



November 2023

## From the Dean

Guild Members and Friends,

We had a wonderful September and October with organ and choral music. Look for a thank you note from the family of Dale Hesse in this newsletter for our September program - the Hymn Festival with David Cherwien. Thanks to everyone who made that happen! As I write this, we are one day away from our October meeting at Grace United Methodist Church in North Augusta. Thank you to Christopher Leysath for providing the program, dinner, and fellowship time.

In November, we gather at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Augusta, with Jim Nord as our host. Dr. Don Saliers will be our guest speaker. Theologian in Residence at the Candler School of Theology at Emory in Atlanta, GA, I'm sure he will bring an interesting presentation for us. I hope you can make that meeting. More information about Dr. Saliers is here: <https://candler.emory.edu/faculty-profiles/don-e-saliers/>

Soli Deo Gloria!

Kathleen

Please let us know if you're planning to attend dinner before the Monday, November 13th meeting at Church of the Good Shepherd. Special Thanks to Jim Nord for preparing our meal that evening. RSVP by Saturday, November 11th to the newsletter editor: [markdickens81@icloud.com](mailto:markdickens81@icloud.com). The meal begins at 7pm and cost is \$15.

# Don Saliers shares Spiritual/ Musical insights from a former AGO Chaplain November 13th at Church of the Good Shepherd



Save the date for November 13th at 7pm when the Augusta AGO chapter hosts an evening with Don Saliers, a theologian and former distinguished professor of Theology and Worship at Candler School of Theology. While at Emory, Don directed the Master of Sacred Music Program and served as Organist & Choirmaster at Cannon Chapel for 35 years. Additionally, Don has taught at Yale Divinity School and authored 15 books on Theology and Worship. Invite your clergy and friends for this engaging evening of continuing education.

7pm Dinner, 8pm Presentation

## Dear Augusta Chapter,

This thank you is being extended to everyone in the AGO, Augusta Chapter who helped in any way with the Cherwien Hymn Festival on September 30 and the reception afterward. First of all, thank you to all the AGO members who spread the word in their churches throughout the CSRA. Thank you to those directors and churches whose choir members participated in the mass choir - Covenant Presbyterian, St. John Methodist, First Presbyterian, St. Paul's Episcopal, St. Paul's Lutheran and Bethlehem Lutheran, Aiken. (If there were others we were not aware of, thank you to them also) Everyone we met who commented about the wonderful choir were amazed that their beautiful voices had only practiced together once just a few hours before the festival!



A special thank you to the readers whose thoughtful interpretations added meaning to the quotes and scripture passages - Kathleen Cartledge, David Salter, Mark Dickens, and Jamie Garvey. A special thank you to Keith Shafer for his coordination with St. Paul's and the attention to all the details that were involved with the setup of the organ and the sanctuary, the printing of the programs, and picking up the food for the lovely reception in the River Room. Lastly, a very special thank you to Kathleen Cartledge who helped us coordinate for many months with David Cherwien, and helped to create the program.

The hymn festival could not have happened without everyone working together! Dale was blessed to have served so many churches in the CSRA and was always aiming to energize worshippers through music to glorify God. David Cherwien certainly energized us at the hymn festival with his inspired musical interpretations and superb hymn leading. We received a thank you note from a friend who said, "I had always thought hymns were boring until I heard Cherwien at an ALCM event at Emory. Never the same after that, and always great to refresh that awakening."

Thank you again for all of your support! Play on! Sing on! Soli Deo Gloria!

