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This is the last issue until September. Please remember to send in your upcoming events by August 25. In the meantime, if you have events coming up in August, the chapter can publicize them with emails.

YEAR OF THE YOUNG ORGANIST

Free Membership

AGO Year of the Young Organist
July 1, 2021–June 30, 2022

Investing in the Future

The AGO National Council is committed to membership recruitment, retention, and growth within our organization. During the Year of the Young Organist, July 1, 2021–June 30, 2022, **any individual under the age of 30 can become a member or renew her/his membership for free** as part of this program.

The Year of the Young Organist will provide opportunities for both personal and professional development. Programs will include master classes and webinars on a wide variety of topics including:

- Organ Maintenance
- Insurance
- Retirement and Healthcare
- Conducting

- Video Recording
- Vocal Pedagogy

How to do it: Click here, fill out the form, and enjoy a year meeting new colleagues and access to the wealth of resources of the AGO! <https://www.agohq.org/free-membership/>

OUR SUMMER PROJECT: ARCHIVAL DOCUMENTS FOR OUR CHAPTER

During COVID, we all had some time to reflect on the good old days. The Charleston AGO is interested in our “good old days.” Our chapter has been in existence for 74 years (as of November 2021), and we would love to have some mementos of our earlier

years. If you (or someone you know) have programs, meeting minutes, or chapter documents from days of yore, contact Michael Varnadore for more details on how to share them with us.

OFFICERS FOR 2022–2024

Over the summer, think about ways you could serve our chapter. Next year we’ll have elections again for board members. One person has been doing the jobs of Treasurer, Webmaster, Newsletter Editor, Membership Chair/Registrar, Publicity

Chair, and Directory Compiler. Having those jobs done by one person will end next year when others will need to step forward to assume some of these responsibilities. Maybe you would like to join the board in one of these capacities.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The AGO fiscal year runs July 1 through June 30. Below is a year-end cash flow report for the current year 2020–2021.

**AGO Charleston Chapter
Year-End Cash Flow Summary
July 1, 2020--June 30, 2021**

BALANCE FORWARD (checking/savings)	\$5,447.46
 INCOME	
Membership Fee	\$2,551.00
Gifts Received: Cone memorials	\$350.00
Gifts Received: Remington scholarship	\$131.00
Gifts Received: Yearbook mailing	\$59.00
Gifts Received: Chapter programs	\$307.00
Ad Receipts	\$375.00

Interest Income	\$0.60
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$3,773.60</u>

EXPENSES

Scholarship Disbursement	\$1,050.00
Printing: Yearbook	\$441.45
Printing: Recital program	\$10.68
Printing: Postcards	\$117.08
Postage	\$389.80
Honorarium: Judy Ogden	\$250.00
Office: Zoom	\$145.16
Gifts Given: VISA for outgoing Dean	\$105.95
Gifts Given: Membership gifts	\$160.00
Gifts Given: AGO Annual Fund	\$100.00
Program: Misc: Video light & tripod	\$98.09
Transfers to Savings	\$60.00
Web Expense: Domain name renewal	\$29.95
Misc.	\$20.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$2,978.16</u>
OVERALL TOTAL	<u><u>\$6,242.90</u></u>

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 5:00 PM

CHORAL EVENSONG AT ST. PHILIP'S

The St. Philip's Choir is preparing for its residency at St. Paul's Cathedral, London in August, 2022. Under the direction of Pat Gould, assisted by Michael Walchesky.

Program:

Introit	Today in Triumph Christ Arose	Cruger
Preces		William Smith
Phos Hilaron	Thy Strong Word	Schalk
Psalms	Psalms 104 (Coverdale)	Neswick in Eb
Magnificat & Nunc dimittis		Howells (<i>Collegium Regale</i>)
Responses		William Smith
Anthem	Sing, O Heavens	Sullivan
Psalms 150 in Procession	Talbot	

Free parking is available in the church lot at the corner of Church and Cumberland Streets. Reception to follow. **St. Philip's Church**, 142 Church St, Charleston, SC 29401.

