian
- *Trenholm Road Methodist
- *Washington Street Methodist
- *Greater Columbia AGO



Dr. Craig Jessop

- Former Music Director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir
- Former Head of Department of Music at Utah State University
- Founding Dean for the Caine College of the Arts at Utah State University
- Founder and Music Director of the American Festival Chorus and Orchestra

Columbia Baroque Soloists
Presents
Arcadian Delights

Tuesday, June 21
7 PM, Concert Conversation
7:30 PM, Concert

Columbia College ›Spears Fine Arts Building› - Goodall Gallery

Arcadia was a pastoral utopia of music loving herdsmen whose songs were a remedy for the afflictions of love and an instrument of seduction. The ensemble performs Arcadian inspired music of Bach, Scarlatti, Purcell plus Vivaldi's "Spring" Concerto. They are joined by Guest Artist, Barbara Weiss, whose early music expertise includes recordings on the Dorian and Harmonia Mundi labels and teaching at Oberlin Conservatory, Peabody Institute, plus Minnesota and Pennsylvania Universities.

Tickets available at the door
\$12 General; \$10 Seniors; \$6 Students

Information:
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*Please send information for July's newsletter to
tonyroof@windstream.net by June 20.*

June Birthdays

- 7 Jason Barrs
- 10 Matt Herring
- 11 Fredna Lee
- 12 Tina McGready
- 15 Brian Locke
- 15 Richard McLeod
- 18 Robert Stone





Planning Ahead???

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.regional2013.org>

American Guild of Organists 2011 Region IV Convention
June 26 - 29, 2011 Greensboro, NC



Susan Bates • Rachel Laurin
Bel Canto Company • Henry Lebedinsky
Chelsea Chen • Wayne Leupold
Melva Costen • Dan Locklair
Pamela Decker • Ellen Markus
Robin Dinda • John Nordlie
Eastern Music Festival Orchestra • Timothy Olsen
Laura Ellis • The Raleigh Ringers
Karen Eshelman • Debbie Rice
Faythe Freese • Roy Roberts
Mark Freundt • Salem Moravian Band
Sandy Holland • Margaret Sandresky
Calvert Johnson • Gillian Weir
Joyce Jones • Andrew Willis
Kernersville Moravian Band
James David Christie

Visit <http://www.ggago.org/carolinacelebration.html> for more information!



**** 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.

BLYTHEWOOD

****Breath of Life Lutheran Church**, PO Box 565, Blythewood, 29016. Keyboardist-Music Coordinator. Sunday worship & special services. Wednesday rehearsal. 8-10 hours per week. Lead musicians and coordinate needs for music of various styles. Send resumes to the church address or breathoflifelutheran@yahoo.com.

COLUMBIA

Centennial Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, 1413 Laurel Street, Columbia, SC 29201 has an immediate opening for a Part Time Sanctuary Choir Director and Organist. Duties will include conducting the Sanctuary Choir at weekly rehearsals and leading the Choir and playing the organ for one Traditional Worship Service per week. Additional efforts will be required for seasonal performances such as Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas plus funerals. The person in this position is expected to grow our Sanctuary Choir Program and coordinate Choir activities with the Directors of the Hand Bell Choir and Youth Choir. The ideal candidate will have an advanced music degree and 10 years experience as a Choir Director and Organist. A complete Job Description can be obtained by calling (803) 765-0368. Please submit a copy of your resume and salary requirements to the above address Attention: Search Committee Chairman centennialarp@bellsouth.net

College Place United Methodist Church, 4801 Colonial Drive, Columbia 29203 is in need of a Music and Creative Arts Director and Organist. In the past, we have employed two persons for each of these positions; however, we are open to hiring one person who is gifted and skilled to do both positions with excellence. We have a traditional choir that sings on Sundays. It would be wonderful to have someone(s) that has gifts to aide with blending other styles of music into our traditional service. Both organist and Music and Arts Director are permanent part time positions. A resume and a statement regarding the importance of music and creative arts in worship may be sent to Rev. Tiffany Knowlin at tknowlin@bellsouth.net. For more information you may contact Rev. Knowlin at 803-754-5342.

Kilbourne Park Baptist Church, 4205 Kilbourne Rd., Columbia. Organist. 3 manual Baldwin, Sunday AM and PM Services (Blended), Wednesday night rehearsal, special services. Piano and organ play together for hymns and anthem. Contact Associate Pastor/Minister of Music, Rev. Stuart T. Thompson, Stuart@kilbournepark.org, Church phone 787-3371, Cell 622-3270. Please call for additional information.

