

The Greater

Columbia Organist



December 2015

A Publication of the Greater Columbia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

Twelfth Night Party

Monday, January 4

7:00 p.m.

M Space

530 Lady Street, Suite A
Columbia, SC

\$18 per person**

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Join us in celebration of Twelfth Night at M Space on Monday, January 4, for a buffet meal.

Come prepared to share your humorous church/organist stories.

****Email reservations to tonyroof@windstream.net by December 31.**

Rescheduled Concert!

The November AGO program has been rescheduled.

Saturday, January 23, 2016

2:00 p.m.

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

1100 Sumter Street

Columbia SC 29201

David Stultz, organist

Winner of the 2015 Young Organist Competition

David Stultz is a 17 year-old junior at Baylor School in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He is a student of Jason DuRoy, organist at Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church. In March 2015, David won first place and the hymn playing award in the Young Organist Competition sponsored by the Greater Columbia AGO Chapter. He has performed in concert with the Chattanooga Jericho Brass and the Chattanooga Youth Symphony Orchestra. The program will include a hymn improvisation and works by Bach, Mendelssohn, Franck, and Faxon, demonstrating everything from lush strings to powerful pedal reeds and trumpets. The concert is free and open to the public. A reception will follow the concert.





MESSIAH

performed with the North Carolina Baroque Orchestra

Sunday, December 13, at 4:00 p.m.

Tickets from \$15 to \$45 (\$12 for students and military) are available through the Cathedral music office (771-7300) and website (www.trinitysc.org/music).

Sunday, November 29, at 4:00 p.m.

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

We celebrate the beginning of the new church year with a service of lessons and music telling the joyful promise of the coming of Christ.

Thursdays in Advent - December 3, 10, & 17 at 8:00 p.m.

COMPLINE

Compline, the final office of the monastic day, is a 30-minute service of *a cappella* music sung by candlelight.

Pre-Compline Concerts (7:00 p.m., preceding the service of Compline)

December 3 - USC Organ Students

December 10 – Jennifer Parker-Harley, *flute*

December 17 – Kenneth Miller, *organ*

Sundays, December 6 & 20 at 4:00 p.m.

CHORAL EVENSONG

Join us as the sun is setting for this service of readings, prayers, and music, and afterwards for hospitality and refreshments under the oaks in the Cathedral Courtyard.

Wednesday, December 16 at 12:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY CAROL SING

Bring your jingle bells (a ring of keys will do just fine) and raise your voice in a spirited half-hour of traditional carols as we look forward to the coming of Christmas.

Lunch will be available in Satterlee Hall at noon and again after the Carol Sing.



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CAROLINA COURSE

JUNE 27 – JULY 3, 2016

NOW ACCEPTING
APPLICATIONS FOR

COURSE ORGAN SCHOLAR

APPLICATION DEADLINE
MARCH 1, 2016

Applicants between 18-25 years of age are asked to submit the following for consideration:

- Letter of Interest, Biography and/or current résumé
- Letter of Recommendation from current major teacher
- A quality recording to include a Prelude and Fugue by J.S. Bach
and a contrasting work from the Romantic era;
- Two of the following hymn tunes with improvised introduction *and* all stanzas:
WESTMINSTER ABBEY, HYFRYDOL, DIADEMATA, OR EVENTIDE

Please send materials via e-mail to
Course Manager Matthew Brown | matthew@fumcsalisbury.org

Michael Velting, *Course Music Director*

Colin Lynch, *Course Organist*



Furman Music

FURMAN UNIVERSITY TO HOST CHURCH MUSIC CONFERENCE JAN. 21-22

Furman University will host its 2016 Church Music Conference on campus Thursday and Friday, Jan. 21 and 22. The conference is open to the public. Registration for the two-day event is \$70 prior to Jan. 7, and \$90 after that date as space remains.

Founded in 1971, the Furman University Church Music Conference is made possible through a grant from the Thomson Foundation. Drawing church musicians from all over the Southeast, the conference features nationally known clinicians who present lectures and conduct workshops relating to the practice of church music. Guest clinicians for this year's conference are Dennis Keene and William Bradley Roberts.

Dennis Keene is Organist/Choirmaster of The Church of the Ascension (Episcopal), New York and Music Director of the acclaimed ensemble Voices of Ascension, known both nationally and internationally for their spectacular CD recordings of repertory from all periods. Keene will present sessions on choral techniques and conducting, including a master class at which selected conference attendees will conduct for, and receive feedback and coaching from Keene. He will also conduct open rehearsals with the Furman Singers, Furman Chamber Choir, and the adult choir of Greenville's Westminster Presbyterian Church.

