



# The Voluntary Trumpet

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## DEAN'S LIST

This is an amazing time for our Chapter. We've enjoyed 3 great programs at area Churches. We established a monthly West Ashley Coffee Meeting which is growing. We had music at every event and our Dessert Parties were the best. There is more to come in 2023.



Communication upgrades are our top priority for the New Year. You can look forward to upgrades in our emails and website. We will establish a couple email lists so you can choose to receive information that is most pertinent to you. Very soon we will add opt in

text alerts. This will be for communication that is short, sweet and time sensitive. All with the goal of better serving you.

At our November meeting I met a couple folk who are friends of our Chapter and they are on my volunteer list to help. Our Board will be working hard in the coming year to keep this excitement moving forward.

In a separate email you can be on the lookout for news about our January Epiphany Party. It will be one not to miss for sure.

The burning question on my mind is “What do you need from your Chapter?”. I really love feedback as it helps guide us to provide options for you that are meaningful and relevant. If you want to email me please do. [mvarnado@citadel.edu](mailto:mvarnado@citadel.edu) BUT if you’re like me and would rather hang out please let me take you to lunch. It is my treat and you get to pick the restaurant. What could be better than that?

Well I’m going to run as I am knee deep in rehearsals for Church and for Christmas Candlelight services at the Citadel. Won’t we be glad when we see those Three Kings in January!

*Michael*

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## OUR NOVEMBER EVENT

BY TOM BAILEY

The November 14 meeting was a two-part program held at two neighboring churches. The evening began in the chapel of St. Philip’s Church where resident organist Christopher Walchesky gave a history of the Appleton organ, the oldest pipe organ in South Carolina. After his presentation, members Dr. Julia Harlow and Jessica Minahan White played contrasting pieces, showcasing the colors of the instrument.

From St. Philip’s, members were transported by bike taxi to St. Michael’s where all were welcomed by resident musician Paul Reese. This portion of the meeting was a name that hymn tune contest. Paul played one stanza of twenty preselected hymns and members were asked to identify the hymn tune and the text with which it is commonly associated. Contestants were awarded five points for each correct tune name and two points for each correct text. Cash prizes were awarded for the three highest scores. First prize (\$50) winner was Tom Bailey, second prize (\$30) went to Nicholas Quardokus and third prize (\$20) was collected by Julia Harlow. Co-Deans Michael Varnadore and Nancy Lefter acted as moderators and member Jimmy Miller lent his expertise in the field of accounting, to tabulate scores.

Following a lavish dessert reception, members were returned by bike taxis back to the St. Philip’s parking lot.



*Michael Varnadore at the Appleton organ*



*AGO members singing in the St. Philip's chapel*

# CALENDAR

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 5:30 PM**

## **EVENSONG FOR ADVENT 2**

The high voices of the St. Philip's choir sing a Choral Evensong for the Second Sunday of Advent led by Music Director Chris Walchesky. Music by Malcolm Archer, William Henry Harris, and John Tavener. **St. Philip's Church**, 142 Church St. Free parking in the church lot on the corner of Cumberland and Church.

# NEWS

## **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](mailto:bachfan14@bellsouth.net).

## **AGO MUSIC EXCHANGE**

—Julia Harlow ([juliah.6@juno.com](mailto:juliah.6@juno.com))

For Free Vocal/Choral music: Please contact **LARRY SPEAKMAN** at the Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul: [Larry@your-cathedral.org](mailto: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/miscel-lany.html>

For Free Organ/ Organ Plus/ Sacred Piano/ hymnals: WE HAVE TONS of organ, piano, organ plus and organ duet music. COME AND GET FREE MUSIC. There are over 1400 entries in the catalog at this point. If you would like a pdf of the catalog, email me at [juliah.6@juno.com](mailto: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.agocharleston.org/miscel-lany.html> and click on the links.

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.

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](mailto:juliah.6@juno.com)), or bring music to an AGO meeting. Please don't bring any more pop piano music. Classical, Sacred piano, contemporary sacred piano, and piano/organ duet sheets or collections are OK.

Click on the link for PDFs of the current holdings:

<https://www.agocharleston.org/miscel-lany.html>

# POSITIONS AVAILABLE

## HILTON HEAD: ST. FRANCIS BY THE SEA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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St. Francis (25 Beach City Rd, Hilton Head, SC 29926) is seeking to hire a full-time Director of Music who will have oversight of the entire parish music program, including the Hispanic music ministry and school music program. For a PDF of the complete job description, go here: <https://www.agocharleston.org/positions-available.html>. Send applications or inquiries to: [c-rzec@stfrancishhi.org](mailto:c-rzec@stfrancishhi.org) or (843) 681-6350 (Posted 11/18/2022)



## HILTON HEAD: HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Holy Family is seeking to hire a part-time Director of Music to manage all aspects of the music program. The expectation now is 12-15 hours per week, Friday through Sunday. He/she will provide organ/piano music at all liturgies, coordinate the volunteer cantors, and explore restarting an adult choir. The organ is a IV/46 W. Zimmer & Sons (1988). [Click here](#) for a document that describes more fully the position. Mail applications to Linda Hamilton, Holy Family Catholic Church, 24 Pope Avenue, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928. Contact her for more information: [music@holyfamilyhhi.org](mailto:music@holyfamilyhhi.org). (Posted 1/28/2022)



## HANAHAN: MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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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](mailto: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)





*Candlelight Advent Concerts*  
with  
Members of Long Bay Symphony  
Sundays in Advent at 3:00 pm November 27, December 4, and 11  
Hut Chapel of FUMC, Conway corner of Fifth and Main  
A free event/ Donations accepted at the door for FUMC Choral Scholar Program for Students



<b>Charles Lippy</b>	<b>2-Dec</b>
<b>Jimmy Miller</b>	<b>11-Dec</b>
<b>Elise Pickford</b>	<b>22-Dec</b>
<b>Tom Bailey</b>	<b>24-Dec</b>
<b>George Hubbard</b>	<b>24-Dec</b>
<b>William Smiley</b>	<b>25-Dec</b>
<b>William Trexler</b>	<b>25-Dec</b>