

# The Greater Columbia Organist



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## SEPTEMBER CHAPTER MEETING

### **“The Key Is in the Mailbox!” Exploring Columbia Area Pipe Organs**

**A Virtual Presentation by  
David Lowry, DMA, HonRSCM**

**Thursday, September 9, 2021, 7:00 p.m.  
A Zoom link will be sent prior to the meeting.**



Did you know that there is an 1820 organ in 29074? Please join us via Zoom as Dr. David Lowry shares some of the interesting stories that he encountered in his two-year (and continuing) quest to document these instruments. You will learn about some unusual and little-known gems in out-of-the-way places, such as the 1820 organ in 29074 pictured above. We are deeply grateful to Dr. David Lowry for his dedication to this project. Please join us for a unique and informative presentation. There will also be a “Meet-and-Greet” time, when we will welcome AGO members who are new to Columbia as well as some returning members.





**Dr. David Lowry** is the Parish Musician at The Church of the Good Shepherd Episcopal in Columbia SC. He is Professor Emeritus of Music at Winthrop University in Rock Hill SC, where he was the principal organ professor from 1965 to 2012. As a concert organist, he has performed nearly two hundred recitals in the US, and in Europe. He holds academic degrees from Baldwin-Wallace University, Union Theological Seminary of New York, and the University of North Texas. Currently a member of the Greater Columbia Chapter of AGO, he is a past president of the Association of Anglican Musicians, past dean of the Charlotte Chapter of AGO, and served on the board of the Royal School of Church Music in America. He was awarded the certificate HonRSCM from the Queen and the Archbishop of Canterbury for his role in forming RSCM in America.

## SAVE THESE DATES FOR UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

**Friday, October 29, 7:30 p.m.**, Shandon UMC – Recital with world-renowned organist Felix Hell. Our AGO chapter and Shandon UMC will join the SC Chapter of the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts (FUMMWA) in sponsoring the recital. It will be a part of the Church Music Workshop SCFUMWWA is presenting that weekend. Additional information on the workshop may be found at <http://southcarolinafellowship.org/events/>

**Friday, November 19, 7:00 p.m.** – 2021 YOC Winner's Recital with Simon Templet, 16, from Hahnville, LA. Simon is a student of Steven Blackmon in New Orleans, LA. Additional information will be sent closer to the event.



*Gabriel Smallwood*  
H A R P S I C H O R D  
in recital at Central UMC  
*Florence, South Carolina*  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 22  
3:00 PM  
FREE ADMISSION

A native of South Carolina, Gabriel Smallwood began his musical studies at the age of three on the piano. He completed his bachelor's degree at the Hochschule für Music und Theater *Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy* in Leipzig, Germany. Mr. Smallwood now studies harpsichord and organ at the Hochschule für Musik und Theater in Hamburg, Germany. His concert will be a mixture of early Italian pieces from the 17th century and 18th century French repertoire.  
It will be played on Central's new Acker harpsichord.

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## REVISITING OUR JULY 10<sup>TH</sup> MASTER CLASS WITH JANETTE FISHELL

On Saturday morning, July 10, our chapter presented a master class with Janette Fishell. The class was very engaging and informative, and was well received by performers and listeners alike. Six organists received instruction on their performance of organ music selected from the German Baroque School. The performers included high school students, college students, and adults who are current or former students of chapter members, Brad Cunningham, David Lowry, and Thomas Russell. Pictured below (left to right) are Jackson Morton, Trado Mayson, Tim Walters, Marshall Seezen, Brad Cunningham (Teacher), Janette Fishell (Presenter), Thomas Russell (Teacher), Ryan Greene, Latimer Rogland, and David Lowry (Teacher.) We extend our appreciation to the students and their teachers. We are also grateful to Incarnation Lutheran Church and to Patrick Hawkins, their Director of Music and Organist, for making the church and the Flentrop organ available to us for this chapter event.