Blessings,

Janet Hesse and family

**Saint Paul's Church**  
6th & Reynolds at the Riverwalk  
Downtown Augusta

**EVENSONG**  
Sunday, 5 November 2023  
at 5:30 p.m.

*Music of Heathcote Statham,  
George Elvey  
and Randall Kempton*

*The Reverend Dr. Eric Biddy, Officiant  
Keith Shafer, Director of Music and  
Organist*

*A reception follows the service.  
Childcare available beginning at 5 p.m.*

*The public is invited*

**God at Night**

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## Pictures from our October Meeting:

### North Augusta High School Concert Choir Expo Grace United Methodist Church, North Augusta



The Greater Columbia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

*is hosting*



# **Pedals, Pipes, & Pizza**

*Come and meet the King of Instruments, the pipe organ!*

**WHEN?** Saturday, November 18, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to Noon  
A free pizza lunch will follow.

**WHERE?** Shandon United Methodist Church  
3407 Devine St., Columbia SC 29201

**WHO IS INVITED?** Anyone, young or old, who wants  
to learn about pipe organs.

This will be a brief and entertaining introduction to the pipe organ for anyone ages 8 and up, followed by a chance to build a small organ and play the big one. It's an opportunity for anyone to learn how the pipe organ works! There is no charge for this educational program.

The co-leaders will be Joseph Franklin, who will have played the previous evening's recital, David Lowry, Debbie Bauer, and Stephen Spake. The instruments for the event are Shandon Methodist's large Moller pipe organ and a wonderful "let's put it together" pipe organ. We hope you can join us for a fun morning of learning!

Pre-registration is not required for this event.  
Please spread the word! We especially encourage piano teachers and  
children's choir directors to bring their students.

Please join us the previous evening for another *Young Organist Weekend* event:  
Friday, November 17, 7:00 p.m. - *Recital by Joseph Franklin*, featured performer of our 2023  
Young Organist Competition. This free recital is at Shandon United Methodist Church.



7th - John Crosby

17th - Walter Harwood

19th - Lyn Patterson

24th - Kathleen Cartledge



Best Wishes to Dr. Bill Bates, Retired Professor of organ at the University of South Carolina in Columbia who will be relocating to Texas this Month. An appreciation-filled, farewell reception for Dr. Bates will take place on Tuesday, November 14th in Columbia.

### Substitute Organists Available

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Robyn Macey 706-631-0606

[robynvmacey@gmail.com](mailto:robynvmacey@gmail.com)

Sympathies to Kathleen Cartledge on the death of her father

Floyd O'Neal

May 4, 1928 - October 14, 2023

*Requiem aeternam Dona ei Domine Et lux perpetua luceat ei*

*Requiescat in pace. Amen*

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Friday, November 3rd - 7pm Remembering our Veterans and the Saints**

St. Paul's Church Choirs and Ensembles  
St. Paul Lutheran Church - 961 Trail Ridge Road, Aiken

### **Sunday, November 5th - 5:30pm Choral Evensong**

Music of Heathcoate Statham, Howard Helvey, and Randall Kempton  
Reception following in the Saint Paul's River Room  
Keith Shafer, Director of Music & Organist  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church - 605 Reynolds Street, Augusta

### **Sunday, November 12th - 4pm Harvest Home Concert**

South Boundary Singers and USCA present a concert benefiting ACTS of Aiken  
First Baptist Church of Aiken - 120 Chesterfield Street N, Aiken

### **Sunday, November 12th - 6pm Choral Evensong**

Commemoration of all the faithful departed  
Organ music by William Lloyd Webber and Robert Powell  
Preces and Responses by Jeffrey Rickard  
Evening Canticles by Edward Bennett  
Anthem by J. William Green  
Don Dupee, Director of Music & Organist  
St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church - 125 Pendleton Street, SW, Aiken

### **Monday, November 13th - 7pm Dinner/ 8pm Program Dr. Don E. Saliers, Guest Speaker**

Former National Chaplain of the American Guild of Organists, Don Saliers will be our guest speaker for the November AGO meeting. Don is a theologian and former distinguished Professor of Theology and Worship at Candler School of Theology where he directed the Master of Sacred Music Program at Emory. He was organist and Choirmaster at Cannon Chapel for 35 years. Prior to Candler, he taught at Yale Divinity School and is an accomplished musician, theologian and scholar of liturgies. He is the author of 15 books on the relationship between theology and worship practices. Dinner begins at 7pm and the cost is \$15. Church of the Good Shepherd, 2230 Walton Way, Augusta

## **Saturday, November 18th - 10am-noon Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza**

A brief introduction to the pipe organ for all ages.

