



Goshen United Methodist Church

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Rev. Dr. Paul W. Johnson, Pastor

"Honoring the Past to Inspire the Future"

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LEAD MUSICIAN (Pianist)

Announcement opens Immediately (Announcement opened until position is filled). Start date negotiable. Musician expected to play every Sunday with a maximum salary of \$20,000.00 with 2 weeks paid vacation.

JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE - LEAD MUSICIAN (Pianist) for MASS, MEN'S, YOUTH/CHILDREN'S CHOIRS, PRAISE/WORSHIP TEAM.

DESCRIPTION:

Serves as the Lead Musician (Pianist) of the church with the responsibility of providing the musical accompaniment to the Choirs for each designated Sunday morning service.

Along with Choir Directors, plans, coordinates, and teaches music and accompanies the Choirs.

Works with Worship Chair, Choir Directors, and the Pastor (as needed) to enhance the total worship experience of the church.

Accompanies each designated choir at all regularly schedules rehearsals.

Serves as primary pianist, with the right of first refusal, for all funerals, weddings, and wedding rehearsals held at the church. Fees for funeral services are not provided by the church but are

honorariums from the families at a negotiated amount at the time contract is signed. For weddings, the fee is negotiable between the bridal couple and the pianist.

Arranges, in advance, for all absences for vacation or other reasons. If the Lead Musician is not available to play, it is his/her responsibility to arrange for a substitute musician. This includes coordinating rehearsal time with Choirs.

Works with the Pastor and Choir Director(s) to plan and produce, as appropriate, special musical programs involving the choir's participation, such as Christmas Pageants, Easter Cantatas, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and special Sundays such as Homecoming, Men's Day, Women's Day, etc.

With the approval of the Pastor and the Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee Chair, and in collaboration with the appropriate Choir Director, may be asked to participate in the recruiting, interviewing, and auditioning of potential musicians for the Choir's performance. Along with the specific Choir Director, arranges with individual musicians, both within and outside the community to provide music for special performances as necessary and appropriate.

On occasion, as a part of the church's outreach efforts, accompanies the choirs for outside engagements. (When appropriate, additional fees may be negotiated).

QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor's degree in music is preferred but not mandatory with education and experience which results in the ability to play by ear, read, arrange/write and transpose music to match the abilities and needs of the choir members, soloists, congregation, and church.

Knowledge and experience playing a wide and varied range and style of music, for example traditional hymns, gospel, contemporary, anthems type, choral.

Skilled ability to play with other musicians.

Maintains a Christian and caring focus in all communications.

Exceptional sight-reading skills as well as ability to transpose music and or write out parts when needed.

Demonstrates ability to lead, teach, and inspire others, and have a strong spirit of cooperation, is flexible and fair which exhibited through good interpersonal skills.

REPORTING RELATIONSHIP: Reports to Pastor, and Chair, SPPRC in that order

POSITION STATUS: Permanent

ALL INTERESTED APPLICANTS EMAIL RESUME TO:
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Please provide salary expectation in your email.