YEAR  
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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 NO COST.**

Please contact Susan Sturkie, Greater Columbia AGO Membership Chair, at [sloopystur@aol.com](mailto:sloopystur@aol.com), if you or someone you know is **under 30** and qualifies for this free membership or renewal.



# CHURCH MUSIC WORKSHOP

## WHEN

**Friday & Saturday  
October 29-30, 2021**

## WHERE

**Shandon United Methodist  
Church**

**3407 Devine St, Columbia, SC**

**FEATURING • Felix Hell in Concert • Organ Masterclass •  
Dustin Ousley from Sandlapper Singers • Reading Sessions •  
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**Shandon United Methodist  
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# **Solomon Eichner**

## **piano**

**Sunday, August 22**

**4:00 p.m.**

Shandon United Methodist Church, 3407 Devine Street, Columbia, SC 29205  
[www.shandon-umc.org](http://www.shandon-umc.org)



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9/09 PATRICK HAWKINS  
9/18 ENGLISH MORRIS  
9/21 BRAD CUNNINGHAM  
9/21 COLE PARKER  
9/25 ROBERT NEESE  
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***The 20<sup>th</sup> of every month is the deadline for the following month's AGO newsletter. Information received after that time may not appear in that month's newsletter.***







# MAESTRO HECTOR OLIVERA

## *Dedication Concert*

NEWLY INSTALLED RODGERS INFINITY 484



## Sharon Presbyterian Church

5201 Sharon Road

Charlotte, North Carolina 28210

October 3, 2021 4:00 PM

Since entering the Buenos Aires Conservatory as a child prodigy at age six, Maestro Hector Olivera has become one of the most sought after and revered international concert organists of the present time. 'The Times Reporter' describes an evening with Mr. Olivera as: *"An event, a happening, a joyful celebration of the sheer power and pressure that a true virtuoso like Hector Olivera can unleash in a concert hall."*

Born in Buenos Aires, Mr. Olivera began playing the pipe organ when he was three. At age five he played for the legendary Eva Perón; at twelve he entered the University of Buenos Aires and by eighteen had performed for heads of state and celebrities throughout Latin America. When offered a scholarship at the renowned Juilliard School of Music in New York, he moved to the United States. Three years later, Mr. Olivera's outstanding professional concert career was launched when he won the AGO's National Improvisation Contest.

Mr. Olivera has performed solo concerts throughout the USA, Europe, Asia, Australia, Central and Latin America and as guest soloist with prominent symphony orchestras worldwide. Whether in a prestigious venue like Carnegie Hall, Royal Albert Hall, Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, Constitution Hall, Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, or in conjunction with a celebrated event like the Olympic games or the Classical Newport Music Festival, the most sophisticated and demanding organ aficionados claim that Maestro Hector Olivera is 'one of the greatest organists in the world today.'



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# POSITIONS AVAILABLE

## \*\* NEW LISTING OR CHANGES

Please contact Susan Sturkie (803-788-6807 or [sloopystur@aol.com](mailto:sloopystur@aol.com)) to update this information or for more information on these openings.

### **AIKEN**

**First Baptist Church**, Aiken, SC - Accompanist

Principal Function- The Accompanist is a position with responsibilities for assisting the Director of Music & Worship in all phases of Aiken's First Baptist Church music ministry and for providing piano leadership. Salary Range ~ \$11,000/year Application Closing Date: June 23, 2021

Greater Columbia AGO members may contact Susan at [sloopystur@aol.com](mailto:sloopystur@aol.com) for complete job description.