CHAPTER NEWS

MEMBER NEWS

Two new members have joined our ranks:

PATTY CONLEY is a member of multiple chapters in her capacity as General Manager of Chapel Music. Please feel free to call her at 770-482-4845 for all your digital organ needs. Chapel Music Company is an authorized dealer for Rodgers, Johannus, Makin, and Copeland-Hart organs. They also offer combination organ installations (digital plus pipes) and pipe additions to digital organs that can support them, in tandem with their parent company, A.E. Schlueter Pipe Organ Company.

ELIZA WATERS is 13 years old. She was introduced to the organ at 9 by her piano teacher. She has been serving as organist for Elizabethtown Baptist Church-Elizabethtown, NC since she was 11 (you can view their services on YouTube and Facebook). She currently takes pipe organ lessons under John Tabler at First Presbyterian in Wilmington, NC. She decided to join our chapter through the “Year of the Young Organist” being offered by the Guild so that she can be informed of any performances or special events occurring in our area.

We’re saying good-bye to **FRANCES JOHNSON** who is relocating to Tampa, FL. Frances has been a member of our chapter since 2013. We wish her well on her new adventure!



We’re also saying good-bye — but surely it’s really au revoir — to **JASON PEDEAUX** who’s headed to Tuscaloosa, AL and the First Presbyterian Church there where he will preside over a fairly new III/75 Létourneau organ. He leaves Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church where he served for 11 years. Jason has been active in the Charleston chapter, serving as chapter Dean 2016–2018. His many friends and colleagues wish him well as he embarks on this new adventure and starts a new chapter in his life.

AGO MUSIC EXCHANGE

—Julia Harlow (juliah.6@juno.com)

Many, many thanks to **LARRY SPEAKMAN** at the Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul for agreeing to administer and house the choral/vocal music (and there’s been quite a lot) that has come into the Exchange. If you wish to donate more choral music or look through what is there, please contact him directly. His email: Larry@your-cathedral.org. He would welcome any help with cataloguing.

I still administer the organ/piano music that has come in, and there is still a lot, two file cabinets full. If you are interested in a PDF catalog and/or coming by Second Presbyterian to look through the cabinets, please let

me know: juliah.6@juno.com. The PDFs are also on the Miscellany page of the chapter website: <https://www.agocharleston.org/miscellany.html>.

Also available are ten years of *The American Organist* magazine, also housed in the Exchange; and nearly twenty years of *The Organist’s Companion*. There are hundreds of pieces just in *The Organist’s Companion*.

As always, if you have music, shoes or books about music to donate, please email me and we’ll make arrangements to get it to me.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

KINGSTREE, SC: WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH [PC(USA)]

Williamsburg Presbyterian Church (411 N. Academy St. Kingstree, SC) is looking for a part-time organist/choir director. The choir meets during the school year and is off during the summer. Kingstree is a colorful small town on the Black River, midway between Charleston and Myrtle Beach and inland from Georgetown about 40 miles. Worship at Williamsburg Church is traditional and family oriented.



The church's organ was originally installed in 1957 with modifications and enlargement of the organ being completed in January 2006, which included an additional 9 ranks of pipes and 7 digital stops. The Great was moved out of the chamber into the sanctuary with all pipes in the Great displayed, with voicing completed by Daniel Angerstein. The organ is regularly maintained by Lincoln Pipe Organs, Inc.

Interested candidates may contact Williamsburg church at wmsbpresby@ftc-i.net for a complete job description and to apply. (Posted 6/15/2021)

DANIEL ISLAND: PROVIDENCE CHURCH

Providence Church (294 Seven Farms Drive, Daniel Island, SC 29492) seeks an Organist to join our Music Ministry in August 2021. Providence Church is a 350-member congregation located on Daniel Island affiliated with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. The church is seeking an organist for our traditional worship service.



