

The Greater

Columbia Organist

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HELP NEEDED: Matching Funds for Donations to Regional --Time is Running Out--

2013 sounds like a lifetime away, but it will be here before you know it. The Greater Columbia AGO is hosting the 2013 Regional AGO Convention next July. For an event of this magnitude, planning begins two years in advance. The Steering Committee is now meeting monthly, contracts for commissioned works and for concert artists are being signed, venues are being secured, and lodging and transportation are being arranged. Many of these ventures require **immediate** payment.

As you know, this venture is projected to cost more than \$66,000. Response to the membership-wide letter in January has been lukewarm at best. An AGO donor has offered to **match dollar for dollar the total of donations up to \$3000 made before June 2012**. This is an opportunity not to be missed. Your donation will be doubled if you contribute before June 1.

Please send your donations to the following address as soon as possible.

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

AGO Region IV Convention July 3-6, 2013

July 3, 2013	Stefan Engels
July 4, 2013	Dongho Lee
July 4, 2013	Ray and Elizabeth Chenault
July 5, 2013	Charles Tompkins
July 6, 2013	Janette Fishell



Upcoming Events

William H. Bates

Organ Recital

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
Sunday, May 6, 5:00

Works by Lidon, Franck, and Bates

Mark Hayes **Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church** **May 18 and May 20, 2012.**

The Lexington County Choral Society in conjunction with the Music and Creative Arts ministry of Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church presents Mark Hayes. Mark will perform with the Lexington County Choral Society on Friday night May 18 at 7:30 PM.

Tickets are available at: www.LexCoChoralSoc.org

On Sunday morning, May 20 at 8:30 and 11:00 services Mark Hayes will be sharing his music with those attending worship at Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church.

For more information about this special artist visit his website at:
<http://www.markhayes.com/aboutmark.cfm>

The Tour Choir of *Concordia College - New York*

In Concert
May 15, 2012
7:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
1715 Bull Street, Columbia, SC

Young Sandlapper Singers Concert

May 18, 7:00 PM

Church of the Good Shepherd

1512 Blanding Street

Columbia, SC



Young Sandlapper Singers, a 32-voice ensemble of children from throughout the midlands in grades 3rd through 8th will present their spring concert on May 18 at 7 PM. Included in the program, "What a Wonderful World," are *Colors of the Wind*, *Earth Song*, *Native American Songs* with solos by Alexander Brooks, Jameram Green, Katie Matsui, Juliana Colon, Ebony Christie and many others. The program is at Church of the Good Shepherd, 1512 Blanding Street. For more information call their director, Karen Harmon at 422-3710. Free admission and a reception follows. Sandlapper Singers and Young Sandlapper Singers will sponsor a singing summer camp June 18-22. More information www.sandlappersingers.org

Sunday, May 20, 2012

7:00 p.m.

MT. TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH



Mt. Tabor
Lutheran Church

1000 B Avenue
West Columbia,
SC 29169
(803) 796-5948

The concert is
free and open to
the public.

Naomi Causby, Piano

Saint Peter's Catholic Church

Faithfully ministering to the Carolina Midlands since 1821

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Saturday 19 May 5:30 PM – Mass for the Solemnity of the Ascension

L. Vierne: Messe Solennelle in C# minor

Chancel Choir of Decatur Presbyterian Church (Atlanta): Matt McMahan, Organist & Choirmaster

And at 6:30 PM Ch. M. Widor: Symphonie VI in G minor

All are welcome to worship and the recital that follows: Admission is free.

Friday 25 May 7 PM – Tickets available at the door

New Trinity Baroque

Their Fifth Annual program at Saint Peter's – an exclusive Pre-Spoleto Performance



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Trinity Cathedral

ASCENSION DAY

Thursday, May 17 at 5:40 p.m.

L'Ascension by Olivier Messiaen – Jared Johnson, *organ*
followed by Holy Eucharist at 6:00 p.m.

CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday afternoons at 4:00 p.m.

(The final Evensong for the spring will be May 20; Evensong will resume in September)

followed by Cathedral Artist Series concerts at 5:00 p.m.

May 6 William Bates (Professor of Organ *Emeritus*, USC-Columbia), *organ*

May 13 *Master Craftsman: The Organ Works of Bach* – Christopher Jacobson

May 20 Charles Tompkins (Furman University), *organ*

For more information, go to the Cathedral website: www.trinitysc.org/music, or call the Cathedral at 803-771-7300.

May 13, 2012 at 4 PM

Felix Hell

Dedication concert at St. Paul UMC
204 E. Chestnut Street
Goldsboro, NC.

The new organ is a custom 4 manual Rodgers interfaced with 10 ranks of new Ruffatti pipes and custom antiphonal division. There will be a reception following the concert. For more information contact Al Murrell, Vice President of R. A. Daffer Church Organs, Inc at 443.812.5999 or amurrell@dafferorgans.com.



Johann Sebastian Bach: The Organ Works

Christopher Jacobson, Organ

May 27 at 5:00 p.m.

Last Words

USC School of Music



Jeffers Handbell Supply, Inc

and

The Arts at Shandon

(An arts series sponsored by Shandon Presbyterian Church)

present



Sunday, May 20, 2012 at 4pm

(doors open at 3:15pm)

at

Shandon Presbyterian Church

Corner of Devine and Woodrow Streets

Tickets: \$5 person

Tickets may be purchased in advance at Jeffers Handbell Supply, 455 Western Lane, Irmo, SC 29063 or by mailing a check to Jeffers Handbell Supply, Inc, P.O. Box 1728, Irmo, SC 29063, Attn; Jim Masek

Beginning May 7th, tickets may also be purchased at Church Office from 9am-4pm or at the concert beginning at 2:30pm.

For More Information, Call Jim Masek at Jeffers Handbell Supply, Inc. (803) 781-0555



GOD IS GONE UP

AN ASCENSION

FESTIVAL OF HYMNS

FEATURING GUEST CONDUCTOR

RICHARD WEBSTER

OF TRINITY CHURCH COPLEY SQUARE, BOSTON

**ACCOMPANIED BY SPECTRUM BRASS AND
ORGANIST MATTHEW MICHAEL BROWN**

**WITH COMBINED CHOIRS OF VARIOUS AFFILIATES OF
THE ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC IN AMERICA**

SUNDAY | MAY 20 | 2012
5PM

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
STANBACK DEPARTMENT OF SACRED MUSIC
217 SOUTH CHURCH STREET | SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA**

A spring report from your Region IV Councillor:



Greetings, all! I hope that everyone has had an invigorating AGO season. I have enjoyed reading all your chapter newsletters, so I know that there have been some exciting events in our region this year. Before we hit the summer months consider these things: if you or your chapter has not donated to the annual fund, please do; if you haven't registered for the National Convention in Nashville . . . what are you waiting for? Let's celebrate our Region!

I recently attended the National Council meeting in Philadelphia on April 19-21, 2012. Here is my "Top Ten" list from my visit:

- 10: Great food (Terminal Market, China Town, Market Street);
- 9: Great sights (during the Philly national convention in 2002 I didn't have much time to explore the city; on Saturday night I was able to take in Penn's Landing and see the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall area);
- 8: The Kimmel Center (you've seen the pictures, need I say more??);
- 7: Honoring John and Marianne Weaver at the Gala Reception held at the Kimmel;
- 6: Approval of Charlotte for the 2015 Regional;
- 5: Hearing about the plans for the Boston 2014 National Convention;
- 4: Being able to proudly report that preparations for the 2013 Region IV convention in Columbia, SC, are going well!;
- 3: Major strides in streamlining National Council . . . watch for a vote to amend the by-laws in Nashville;
- 2: Redrawing the lines for the regions—there will only be 7 regions (rather than 9) and no states will be split. We'll miss them, but our Louisiana friends will soon be joining the region to the west of us;
- 1: Getting even more excited about Nashville in July . . . see you all there!

