

# **ACCOMPANIST**

## **JAMIESON MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

### **Introduction to Music at Jamieson United Methodist Church**

Music is an essential and joyous component in our church life at Jamieson and the quality of the music program is a source of pleasure and inspiration for many within the congregation and the greater community. JMUMC seeks an accompanist who will provide keyboard accompaniment that ministers with caring, imagination and grace to the needs of a diverse congregation.

Currently, Jamieson UMC has Sunday services at 9:00 AM and at 11:00 AM. The 9:00 AM service is less formal. The 11:00 AM service is typically more traditional. The adult choir participates in the 11:00 AM service virtually year-round. Led by the Choral Director, this is an all-volunteer SATB group of about 14 adults that rehearses weekly from September through June. Rehearsals are approximately 1 ½ hours on Wednesday evenings. The Accompanist is an integral part of both weekly rehearsal and worship, providing elements critical to all other musical offerings.

### **Professional Qualifications**

The Accompanist should:

- Possess a strong faith in Jesus Christ and the ability to communicate that faith in a manner which makes evident the link between music and spirituality.
- Have a strong musical education or commensurate professional experience with proficiency in keyboard to include piano and organ.

### **Music Program Responsibilities**

1. Practice for and provide accompaniment at all rehearsals of the adult choir in preparation for a weekly offering of anthem(s) and service music.
2. Actively participate in the Worship Planning Team which will meet regularly to plan, coordinate and design worship services reflective of pastoral and team vision to include the selection of hymns, special emphases and additional liturgical components.
3. Provide accompaniment as needed for weddings, funerals and on other special worship occasions.

### **Administrative Responsibilities**

1. Submit weekly musical selections in a timely manner to the Administrative Assistant for inclusion in the weekly bulletin.
2. Attend regular staff and Worship Team meetings as necessary in order to effectively plan and present the musical programs of the church.
3. Prepare and manage the repair and maintenance of the piano and organ, ensuring that funds are included in the annual budget for these items.

### **Time Commitment**

The hours required for satisfactory completion of this job will vary with the organizational skills of the candidate and the seasonal demands related to special performances. It is expected that adequate management of the related tasks will require approximately 6 hours per week.

### **Supervision**

The Accompanist works under the leadership and at the direction of the pastor but is amenable to the Staff Parish Relations Committee for matters of employment, salary, and policy.