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December Pipings

A Note from the Dean:

Isn't this the month that has 'Christmas' and 'Channukah' in it???
What happened to '4th of July' and 'Labor Day'???

I know that, as I get older, time does indeed seem to pass ever more quickly... but this year is ridiculous! Or, maybe it's just me...

A sincere 'Thank You' to everyone who worked on BachFest 2015. From the Administrative Board to the North and South (Beaufort County) planning committees, to the members who sold ads, to the ticket sellers and program givers and others who helped in a myriad of ways – I extend, on behalf of the Board, a heartfelt 'thanks'.

Though advance sales of tickets were disappointing, door sales of tickets were fairly good. Thanks to the gifts of a few members, our net was still a loss, but we were able to pay all the bills and there was a little money left in the account.

Our December meeting will be a combination of the Second Friday at Noon Concert at Saint Luke's, HHI followed by a gathering at Skillets near Coligny Circle. You can read more about it later in this newsletter.

Incidentally, as the year draws to a close, a sincere thanks from all of us to our ever-patient and very creative Newsletter Editor, Linda Hamilton. Every month she gathers reports, items of interest to members, scheduled events and more, then she 'coalesces the vapors of the universe' and sends us all a creative and attractive newsletter! Bravo, Linda, and thank you!

For those I may not see this month, may your holidays be a blessing to you and yours!

Jonathan Davis, Dean

Low Country Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

A Note from the Treasurer:

Reminder: If anyone still has money from BachFest ticket sales, please mail it to:

Gary Rakestraw
5 Spring Knob Circle
Beaufort, SC 29907

Sincerely,
Gary Rakestraw, Treasurer



We welcome **the 60th Member** to our
Low Country chapter:

Geoff Borgelt

LOW COUNTRY CHAPTER AGO

2015 ORGAN RECITAL SERIES AT NOON

St. Luke's Church
50 Pope Avenue
Hilton Head Island, SC

Nina L. Rodman, Series Coordinator

Music of Christmas

December 11

12:00 pm

Chapter Members and Friends will perform Christmas music from across the centuries.

YOU are invited and encouraged to play your favorites, and PLEASE email Nina with title(s), composer/arranger, and time-length of the pieces you wish to play no later than December 7!!!!

Following the recital, all attendees and guests are invited to gather at Skillet's Restaurant to share in a time of fun and fellowship over lunch.

RSVP to Gil Campbell at 843-681-6751 or gilohhi@gmail.com.

BE SURE TO HAVE OUR JANUARY PROGRAM ON YOUR CALENDAR!

TRENDS AND TRANSITION IN WORSHIP: Rekindling Your Music Ministry

Your Chapter is committed to providing educational enrichment and up-to-date information about what is going on in our profession.

This program is that and more, featuring:

The Rev. Andy Langford, a leader in worship, stewardship, reforms, and preaching in the United Methodist Church

Saturday, January 23
9am – 2pm
Low Country Presbyterian Church, Bluffton

A continental breakfast (at 8:30 am) and boxed lunch will be provided at a cost of \$10.00.

The program is open to all clergy, worship committees, and general public.

RSVP by January 15 to Beth Corry at corrymusic@yahoo.com or 703-946-7750.

Please submit your news, events, comments, experiences, upcoming music conferences, updates, **anything of interest** to your fellow chapter members to:

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Our chapter website is lccago.org. *Visit it!*

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More Organ Events

James O'Donnell, Organist and Master of the Choristers at Westminster Abbey, will be playing an organ concert on Sunday, February 14, 2016, 3:00 pm, at Byrnes Auditorium, **Winthrop University**, Rock Hill, SC.

The Atlanta Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is proud to announce the **2016 Pipe Organ Encounter** to be held Sunday, July 24-Friday, July 29, 2016 in Atlanta, Georgia. The Atlanta Chapter will accept students ages 13-18. Students should be interested in Pipe Organs with Piano or Organ proficiency from Intermediate to Advanced. Join us for an exciting week of study with the King of Instruments.

Watch our website for future announcements. Website: www.agoatlanta.org/html/POE.htm

Contact: Nicole Marane, POE Director at nicmarane@gmail.com

Job Placement, December 2015

Organization: **Advent United Methodist Church**

Address: Simpsonville, South Carolina, 29681, (www.advent-umc.org)

Posting Date: October 28, 2015

Title: Organist

Job Type: Part-time

Minimum Education: Bachelor's degree in music preferred (especially organ performance or emphasis on Sacred Music)

Minimum Experience: 2-3 Years

Salary: \$15,000.00 - \$17,000.00 (Yearly Salary)

Number of Weekly Services: 2

Number of Weekly Rehearsals: 1

Hours: 12 – 18 hours a week

Contact Person: Debbie Cotterman, employment@advent-umc.org

Job Description: Applicants should have a strong, personal faith and be a disciple of Jesus Christ. This person must have a thorough understanding of worship practices and procedures, preferably someone with experience in United Methodist worship, hymns, and theology.