Don't forget to get abreast of what's going on in Region IV/Southeast by visiting the Region IV blog: <http://agoregionivblog.blogspot.com/> and please "like" the Region IV Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/AGO-Region-IV/312313912115500>

For those that will be in Nashville, please attend the regional meeting – fun and door prizes!

Best wishes,

Laura Ellis

Councillor for Region IV

LREllis@ufl.edu



- We remember Nina Pearl Alcorn, mother of member Don Alcorn.
- We remember Ben Pickens, Spouse of Diane Pickens who is dean of the Spartanburg Chapter.

Sally Cherrington Beggs

A memorial scholarship in Sally's name has been started, and contributions can be sent to Jim Hale, Newberry College, 2100 College Street, Newberry, SC, 29108. Checks should be made out to Newberry College with "Sally Cherrington Beggs memorial scholarship" on the memo line



May Birthdays

5/01 Camille Jones
5/12 Elaine Sandberg
5/13 Sarah Fletcher
5/19 Justin DuRant
5/24 Lloyd Pilkington
5/24 Joey Rothfuss
5/24 Charles Owings
5/28 James Mooney

Greater Columbia Chapter:

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*Please send information for June's newsletter to
tonyroof@windstream.net by **May 20.**
(Copy ready, please.)*



Planning ahead?
Check out these AGO Conventions...

National Convention, July 1-6, 2012 – Nashville

<http://www.nashvilleago.org/2012/index.htm>

Region IV Convention 2013 – Columbia, SC.

Watch for more information on our website:

<http://www.regional2013.org>



Other Sites worth visiting:

Regional AGO Blog: <http://agoregionivblog.blogspot.com/>

National AGO: www.agohq.org

Greater Columbia Chapter AGO: www.columbiaago.org

John Ferguson Retiring – Event Save the Date – Saturday, June 2, 2012

John Ferguson will retire this spring. On behalf of St. Olaf College and the Reunion Committee, we invite you to share in some exciting opportunities to support and celebrate John Ferguson. There are several events planned, some require registration on the St Olaf College website, however specifically the Organ Recital and Cantorei Concert are free for worshipping attendees. Although we know that not all of you can attend in person as you are located all over the United States and abroad the invitation is extended. We do encourage any and all to participate in the following:

"Like" the John Ferguson Facebook Page -- <http://facebook.com/FergRetire> (Lots of fun photos already posted). Take a look....it is NOT only for Alumni, it is for anyone who wants to remain connected to these events.

Upload a photo, card or memo for the digital memory book we are creating for John Ferguson.

Share a favorite hymn arrangement or anthem that you may have used in your worship services or concerts

Celebrate or share a "thank-you" for his many and varied contributions to organ and church music lovers nationally and internationally

Spread the news by including details in your local chapter newsletter, specifically to upload a digital photo or memo to be shared with John Ferguson.

Drop a note to Ferg by emailing: fergmemory@stolaf.edu.

Saturday, June 2, 2012

2:00-3:00PM – Alumni Organ Recital

4:00PM – Cantorei Reunion Concert: A Festival in Song

6:00PM – Ferg Feast – Reception Dinner (registration required – see below)

8:30PM – Evensong Service

10:30PM – Saturday at the Movies: “Buster Builds a Home” with Ferg at the organ

cantoreireunion@stolaf.edu OR alum-office@stolaf.edu

**** NEW LISTING (or changed information)**

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

Cathedral Church of the Epiphany (Anglican), 2512 N. Beltline Blvd, Columbia, SC 29204, Part time organist (Sunday and major holy days) 10:30 am on Sundays, and (usually) 6 p.m. on major holy days, numbering about 8 a year. Prelude, postlude, 5 hymns, and musical setting of the Mass, and conduct a schola of 4 singers, two of whom are about to move away. Select the hymns (optional), which are reviewed by the priest. Contact (the Rt. Rev.) Paul C. Hewett, afd1@yahoo.com.