### **CHAPIN**

**Bethel Lutheran Church**, 2081 Dutch Fork Road, Chapin, SC 29036 (White Rock) is searching for a part-time Director of Music/Organist. Our instrument is an Allen MD565 Organ. Candidates should have experience in playing liturgical worship services. For more information, please contact Eugenia Matthews at [eugeniafmatthews@gmail.com](mailto:eugeniafmatthews@gmail.com), Bethel Lutheran Church office at 803-781-2134 or [bethelwhiterock@gmail.com](mailto:bethelwhiterock@gmail.com)

### **COLUMBIA**

**Grace United Methodist Church**, Columbia, SC, is in search of a Part-Time Church Accompanist. Position Purpose: Accompany the Adult Choir rehearsals and provide keyboard accompaniment and solo keyboard music during weekly worship services and other worship services throughout the liturgical year.

Position Requirements:

- Availability on Sundays
- Superior keyboard sightreading skills
- Experience in accompanying choral ensembles and service playing
- Ability to play choral parts in both "open" and "closed score formats
- Bachelor's degree in Music, with a keyboard emphasis, or equivalent experience (AGO Certification in service playing, for example.) -preferred, not required

Position Compensation:

- Part-Time – 1/8 time
- Salary determined by education and experience in negotiation with the Staff Parish Relations Committee

To Apply: Please send cover letter and resume, as well as a video recording demonstrating keyboard proficiency to Mark Merritt 336-830-5383 or [music@gracecolumbia.org](mailto:music@gracecolumbia.org). Job Description available upon request.

**Living Springs Lutheran Church (ELCA)**, 4224 Hard Scrabble Road, Columbia, SC 29223, Missional Worship & Music Leader – Living Springs is looking to partner with a candidate who has some combination of these gifts... (not all are required - your set of gifts is unique!)

- \*Creative Worship Planning
- \*Missionary Music-Worship Outreach
- \*Diverse Musical/Worship Styles
- \*Gifts for Virtual Worship
- \*Nurturing Musical Gifts in Others
- \*Children/Youth Music Ministries
- \*Worship Arts
- \*Worship/Instrumental Accompaniment (Organ, Piano, Guitar, other)
- \*Choir/Ensemble Leadership

Part-time or full-time status with commensurate salary to be determined - based on qualifications, experience, and type of call. For complete job description,

go to [Music-Worship-Staff-Position-Flyer-2021.pdf\(livingspringscolumbia.org\)](http://Music-Worship-Staff-Position-Flyer-2021.pdf(livingspringscolumbia.org)) .

Go to <http://bit.ly/LSworshipposition> for a tool to help share your areas of passion & giftedness.

Send resume and letter of interest to [music@livingspringscolumbia.org](mailto:music@livingspringscolumbia.org) by July 31, 2021.

**Northeast United Methodist Church**, 4000 Hard Scrabble Road, Columbia, SC 29223 is seeking a music director/keyboardist for one service a week plus practice. Music Director should be a proficient keyboardist (piano/organ/synth) with the ability to direct a small group of singers. Position may be split. NEUMC is flexible in playing traditional hymns as well as modern Christian music. Please contact James Cook at [jameslucascook@gmail.com](mailto:jameslucascook@gmail.com) to discuss how we can make this a great experience for everyone.

**St. Andrews Baptist Church**, Columbia, SC, is in search of an Interim Part-Time Church Organist. Duties include Sunday services, choir rehearsals, special services, and funerals when available. Our instrument is a 38-Rank Schantz Pipe Organ. Resumes may be sent to Ronald D. Vaughan, St. Andrews Baptist Church, 230 Bush River Road, Columbia, SC 29210 or emailed to [deevaughan@standrewsbaptist.org](mailto:deevaughan@standrewsbaptist.org).

**St. Michael's Lutheran Church**, Columbia (Irmo-Lake Murray). Cantor/Music Director/Organist  
Looking for a musician to lead the congregation and a small choir, along with a number of volunteer instrumentalists, in support of Sunday worship, with occasional opportunities to do other services during the week as negotiated. Centered in traditional, but vibrant worship using piano, organ, choir, and innovative congregational involvement in worship is encouraged and celebrated. One worship service each Sunday with weekly Holy Communion, preceded by a choir rehearsal during the Sunday Church School hour is the current pattern. Good communication and collaborative worship planning with lay leaders and the pastor is expected and appreciated. Salary \$10-12,000. Please contact Pastor Frank W. Anderson at 803-730-4075 or [pastorfwanderson@gmail.com](mailto:pastorfwanderson@gmail.com) (new email address) for more information.

