

Part-Time Director of Music Ministries

Otterbein United Methodist Church

Harrisonburg, VA

Otterbein United Methodist Church, Harrisonburg, Virginia seeks applicants for the part-time position of Director of Music Ministries. Otterbein UMC has a rich history of excellence in music with the goal of glorifying God through worship. Otterbein's Music Ministry features a Sanctuary Choir, a five-octave handbell choir (Otterbein Chancel Ringers), a College Chorale (eight-voice ensemble of church-funded scholarship students) and an endowed music education program. Otterbein is blessed to have a three-manual Reuter pipe organ, a Kawai grand piano, five octaves of Shulmerich handbells and handchimes and a tower carillon dating to 1927. Located in downtown Harrisonburg, Otterbein frequently collaborates with James Madison University, other area churches, and gifted musicians in the Shenandoah Valley.

Otterbein UMC invites interested candidates to apply for the position anticipated to be open in mid-August 2024. The church is seeking a talented musician and dynamic leader who will direct and coordinate a comprehensive music ministry which leads the congregation in meaningful worship experiences. They should have strengths in choral conducting, sacred music repertoire, and worship planning. Additionally, they should possess excellent communication and organization skills and the ability to collaborate with church leadership and the larger music community. Continuation of the existing music program is desired, as well as creative ideas and vision to guide the ministry into the future. Applicants with advanced keyboard skills and service playing experience on organ and piano are encouraged to apply, though instrumental ability is not requisite. The position may be divided to meet the strengths of qualified applicants and best fulfill the needs of the church's Music Ministry. Minimum of a master's level degree in music or experience in a similar position is preferred. Salary will be commensurate with degree, experience, and responsibilities for which the applicant is hired.

Resume and cover letter should be submitted to oumcadm@hotmail.com.