

## **Organist/Accompanist**

### **Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church**

**POSITION:** Organist/Accompanist

**STATUS:** Part time

**HOURS:** 10-15 hours per week

#### **OVERVIEW AND GENERAL PURPOSE:**

Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church (DMUMC) serves our community, striving to live our mission statement: **"We envision Duncan Memorial as a loving faith community where all are sought, welcomed, nurtured and transformed to be Christ in the world."**

The **Organist/Accompanist** is the key instrumentalist for our worship services, musical ministries and strengthens the connection between music and the spiritual life of the church. Qualified candidates must have mastery in producing religious music on a pipe organ, piano and keyboard. Duncan Memorial has a Schantz 35-rank, 3-manual organ built in 1989.

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIP AND SUPERVISION:**

The **Organist/Accompanist** reports to the Director of Music for regular supervision and will receive direction from the Lead Pastor on coordinating organ music with the worship service. The Lead Pastor provides an annual evaluation of the **Organist/Accompanist's** performance, which includes a written evaluation from the Director of Music regarding Organist/Accompanist duties. The Leadership Board is responsible for employment and compensation issues for this position.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Provides organ and piano music for the weekly Sunday service, which includes weekly communion. Plays for special services which may include but not be limited to Blue Christmas, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Ash Wednesday (mid-day and evening), Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday, Easter Sunrise and weeknight Celtic service.
- Accompanies vocal choirs and instrumental groups during Sunday worship.
- Prepares a prelude, offertory, postlude, hymns and anthem on a weekly basis,
- Plays for weekly Chancel Choir rehearsals, and Sunday morning warm-ups at 10 am.
- Coordinates with Lead Pastor and Director of Music on the selection of music for the weekly worship service,
- Attend staff meetings in person or via conference call or staff retreats as needed,
- The **Organist/Accompanist** has the right of first refusal for playing at weddings or funerals held at the church, and may receive an honorarium over and above their regular salary for such services.

**Expectations:**

- A minimum of 3 years of experience serving in a traditional and/or blended style religious worship environment preferred, or a willingness to adapt to a performance practice that aligns with a blended worship style.
- Skills: Must demonstrate proficiency in both traditional and reharmonizational keyboard skills when accompanying selected hymns and praise songs.

**Educational Background:**

- Currently in pursuit of or have at least completed a Bachelor's degree in Music with an emphasis in organ/piano performance or in any other academic study area.

**SALARY:** Commensurate with experience.

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