Ft. Jackson Chapel, 120th Reception Battallion (close to Jackson Boulevard gate). Organist for Protestant service at 8:00 a.m. Contact Tharon Honeycutt, President, MSB Analytics, Inc., at his cellphone: 256-541-1593 or email him at: Tharon.honeycutt@msbainc.com.

****Greene Street United Methodist Church** is looking for an individual with musical ability to help lead its music ministry. Located on the campus of USC in Columbia, South Carolina, the position offers great possibilities to work with a student population. Piano ability is a must and some choral and voice training would be preferred. The individual would be asked to help the pastor in leading a spirit-filled worship service in partnership with a congregation worshipping with around 70 on Sunday. Experience would be appreciated but is not a requirement. We do require a degree in music or an individual who is moving toward a degree in music. Salary is negotiable based upon qualifications and experience. The position will entail 5-10 hours per week given the season of the church year. If interested, please contact **Rev. Brad Gray** at Greene Street UMC at pastor@greenestreetchurch.com for more details.

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.

****Spring Valley Baptist Church**, 91 Polo Road, Columbia, 29223, Pianist Position
Responsibilities include playing the Yamaha Grand Piano for traditional and contemporary worship on Sunday mornings, choir rehearsal and ensemble rehearsal on Wednesday evenings as well as occasional special events and funerals. Weddings are contracted separately. This is a strong music ministry with over 100 voices in the choir and a growing, dynamic church. Please send your resume to or contact: Dr. Rick McCollum, Minister of Music and Worship at 803-726-7371 or RMcCollum@springvalleybaptist.com

****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. Substitute may be used with the approval of the regular Music Director/Organist. Please contact Pastor Robyn McMullen, at the church office 803-776-2067, or e-mail tpcongreenlawn@bellsouth.net, or Sue O'Cain sue1110@bellsouth.net for information.

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 7p.m.. Our Sunday morning worship service is at 11am. We will offer a salary commensurate with experience. Additional playing for funerals is negotiable. Special services will be required at Christmas and Easter. Please contact Rev. Judy Hames at 803-793-3595 or revjudy7@aol.com or the church office at 803-793-3669.

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; 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.

IRMO

****Jeffers Handbell Supply** opening in Customer Service Department. Responsibilities include answering the "800" number and placing orders for customers. An ideal candidate is someone familiar with handbells, either a ringer or other church musician. This is a full time position with benefits. email resume to Malanie DeVore at mwdevore@jhsbells.com.

LEXINGTON

Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church, 5503 Sunset Blvd., Lexington, SC 29071, Administrative Assistant, a person who reads music...they must also have clerical skills being able to work in Microsoft publisher, word, excel etc. The position may be part time, up to 35 hours per week. Above 35 hours would become full time. We would like to get this person in here beginning the first part of May so that my current assistant can work with them before she departs. A strong church background would be really helpful. Contact: Harold G. McIntosh, Director of Music and Creative Arts 803.359.7770 ext. 13 (office) 803.348.7445 (cell)

WILSON, NC

Ascension Lutheran Church, 2512 Nash Street N, Wilson, NC, 27896, seeks a part-time Organist and Choir Director. We are a liturgical church with one Sunday worship service each week and mid-week services during some liturgical seasons. We use different liturgical settings throughout the year. The candidate will work with the Pastor to select hymns and anthems that reflect the liturgical season and designated scripture texts. The candidate will direct the Adult Choir and occasionally direct the youth and children's choirs. Ascension website: <http://www.alcwilson.org/>
North Carolina Synod ELCA website: <http://www.nclutheran.org/> .
Explore the contents of Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the pew edition
<http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Worship/Resources/ELCA-Worship-Books/ELW/Contents.aspx>.
Contact: Jon Bergeson: jgbcorr@hotmail.com