William Bradley Roberts, author of *Music and Vital Congregations: A Practical Guide for Clergy*, will present sessions on Clergy/Musician Working Relationships, Hymnody of Our Time, and his own critically praised sacred choral compositions.

Assisted by the Furman Singers and Furman Chamber Choir, Furman Professor of Organ Charles Tompkins will present a recital on the magnificent C.B. Fisk Organ, Opus 121, in the Charles E. Daniel Memorial Chapel.

More information about the Church Music Conference may be found at this [link](#). Or contact conference coordinator and University Organist Dr. Charles Tompkins at (864) 294-2969, or by email, charles.tompkins@furman.edu. The Furman Music Department may be reached at (864) 294-2086.

James O'Donnell at Winthrop

James O'Donnell, Organist and Master of the Choristers at Westminster Abbey, is playing an organ concert on Sunday, February 14, 2016, 3:00 p.m., at Byrnes Auditorium, Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC. Watch for more information.

5th Annual HS Organ Festival & Competition

The Winston-Salem Chapter will co-sponsor along with UNC School of the Arts and Salem College, the annual High School Organ Festival & Competition. Applications and CD recording are due **Friday, December 18, 2015**. The Festival & Competition will be held **January 29-31, 2016** in Winston-Salem, NC. All high school students who have not already won first-prize are eligible to enter. For more detailed information about schedule, prizes, and instruments, please visit: <http://www.timothyolsenorganist.com/hs-competition.html>

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- Letter of Recommendation from current major teacher
- Repertoire list of sacred choral music conducted
- A 3-5 minute video of conducting a choral rehearsal or performance

Please send materials via e-mail to

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AGO National Convention- Houston

On behalf of Dr. Rhonda Furr, our Convention Coordinator, greetings to your Chapter from the Steering Committee of the 2016 National Convention of the American Guild of Organists. We here in Houston are excited to be your hosts for what promises to be an outstanding celebration of our art. We would greatly appreciate the publicity of the convention dates (June 19–23, 2016) and website in your chapter newsletters and events in the coming months. Registration opened on October 15 with a special low rate for those are able to register that soon. The main convention website is www.AGOHouston2016.com.

Atlanta POE

The Atlanta Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is proud to announce the 2016 Pipe Organ Encounter to be held Sunday, July 24-Friday, July 29, 2016 in Atlanta, Georgia. The Atlanta Chapter will accept students ages 13–18. Students should be interested in Pipe Organs with Piano or Organ proficiency from Intermediate to Advanced Join us for an exciting week of study with the King of Instruments. Watch our website for future announcements
Website: www.agoatlanta.org/html/POE.htm Contact: Nicole Marane, POE Director at nicmarane@gmail.com

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

School of Music



Tues., Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m.

Men's & Women's Chorus Concert

Shandon United Methodist Church - Free



USC Concert Choir Christmas Concert

Fri., Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church (1324 Main St.,
Columbia)

and

Sun., Dec. 6, 7:00 p.m.

Shandon United Methodist Church (3704
Devine St., Columbia)

USC's premier choir brings you music for
the holidays, an annual tradition. Free



Sunday, December 20, 2015

4:00 PM

(organ recital at 3:40 PM)

*Includes carols by Malcolm Archer, Peter Warlock, R. L. Pearsall,
Patrick Hadley, Eleanor Daley, Harold Darke, John Rutter,
and John Gardner*

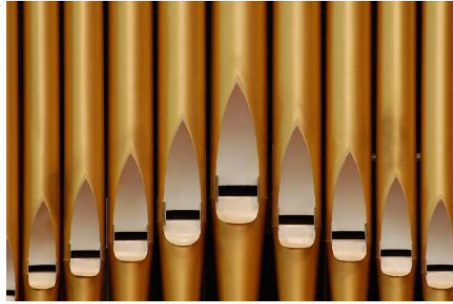
Central United Methodist Church

corner of Irby & Cheves Streets

Florence, SC

Reception to follow

Young Organist Competition 2016



sponsored by the
Greater Columbia AGO Chapter

Saturday, March 12, 2016
Columbia, S.C.