Saint Joseph Catholic Church, www.stjosephcolumbia.org 1800 family parish seeks Music Director with strong pastoral, organ, improvisational, liturgical, organizational, word processing/tech skills, Catholic parish experience. Incumbent director, Teresa Riley, is retiring after 30 years of distinguished service: graded choral and cantor program in place. Allen organ is temporary: new director would help in designing a new pipe organ. Parish school (grades preK-6), Cardinal Newman High School, and USC School of Music provide multiple resources for music ministry recruitment. Competitive salary and benefits (full-time AGO standard). Also see ads on AGO National, NPM job hotline. Send seasonal or annual repertory list (hymns, anthems, Mass settings, organ voluntaries); audio samples (choral, solo organ, hymn playing with improvised bridge/modulation); samples of desk-top publishing (Order of Worship, web design, and/or program flier), with résumé and references to Msgr. Richard D. Harris, Pastor and Vicar General at SaintJosephColumbia@gmail.com . Only digital applications at this time: no phone calls, please.

CLINTON

Broad Street United Methodist Church in Clinton, SC is seeking a part-time Director of Music and/or Organist. 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 the adult bell choir, and coordinate with the pastor on worship music. The Director will also provide leadership for the contemporary service "praise band" and worship team. Staff musicians shall work to sustain and to grow our musical programs and to enrich the Congregation's worship experience. The salary for the separate or combined positions will be negotiated commensurate with the level of education and experience of the applicant. The positions will be available beginning in January, 2011. 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.) Broad Street is a three hundred member church located in downtown Clinton, a city of 9,000 people in the Piedmont Region of South Carolina. The sanctuary is equipped with a new sound system, a three manual Zimmer pipe organ and a Yamaha grand piano. The church has an extensive choral library and a dedicated rehearsal space.

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 Att: PPRC, Bethel Park United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 207, Denmark, South Carolina 29042. bethelparkumc@bellsouth.net .

GILBERT

Gilbert United Methodist Church is seeking part/full-time church pianist/organist for 11:00 AM traditional worship service. Salary negotiable. Send resume to Gilbert United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 142, Gilbert SC 29054. Attn: John Nix. 803-892-3546

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.

MT. PLEASANT, SC

East Cooper Baptist Church, 361 Egypt Road, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464 is seeking a part-time Organist for our Sanctuary Services. This position will entail time for rehearsals on Wednesday evenings, playing for two of our morning services on Sunday morning, and personal rehearsal time. This person must have a passion for the Lord and for corporate worship, be a qualified and experienced organist, and be a flexible "team player." If you are interested in being a part of a wonderful worship team, using your gifts to lead others in worship, please send resume to jenniferc@ecbconline.com for more information. East Cooper has a full music program, including large orchestra and an Arts Academy. You can find out more about the church at www.ecbconline.com.
Dean Henderson, Worship Pastor - (843) 856-3222 ext. 2041, (843) 856-1136 (fax)

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.

SALUDA

St. Paul UMC, 102 E. Butler Ave., Saluda, SC. Permanent, part-time Organist. Two services on Sunday (9 & 11) and choir rehearsal on Wednesday evening. We are looking for someone proficient on organ and piano, who can accompany a choir, and provide prelude, offertory and postlude. Salary is negotiable, based on the qualifications and needs of the applicant. Please send resume and references to Rev. Robert Cox, Pastor, St. Paul UMC, 102 E. Butler Ave., Saluda, SC 29138 or email to pastor@stpaulsaluda.com. I can receive both Word and PDF documents.

ST. MATTHEWS

St. Paul United Methodist Church, Choir/Music Director & Organist, one or two positions. (Contact Susan for Job Description.)

WEST COLUMBIA

Our Saviour Lutheran Church in West Columbia, SC is seeking a Handbell Director. The candidate will be responsible for planning, practice, and conducting for selected services. Our bell choir currently practices September through May on Wednesday evenings. Worship service is Sundays at 10:30. Salary for this position is negotiable. If interested, please call Pastor Lance Henderson at 803-794-8180 or email him at oslcpastor@sc.rr.com

Springdale Baptist Church is seeking an organist to play Sunday morning and evening services. The candidate should be proficient in both traditional and contemporary worship genres. Occasionally the organist may be required to accompany anthems for the choir during Wednesday evening rehearsals. Please send resumes to Springdale Baptist, Attention: Personnel, 357 Watling Rd., West Columbia, SC 29170 or email to: jonathan@springdalebaptist.org