

# The Greater

# Columbia Organist



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## January Meeting

### Meet Columbia's New Organists!

The January meeting will take place at Union United Methodist Church. The program will feature four organists who are relatively new to the Columbia area. One organist holds dual membership in Columbia and Charlotte AGO Chapters and one holds dual membership in Columbia and Spartanburg Chapters.

Located in Irmo, Union Methodist has a 46 rank Zimmer pipe organ which will be featured on this program. Performers include Monty Bennett, music director at Temple Israel in Charlotte NC; Huger P. Caughman, Jr., organist at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Newberry; Eddie Huss, music director at Shandon Methodist Church; and Matthew McCall, organist/choirmaster at Mt. Herman Lutheran Church in West Columbia. Joey Rothfuss, organist at Union Methodist, will be co-hosting the program with Columbia AGO.

Prior to the program, a catered dinner will be offered at the church. **You must make reservations for this meal. Please let Susan Sturkie ([sloopystur@aol.com](mailto:sloopystur@aol.com) or 788-6807) know by January 20 if you will be having dinner with us.** The \$10 fee for dinner should be paid at the door.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2013  
UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
7582 WOODROW STREET  
IRMO SC 29063**

**6:00 P.M. MEAL DOWNSTAIRS (You can enter from parking lot in back.)  
7:00 P.M. PROGRAM IN SANCTUARY**

Directions to the church: From I-26 W, take Exit 102B (Lake Murray Blvd). Just before the railroad tracks, turn right on Woodrow Street. The church is just beyond the stoplight, across from Lizard's Thicket.



# Registration has now begun for the 2013 Regional!



**SAVE BY REGISTERING EARLY**  
*Special rate for members of Greater Columbia AGO  
registering before **January 15, 2013.***

[www.regional2013.org](http://www.regional2013.org)

Regular Early (Prior to April 1, 2013)	\$290.00
Regular	\$335.00
Student Early (full-time, with valid school ID presented at registration) (Prior to April 1, 2013)	\$100.00
Student (full-time, with valid school ID presented at registration)	\$145.00
Special Early (65 and over, under 21, or disabled)(Prior to April 1, 2013)	\$275.00
Special (65 and over, under 21, or disabled)	\$310.00
<b>Member of Greater Columbia Chapter Early (Prior to January 15, 2013)</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
Member of Greater Columbia Chapter	\$290.00
Non AGO Member Early (Prior to April 1, 2013)	\$350.00
Non AGO Member	\$395.00
Daily Rate	\$150.00

## Directory Changes

Please make the following changes/additions in your 2012-13 Directory. Send any other changes to Susan Sturkie at [sloopystur@aol.com](mailto:sloopystur@aol.com).

**Carolyn Swallow** - new email address - [cjswallow724@gmail.com](mailto:cjswallow724@gmail.com)

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**Substitute List (Not available on Sunday Morning)**

**Sara Beardsley**  
H: 772-9988  
Weddings & Funerals

# *AGO Programs for 2012 - 2013*

- Saturday, Sept. 8**  
**7:00 p.m.**      **Mark Husey in Recital, celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Peragallo Organ at St. Peter's Catholic Church**
- Tuesday, Oct. 16**  
**7:00 p.m.**      **Movie Night at St. Martin's in the Fields Episcopal  
Viewing a DVD of Gerre Hancock**
- Saturday, Nov. 17**  
**10:00 a.m.**      **Weekend for High School Organists  
Master Class with Dr. Jared Johnson  
USC Music Recital Hall**
- Saturday, Nov.17**  
**4:00 p.m.**      **2012 Young Organist Competition winner  
Carolyn Craig in Recital  
Shandon United Methodist Church**
- January 22**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**7:00 p.m.**      **New Members Recital  
Catered dinner by reservation  
Performers: Monty Bennett, Huger Caughman,  
Eddie Huss, Matt McCall  
Union United Methodist Church  
7582 Woodrow Street  
Irmo SC 29063**
- Saturday, Feb. 16**  
**10:00 a.m.**      **Young Organist Competition  
Shandon United Methodist Church  
3407 Devine Street  
Columbia SC 29209**
- March 16**  
**3:30 p.m.**      **Organ Crawl to Newberry  
sponsored jointly with the Spartanburg Chapter**
- April 16**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**7:00 p.m.**      **Royal School of Church Music Chorister Program  
"meet and greet and snack"  
Alan Reed, guest clinician from Charlotte NC  
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church  
1512 Blanding Street  
Columbia SC 29201**
- May 18**      **Ice Cream Social! Final planning meeting for Regional with volunteers and ALL chapter members**

# The Goal is in Sight!

In December, we received two handsome donations from the St. Petersburg, FL Chapter and from the Spartanburg, SC Chapter bringing our total for the 2013 Regional Convention to \$ **12,916.00!** We need \$**3684.00** to meet the goal of \$16,600.00. As wonderful as these out-of-town gifts are, it reflects poorly on our chapter that only 20% of our membership has given. As the new year begins, let's make a concerted effort to complete this campaign and assure us of the necessary funds to produce a first-rate convention.

As dedicated members of the organ profession, we need to constantly refresh and grow as musicians. The convention is an ideal time of concentrated exposure to great organ music and related topics. I hope that your commitment to the work and mission of the AGO ranks high on your list of giving priorities this year and always. As you enjoy the four days of the convention, you can feel good about supporting this endeavor with your presence and with your financial support.

Will you join those who have already given generously and include the **2013 AGO Regional Convention** in your list of charitable giving priorities? If you have already given, I thank you. Gifts in all amounts are needed and welcomed; no gift is too small! All contributions to the AGO are 100% tax deductible to the fullest extent provided by law.