Specific Duties and Responsibilities:

1. The organist will provide keyboard music for all worship services and accompany the Adult Choir during worship in coordination with the Minister of Music and the Senior Pastor.
2. The organist may direct the Adult Choir in the absence of the Minister of Music. This position includes special worship services such as: Thanksgiving Service, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Christmas Eve services.
3. The organist will accompany regular Adult Choir rehearsals on Wednesday nights and may lead the rehearsals in the absence of the Minister of Music.
4. The organist will assist the Minister of Music in special music presentations and rehearsals with guest musicians.
5. Time off is to be coordinated with the Minister of Music. The organist will have 3 paid Sundays off per year.
6. Salary is negotiable. Please email inquiries to Minister of Music **David Richardson** at: drichardson@dorchester2.k12.sc.us (Posted 6/7/2021)

Instruments:

Hammerbourg tracker organ with Two manuals and Full AGO pedal board.
Grotian Steinweg Grand piano in the sanctuary.
Yamaha UID piano in the Choir Room.

CHARLESTON: OLD ST. ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH

Old St. Andrew's Parish Church (2604 Ashley River Road, Charleston) is searching for a part-time organist/pianist to play for our 9:00 Family Service and our 11:00 Traditional Anglican Service of Holy Communion every Sunday. Additional services at Christmas and Easter and some Feast Days. Friendly, thriving church family, with an eclectic cross-section of musical genres. Requirements also include accompanying two rehearsals, early on Thursday evenings. Organ specification:

<https://www.oldstandrews.org/the-zimmer-organ>. Excellent remuneration, based on ability and hours worked. Please apply to **David Acres**: musicdirector@oldstandrews.org. (Posted 5/31/2021)



MONCKS CORNER: MEPKIN ABBEY

Organist Needed. Men and women can apply. Mepkin Abbey is a Cistercian monastery in Moncks Corner SC (1098 Mepkin Abbey Rd, Moncks Corner, SC 29461). Liturgical music consists of sung psalms using original psalm tones, and traditional hymns and Mass settings. The Divine Office is sung seven times daily, and a sung Mass is celebrated on four weekdays and Sunday. At a minimum, the organist would be expected to accompany singing at the Masses, which are 7:30 AM weekdays and 10:00 AM Sundays; Lauds/Morning Prayer at 6:30 AM and Vespers/Evening Prayer at 6 PM. You would be free for a good part of the day. Required skills include proficiency on the organ, and the ability to accompany liturgical music using lead sheets (melody line with chord symbols). Desirable skills include training others in organ skills. Psalms, hymns and Mass settings are specified in Office and Mass ORDOs published by a member of the monastic community. Accompaniment lead sheets will be provided. While experience in Catholic and monastic liturgies is not required, it would be useful. Free room and board would be provided at the monastery, and a modest stipend would be provided based on experience and demonstrated skills. Must commit to a minimum of one month. The monastery has a very extensive library for research and can be used in the off times or for other interests. Contact **Father Joseph Tedesco**, OCSO Superior, at frjoetedesco@gmail.com and send résumé. (Posted 6/02/2021)



HANAHAN: MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

Messiah Lutheran Church in Hanahan, SC is seeking a part-time organist/choir director for their weekly Sunday liturgical Service at 11:00 am. There are also special services such as Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, and Holy Week.

The organist/choir director of the congregation will be responsible for selecting the music for the worship services in consultation with the Worship Committee and with the pastor. There are choir duties as well, but the choir is currently suspended because of the pandemic.

