A Note from our Dean

Where has the summer gone? School’s open in Georgia this week and shortly after that in South Carolina. I hope you have all had a restful and refreshing summer.

Andre Rakus, director of music and organist at St. Peter’s Catholic Church in Beaufort has been appointed as our third member at large on the board. Welcome aboard Andre.

October 12th, our 20th Anniversary Founders Celebration Concert, has been designed by Dr. Jason A. Wright. The program features the organ accompanying brass, woodwinds, strings, choir and congregation. It is a varied program and one not to be missed. We will begin with a reception followed by the concert and will honor all founding members, past deans and present board. More information on this concert in our next newsletters.

Andre Rakus (organ) and Casi Beals (trumpet) will perform our September noon Friday recital on the 14th at St. Peter’s Catholic Church in Beaufort. See their bios and details about their recital below.

Our Low Country Chapter is looking for someone to advertise our programs on Facebook. We are looking for someone who knows Facebook and how to go about advertising our concerts on this social media. Please contact me, Debby Graves, if you are interested.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our 20th year concerts. Let’s make this a fabulous year.

Musically,
Debby Graves
A Note from our Sub-Dean

CHAPTER KICKOFF POTLUCK DINNER
SEPTEMBER 7 BEGINNING AT 5:00 PM

Fill up your platters and casseroles and c’mon over to Beth and Jeff Corry’s home at 5pm Friday September 7th. Friends are welcome – just let me know ahead of time if possible. Dress is casual.

Now for the epicurean part:
- Those of you with last names beginning with A through H please bring a main course
- I through P, please bring a veggie or salad or some kind of pasta or potato
- Q through Z, please bring a dessert, rolls, appetizer

Jeff and I will be providing a baked ham, so maybe someone would like to bring some fried chicken, meatloaf, an Italian dish or a vegetarian main course. A real Southern winner for a potato might be baked sweet ‘tators or maybe a pasta like mac and cheese. Don’t forget those string beans, tossed salad, fruit just to name a few. Welcome are those appetizer bites, desserts and rolls from last names beginning with Q through Z. Our Chapter will provide drinks, paper and plastic ware.

We have a piano so bring some music for playing and/or singing. And remember, this party is for YOU!! as we celebrate the beginning of our 20th anniversary.

The Corry home is at 58 Crossings Blvd., Bluffton 29910, subdivision Pinecrest off Bluffton Parkway. Phone 703-946-7750.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Beth Corry
Notes from our Treasurer

Advertise with Low Country Chapter!

We thank those business and churches who advertised with us last season. It is our pleasure to help promote your businesses and church music programs. Your purchase of ads provides vital support for fulfilling the mission of Low Country Chapter, and we are sincerely grateful for your financial support.

This is the time of year that we accept ads for the coming 2018-19 season. If you would like to place an ad with our chapter or if you know of someone who might be interested, please let us know immediately.

We will continue to offer ads on our website, in our monthly chapter newsletter (Pipings), and in our chapter’s Yearbook & Directory.

Because our concerts and events last year were so wonderfully attended and because we needed to print so many programs, our printing costs soared. A change we need to make this year is that our concert/events programs will only contain a list thanking our sponsors by name and directing the readers to further information via your website or contact information. We will also not be able to accept ads that have dark, solid-colored backgrounds due to the amount of ink they consume.

Our rates for the coming year have not changed. They are:

- full page: $200
- half page: $100
- quarter page: $ 50

We accept camera-ready color ads, and the page size depends upon the size of the printed media.

The deadline for submitting ads is August 15, 2018.

Please submit ads with payment to:

-Gary Rakestraw, 5 Spring Knob Circle, Beaufort, SC, 29907.

-Copy may be sent via email to: grakestraw@hotmail.
Our 2018-19 Yearbook & Directory will be compiled for printing on August 15. Your contact and profile information will be taken from ONCARD, so please make sure it is up to date. Don't forget to update your substitute availability so it will appear correctly in the directory. Make sure to press SAVE CHANGES after you enter new information.

Information for accessing ONCARD is in your current directory, and the process is simple. The link is: https://www.agohq.org/oncard-login/

Also, if you wish to submit a different photo for the upcoming directory, please email it to Gary at: grakestraw@hotmail.com.

Time for a WEBSITE FACELIFT!

Our chapter's current website, www.lccago.org, was professionally designed in 2014. Since then, that design has been maintained and updated without major changes. Our website is our "face-to-the-world" and is vital in representing us to our community as well as serving the needs of our chapter members and friends.

Chapter member, Jason Wright, has graciously offered to give us a "makeover" by revising our "look." The updated website will appear clean, sleek, and sophisticated as we see with sites from other chapters. Our information will be more organized (pun intended) in order to be more accessible and easier to use.

Please visit our website often for current information.