Presented by: Joseph Franklin - guest recitalist

David Lowry - retired organ professor, Winthrop University

Debbie Bauer - Organist & Music Associate, Shandon United Methodist Church

Stephen Spake - President, Lincoln Organs

Pre-registration is not required.

Shandon United Methodist Church - 3407 Devine Street, Columbia, SC

## **Sunday, November 19th - 3pm Under the Steeple: Scratch (Sing-a-long) *Messiah***

Highlights from Parts I, II, and III

Chancel Choir, Guests, Soloists, Orchestra

Dr. Matt Caine, Conductor

St. John's United Methodist Church - 104 Newberry St. NW Aiken

## **Sunday, November 26th - 5pm Thomson Community Christmas Concert**

The choirs of New Thomson United Methodist Church under the direction of Dr. Bill Hobbins & First Baptist Church Thomson join together to offer festive Anthems and Carols in this annual community concert. The combined choirs are accompanied by strings, brass, piano, and organ.

First Baptist Church Thomson - 253 Jackson Street, Thomson GA

## **Tuesday, November 28th - 12pm Tuesday's Music Live - The Davidson Chorale**

Phillip Streetman, Director

Free and open to the public

St. Paul's Episcopal Church - 605 Reynolds Street, Augusta

## **Thursday, November 30th - 7pm North Augusta High School Concert Choir**

Chris Leysath, Director

Dr. Wayne Lord, Organist

Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church - 2261 Walton Way, Augusta

## **Tuesday, December 5th - 7:30pm A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**

The Guild of Sacred Heart Cultural Center presents this annual Christmas event under the direction of Keith Shafer and based on the traditional English Christmas program that originated at King's College Chapel, Cambridge University, England. This night will feature leaders in the community as readers of the nine lessons and the choirs of Trinity on the Hill Methodist Church under the direction of Kevin Pollock singing a collection of carols and hymns. Tickets: \$25

Purchase tickets ONLINE on Ticket Leap or please call 706-826-4700

## **Sunday, December 10th - 8:30am & 11am John Rutter Magnificat and other works**

Chancel Choir & Orchestra

Dr. Matt Caine, conductor

St. John's United Methodist Church - 104 Newberry St. NW Aiken

## **Sunday, December 10th - 4:30pm & 6:30pm Lessons and Carols**

Choirs & Orchestra

Dr. Leigh Fleury, conductor

First Presbyterian Church - 642 Telfair St. Augusta

## **Sunday, December 10th - 6pm Christmas at First**

Choir & Orchestra

Dr. Ryan Heritage, conductor

First Baptist Church - 3500 Walton Way Ext. Augusta

## **Monday, December 11th - 7pm South Aiken High School Choir Concert**

St. Paul Lutheran Church - 961 Trail Ridge Road, Aiken

## **Thursday, December 14th - 7pm North Augusta High School Combined Choirs' Winter Concert**

Chris Leysath, Director

Grace United Methodist Church - 639 Georgia Ave, North Augusta

## **Thursday, December 14th -7pm Aiken Singers Holiday Concert**

Josh Edwards, conductor

St. John's United Methodist Church - 104 Newberry St. NW Aiken

## **Friday, December 15th - 6:30pm**

### **Merry Christmas! Christmas Piano Duets and Solos**

Program features Christmas carols adapted for piano 4-hands. Composers include Faure, Bach, Camille Saint-Saëns, Louis-Claude Daquin, and more.