Please send your resume listing pertinent musical experience to **Rev. Craig W. Versprille** at cversp@comcast.net or to Messiah Lutheran Church, 1106 Yeamans Hall Rd., Hanahan, SC 29410. For additional information about the position please call (843) 747-5316. (Posted 3/18/2021)



SULLIVAN'S ISLAND: CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS (ACNA)

Holy Cross is seeking a part-time organist, approximately 20 hours per week, to help lead the worship music at two of our weekly services (a historic service with organ only/no choir, and a traditional service with choir). This person should be proficient on the organ, able to develop and direct a choir for children and for adults, and possess the ability to sight read anthem literature to assist in teaching vocal parts. Also needed: the ability to plan, develop and implement a musical worship strategy that aligns with the overall direction and leadership of services, ability to communicate effectively with church staff and volunteers, excellent collaboration skills and willingness to be part of a team, and ability to prioritize work requirements and planning. Must have a vibrant and dedicated faith in Jesus Christ and a love for people dedicated to serving the Lord and his ministry, as well as an understanding of, and a commitment to serve in the Anglican Church in North America, and the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina. Finally, we are looking for someone who wants to become part of our church community.



Please contact the **Rev. Chris Warner** at chris@holycross.net for more information or to apply. (Posted 3/18/2021)

CHARLESTON: ST. ANDREWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

St. Andrews (3225 Ashley River Rd, Charleston, SC 29414) has a choir director/organist/pianist position open immediately. There are two services at 8:45 and 11:15 with limited attendance. Both services are currently blended worship due to COVID. Choir rehearsals with four to five choir members are on Wednesdays at 6:30. Piano and electronic organ. Church number is (843) 766-1080. Email is standumc@gmail.com. They are also interested in subs or an interim. (Posted 2/20/2021)



MOUNT PLEASANT: ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Old Village, 604 Pitt Street) of Mount Pleasant, SC is seeking applications to fill the full-time position of Organist/Choir Director for our small congregation. Responsibilities include providing organ/piano accompaniment for one weekly traditional Sunday worship service at 10:15 AM, directing and accompanying weekly adult choir rehearsals (when these resume), and playing for additional services such as Christmas Eve, funerals and weddings.



Qualified candidates will possess at least an undergraduate degree in music and/or appropriate experience in a traditional worship setting. This position can range from 10 to 30 hours a week with a salary based on education, experience, and hours worked. The organ is a 2-manual pipe organ. All interested candidates should contact the church directly at (843) 884-3107 or email at info@saintpauls-mountpleasant.com for more information. Church Secretary: Laura Togami. Church Website: www.saintpauls-mountpleasant.com (Posted 1/1/21)

LEXINGTON, SC: SAXE GOTHA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church of Lexington, SC is seeking applications to fill the part time position of Organist/Music Associate. SGPC is a thriving ECO non-liturgical congregation in the heart of Lexington, SC, with an engaging music and arts ministry. Responsibilities include providing organ accompaniment for



two traditional worship services, accompanying weekly adult and youth choir rehearsals, directing the handbell ensemble, and playing for funerals and weddings. The organist will serve on a team that includes the Director of Music and Arts, several audio/visual specialists and a staff pianist. Qualified candidates will possess at least an undergraduate degree in music and/or appropriate experience in a traditional worship setting. This position has the possibility for expanding for the right candidate to complete administrative tasks for the worship and arts ministry. This position can range from 10 to 30 hours a week with a salary based on education, experience, and hours worked. The organ is a 3-manual Allen Renaissance (1997). All interested candidates should contact Director of Music and Arts, Hal McIntosh at hmcintosh@saxegotha.org or 803-359-7770, extension 13. (Posted 2/18/19)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAY

Michael Ging, May 2
Michael Varnadore, May 3
Johanna Vroon, May 3
Britt McDermott, May 9
Nancy Lefter, May 10
Murray Somerville, May 13
Loretta Haskell, May 18
Hazel Somerville, May 21
Robert Gant, May 23

JUNE

William Gudger, June 3
Daniel Sansone, June 13
Melanie Ferguson, June 16
Donald Flickinger, June 30

JULY

Robin Zemp, July 4
Matthew Swingle, July 22
Rodney Ward, July 23
James Lancaster, July 28

AUGUST

Parks Greene, August 4
Eric Pickford, August 5
Thomas Reed, August 16
Patricia Gould, August 20
Brad Colby, August 21
Betty Jean Willis, August 23
Porter Remington, August 27