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**THE CHARLESTON
CHAPTER WISHES A YOU
VERY HAPPY AND
HEALTHY NEW YEAR!**

PLEASE NOTE:

As COVID 19 continues its bothersome mutations around the country, the chapter board has decided that perhaps an Epiphany party this year is not in everyone's best interests. Let us hope that this mess will finally wind down in 2022 and that we can at last look forward to some kind of normal societal interaction soon.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 4:00 PM

FEAST OF LIGHTS

An Epiphany service with music directed by Clara Godshall. **The Chapel at Bishop Gadsden**, 1 Bishop Gadsden Way, Charleston 29412.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 5:00 PM

EVENSONG AT ST. PHILIP'S

A service of Evensong with the St. Philip's choir singing Palestrina, Byrd, Stanford (Service in G), and Ireland. Under the direction of Pat Gould, Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus, and Chris Walchesky, Organist and Choirmaster. St. Philip's Church, 142 Church St, Charleston 29401.

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 5:00 PM

EVENSONG AT ST. PHILIP'S

A service of Evensong with the St. Philip's choir singing Saint-Saëns, Ayleward, Stanford (Service in B-flat), and Brahms. Under the direction of Pat Gould, Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus, and Chris Walchesky, Organist and Choirmaster. St. Philip's Church, 142 Church St, Charleston 29401.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 5:00 PM

EVENSONG AT ST. PHILIP'S

A service of Evensong with the St. Philip's choir singing Stanford (Service in C) and others to be announced. Under the direction of Pat Gould, Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus, and Chris Walchesky, Organist and Choirmaster. St. Philip's Church, 142 Church St, Charleston 29401..

CHAPTER NEWS

MICHAEL VARNADORE IN AS SUB-DEAN



We are grateful to Mike Varnadore who has agreed to step in as sub-dean to finish out the term for Pat Gould who has reluctantly stepped aside from the position. Mike has been serv-

ing as an At-Large member of the chapter board.

ALTON COX TO YEAMANS PARK PRESBYTERIAN

Congratulations to Alton Cox who in January will take over as the new Music Director and Organist for Yeamans Park Presbyterian Church in Hanahan. He will preside over a 13-rank Wicks.

NEW YOUNG ORGANIST MEMBER

The chapter welcomes to its ranks **WILLIAM SMILEY**, a 16-year-old from Columbus, OH.

CHAPTER ADVOCATE

This is a reminder that **PORTER REMINGTON** acts as our chapter advocate. She is available for telephone consultations, private consultations, and problem solving, all at no fee. Contact her at (843) 830-0159 or bachfan14@bellsouth.net.

AGO MUSIC EXCHANGE

—Julia Harlow (juliah.6@juno.com)

Thanks again to **LARRY SPEAKMAN** at the Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul for agreeing to administer and house the **choral/vocal music** that has come into the Exchange. If you wish to donate choral/vocal what is there, please contact him directly: Larry@your-cathedral.org. He would welcome any help with cataloguing. A catalog of some of the anthems is on the Charleston AGO website: <https://www.agocharleston.org>, then Miscellany.

WE HAVE TONS of organ, piano, organ plus and organ duet music. COME AND GET FREE MUSIC. There are over 1200 entries in the catalog at this point. If you would like a pdf of the catalog, email me at juliah.6@juno.com. The catalog is organized by: Composer Individual Sheets, Composer Books, Collections, Christmas, Wedding (including wedding songs), Funeral, Oldy Moldy Collections (e.g. Everybody's Favorite...), hymnals, Organ methods and technique, and General Music books. We have over 200 copies of issues of collections such as The Organist (easy), The Organ Portfolio

(easy to moderate) and The Organist's Companion (easy to moderate). To download a pdf of the complete Exchange please see the Charleston AGO website: <https://www.ago-charleston.org>, then Miscellany or click on the link below.

If you need something in particular, just ask me and I can let you know if we have it. If you want to come and browse, the collection is at Second Presbyterian Church downtown and I'll be happy to let you in and leave you alone to look. There's a piano there to try things. If you're an AGO member but not able to come in, I can mail things, but just ask to be reimbursed for postage.

There is a pair of men's Organmaster shoes, nearly new, size 9 Narrow-Medium.

Also available are twenty years (2000-2020) of *The American Organist* magazine, housed elsewhere. This is available free (for pickup or for postage), preferably to a school.

As always, if you have music, shoes or books about music to donate, please call (843-870-1048) or email me (juliah.6@juno.com), or bring music to an AGO meeting. Please don't bring any more classical or pop piano music. Sacred piano, contemporary sacred piano, and piano/organ duet sheets or collections are OK.