Send your contributions to the following address and I thank you in advance:

Frances M. Webb  
92 Currant Lane  
Columbia SC 29210-3521

## January Birthdays

1/12 Bill Bates  
1/19 Matthew McCall  
1/20 Janet Marks  
1/22 Jeff Maddox  
1/22 Donald Cockrell  
1/24 Cody Jones  
1/26 Mary Beth Shelley  
1/28 Timothy Smith  
1/29 Timothy Wert



# Young Organist Competition 2013

## Young Organist Competition 2013

During the month of January, applicants for the Young Organist Competition will be submitting CDs with the required repertoire. A committee of AGO members will select the top three performers who will compete for the judges in the final round to be held at **Shandon United Methodist Church on Saturday, February 16, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.**

**First Prize \$ 1000 and recital opportunity next fall**

**Second Prize \$ 500**

**Third Prize \$ 300**

**Hymn Playing Award \$ 250**

Judges for this year's final round of the Young Organist Competition are as follows:

**Dr. Monica Harper - Savannah GA**

**Dr. Patrick Pope - Charlotte NC**

**Dr. David Lowry - Columbia SC**

The cost of running the competition is \$2050 (the four monetary prizes which are offered) and this amount is covered **entirely by donations**. We were fortunate to have a healthy balance from last year and we have had eight donations this year, one of them in memory of Dr. Sally Cherrington Beggs. In addition, David Hall from Virginia has once again pledged to fund the hymn-playing award.

We still need at least **\$350** to ensure that the competition fund will be "in the black" for this year. Time is running short. If you haven't yet contributed, please consider making a memorial gift or honoring an organist of your choice. Please do your part in helping to continue this most valuable program sponsored by Columbia AGO. I am personally counting on every AGO member to do your part in making this event happen. Donations may be directed as follows:

**Frances M. Webb**

**Chair, Young Organist Competition**

**92 Currant Lane**

**Columbia SC 29210-3521**

## Upcoming Events

**FREE EVENT: "Walking In The Past Lane"** lecture series in local history at the Richland Library on January 3, 2012, 6-7:30 PM. *Chamber Music and Musicians in Colonial South Carolina* by Timothy Hein, Artistic Director of Columbia Baroque Soloists. Follow this link for more information:

<http://www.richlandlibrary.com/events/walking-past-lane-0>

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



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

## **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.

### **ASHEVILLE, NC**

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church**, Part-Time Director Of Music/Organist (25-30 hrs./week) for active, growing urban congregation. Two liturgical Sunday services, chancel & handbell choirs and possible children's choir. Medical and retirement benefits negotiable. Duties include worship planning, selecting hymns, seasonal mid-week services, arranging for guest musicians on festive occasions & providing musical support for church activities as necessary. Prefer someone with liturgical background. Organ is a 27 rank Martin Ott tracker built in 1997. Hope to fill position soon. Send resumes to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, PO Box 8608, Asheville, NC 28814 or by email to [StMarksLutheran@bellsouth.net](mailto:StMarksLutheran@bellsouth.net).

### **BLYTHEWOOD**

**Breath of Life Lutheran Church**, PO Box 565, Blythewood, 29016. Keyboardist. Sunday worship & special services. Wednesday rehearsal. 8-10 hours per week. Music of various styles. Send resumes to the church address or [breathoflifelutheran@yahoo.com](mailto:breathoflifelutheran@yahoo.com).

### **FLORENCE**

**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](mailto:twilliams@stjohnsflorence.org); website: [www.stjohnsflorence.org](http://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.

### **SANDY RUN**

**Beulah United Methodist Church**, 1577 Old State Rd, Sandy Run, SC. Pianist / Choir Director, Part-time. One Sunday Worship @ 10:30 a.m., Wednesday night choir practice 7:00 p.m., occasional choral events, funerals and weddings. For more information contact Glen Mack, Chairperson, Pastor Staff Parish Relations Committee - (803) 707-1598. [pambmack@yahoo.com](mailto:pambmack@yahoo.com)

### **SUMMERTON**

**\*\*St. Matthias Episcopal Church**. Responsibilities include one weekly Sunday morning service at 10:30 am for this 65-family church, as well as one service each on Christmas Eve and Easter morning. Looking for someone with solid organ skills (classical and some Maranatha "Praise" music) and dedication to music ministry. Availability for funerals, weddings, or special services not required, but welcomed. Small choir joins congregation singing unison hymns, primarily from 1940 hymnal. No formal choir rehearsals are regularly required; however, there will be occasional pre- or post-service rehearsals for special holiday music or music featuring flute, violin, or vocal soloist(s). 2 manual 14 rank pipe organ, c. 1890, A.B. Feglemaker Co. Salary commensurate with experience. To arrange an interview/audition, please send resume and references to St. Matthias Episcopal Church, 9 N. Dukes St., Summerton, SC 29148, attn: Pamela Gardiner (preferable) or email the parish office at [churchoffice@ftc-i.net](mailto:churchoffice@ftc-i.net).

### **SURFSIDE BEACH**

**Trinity Presbyterian Church** in Surfside Beach, SC seeks a part-time Music Director/Choir Director/Organist, at the end of May: may be single or split position depending upon skills, interest and salary. Two Sunday services at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM (switches to one 9:30 AM summer service), one weekly choir practice (Wednesday). Digital organ/grand piano Applicants should contact Pastor Preston Shealy at Trinity Presbyterian Church, PO Box 14758, Surfside Beach, SC 29587 or [churchoffice@trinitypresbychurch.com](mailto:churchoffice@trinitypresbychurch.com)