Organization: **Christ Church Episcopal**

Location: 10 N. Church St., Greenville, South Carolina, 29601

Posting Date: November 2, 2015

Title: Director of Music

Job Type: Full-Time

Minimum Education: Master's Degree

Minimum Experience: 5-7 Years

Number of Weekly Services: 5 or more

Number of Weekly Rehearsals: 3

Hours: More than 40

Organ Description: Goulding & Wood Opus 35 III/67

Benefits: Book/Music Allowance, Continuing Education Allowance, Health Insurance, Maternity/Paternity Leave, Retirement/pension, Sick Leave, Vacation

Contact Person: Music Search Committee, musicsearch@ccgsc.org, 864-271-8773

Job Description: The Director of Music will assume responsibility for all aspects of musical life in the parish including acting as the Principal Organist and Choir Director. S/he will work collaboratively with the Rector and other members of the liturgy staff to enact creative and relevant liturgies, while remaining true to our Anglican tradition. The Director of Music has primary responsibilities for the implementation of current liturgical and musical aspects of Christ Church. Candidates must be able to manage other paid musicians as well as volunteers.



Music at St. Helena's

FRIDAY ORGAN CONCERTS AT NOON

2015-2016 Concert Schedule

Taylor & Boody, Opus 11 (1985; 19 ranks)

FALL SERIES

October 16

Travis Baker

*Director of Music, Bromley Boy Singers
Kent, England*

October 23

Katie Moss

*Doctoral Candidate, Indiana University
Readlyn, Iowa*

October 30

Douglas Bruce

*Parish Church of Wollbach
Black Forest, Germany*

November 6

Dr. Gregory Peterson

*Luther College
Decorah, Iowa*

November 20

FEATURED YOUNG ORGANIST

Clara Gerdes

*Curtis Institute
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

SPRING SERIES

March 11

FEATURED YOUNG ORGANIST

Shayla De Jong

Luther College, Decorah, Iowa

March 18

Patrick Zelezik

*Artistic Director, Houston Baroque
Houston, Texas*

April 1

Dr. Angela Kraft Cross

*Congregational Church of San Mateo
San Mateo, California*

April 8

Fred Teardo

*Cathedral of the Advent
Birmingham, Alabama*

April 15

Stephen Hamilton

*Church of the Holy Trinity (Emeritus)
New York City, New York*

Concerts are FREE, open to the public, and last approximately 50 minutes.

Donations are greatly appreciated.

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New Organ (2014)

More of our Recent New Organ Projects:

First United Methodist Church (V/93) Atlanta, GA
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (IV/83) New Orleans, LA
New York Ave Presbyterian (III/62) Washington, DC
Hendricks Ave Baptist Church (III/60) Jacksonville, FL
Midway Presbyterian Church (III/55) Powder Springs, GA
Bethel United Methodist Church (III/51) Charleston, SC
First Presbyterian Church (III/47) Savannah, GA
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church (III/46) Atlanta, GA
Carrollton First United Methodist Church (III/43) Carrollton, GA
St. Mary's Catholic Church (II/38) Evansville, IN
Advent Lutheran Church (III/36) Melbourne, FL
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (III/33) New Orleans, LA
Covenant Presbyterian Church (II/32) Charlotte, NC
College Heights United Methodist Church (III/31) Lakeland, FL
Chester Presbyterian Church (II/31) Chester, VA
Holy Trinity Catholic Church (II/27) Peachtree City, GA
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church (III/25) Burke, VA
First United Methodist Church (II/25) Elberton, GA
Stella Maris Catholic Church (II/25) Sullivan's Island, SC
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (II/23) Rocky Mount, NC
First United Methodist Church (III/22) Cordele, GA
Episcopal Church of the Advent (II/15) Madison, GA
Newberry ARP Church (II/15) Newberry, SC

Some of Our Current Organ Projects:



Rendering for

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary (III/38)
St. Louis, MO - New Organ
First Presbyterian (III/53)
Galveston, TX - New Organ
First Lutheran (III/24)
Galveston, TX - New Organ
Greek Orthodox
Atlanta, GA - New Console & Additions
First United Methodist
Opp, AL - Water Damage Repairs

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