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The Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts

South Carolina Chapter

2016 CHURCH MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR CHURCH MUSICIANS, WORSHIP LEADERS AND PASTORS

Seminars by Clinicians

The USC Chorus, Alicia Walker, Conductor*

Anthem Reading Sessions by Morningstar, Hinshaw, Augsburg Fortress with music packets Sessions in Organ and Handbells (Cathy Moklebust) and *Growing in Grace* (children's music curriculum) Shopping with Jeffers Handbells and Pecknel Music Company

Friday and Saturday, February 19 and 20 Shandon United Methodist Church

3407 Devine Street, Columbia

ORGAN SESSIONS INCLUDE:

Friday: Repertoire for Sunday mornings

Saturday: Wedding and Funeral Repertoire (2 sessions)

Registration and more information about costs - www.scfellowship.com

*The USC Chorus Concert will be on Friday evening, Feb. 19, at 7:00 p.m. and will include the Bach Cantata, "Jesu der du Meine Seele," BWV 78. The concert is open to the public and free of charge.

Cost: \$70/person for full registration & 2 meals; \$45/person for Friday-Saturday handbell participants (2 meals); \$35/person for Saturday only handbell participants (1 meal).

There is a \$10 late fee for registration postmarked after February 5, 2016.



Meet Columbia's Newest Organists

at the

MARCH LUNCHEON MEETING

Friday, March 4, 2016, 12:30 p.m.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

3909 Forest Dr., Columbia, SC 29204

Watch for more information.

Reservations requested by Tuesday, March 1 to sloopystur@aol.com.



2016 Nominations

The following have been chosen by the nomination committee to serve on the Executive Board of the Greater Columbia Chapter of AGO beginning July 2016.

Dean - Frances Webb (2 yrs.) Sub-Dean - Joy Ackerman (2 yrs.) Treasurer - Tony Roof (2 yrs.) Secretary - Margaret Davis Members-at-large:

Norman McCorkle (3 yrs.)

Karen Shevenell (2 yrs. to fill remaining years of Joy Ackerman's term as a Member-at-large)

(The remaining Member-at-large is David Lowry (1 year).

ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS may be made by petitions signed by at least five (5) members of the Chapter in good standing and submitted to the Secretary* within 14 days after the submission of the Nominating Committee report to the members in the Newsletter.

*Please send any additional nominations to Karen Shevenell, 9 Bradstone Circle, Irmo SC 29063 or shevenellk@outlook.com.

Election will be by simple majority of eligible voting members only. If you are a Voting Member, you will receive a ballot by email.





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



On Jan. 4, the Greater Columbia Chapter met for a Twelfth Night dinner at a local restaurant. Chapter member Greg Stone was recognized for completing the AGO Service Playing Examination in October. In December, he received notification from the national office that he passed the examination handily and that he will receive an engraved certificate in the near future. Congratulations, Greg! After a delicious meal, AGO members and guests exchanged humorous stories from their experiences as church organists.

Outstanding!

On Saturday, January 23, David Stultz presented an outstanding recital at Trinity Cathedral. David was the winner of the 2015 Young Organist Competition held last March in Columbia. He garnered both the first place prize and the hymn-playing award and, in addition to the monetary prizes, he was invited back to perform a full-length recital. His program included three works by Bach, the *Pièce Héroïque* of Franck, and works by Mendelssohn, Frank Bridge, Paul Manz, and Nancy Faxon. A 17-year old student of Jason Duroy in Chattanooga, TN, David will be entering the organ competition in Winston-Salem, NC, this year. He is now another of the prestigious "alums" of the Young Organist Competition.

This year's competition will be held at Trinity Cathedral on **Saturday, March 12** at 10:00 a.m. It's not too late to contribute to this most worthy project of the AGO chapter. We still need funds for this year's competition. Please send any donations to Frances Webb at 92 Currant Lane, Columbia SC 29210.





WINTHROP UNIVERSITY PRESENTS

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Rock Hill, South Carolina

Department of Music 803/323-2255 rogersd@winthrop.edu

Recital

DON GRICE, ORGANIST

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

103 Campus Drive Hartsville SC 29550

Monday, February 22, 2016 7:30 p.m.

In collaboration with St. Barthlomew's Episcopal Church organ restoration campaign, Don Grice will present a recital on one of the finest organs in the Pee Dee at *St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church* (Casavant Frères Ltée., Opus 3659, 1988). Since 2013, Dr. Grice has been Director of Music and Senior Organist at Central United Methodist Church in Florence.

The concert is free to all public school and college students with a valid ID. Adult tickets are \$25 at the door of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Campus Drive, Hartsville. This concert is presented as part of the Hartsville-Coker Concert Association 2015-2016 Season.



