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Peggy Haas Howell Concert

Friday, October 2 at 7 PM

Lutheran Theological Southern
Seminary



Peggy Haas Howell is well-known as an organ recitalist in the United States and Europe. She has won top prizes in many organ playing competitions, including first prize in the National Young Artists Organ Playing Competition of the American Guild of Organists (1974), and a shared top prize in St. Alban's International Organ Interpretation

Competition in England (1976). She has played recitals in Finland, England, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Holland, and the United States. She has recorded for the BBC, for Sender Freies Berlin, for the Finnish Broadcasting Service, and for Raven Recordings. Before moving to Lynchburg, Virginia in 1996, Peggy Howell taught organ for ten years at Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University, and returned there to play a recital and teach a masterclass this past spring. In July, she was a featured recitalist at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Convention of the American Guild of Organists in Norfolk, Virginia.

Ms. Howell is the Organist and Choirmaster at St. John's Episcopal Church, Lynchburg, Virginia. She graduated from Susquehanna University (*magna cum laude*) with a Bachelor of Arts in Church Music degree, and from Union Theological Seminary, New York City, with a Master of Sacred Music degree. She also attended the Academy of Music and Performing Arts in Hamburg, Germany. Her organ teachers have included Harald Vogel, Cherry Rhodes, Heinz Wunderlich, Charles Dodsley Walker, and James Boeringer.

Peggy Howell is also skilled as a choral conductor, and directs two community children's choirs: Cantate, the Children's and Youth Choir of Central Virginia, and the Jefferson Youth Chorale. She was the director of *Chorale*, the concert choir of Randolph-Macon Woman's College from 1996-2001. She is listed in "Who's Who in America". Ms. Howell is married to organ builder Richard Howell.

HELLO, MY NAME

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To help everyone put a name with a face; we will be taking photographs of our members at the first few meetings to add to our directory {a pictorial directory of sorts}. Please try to attend one of the first meetings so your picture and information can be added.



Membership Scholarships Available for Organ Students

The Greater Columbia chapter of AGO will again provide membership scholarships for all college organ students in the Columbia area whose professor is a member of the Greater Columbia chapter. All college students who qualify are asked to contact their organ professor for details.

The chapter will also provide chapter memberships to any high school organ student whose teacher is a member of the Greater Columbia Chapter. See Tony Roof for more details.

If you have not paid your dues for 2009-2010, please do so as soon as possible. There is a dues form link on the web site at www.columbiaago.org/renewalform.pdf

Check out our web site for up-to-date information!

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October

Jennifer Zoellner 10/01
Jenny Walrath 10/03
Jim Ingram 10/04
Ike Pitts 10/6
Tony Roof 10/07
Bill McNair 10/15
Giedre Gaskiene 10/31

Celebrated Organist to Present Concert at Eastminster Presbyterian Church



On Friday, November 6, 2009, Dean Emeritus Charles Webb, of Indiana University School of Music, will present an organ concert in memory of long-time friend, Columbia attorney and judge, Lester Bates, Jr. The 7:00 PM program will be given in the sanctuary of Eastminster Presbyterian Church at 3200 Trenholm Road in Columbia.

Dr. Charles Webb served as Dean of the IU School of Music from 1973-1997. During this time, he served as artistic director of the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir and the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. A native of Dallas, Texas, Dr. Webb received his A.B. and M.M. degrees from Southern Methodist University and his D.M. from Indiana University. Webb is chairman of the board of the International Music Festivals, Inc. He is a

member of the recommendation board for the Avery Fisher Prize, the advisory board of the Van Cliburn Competition, and the National Advisory Board of the American Guild of Organists, as well as Director of the Busoni Foundation.

Joining Dr. Webb for the evening will be Dr. Ann Benson, mezzo soprano. Dr. Benson, who is currently on the faculty of Coastal Carolina University, received her M.M. at Indiana University while Dr. Webb was dean.

Dr. Webb and Judge Bates became friends in 1955 while serving in the Air Force in Texas. In memory of his dear friend, Dr. Webb is offering this concert as a gift to the community.

Sunday, October 11: Concert
Mt. Tabor, West Columbia
3:00 PM

Dr. Antje Maria Traub
Organ & Piano

Dr. Antje Maria Traub's immense versatility encompasses a vast repertoire on the organ, the piano as well as historical keyboard instruments. Swiss by birth, Dr. Traub received degrees with high distinction from the Hochschule of Music in Vienna, Austria; Baylor University and the Eastman School of Music in the United States. Dr. Traub currently teaches piano, organ and chamber music at the Kantonsschule, Baden, Switzerland and frequently performs and lectures in both Europe and the United States. The church address is 1000 B Avenue, West Columbia, SC 29169



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Midday Music & Lunch
First Presbyterian Church
Aiken, SC

Corner of Laurens St. & Barnwell Ave. Downtown Aiken

12:00 Noon FREE Concert

12:30 p.m. Lunch, by advance ticket purchase

October 15th



Sue Mitchell-Wallace

Organ

Lunch by: What's Cookin' Downtown

Menu: Lasagna, Garden Salad, Rolls w/Butter,
Cookies, Water, Iced Tea and Coffee.

Lunch tickets are available at the Church Office, 224 Barnwell
Avenue NW, until 5:00 PM, Monday, October 12th.

Cost \$8.50. For information, please call 803.648.2662

In the News

Check out Jim Ingram on WLTX before he heads off to Philadelphia to play the Wanamaker Organ.