Pianists: Justin Hornsby & Jolene Long

Parish Hall of Church of the Good Shepherd - 2230 Walton Way, Augusta

## **Friday, December 15th - 7pm**

### **Aiken Civic Orchestra: 'Tis the Season Holiday Concert**

St. Paul Lutheran Church - 961 Trail Ridge Road, Aiken

## **Sunday, December 17th - 11am**

### **Service of Lessons and Carols**

Chris Leysath, Director of Music & Organist

Grace United Methodist Church - 639 Georgia Ave, North Augusta

## **Sunday, December 17th - 4pm**

### **South Boundary Singers Christmas Concert**

First Presbyterian Church of Aiken - 224 Barnwell Ave NW, Aiken

## **Sunday, December 17th - 6:30pm**

### **A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**

The Good Shepherd and St. Gregory Choirs directed by James Nord.

2230 Walton Way, Augusta

## **Sunday, December 17th - 7pm**

### **Bach Magnificat**

Choirs & Orchestra

Jose Reyes-Ortiz, Conductor

Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church - 720 Telfair Street Augusta

## **Sunday, December 24th - 7:30pm**

### **Traditional Christmas Eve Worship with candle-lighting**

Organ selections from Bach, Buxtehude, and more

St. Paul Lutheran Church - 961 Trail Ridge Road, Aiken

## **Sunday, December 24th - 10:30pm**

### **Concerts with a Cause: Christmas Eve Concert and Lessons and Carols**

St. John Choirs and Orchestra directed by Jamie Council Garvey

St. John United Methodist Church - 736 Greene Street, Augusta

## **Sunday, December 24th -11:30pm**

### **Midnight Mass**

Responses - Frank Deese

Service: Messe brève - Léo Delibes

Anthems: Bergers et Mages - Samuel Rousseau

The Oxen - Gerald Finzi

Gesu Bambino - Yon

Postlude: Epistle Sonata in C, K 278 - Mozart

Frank Deese, Parish Musician

St. Mary Help of Christians - 138 Fairfield Street SE, Aiken

## **Saturday, February 17th - 3pm**

### **Abigail Crafton in recital**

First Prize Winner of the AGO Quincy Southeast Regional Competition for Young Organists in concert.

St. John United Methodist Church - 736 Greene Street, Augusta

## **Sunday, March 3rd -7pm**

### **Concerts with a Cause: The Georgia State University Singers**

Hear the award-winning Georgia State Singers with Augusta's beloved Davidson Chorale and Harmonix.

The Cause: ReStart Augusta

St. John United Methodist Church - 736 Greene Street, Augusta

## **Sunday, March 9th - 8pm**

### **Paul Jacobs in recital**

Organ professor of the Juilliard School in concert as part of the Joye in Aiken Festival.

Ticketed event with limited seating. Visit [joyeinaiken.com](http://joyeinaiken.com) for ticket information.

St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church - 125 Pendleton Street, SW, Aiken

## **Chapter Officers and board members:**

Dean - Deacon Kathleen Cartledge

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# St Paul Celebration Concert Series



## with Casavant Opus 3728

**St Paul Lutheran Church**

961 Trail Ridge Rd, Aiken, South Carolina 29803

[www.stpaullc.net](http://www.stpaullc.net)

**Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> - 3:30 pm**

### **Opening Series Concert - The King of Instruments**

*With Deacon Kathleen O. Cartledge and Local Artists*

*Celebrating the versatility of the Organ as a solo & ensemble instrument*

**Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7 pm**

### **Remembering our Veterans and the Saints**

*With the St Paul Lutheran Church Choirs and Ensembles*

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 pm Traditional  
Christmas Eve Worship with candle-lighting**

*Organ selections from Bach, Buxtehude, and more*

**Casavant Opus 3728 was installed at St Paul Lutheran Church, December 20, 1998  
And Dedicated to the Glory of God on February 14, 1999.**

Free Admission to Concerts. All are Welcome!  
Love offering may be taken up, but not required.

# *Winter Nocturne*

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