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## AGO Organ Crawl

**JANUARY 19-20, 2007**  
**ROCK HILL AND CHARLOTTE**

This is an *overnight* trip. Rock Hill, from Columbia's exit 18 (SC 277 at I-77) is just less than one hour away to Dave Lyle Boulevard exit 79. We'll make reservations at one of several motels and have dinner at a nearby very nice restaurant.

We will be carpooling from Columbia on Friday evening. Please contact Tony Roof if you wish to participate.

IF YOU CANNOT MAKE THE FRIDAY EVENING IN ROCK HILL, plan to leave Columbia at about 6:45AM from the SC 277/I-77 area ( judge timing from wherever you live) and travel straight to Covenant Presbyterian Church in Charlotte.

TONY ROOF IS HAPPY TO DEAL WITH MOTEL RESERVATIONS for Friday evening. Please contact him by Wednesday, January 10.

If needed, request travel directions from David Lowry  
[DavidL1205@aol.com](mailto:DavidL1205@aol.com)

For exact itinerary, see page 2.

## JANUARY 19-20 ROCK HILL AND CHARLOTTE ITINERARY

### FRIDAY EVENING

Suggested leaving time from Columbia is 6:00PM. Check in, eat about 7:30 and by 8:45 go to the Winthrop University campus to James F. Byrnes Auditorium where we have run of the hall for the night!

The organ is Æolian-Skinner Op. 1257, installed in 1955, finished and signed by G. Donald Harrison. This is *not* a rebuild of a previous organ—it is entirely Harrison's concept of an American Classic organ, without compromise. And it stands as one of the very last left in the USA. It will soon be removed for more than a year to be restored and for the auditorium to receive new electric lights, paint, and other adjustments. Everyone will have the opportunity to roam the hall, play the instrument.

David Lowry was hired as organ professor in 1965 when the organ was just 10 years old, and has been in charge of its safekeeping ever since. See a short history and specification at this web site.

<http://winthrop.edu/organcampaign/about.htm>

### SATURDAY

Leave Rock Hill shortly after 7:30AM for the short ride into Charlotte (a lot easier on Saturday than it is M-F!) to be in Covenant Presbyterian Church at 8:30 to inspect the rebuild of Æolian-Skinner Op. 1196, 1949, originally a G. Donald Harrison but considerably altered. The most recent work was done in 2004, with an improved acoustic in the church. In the Gallery is a 1975 two-manual mechanical action Schlicker, playable from its mechanical console or from the main organ. On the following web page, see complete specification by clicking the .pdf at "Specification of Sanctuary Organs"

[http://www.covenantpresby.org/worship\\_music/organ.htm](http://www.covenantpresby.org/worship_music/organ.htm)

Travel a few short blocks to Christ Church Episcopal on Providence Road at 9:45AM leads us to a smaller space with a fine acoustic for the three manual Gabriel Kney Organ, 1980. Sorry, no web site specification available. Dr. Michael Grant, assistant organist and music director, will meet us and demonstrate the instrument.

<http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/www/docs/110.99>

A journey out to the Matthews/Pineville area gets us to Calvary Church with its 6,000 seats and the 14<sup>th</sup> largest organ in the world, one of the last by M. P. Möller. John Cleveland will meet us at 11:15 for a demonstration and exploration of the organ.

<http://www.calvarychurch.com/site/nav.cfm?cat=18&subcat=150&subsub=44>

At 12:45 we depart for a quick lunch in the vicinity and back to uptown Charlotte area to visit the brand new Friendship Missionary Baptist Church at 2:00PM where Ruffatti has just installed their latest organ, with preparations for many more stops. Monty Bennett, principal organist of the church, will greet us and demonstrate the organ.

[http://www.ruffatti.com/html/charlotte\\_update.htm](http://www.ruffatti.com/html/charlotte_update.htm)

I-77 interchange is close by, and getting on the road at 3:30 will have you back in Columbia at Exit 18 about 5:00PM.

Deadline for information to be included in *The Greater Columbia Organist* is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Distribution normally occurs around the first of the month.

## **POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

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

### **BISHOPVILLE**

***Bishopville Presbyterian Church***, Organist, 150 members. 1919 Pilcher. Contact Leon E. Hunt at [leon.hunt@caresouth-carolina.com](mailto:leon.hunt@caresouth-carolina.com)

### **COLUMBIA**

***Christ the King Lutheran Church***, 7239 Patterson Road, 29209, PO Box 9161, Columbia, 29290-9161, 803/776-3050. Parish musician; Weekly Eucharist at 10:45 Sunday and seasonal services. Blended style of worship using three hymnals, piano and organ. Organ is an 1861 E and G G Hook tracker, one manual. Knowledge of liturgical style of worship helpful. Please call Pastor Karen Hawkins at 803/776-3050 or send a resume to the mailing address above.

***Crescent Hill Baptist Church***, 2659 Two Notch Rd., 29204. Organist & Full time Music Director and Worship Leader with other responsibilities (2 people). Services Sun. a.m. & p.m. 1 Choir Practice. Contact Rev. Ron Bryan at 254-5549.

***Holy Trinity Lutheran Church***, 2200 Lee St. 29205 (Five Points) – Organist/Choir Director, 10:30 a.m. Sunday service, 1 rehearsal. Call 799-7224.