<http://www.wltx.com/news/story.aspx?storyid=78902&catid=35>



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

COLUMBIA

Eastminster Presbyterian Church, is actively seeking qualified candidates to fill the part time position of Organist. Interested candidates may send cover letters and resumes to flee@eastminster-pcusa.org. A detailed job description is available by contacting the church at 803-256-1654.

Suber Marshall United Methodist Church, Music Director/Organist/Pianist. Located in the Rosewood community of Columbia. The congregation prefers a mix of traditional and contemporary music. The choir practices one night each week. Full job description available. Submit a resume or a letter outlining your qualifications, along with two references or letters of reference, by mail to Suber Marshall Memorial UMC, Attn: Choir director position, 3900 Live Oak St., Columbia, S.C., 29205. You may submit your application by e-mail to David Proffitt at rdproffitt@gmail.com. Call David at 803-528-3678 if you have questions. subermarshall.org

DENMARK

Bethel Park UMC is seeking a part-time Organist/Choir Director. Our instrument is a 33-rank, three manual Gress-Miles Organ with antiphonal organ in the rear of the sanctuary. Service playing is most important, and ability to lead hymns with the organ is a must. Our choir is composed of 25-35 members and continues a long history of excellence. Ability to sight read above average choral music is a must. We rehearse on Monday evenings at 7pm. Our Sunday morning worship service is at 11am. We will offer a salary commensurate with experience. If interested, please forward resume, including references to Attn: PPRC, Bethel Park United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 207, Denmark, South Carolina 29042. hmileysc@aol.com (Bill Humphries)

GASTON / SANDY RUN

Beulah United Methodist Church, 1577 Old State Road, Gaston, SC 29053, 803-794-0783, Music – Choir Director. Beulah United Methodist, a 116 year old church in Sandy Run, SC, is seeking a talented devoted Christian to direct the church's music programs. Qualified applicants must have a degree in music, education or equivalent experience as a choral director, be a professional pianist with transposition skills, and enthusiastic, organized, and committed to enhancing worship and glorifying God through music. This is a salaried position between \$8,000 to \$11,000 annually, based on qualifications. Please send resumes to 1577 Old State Rd. Gaston, SC 29053 or pastorflowers@bellsouth.net. Rev. Neil Flowers

HARTSVILLE

St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church, Campus Drive, Hartsville, SC 29550 Organist position. Cassavant Organ. The church is located directly across from the Elizabeth Boatwright Performing Arts Center on the Coker College campus. Services are Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. with choir rehearsal on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 p.m. There are other special services occasionally throughout the church year such as choral evensong and Holy Week. The church has a part-time choir director who can also substitute at the organ when needed. If interested, please contact Father Michael Ridgill at 843-332-8765 or Candace Holcombe, choir director, at 843-383-2846 (home) or 843-857-3801 (office). Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications.

JOHN'S ISLAND

****John's Island Presbyterian Church**, full-time Music Director/Organist for a traditional music program. Position open as of June 1, 2009. E-mail Susan at sloopystur@aol.com for complete listing or contact: email: jjpcdom@bellsouth.net or call Faye Burke 843-768-2371; Fax resume: 843-559-0121

JOHNSTON

Harmony United Methodist Church, located in Johnston, SC (Edgefield County) seeking to hire a part time (approximately 10 hours per week) choir director.

Responsibilities include weekly rehearsal of adult choir, selecting appropriate anthems for weekly worship service and leading choir and congregation in singing during the 10 am Worship service each Sunday morning. Choir Director will also be responsible for working with the pastor to ensure and provide appropriate music for special evening services throughout the year (ex: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Christmas Eve services).

Salary is negotiable based on experience. Please contact Donna Livingston or Rev Becky Shirley (803-275-4885) or by email jhumc@bellsouth.net

LAURENS

Atonement Lutheran Church, 413 West Farley Avenue, Laurens, SC 29360 has a current opening for a church organist. We are currently obtaining an organ for the sanctuary, and seek to have a regular organist for Sunday morning worship, in addition to special worship services as needed. Perfect opportunity for a student. Requirements: Be familiar with, or be able to learn liturgical settings and hymns from Lutheran Book of Worship (1978 green hymnal).

Contact: Sean Miller, Pastoral Intern, 864-684-1704, lutheran05@yahoo.com.

NEWBERRY

Colony Lutheran Church, 48 Colony Church Rd., Newberry, SC. Director of Music/Organist, Part-time. Located half-way between Prosperity and Newberry on USH#76. One Sunday Worship @ 11:00 a.m. Baldwin 636, 2 manual electronic organ, handbells. Salary negotiable. For more info, contact Worship & Music Chairperson Bettye H Fulmer @ 803-276-7998, or Pastor Jerry Trantham @ 803-276-7151, colonylc@bellsouth.net.

SENECA

Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church, <http://www.eternalshepherd.org/> Choir accompanist. Contact Lars Helland, email: larsh@alltel.net cell: 706-244-4544 Home: 706-356-2690 or Rick Schmidt at 864-886-9306.

SUMTER

Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 211 Alice Drive, Sumter SC. Organist, part-time. Two Sunday Worship Services at 8:45 am & 11:00 . Schantz, 2 manual pipe organ. For more information contact Rev. Jerry Pickens at 803-775-1602 or aldersgate@ftc-i.net.

