

Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 12:00 noon

Bluffton UMC, 101 Calhoun Street, Bluffton, SC 29910

The Lowcountry Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

presents

Debbie Bauer, organ/piano

David Bretz and Tom Bauer, trombone

Program

Variations on *Lasst uns erfreuen* Denis Bédard
(b. 1950)

Romance for Trombone and Piano..... Carl Maria von Weber
(1786-1826)

Trumpet Tune Michael McCabe
(b. 1941)

Princess Leia's Theme..... John Williams
(b. 1932)

Tuba Tune in D Major, Op. 15 C. S. Lang
(1891-1971)

Sakura Song Yosuke Fukuda
(b. 1975)

American Folk Hymn Suite for Organ Michael Burkhardt
1. How Firm a Foundation (b. 1957)
2. Shall We Gather at the River
3. Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Thoughts of Love (Valse de Concert)..... Arthur Pryor
(1869-1942)

God Bless America..... Irving Berlin
(1888-1989)

Deborah K. Bauer is Organist and Director of Music Ministry at Carteret Street United Methodist Church in Beaufort, SC. Originally from Aiken, SC, Debbie earned the BM and MM performance and church music degrees from Winthrop University and Indiana University, respectively. She has maintained a consistent church music career in various denominations over the years as she and her husband Tom and daughter Katie have travelled around the world with the U.S. Army. They are now happily settling into their new home on St. Helena Island with their 3-yr-old German Shephard and two geriatric kitty cats.

David Bretz started on the trombone at age 12 in Greenacres Junior High School in Bossier City, Louisiana. He then studied at Henderson State University, the University of North Texas, and this fall will enter the graduate program at Southern Mississippi University in Hattiesburg. He retired after teaching middle and high school band for 20 years in Arkansas and Kentucky. He also served a 12-year enlistment in the U. S. Army Band, performing in over 19 countries and 32 states, deploying to Iraq, Bosnia, and Kosovo.

CW4 George T. Bauer is a retired U. S. Army Bandmaster having served over 26 years of active duty service. A native of Clemson, SC, he earned BM and MM trombone performance degrees from Winthrop University and the University of North Texas and enlisted as a U. S. Army trombonist in 1996. His first duty stations were Fort McPherson, GA; Fort Jackson, SC; Mannheim, Germany; and Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. He deployed in support of the opening of Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 76th Army Band. In 2007, he was accepted into the U. S. Army Warrant Officer Corps as a Bandmaster, and subsequently served as Commander and Conductor of the bands at Fort Rucker, AL; Fort Huachuca, AZ; Fort Carson, CO, and Fort Jackson, SC. He was promoted to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer Four in October of 2020, one of only four Bandmasters to hold that rank at any one time. He retired from active duty service on 1 December 2022.