**St. Thomas More Catholic Church**, 1610 Greene Street, Columbia, SC 29201. The Director of Music (keyboard – no organ, choir, worship planning, etc.) position is a 20-25 hour per week position, salaried without benefits for 12 months per year.

See complete job description at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vOIDEqYbTB4tCPGxQXYczlRJArvXGN8R/view>  
Please send resumes to Fr. Rhett Williams at [frw@stthomasmoreusc.org](mailto:frw@stthomasmoreusc.org) or contact him for more information.

### **GOOSE CREEK**

**St. Timothy Lutheran Church**, PO Box 807, Goose Creek SC 29445, Part Time Organist Position. 2012 Allen Quantum Q265D, 37-stop 2-manual console. The ideal candidate has experience playing a traditional liturgical service and accompanying a choir; vies 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@sainttimothylutheran.org](mailto:info@sainttimothylutheran.org) with subject line Organist or Music Ministry.

### **GREENWOOD**

**First Presbyterian Church** - Organist,

Approved job description:

- Provide Preludes, Postludes, anthem accompaniments, with particular emphasis on hymn accompaniments
- Familiarity with organ literature, especially pertaining to the liturgical seasons
- Advanced keyboard and sight-reading skills
- Two Sunday services (9 & 11 am, currently one at 10 am); Wednesday evening choir rehearsal (no rehearsal until further notice)
- Flexibility for time off
- Possible additional opportunities in Children's Music (presently Wednesday evenings)
- Compensation range \$18k-24k+ determined by job scope and experience

Instruments:

- 2002 Goulding & Wood 3/58 pipe organ (<https://pipeorgandatabase.org/organ/28441>)
- Steinway and Yamaha grand pianos

Please send resumes to [office@firstgreenwood.com](mailto:office@firstgreenwood.com)

### **HARTSVILLE**

**Our Shepherd Lutheran Church**, 1410 W Bobo Newsom Hwy., Hartsville SC 29550

Yamaha Clavinova. \$85 per service. For more information, contact Vicar Mike Lang at [Michael.lang@my.lc.edu](mailto:Michael.lang@my.lc.edu)

**St Bartholomew's Church**, Hartsville, SC is in search of a part-time Organist. Duties include Sunday services, choir rehearsals, and any special services during the year. Vacation and continuing education included. Salary is \$180 per week and \$100 for additional services. Our instrument is a 32-rank, two manual, Casavant Freres Limitee. The organist reports to the Choir Director and the Rector.

Send your resume to St. Bartholomew's at the address or via email.

103 Campus Drive, Hartsville, SC 29550 [stbartchurch@gmail.com](mailto:stbartchurch@gmail.com)-Church Office: (843) 332-8765

### **KINGSTREE**

*Williamsburg Presbyterian Church* in 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 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](mailto:wmsbpresby@ftc-i.net) for a complete job description and to apply.

### **LEESVILLE**

***Cedar Grove Lutheran Church*** is seeking a Music Director to lead our music on Sunday morning and for other services. Duties include conducting the adult choir at the weekly rehearsals, Sunday worship (10:30 a.m.), and all special services. Direct youth vocal choirs, adult hand bell and/or hand chime choir. Plan hymn selection and service music for all worship services including Sundays and mid-week worship in Lent.

Contact the congregation for job description. Persons interested in applying should provide a complete resume. Send resume and references to Cedar Grove Lutheran Church at [joewoodward7@gmail.com](mailto:joewoodward7@gmail.com), Church address, 1220 Cedar Grove RD, Leesville, SC 29070.