Click on the link below for PDFs of the current holdings:

<https://www.agocharleston.org/miscellany.html>

COLUMBIA'S ORGAN PROJECT

On September 9, David Lowry "gave a presentation [to the Columbia chapter] on his four-year (and continuing) quest to document pipe organs within a 50-mile radius of Columbia . . . With the help of board member Tony Roof, the project is now posted on the chapter's website, <http://www.columbiaago.org/ColumbiaOrgans/index.html>, including specifications of the instruments and photos" (*The American Organist*, December 2021, pp. 105-106). This project is interesting indeed. It would be wonderful if Charleston could start such a project.

YEAR OF THE YOUNG ORGANIST CONTINUES!

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:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organ Maintenance • Insurance • Retirement and Healthcare | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting • Video Recording • Vocal Pedagogy |
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How to do it: Click [here](https://www.agohq.org/free-membership/), 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/>

FURMAN CHURCH MUSIC CONFERENCE JANUARY 27–28, 2022



Furman University's Church Music Conference takes place on the campus January 27–28, 2022. **STEPHEN DARLINGTON**, one of the United Kingdom's best-known choral conductors, will be the clinician. **JENS KORNDÖRFER** will also present a recital on the Fisk organ in Daniel Memorial Chapel. Go here to learn more and to register: <https://www.furman.edu/academics/music/camps-conferences/church-music-conference/>.

OUR ONGOING 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 (mr@mikerussellpianoservices.com) for more details on how to share them with us.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

MOUNT PLEASANT: HIBBEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Hibben UMC is seeking a talented, energetic individual to fill the position of Church Organist. The organist provides music for traditional Sunday services, participates in Wednesday night choir practices and in special services planned throughout the year. The organist works closely with the Director of Music and the worship committee to enhance the musical offerings of the church and to provide opportunities for the congregation to participate. The organ is a 4-manual Allen installed in 2018. Details about the instrument can be found here:

www.allenorgan.com/www/allenews/organoftheweek/2018/20180720/OrganOfTheWeek.html

Please send resume including names of references and statement of interest to Steve Price at srprice@comcast.net. (Posted 12/1/2021)



CHARLESTON: ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

St. John's Lutheran Church is an ELCA congregation located in Charleston South Carolina. St. John's is the "Mother Church of Lutheranism" in Charleston and in South Carolina with the founding of the Church from a German heritage dating back to 1742, making it one of the oldest Lutheran congregations in the country. St. John's has an outstanding tradition and regional reputation of music excellence and is now looking for a new leader of its entire music program. St. John's will consider a single candidate that can fulfill both musician performance and choral director responsibilities, but would also consider dividing the responsibilities, hiring two persons -- a separate musician and a choral director for the appropriate candidate(s).

St. John's is a congregation who believes we have been called "to know Christ... and to make Christ known" by transforming ourselves, the community, and the world for Christ, especially focusing on the use of its music ministry. The instrumentation of the Church is a great source of pride. A Thomas Hall pipe organ was installed in 1823 in the current



church and the case for that instrument still fronts the current 1965 three-manual 51-rank Schantz instrument (rebuilt in 1991 / completely refurbished by Schlueter in 2017, with the addition of digital stops and interface) which includes a trompette en chamade. A nineteen-bell carillon that may be played from the organ console was placed in the steeple in 1992.

Interested candidates should direct inquiries, resumes, salary requirements and an audio and/or video file demonstrating skill to the Vestry VP – Steve Trayte at steve.trayte@gmail.com

For a downloadable PDF with fuller details about the position, go here:

<https://www.agocharleston.org/positions-available.html>. (Posted 10/8/2021)

GOOSE CREEK: ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH (NALC)

St. Timothy seeks a part-time organist to play their 37-stop, 2-manual Alen Quantum Q265D (2012). The ideal candidate

- has experience playing a traditional liturgical service and accompanying a chancel choir;
- views organ skills as a service to God and as a vital part of worship leadership;
- is open to and reliant on following God's Spirit in a team environment.



Please submit resume to info@sainttimothy Lutheran.org with the subject line: Organist or write: Music Ministry, St. Timothy Lutheran Church, PO Box 807, Goose Creek, SC 29445. (Posted 10/21/21)

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)

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 6/2/2021)



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)

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 10/21/2021)





Doug Ludlum, January 18
Ann Hood, January 27

*If you don't find your name
on the birthday list,
notify Ed LeRoy*



**The deadline for the February issue
of *The Voluntary Trumpet* is
January 25. Please send in your in-
formation!**