

Pianist/Guitarist Job Description

Pleasant Retreat United Methodist Church

Description: To provide music for worship services through piano *and/or* guitar which is meaningful and enhances the congregation's worship experience. The ideal candidate for this position will be someone who is a proficient musician with a piano and/or guitar. The candidate should feel called to musical ministry and have a basic positive expectation of the power and purpose of music within a worship service. The candidate will be eager to include others in their musical callings as well.

Scope: This is a part-time position, requiring the pianist or guitarist's presence at weekly Sunday morning worship services and any other service where music is needed.

Responsibilities/Duties

- Prepare and perform all music for worship services, unless otherwise directed.
- Select and prepare weekly congregational musical selections with the direction and conferral of the Pastor.
- Select and prepare appropriate service music including: prelude, offertory, postlude, and special music during communion.
- Be available for all special services (including, but not limited to all Holy Days – Christmas Eve, Holy Week services, Easter, etc.) unless otherwise instructed by the Pastor and/or the Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC).
- Make efforts to engage and invite congregation and church members to express their own musical talents and callings within our services.
- Weddings and funerals are not included in this job description and are left to the discretion of the musician.

Skill Expectations

Necessary:

- Competent proficiency of *either* the piano *or* the guitar.
- Experience with and basic knowledge of church music.
- Ability to work collaboratively with others.
- Flexibility and simple improvisatory abilities.
- Able to play hymns from the UMC hymnal for the congregation (or adapt them if playing guitar).
- Sight-reading skills, particularly the ability to sight read from the UMC hymnal.

Optional:

- Congregational music/hymn playing experience.
- Ability to play *both* piano *and* guitar will be compensated.
- Choral accompanying experience and other skills related to organizing and leading a volunteer choir or band.

Other information:

- Time commitment is Sundays 10:15am – 12:00pm as well as rehearsal time as needed.
- All rehearsals, prep-time, practice, and performance time is included in the salary.
- Salary begins at \$300/month and will be commiserate with ability, education, and experience.