### **LEXINGTON**

***Pilgrim Lutheran Church*** in Lexington, SC, is seeking a committed Christian to provide organ/piano music and accompaniment for scheduled worship services and other activities in support of the music ministry of the church. Having a pivotal role in the musical life of the church, this individual should be a strong team player as a full partner with the ministerial staff and the Director of Traditional Music at Pilgrim Lutheran. Please submit a letter of recommendation and resumé to Susan Cafferty at [susan@wearepilgrim.com](mailto:susan@wearepilgrim.com).

***St. Alban's Episcopal Church***, 403 Park Rd, Lexington SC 29072. St. Alban's is searching for an Organist/Choir Director. 2-manual Allen Renaissance organ, with speaker system upgrade in 2019. Interested candidates may contact Fr. Tom DiMarco ([priest@stalbanschurch.net](mailto:priest@stalbanschurch.net)) for more information.

### **MOUNT PLEASANT**

***All Saints Lutheran Church***, Mount Pleasant, is seeking a Part-Time Music Ministry Associate to partner with the Music Director to support and enhance our multi-generational music program, with an emphasis on children and youth music. The position is 15 hrs/week, with the possibility of increasing to 25 hrs with additional Communications responsibilities. Please send a cover letter, resumé, and the names and contact information of three professional references to Rev. Litman-Koon at [pastor.glk@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.glk@gmail.com).

### **NEWBERRY**

***Newberry ARP Church***, Organist for Sunday morning worship service. Contact Pastor Seth Yi, [sethyi1969@gmail.com](mailto:sethyi1969@gmail.com), Church 803-276-1485, Cell 318-680-4375, [www.newberryarp.org](http://www.newberryarp.org). Organ specifications: <http://www.columbiaaqo.org/ColumbiaOrgans/Organs/NewberryARP.pdf>

### **ORANGEBURG**

***First Baptist Church of Orangeburg*** is seeking a part-time organist to provide service music for Sunday worship, as well as special occasions throughout the year. Regular duties include accompanying Wednesday night choir rehearsal (7:00 pm) and playing for Sunday worship services (11:00 a.m.). The organ is a Moller, 3 manual: swell; great; choir, with 31 ranks from the original installation. The pedal board was built to AGO standard. The organ was installed in 1968 and rebuilt by Schlueter Pipe Organ Company of Lithonia, Georgia in 2007, with additional Walker digital stops added. Resumés may be sent to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 637, Orangeburg, South Carolina, 29116 or emailed to [jane@fbcorangeburg.org](mailto:jane@fbcorangeburg.org).

### **SAINT MATTHEWS**

***St. Paul U.M.C.***, 1808 Bridge Street, Saint Matthews, SC 29135. We have an opening for an organist and choir director. Job requirements include choir practice at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings (or another time during the week) and worship service on Sundays from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Some additional services throughout the year (Christmas Eve, funerals, etc.) may also be requested. The instrument is a 1937 Moeller Pipe Organ. Please call (803) 874-2166 or email at [stpaulsmumc@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsmumc@gmail.com) for more details.

Pastor: Rev. Sara Relaford, Church Secretary: Lori Worsencroft



**SENECA**

***Saint Mark United Methodist Church***, 616 Quincy Road, Seneca, SC 29678.

Director of Choral and Music Ministries, Half Time (20-25 hours/week)

Organist/ Accompanist for Traditional Worship, Part time, 3-4 Hours per week with occasional special rehearsals and services. Church Contact: 864-882-2603, [www.smumcsc.org](http://www.smumcsc.org), Fb and Twitter, 616 Quincy Road, Seneca, SC 29678. Contact/How to Apply: Send resumé to Lynn Dobson, [lynndobson64@gmail.com](mailto:lynndobson64@gmail.com), Chair of Staff Parish Relationship Committee- SPRC, per the discipline of the United Methodist Church.

For more information: <http://smumcsc.org/we-are-hiring-music/>