Organist Don Grice has performed in Canada, the United States, and Great Britain, and has been heard in regional and national broadcasts of CBC Radio. His various solo and collaborative roles include a recital on the 1800 David Tannenberg organ in Old Salem, North Carolina; the University of Arizona's Mildred Flood Mahoney Memorial Organ Recital; a recital at the national convention of the Royal Canadian College of Organists; and concert work with the Arizona Choir, Winnipeg Bach Festival, the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra's New Music Festival, and the Winnipeg Singers with whom he recorded the CD *O Praise Ye the Lord*. He holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Arizona and a Master of Sacred Music degree in Organ Performance from Emory University in Atlanta. He also holds a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of British Columbia. Dr. Grice is an Associate of the Royal Canadian College of Organists and a member of the Greater Columbia AGO (American Guild of Organists) Chapter.

Recital MATTHEW GANONG

J.S. Bach's 'The Art of Fugue' Thursday, February 18th, at 7 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church 3512 Devine Street Columbia, SC 29205

The concert is free and open to the public.

SIMPSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Moundsville, West Virginia

The decision to select a new organ for Simpson United Methodist Church was nearly a year long process. We considered several avenues including rebuilding our current Schantz Pipe Organ and looking at options for going completely digital. After playing a Rodgers Artist Series 579, I was more



than pleased with the tonal flexibility of the instrument. The samples for all of the pipe organ stops available are remarkable, as well as the orchestral sounds. I am extremely happy to be playing the Rodgers 4589 Artist Series; it has greatly enhanced our worship since its installation, and the ease of operation of the instrument has made practicing a joy. The congregation, choir, pastor, and I are all very pleased and excited to have this wonderful instrument in our worship space. Many thanks to the R. A. Daffer Church Organs, Inc., Rodgers Organs and Al Murrell for their assistance in choosing the right instrument for our worship needs.

Sincerely,

David Scherrick
Director of Music & Organist
Simpson United Methodist Church



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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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February Birthdays

2/02 Ed Brown

2/08 Joyce Farrow

2/10 Frank Ballard

2/11 Janet Schmidt

2/11 Karen Shevenell

2/15 Don Alcorn

2/21 David Lowry

2/22 Chuck Wilson

2/26 Jim Johnson

Please send information for March's newsletter to tonyroof@windstream.net by February 20.



Juilliard in Aiken presents **Organist Paul Jacobs** Sacred Heart Cultural Center 1301 Greene Street Augusta GA 30901 Sunday, March 6, 2016 4:00 p.m. Tickets \$30

Students \$10

Available online or contact the Sacred Heart Cultural Center at 706-826-4700.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

** NEW LISTING - OR CHANGES

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

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. Pease 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

Ascension Lutheran Church, 827 Wildwood Ave, Columbia, SC 29203 is searching for a part-time Parish Musician comfortable playing a range of styles. The congregation welcomes creativity, flexibility, and diversity. Instruments are a small 3 manual Moller with antiphonal division and piano in the nave. Job requirements are Sunday worship service (11 a.m.), seasonal and special services, and funeral services. Presently no choir but could be developed and a 3 Octave set of hand bells is available. Please send resume to address listed above or email to ascension.office827@gmail.com. Call 803-786-6429 for more information.

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.

**Living Springs Lutheran Church, 4224 Hardscrabble Road, Columbia, SC 29223. Music & Worship Staff Position. Living Springs Lutheran Church is seeking to share the Spirit's call with a leader of deep passion, energy, and vision for the ever-evolving music & worship ministry of Christ's church. Within the context of our liturgical roots and framework of Word & Sacrament worship, this staff member will partner with the Worship Team to: 1) lead and further develop our two traditional adult choirs; 2) help expand our worship experiences to include a variety of traditional, blended, and contemporary musical styles; 3) develop creative musical ministries for engaging, fostering, and incorporating various singing/instrumental abilities of all ages; and, 4) join with fellow disciples in pursuing the Spirit's callings to live out God's missional vision for Living Springs in the fast-growing area of NE Columbia. Full-time or part-time status with commensurate salary to be determined - based on qualifications, experience, and extent of call/contract. Send resume and letter of interest to music@livingspringscolumbia.org.

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.

Park Street Baptist Church, 2204 Park Street, is seeking an Organist/Choir Accompanist. Sunday morning service with Wednesday night choir rehearsal. 3 manual Allen Renaissance digital and pipe combination organ with 9 ranks of Möller pipes. Yamaha C7 Grand. Salary negotiable. Contact Wendi Humphries, Minister of Music at 603-4787 for more information.