***Saint Peter's Catholic Church***, 1529 Assembly Street, Apprentice in Sacred Music Historic Saint Peter's Catholic Church, established in 1821, seeks a talented and motivated student with a passion for musical excellence and the desire to learn organ, choral, and administrative skills in a multicultural, urban parish setting. The goal is to assist in the artistic and pastoral formation of young musicians for ministry in music.

The successful candidate will support our music ministry via musical and administrative participation in the Gallery Choir, and assisting in an active concert series and learning solo organ repertoire, accompaniments, hymns, and improvisation in various styles. Honoraria is provided for substituting for weekend Masses, weddings, and funerals.

III/36 Peragallo pipe in a magnificent acoustic, both a part of a critically acclaimed restoration in 2002. See choral rep listings and organ specs at <http://www.visitstpeters.org/music.htm>; Send letter of inquiry to Mark Husey at [Liturgy@visitstpeters.org](mailto:Liturgy@visitstpeters.org)

## CONWAY

**St. James Catholic Church**, 1071 Academy Drive, Conway, SC 29526. Director of Music and Liturgy. Proficient in keyboard and choral directing. The candidate should have a good command of Catholic liturgy and be enthusiastic about both traditional and current trends in liturgical music. Knowledge of Spanish language a plus. Call Father Rick or Joan Cato at (843) 347-5168.

## HARTSVILLE

**St. Luke United Methodist Church**, Full-time Minister of Music. The successful candidate should be trained in leading the entire music program of the church, including adult and children's choirs. Please send resumes to: Search Committee, St. Luke UMC, 310 Dunlap Drive, Hartsville, SC 29550. 843-383-5169, [Stlukehart@aol.com](mailto:Stlukehart@aol.com)

## ISLE OF PALMS

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church**, Parish Musician. One Sunday service, plus Lent, Advent, Christmas, and Blessing of the Animals. Direction of choir, assistant with building music program. Please send letter and resume to Pr. Mefferd, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, PO Box 81, Isle of Palms, SC 29451. 843-886-8557 or 843-696-8612. [stmarkslop@bellsouth.net](mailto:stmarkslop@bellsouth.net)

## LANCASTER

**First United Methodist Church**, P.O. Box 608, Lancaster, 29721. Organist/Choir Director. Full-time position. Competitive salary including health benefits. Please send resume to PO Box 608, Lancaster, SC 29721. 803-283-8406.

## LEESVILLE

**First Baptist Church**, Minister of Music/Worship. Part-time. Send resume to: First Baptist Church Leesville, Box 3420, Batesburg-Leesville, SC 29070 or fax resume to: [BJGWM@aol.com](mailto:BJGWM@aol.com)

## LEXINGTON

**Lexington United Methodist Church**, Organist. Two Sunday morning services, Wed. practice, Advent, Lent. Traditional/Classical style. Contact Dr. Jerry Gatch, Choir Director, Day 359-0021, Night 951-9153 or [jgatch@lexington1.net](mailto:jgatch@lexington1.net)

**St. John Lutheran Church**, 213 St. Johns Church Road, Lexington, 29072  
Organist/Choir Director 10:30 a.m. Sunday service and weekly adult choir rehearsal. Allen organ. Salary negotiable. Leave message at church office (803-957-5402) or send resume to St John's Lutheran Church, Attn: Worship & Music Committee, (or Email: [stjohnlex@aol.com](mailto:stjohnlex@aol.com)).

### **LUGOFF**

***St. John's United Methodist Church***, Organist. 2 Sunday morning services. Apply in writing to St. John's UMC, attn: Mrs. Lea Ann O'Quinn, P.O. Box 218, Lugoff, SC 29078 or call the church office at 438-1335.

### **MOORE**

***Joy Lutheran Church*** seeks full-time worship accompanist and music director. Blend of traditional and contemporary music. Leads choir, handchimes, children's groups, and ensembles. Salary DOE. Paid vacation, pension, and medical benefits. Send cover letter and resume to: Search Committee, JLC; 3980 Moore-Duncan Hwy., Moore, SC 29369 (Fax: 864-486-1038)

### **ORANGEBURG**

***Orangeburg Lutheran Church***, P.O. Box 488, Orangeburg, SC 29116. Choir director. Part-time position includes working with adult choir, adult handbell choir, and children's choir. One Sunday service plus special services. Please send resume with cover letter to church or call Pastor Thompson at 803-534-1192.

***The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer***, Orangeburg, SC seeking the services of an Organist/Choir Director. Part-time position. To direct Adult & Children's choirs and to play organ for Sunday service. Competitive salary. To start as soon as January 2007. Call: (803) 534-3794 The Rev. Dr. Frank E. Larisey

### **SPARTANBURG**

***St. John Lutheran Church***, Spartanburg has an opening for a part time contemporary worship leader with experience blending keyboard, guitar, bass, violin and flute. The congregation is also looking for a part time director of youth & children's ministry, with a degree or experience. These two positions may be combined into one full time position. Please send resume to St. John Lutheran Church, 415 S. Pine St., Spartanburg, SC 29302.

### **SUMTER**

***Aldersgate United Methodist Church***, 211 Alice Dr., Sumter SC 29150, is seeking a part-time organist to serve as accompanist for choirs and instrumental music for all worship services and rehearsals as necessary. Send resume to church. For more information: [aldersgate@ftc-i.net](mailto:aldersgate@ftc-i.net) , 803-775-1602 or 803-775-9309.

[www.AGOcolumbia.org](http://www.AGOcolumbia.org)