Thank you, Jason!
Low Country Chapter AGO

Monthly Organ Recital at NOON

Will resume September 14

Andre Rakus, Organ, and Casi Beals, Trumpet

At St. Peter’s Catholic Church

70 Lady’s Island Drive, Beaufort

St. Peter’s Catholic Church
in partnership with
The American Guild of Organists Lowcountry Chapter Present:

Accomplices of the Beat

Casi Beals, Trumpet

Andre Rakus, Organ

Noon Recital: Friday, September 14, 2018 at 12PM
Full Concert: Friday, September 28, 2018 at 7PM.

St. Peter’s Catholic Church
70 Lady’s Island Drive, Beaufort SC (Across from Publix)
843-522-6508
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Casandra completed her B.S. in Music Performance from the University of Southern Maine in 2011. Originally from Bar Harbor, ME area, she has performed in many ensembles including the Mount Desert Summer Chorale Orchestra, Bates College Symphony Orchestra, and The Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass. She has also performed in Masterclasses with trumpet legends such as Ryan Anthony (Dallas Symphony Orchestra) Jens Lindemann (formerly with the Canadian Brass Quintet), Jose Sibaja (Boston Brass), and the internationally renowned Wynton Marsalis.

She is currently the music and band director at Riverview Charter School here in Beaufort and plays with the Lowcountry Wind Symphony and various ensembles, brass quintets, brass choirs, and productions throughout the Lowcountry and Greater Savannah, GA area.

Andre Rakus began his musical studies with the violin at the age of five. At eight years of age, he attended St. Michael’s Choir School in Toronto, Canada adding voice and piano to his studies. During high school at St. Michael’s College School in Toronto, he studied trumpet. While attending St. Paschal Baylon Roman Catholic Church in Thornhill, Ontario he met the late British concert organist, Stanley Arthur King, under whom he studied organ from the age of twelve. At thirteen, Mr. Rakus became Assistant Organist at St. Paschal’s. At seventeen, he began directing a variety of choral groups including Junior, Youth, Senior and Massed choirs both for worship and concerts. He holds the Associate and Licentiate Diplomas in organ, both With Distinction, from Trinity College, London U.K. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Education, and Registered Nurse Diploma. Prior to accepting a full time Music Director/Organist position in the USA, Andre was studying towards a Master of Sacred Music at Emmanuel College at the University of Toronto, where he was awarded the Billes Theological Support Entrance Scholarship. He plans to continue his studies in the future.

A Fellow of two learned societies for musicians, Andre was awarded the Barwell Piano Student Scholarship from the Royal Canadian College of Organists. In addition, Mr. Rakus was awarded the 2008 Lillian Forsyth National Organ Scholarship from Knox Presbyterian Church, Ottawa. He has also studied under the late William Turnbull, and William Maddox. He is currently the Full Time Director of Music and Organist at St. Peter’s Catholic Church in Beaufort, South Carolina. He has performed twice for ORGANIX (the annual organ festival in Toronto, ON), at Washington National Cathedral (Washington DC), St. Paul’s Episcopal Cathedral (Buffalo, NY), Metropolitan United Church – the largest organ in Canada (Toronto, ON), most recently with the Lowcountry Wind Symphony (Beaufort SC), to name a few of many appearances. He continues to perform regularly in both Canada and the USA. In addition, he gives dedicatory and anniversary recitals on new and restored instruments and performs with other soloists. He, together with his wife Bobbi (who also sings), also play in the percussion section with the Lowcountry Wind Symphony. Andre has a fan page on Facebook which lists upcoming concerts.
August Job Placement

Currently, the national AGO website is posting 4 jobs in Georgia and 5 jobs in South Carolina.
Please check the national website for more information.

Local Jobs:

1. First Presbyterian Church, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, is seeking a church organist.

Position: Organist

Church/Organ Information:  First Presbyterian has a rich and distinguished tradition of excellence in music ministry. One of the largest churches in the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery, First Presbyterian has a membership of over 1300 and is located on beautiful Hilton Head Island, SC. The instrument was built by the Austin Organ Company in 1989. The new A.E. Schlueter console, installed in November 2016, has four manuals, 500 lockable memory levels, transposition capability, a record/playback feature and a touch screen. There are 72 ranks, of which 47 are pipe and 25 are digital, and a Trompette en Chamade.

Job Description: Church organist for a church with a rich and distinguished tradition of excellence in music.
Job Type: Part-time
Submit Application to: organist@fpchhi.org or Angie T. Greenfield, Chairman of Organist Search Committee
First Presbyterian Church of Hilton Head Island, 540 William Hilton Parkway
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928
To be Filled By: September 1, 2018

Qualifications:
- Bachelor of Music or equivalent experience required. Masters Degree (or higher) preferred.
- Excellent keyboard skills, piano proficiency, organ specialization strongly preferred.
- Previous experience as a church organist.
- Working knowledge of pipe organs.