Riverland Hills Baptist Church, 201 Lake Murray Blvd (Irmo), 29063 is seeking a part-time organist. RHBC is a 5000+ member church with an excellent music tradition. Duties would be Sunday morning and Wednesday nights plus a few seasonal Church Year special services. Some availability for funerals/weddings is expected, but there is no set requirement. Our 29 rank, 3 manual Gress-Miles all-pipe organ is used regularly in our two Sunday morning services alongside our piano/choir/orchestra. It also assists with and is often featured in seasonal and special concerts/worship throughout the year. It has over 1800 pipes and 50 stops.

Applicant should have great experience and creativity in service playing as well as strong technique and knowledge of literature for solo organ performance opportunities.

Above all, we seek someone who sees their playing as ministry and as gift back to God-someone who desires to be part of team of very capable musicians. For a inquiry or for a complete job description, or to send resumes & references, contact Bobbie Kelley. bobbie@riverlandhills.org 803.772.3227

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 exofficio 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.

DANIEL ISLAND

Saint Clare of Assisi Catholic Church, 885 Island Park Drive, Suite A, Daniel Island, SC 29492. Director of Music & Liturgy

Chief Responsibilities

- Helps create and sustain full, active and joyful congregational participation to promote beautiful liturgies
- With the Pastor and the Liturgy Team, plans and directs music and seasonal liturgical offerings
- Plays weekend Masses (three), holy days, funerals, weddings and other liturgies as needed
- Plays the organ and/or piano and directs other instruments
- Builds, trains, directs and inspires parish choirs (adult, youth, schola)
- · Develops and oversees contemporary ensemble
- Trains and supervises cantors
- Collaborates with liturgical ministry coordinators
- Coordinates the care and repair of all parish instruments
- Has knowledge of electronics and sound systems
- Plans and monitors annual music and liturgy budget
- Performs administrative functions and collaborates with parish staff

Qualifications

· Dependable, dedicated, energetic, flexible and

creative with a sense of humor

- Motivated to grow the music program into one respected throughout metro area and beyond
- Minimum of a Bachelor's degree in music, liturgy or related field or commensurate experience in parish music and liturgical ministry
- Strong proficiency in playing the organ and the piano; vocal skills a bonus
- Thorough understanding of Catholic liturgical norms and customs
- Strong organizational and communication skills especially through use of software and social media
- Effective collaboration with clergy, musicians, staff and congregation

Other

- 550-seat Auditorium equipped with Allen Chapel Series CF8a two manual organ and upright piano
- Salary commensurate with qualifications and competitive with market standards based on NPM quidelines
- Funerals and weddings paid in addition to salary
- Benefits include medical/dental and retirement plans participation
- Continuing education opportunities available

About the Employer

We are the newest parish in the U.S., established Easter Sunday 2014, on Daniel Island in beautiful, historic and growing Charleston, ranked one of the world's top cultural and tourist destinations. We are a family of 600 households so far, mostly of working professionals with children who have migrated to Charleston from throughout the country. Presently we worship in the 550-seat auditorium of Bishop England High School. A capital campaign to build a church will begin in early 2016 with the goal of completing construction in 2021. Visit us at saintclareofassisi.com. See our community at danielisland.com.

Send applications or inquiries to: gwest@saintclareofassisi.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.)

IRMO

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, in Irmo SC is seeking a part-time Director of Music / Organist. Bethlehem currently has a single traditional worship service on Sunday mornings beginning at 10:30. The Director will be expected to rehearse and direct the chancel choir and bell choir, and

coordinate with the pastor on worship music. The salary for the separate or combined positions will be negotiated commensurate with the level of education and experience of the applicant. The position will be available beginning in January, 2015. Send resumes and contact information to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 10,000 Broad River Rd., Irmo, SC 29063, or e-mail address bethluch@bellsouth.net.

LANCASTER

First Presbyterian Church, 700 North Main Street, Lancaster, SC 29720, has an opening for a part-time Director of Music/Organist effective January 1, 2016. Responsibilities include worship planning, leading vocal and handbell choirs, playing the organ/piano for one regularly scheduled worship service per week and any additional special services, funerals, and weddings as planned by the Pastor and Worship Committee. This includes weekly rehearsals, weekly meetings with the Pastor, and meeting monthly with the Worship Committee. The instrument is a 2-manual, 31-rank 1982 Austin Opus 2681. Please send resume with references to Mary Rose Simpson, First Presbyterian Church, PO Box 990, Lancaster, SC 29721, or email to search@fpc-lancaster.org. 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