Open to grades 8–12

First Prize \$1,000

Second Prize \$500

Third Prize \$300

Hymn Playing Award \$250

Bach Playing Award \$250

For rules and application see
Young Organist Competition 2016
at www.columbiaago.org



December Birthdays

12/08 EARL BRYAN
12/09 CHAD MARTIN
12/11 LAURA STURGEON
12/20 JIM HEPLER
12/21 EDDIE HUSS
12/26 PATRICIA BLACKWELL
12/26 HUGER CAUGHMAN
12/27 ROBERT JONES
12/27 BILL JOHNS
12/28 RUTH LACKSTROM
12/30 GINNY HOLT



Please send information for January's newsletter to tonyroof@windstream.net by December 20.

Positions Available

**** NEW LISTING - OR CHANGES**

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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

AUGUSTA, GA

Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church; 2261 Walton Way; Augusta, GA 30904

Organist Search: Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church (PC-USA), an historic congregation in Augusta, Georgia with a long tradition of musical excellence in worship, invites applications for the part-time position of church organist. The organist plays for choral rehearsals and one traditional service of worship each Sunday. The church has a 3-manual, 65-rank Schantz organ in four divisions, and a 9' Hamburg Steinway piano in the sanctuary. The Ministry of Music currently consists of the Chancel Choir, Adult Handbells, Children's Choir, Steel-Drum Band, Woodwind Ensemble, High School Women's Ensemble, and Brass Ensemble. Recent presentation by the Chancel Choir have included Handel's Messiah and Poulenc's Gloria. Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in music required; advanced degree in organ or sacred music preferred. Minimum of three years' experience in service-playing, accompanying at the organ and piano, and hymn-playing required. Ability to sight-read accompaniments of moderate difficulty. Familiarity with traditional Reformed worship. Duties: Play for rehearsals of the Chancel Choir, possibly also Children's Choir. Direct/accompany the High School Women's Ensemble. Other duties as assigned or as match the successful candidate's skills and interests. The Church Organist has right of first refusal for weddings and funerals, and is compensated separately for each. Assist with production of John G. Schaeffer Memorial Organ Concert, a biennial event featuring organists of national/international reputation. Position reports to the Director of Music. Salary: Compensation is competitive, in accordance with AGO guidelines. (\$18,000-\$22,000) Deadline: Review of applications is under way, and will continue until the position is filled. To apply, send a letter of interest, a resume or CV, and a list of four professional references to: Organist Search-Music Ministry; Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church; 2261 Walton Way; Augusta, GA 30904. Do not send recordings at this time. For more information, contact Dr. Richard Cook, Director of Music: rcook@reidchurhaugusta.org.

BISHOPVILLE

Bishopville United Methodist Church, 115 W. Church St., Bishopville, SC 29010 has an immediate opening for a part-time Organist or Organist/Choir Director. Job requirements are Wednesday evening choir practice, Sunday pre-worship practice, worship service (11 a.m.), special services, and funeral services. Salary is commensurate with responsibilities of individual(s). The instrument is a 15 rank, 2 manual, 1978 Austin organ. Please direct all inquired to Don at 843-339-8611 or dgrant@mantissarow.com

CAYCE

State Street Baptist Church is seeking a part time Music Director/Worship Leader who will be responsible for leading the church's graded choir program including directing the adult choir and leading the worship service (blended). Please send resume to the Personnel Committee Attention Jay Zeigler, State Street Baptist Church; 1420 State Street; Cayce, SC 29033 or email to jay.zeigler@amcor.com

COLUMBIA

Ft. Jackson Chapel, Catholic Service, Main Post Chapel. Keyboardist/Organist for Catholic Service on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Contact Tharon Honeycutt, President, MSB Analytics, Inc., at his cellphone: 256-541-1593 or email him at: Tharon.honeycutt@msbainc.com.

Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 6904 Satchelford Road, 29206, is seeking a part-time Organist and Choir Director starting in August 2014. (Contact Susan Sturkie at sloopystur@aol.com or the church contact person for a complete job description.) Qualified applicants should email resume and letter of interest to Elizabeth Barrett at elbarrett@ymail.com or call 803-553-0362.

North Trenholm Baptist Church, 6515 N. Trenholm Rd., Columbia SC 29206 has an immediate opening for a part-time Organist. Job requirement is for Traditional Worship service, Sunday mornings only 8:00 AM- 10:00 AM, and perhaps a special service during the year. Salary is commensurate with responsibilities of individual. The instrument is a Baldwin Model B290-2 manual. Please contact Michael Cates, M.Div., michael@ntbc.org or 803- 518-4567.

