

The Greater

Columbia Organist

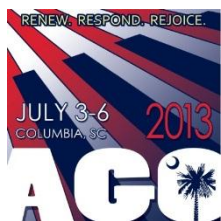


May 2013

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

May Meeting

On Saturday, May 18, the chapter will have a **MEETING OF ALL MEMBERS** to discuss the upcoming **AGO REGION IV CONVENTION**. This is a **VERY IMPORTANT** meeting to coordinate and assign duties at all the venues involved in the four-day event. Any **MEMBERS AND FRIENDS** who would like to help who are not attending the convention are also welcome. We need some helpers who will be available at times when workshop sessions are scheduled for artists' transportation and other tasks.



DATE: Saturday, May 18
TIME: 4:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Ebenezer Lutheran Church*
1301 Richland Street
Columbia SC 29201
EVENT: Ice Cream Social
WELCOME: All members and friends

*Please use the parking lot at the corner of Sumter and Calhoun Streets and enter the building on the Sumter Street side. There will be a sign on the entrance door.

The meeting should not take long but it is extremely important that we coordinate all volunteers to make sure that the convention runs as smoothly as possible.

We Need Your Help!

May Birthdays

5/01 Camille Jones
5/01 Joshua Evanovich
5/10 Marilyn Wheeler
5/12 Elaine Sandberg
5/13 Sarah Fletcher
5/19 Justin DuRant
5/20 Arletta Raley
5/24 Charles Owings
5/24 Joey Rothfuss
5/24 Lloyd Pilkington
5/28 Tommy Fitzgerald



REGION IV CONVENTION IN COLUMBIA, SC JULY 3-6

8 Recitalists:

Michael Burkhardt, Elizabeth & Raymond Chenault, Stefan Engels, Janette Fishell, Christopher Houlihan, Dongho Lee, Charles Tompkins

12 Outstanding Instruments

25 Workshops & Master Classes

IMMEASURABLE the memories and information you'll come away with!

Visit the convention website — www.regional2013.org

Colla Voce Recital

When: Tuesday, May 7, 2013 7:30 PM

Where: School of Music Recital Hall, Rm 206, 813 Assembly St, Columbia, SC 29208

Cost: Free

Description: Music for Piano Four Hands and Chorus: works by Johannes Brahms, David Conte, William Averitt and Carl Orff.

Colla Voce is a vocal chamber ensemble of 16 to 20 professional musicians from the Columbia, SC area. Under the direction of Larry Wyatt, director of choral studies at USC, this group presents three to four concerts each year with repertoire ranging from the classics to Broadway.



Please share this news with your church bell choirs.
The Concordia University Concert Handbells and Spirit Bells
will be performing
in Augusta
at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 402 Aumond Road
on Tuesday, May 7th
at 7pm.
Admission is free
with a reception following the 90 minute program.

The Concert Handbells and Spirit Bells of Concordia University Irvine, California, under the direction of Dr. Herbert Geisler and Nancy Jessup, will be performing at Our Redeemer Lutheran in Augusta on Tuesday, May 7th at 7pm. They are performing in Georgia, the Carolinas, Virginia, and Washington, DC from May 7 to 16, 2013. A full itinerary can be seen at www.cui.edu/handbells.

The 27 ringers are selected from Concordia's four handbell ensembles that involve as many as 50 students a year. They have enjoyed high acclaim in 30 states and provinces as well as in eleven nations of Europe and the Far East. This will be their third tour to the East Coast.

Their repertoire offers a broad variety of musical styles and techniques appealing to all ages and tastes including original compositions and sacred and secular arrangements by Fred Gramann, Hart Morris, and Kevin McChesney, arrangements of Aram Khachaturian's "Sabre Dance" and John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever" and a medley of *Aladdin* tunes. The program also presents handbell solos, quartets and change ringing and concludes with a hands-on, audience-participation demonstration and sing-along.

Children are especially intrigued by the visual and aural energy of the performance, while experienced musicians are surprised by the musicianship and versatility possible with handbells, embellished with numerous other instruments.

The handbell program at Concordia is recognized as one of the leading collegiate handbell programs in the nation in size, comprehensive opportunities for ringers of all levels, and performing quality. Handbells can be the solo instrument within a music major which also prepares ringers to direct handbell programs in schools and churches.

The ensemble performs on five octaves of Schulmerich handbells and 5.5 octaves of Malmark Choirchimes as well as a wide variety of other instruments.

Concordia University enrolls 3350 students pursuing a wide range of programs in secular and church vocations, graduate and undergraduate teacher education, social work, business, and other fields of liberal arts and professional preparation. Concordia is an institution of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod and member of the nationwide Concordia University System.

Dr. Geisler is professor of music and chair of the music department at Concordia, having previously taught in Hong Kong, Illinois, and Michigan, directing ringers of all ages from lower grades to older adults as well as publishing music and articles. He holds degrees from Concordia University, River Forest, Illinois, and The University of Michigan.

Nancy Jessup is a nationally-known handbell clinician and consultant, having co-produced a video on solo ringing. She has also taught at the elementary level and holds degrees from California State University, Los Angeles, and Concordia University Irvine. Both have served on boards of the Handbell Musicians of America.

A free will offering will be taken to defray expenses of the tour.