Salary: negotiable, commensurate with experience, education, and qualifications.
Responsibilities:
- Provide organ and/or piano music in a professional manner for two traditional morning worship services and other special and seasonal services throughout the year.
- Facilitate congregational singing and worship through creative and inspiring hymn accompaniments.
- Coordinate special musical offerings by encouraging the musical talents and participation of members of congregation and/or guest artists.
- Accompany and rehearse with soloists and other guest musicians.
- Accountable to the Minister of Music
- Assist Minister of Music with worship planning.
- Assist the Minister of Music as needed, including, but not limited to, directing voice and handbell choirs (adult and children).
- Arrange for qualified substitute organists/pianists when absent.
Accompany the Sanctuary and New Voices Choirs at weekly and special rehearsals, and other choirs as needed.

Responsible for the overseeing of all maintenance for organs and keyboards, including tuning and repair.

Develop and oversee organ recital series.

Play for weddings and funerals, when requested, with additional income paid by families.

Attend weekly church staff meetings

Other related duties as assigned.

2. Trinity Chapel UMC in Tybee Island, Georgia, is seeking a part-time director of music ministries. This position will require approximately 10 hours per week. Responsibilities include providing accompaniment during Sunday morning worship as well as occasional seasonal services, directing the chancel choir, and leading choir rehearsal on Wednesday evenings during the school year. To apply, please submit a cover letter and resume to trinitychapel@bellsouth.net. For more information or a complete job description, please contact the church office at 912.786.4491 or trinitychapel@bellsouth.net.

Contact: Mary Ellen Sebring  Address: PO Box 378 911 Butler Ave. Tybee Island GA 31328  Phone: 912.786.4491  Email: trinitychapel@bellsouth.net  Website: trinitychapelumc.org

3. Carteret Street United Methodist Church 408 Carteret Street, Beaufort, SC 29902 Phone (843) 524-3841, csuMC@islc.net. Carteret Street United Methodist Church, Beaufort, SC, is seeking a part-time organist who will provide music in a worshipful spirit on Sunday morning and other occasions. Profile: · Average worship attendance of 250. · One service: 10:30AM (Year-Round), and weekly Adult Choir Rehearsals (Wed. Sept.-May), and Monthly on Sunday evenings (June-August). · Other services as needed (Christmas Eve, Advent Lunch, Lenten Lunch, Hanging of the Green, funerals, weddings as needed). The choir is composed of 18-20 semi-professional voices who are faithfully committed to the ministry of music. Two cantatas are presented each year. · The organ of 12 ranks and chimes was built by M.P. Moller in 1976. It was rebuilt by A.E. Schleuter in 2013 and includes 36 speaking stops with standard couplers. Console accessories include a combination action with 64 memory levels, swell and crescendo expression shoes, sforzando, transposer, and record/playback system. The organ is prepared for MIDI voices. A grand piano is also present in the sanctuary. Qualifications: · Person who professes the Christian faith and exhibits Christian character. · Degrees in music are preferred, but not required. · Experienced in church setting. · Works well with others as a member of a team. Responsibilities: · Cooperate with Senior Minister and Music Director to provide music that enhances corporate worship. · Play for all worship services to include weddings as requested and funerals. · Consult with family regarding the selection of appropriate music and arrangements for weddings. The organist is paid for these services by the family according to the fee schedule adopted by the Wedding Policy of Carteret Street UMC. · Approve, with consultation of the Senior Minister and Music Director, the use of the organ by any other qualified performer. · Rehearse as necessary to play proficiently. Voluntaries from standard organ literature as well as hymn-based compositions are appreciated. Creative hymn introductions, registrations, and occasional harmonic variations are welcome. · Secure a substitute organist when needed. The substitute will be paid in accordance with the procedures established by the Staff-Parish Relations Committee. · Maintain music for the organ in an orderly manner. · Attend meetings as requested by the Senior Minister or Choir Director.

Compensation and Accountability: This is a part-time position consisting of 12-15 hours per week. The salary range is $16,000 to $20,500. The organist reports directly to the Director of Music and is under the supervision of the Senior Minister and Staff-Parish Relations Committee. The church will pay for AGO membership as a professional/educational benefit. FICA is paid by the church. Application Process: Persons interested in applying should provide a complete resume and no less than three professional references. Send resume and references to: Mrs. Cindy Keener, Chair, Staff-Parish Relations Committee CSUmc@islc.net Church Office. Phone: 843-524-3841.
Photos from Beth and Jeff Corry’s fabulous trip abroad

Organ at the cathedral in Nuremberg

Cruising down the Danube

Organ at Gotweig Abbey

Organ St Stephens Cathedral Vienna
Upcoming Musical Events

The French Boys Choir *Les Moineaux* from Paris, under the direction of Francois Olivier, will be giving 2 free concerts on Sunday August 12th.
2:00 pm at St. Peter’s Catholic Church, 70 Lady’s Island Drive, Beaufort. 843-522-6508
6:00 pm at Holy Family Catholic Church, 24 Pope Avenue, Hilton Head Island. 843-785-2895
Donations will be gratefully accepted, and they will have CDs and other souvenirs from France.
This is the beginning of their latest American tour which will take them all the way to New York State.
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