Saint Peter's Catholic Church, 1529 Assembly Street, Columbia SC 29202 Historic, downtown, Roman Catholic parish with demonstrable support of musical excellence seeks one or two musician(s) with the following skill sets: Organist proficient in accompanying, service playing, and improvisation with a love of hymnody (*The English Hymnal, Worship III and Gather III, Flor y Canto*) **and** Liturgically adept choirmaster versed in the Church's vast treasury of choral literature (Chant Mass Ordinaries, choral Masses, anthems and cantata/oratorio excerpts by 15th - 21st century Euro-American composers in their original languages) with passion for recruiting and training boys/girls and adult amateur/professional choristers and cantors. The current Organist/Choirmaster creates and edits two or more weekly orders of worship and has assisted with other communication media related to the music ministry and parish life. Examples of repertoire available at <http://YouTube.com/visitstpeters> Music Ministry profile at <http://www.visitstpeters.org/sacred-music.html> Competitive salary/benefits in accordance with AGO/NPM standards. Submit résumés/queries to Choirmaster@visitstpeters.org No phone calls, please.

Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1000 Greenlawn Ave, Columbia SC 29209 is seeking a part time Choir Director/Organist. The director will be responsible for the following: (1) Plan and provide instrumental and choral music at the regularly scheduled worship services which include: Christmas Eve, Holy Week and during Vacation Bible School (as needed) and any other special services planned by Worship Committee and Session. (2) Recruiting, assisting and supervising the current Adult choir and Children's choir (as an accompaniment to seasonal services). This includes weekly rehearsals. (3) Participate in weekly meetings with Pastor; meet monthly with the Worship Committee as an ex officio member (or send choir rep). Coordinate with Pastor and/or Worship Committee the general planning and leadership of the Church's worship program. (4) Provide music for all wedding and funerals in the church, when requested. Please contact Pastor Robyn Garrison, office 803-776-2067, email robyn@trinitypresonline.com.

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

Cherokee Presbyterian Church, 3622 Augusta Highway, Gilbert, SC 29054 (803) 356-4289 Music Director. Please forward your resume to contact@cherokeepresbytrian.com Description: The church musician is responsible for planning and leading the music played and sung during worship services in accordance with the mission, vision and values of Cherokee Presbyterian Church. Director has experience and training in contemporary and traditional church worship music, directing a band, leading singers, providing leadership and management, and experience in creating a clear professional sound. (For complete job description, contact the church.)

LEXINGTON

Zion Lutheran Church, 226 Corley Mill Road, Lexington, SC 29072, Part Time Organist/Music Director. The position of Music Director is vital to the ministry of Zion Lutheran Church. The person filling this position should be of good character and ready to lead the music ministry of the congregation. Responsibilities include worship planning, leading vocal and handbell choirs for all ages, and playing the organ and piano for all worship services.

The successful applicant will have:

- At least a Bachelor's degree in music with proficiency in vocal production
- A working knowledge of Lutheran liturgies and the selection of music appropriate to liturgical seasons
- A cheerful attitude and strong work ethic

Position available immediately with competitive salary based on experience. The job description for this position is available @ <http://zionlexsc.com/news-2/news/>

Please forward resume with cover letter to ZionChurch@Zionlexsc.com – Attention: Mutual Ministry Team. No phone calls, please.

NEWBERRY

Newberry Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Organist and/or Choir Director

Contact is Marc Faulkenberry, (803) 351-0800, marcfaulkenberry@att.net.

www.newberryarp.org

ST. MATTHEWS

St. Paul U.M.C., 1808 Bridge Street, Saint Matthews, SC 29135. We have an opening for an organist and choir director beginning January 1st, or possibly sooner. Job requirements include a Sunday morning service at 11am, and an hour long choir practice at another time during the week (TBD), some additional services throughout the year (Christmas Eve, funerals,) may also be requested. The instrument is a 1934 Moeller Pipe Organ.

Please call (803) 874-2166 to speak to Pastor Sara Relaford (rev.relaford@gmail.com), or Parish Administrator, Rae Penn.

Church Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StPaulUMCSC?fref=ts>

Church Website: <http://www.stpaulsmumc.com/>

WINNSBORO

First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 59, Winnsboro, SC 29180. Minister of Music/Choir Director. The Director of Music is to assist the Pastor in planning and leading the worship service and to provide direction for the church music groups. The Director of Music will supervise the pianist and organist. Introduce a graded choir program-preschool through senior adults. Direct music groups as needed coordinating the music ministry with the entire church program emphasis. Arrange and provide music for all worship services, weddings, funerals and other activities as requested. Send resume to FBC, P.O. Box 59, Winnsboro, SC 29180, Att. Personnel Chairman. For more information and a complete job description, please contact Dale Connor at dalec@truvista.net.