THE BEL CANTO SINGERS



On Saturday, June 6 at 7:30 p.m., Bel Canto Singers, under the direction of Eldridge McPhee, will present a concert at the Episcopal Church of St. Simon & St. Jude, 1110 Kinley Road, Irmo, SC 29063. Bel Canto Singers is based in Nassau, Bahamas, where it presents an annual Christmastide benefit for AIDS relief. Bel Canto has traveled to the United States a number of times in the past fifteen years. Bel Canto's music is classical, Christian, and spiritual. The concert is free of charge to the public though donations will gladly be accepted. The concert will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Please send information for June's newsletter to tonyroof@windstream.net by May 20.

Please send all changes of information (phone, addresses, churches) to Susan Sturkie at sloopystur@aol.com

Please change Joan Marco's e-mail to garyjoansc@aol.com. garyjoan@aol.com is being deleted.

*If you want your name added or removed from the **SUBSTITUTE LIST**, please contact Susan Sturkie at sloopystur@aol.com or (803) 788-6807.*

*Watch your mailbox for your
2013-2014 AGO Dues Renewal Form
coming soon.*

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Region IV Convention

July 3-6, 2013

Columbia, SC



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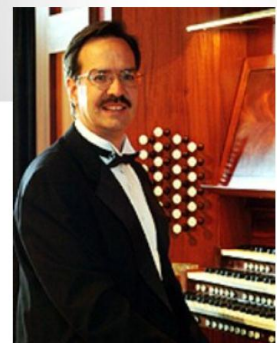
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For more information or to register go to

www.regional2013.org

**Frank Ballard, Registrar
4600 Jackson Blvd, #245
Columbia, SC 29209**

**Offering 25
workshops!**

Or contact Tony Roof, Convention Coordinator (803) 606-1596

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.

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.

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

CHAPIN

****Lake Murray Presbyterian Church**. Organist. Current responsibilities include one weekly Sunday morning service at 10:00 am as well as Wednesday 7:30 pm adult choir rehearsal. Looking for someone with solid organ skills and dedication to music ministry. Availability for weddings and funerals when possible. 3 manual custom designed Allen Renaissance Quantum 385 digital organ. Salary commensurate with experience. Position will be available August 2013. For more information, email Rev. Dr. Ben Sloan at bens.lmpchurch@gmail.com. To arrange an interview/audition, please send resume and references to Lake Murray Presbyterian Church, 2721 Dutch Fork Road, Chapin SC 29036, attn.: Organist Search Committee.

St. Peter Lutheran Church, 900 Dreher Island Road, Chapin, SC. Organist/Music Director, Part-time, two Sunday services; 8:25 a.m. blended music with band & 10:30 a.m. traditional Lutheran worship. Wednesday night choir practice @ 7 p.m. and Thursday night band practice 6 p.m.

Position also includes occasional choral events, chimes, funerals and weddings. May consider two people because of different styles of worship between the services. For more information contact Ken Frick, chairperson worship leadership task force, at 803-345-2049 or Pastor Dave Tholstrup at 803-210-5359 or stplc@att.net or our web page www.stpeterchapin.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; 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.

LEXINGTON

St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Lexington, SC has immediate openings within their music department. All positions will be Permanent Exempt Part-Time Salaried. They are:

1. Chancel Choir Director: The individual will rehearse, train and conduct the Chancel Choir for the Sunday 11am service.
2. Matins Choir Director: The individual will rehearse, train and conduct the Matins Choir for the Sunday 8:30am service.
3. Instrumentalist Director: The individual will direct individuals and ensemble Instrumentalist in music programs involving handbells, keyboard, strings, brass, woodwinds and percussion.
4. Junior Choir Director: The individual will work with children within the grades of 1-5 to present musical performances throughout the church year.

Requirements include a music related degree with specialization in church music or the experience and skill comparable to such a degree. Applicants must have good communication skills and the ability to organize, direct and coordinate activities in an effective manner. All positions will report directly to the Senior Pastor.

Full Job descriptions may be obtained by calling the church office at 803-359-2470 or emailing a request to: office@stpeterslex.com. Applicants may apply for one or more of the open positions. To apply: Send a resume to: St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 1130 St. Peter's Road, Lexington, SC 29072 or email a resume to: office@stpeterslex.com any open position.

ROCK HILL

Organist (Part Time) Ebenezer Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, 2132 Ebenezer Rd., Rock Hill, SC 29732 PH: 803-366-5119 Website: www.ebenezerarp.org Contact: Dr. Randy Imler, Director of Music, Email: rimler@catawbacog.org PH: 803-981-2399 Salary: D.O.E. 12 hours per week (1 service, 2 rehearsals). 2+ extra services per year (Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday, Funerals-as agreed, Weddings-as negotiated). Additional fees for weddings and funerals. 2 ensembles: Chancel Choir, Handbells, Praise Team, possibly accompany for one of the Children's Choirs. Educational requirements: Bachelors in Music (Organ); MM preferred. 3 manual 23 rank Moller pipe organ (1988). Congregation size: 500. Position open: April 1, 2013. Application date: Immediately. Additional information: "Ebenezer ARP is an evangelical protestant church with a blended worship style which includes standard classical choral and organ literature, along with contemporary music (praise choruses, gospel, and multi-cultural choral and congregational music). The Organist is the principal accompanist for ensembles (chancel choir, praise team) and congregational singing. The position can include direction of handbells and accompanying of one or more children's choirs as negotiated."

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

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, PO Box 336., Summerton SC 29148, attn: Pamela Gardiner (preferable) or email the parish office at churchoffice@ftc-i.net. *Please respond even if you're only interested in playing occasionally, as we're currently without anyone.*

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