

PLATTSBURGH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

“WE ARE A RECONCILING CONGREGATION”

Our Mission:

We will walk in the way of Jesus as we grow together and transform the world with God's love

Our Vision:

We Choose: To open our arms, hearts, and doors to all; To create and maintain for all, a place of peace, learning, understanding and support; To refrain from judgment as we accept all people with love, tenderness, respect and compassion; To generously commit ourselves to mission, social justice and service in the community, nation and world; To bravely express our belief that there are many pathways into the sacred and choose Jesus as our pathway; To offer passionate worship for all.

Pianist/Organist/Accompanist of Plattsburgh United Methodist Church

The Pianist/Organist/Accompanist is the primary accompanist for Plattsburgh United Methodist Church. This position supports the Choir Director and the choir as they grow as disciples of Jesus Christ through worship and music.

The Pianist/Organist/Accompanist cooperates with the Pastor to choose and play music that supports the themes of the worship service chosen by the Pastor.

Education & Qualifications

- Training in piano and/or organ and experience in accompanying preferred.
- Communicates regularly and effectively with members of the general public, church members, and other persons present in the church building.
- Must be able to work cooperatively and collaboratively with other persons.
- A technical proficiency in playing the organ and piano with accuracy
- Ability to play a wide variety of music including hymns with proficiency and sensitivity
- Flexibility and openness toward changing styles of worship.
- Ability to communicate and work well with others. Must be a team player

Position Type and Hours

- The Pianist/Organist/Accompanist is a salaried employee, expected to work on Sunday mornings at both the 8 a.m. (Piano) and 10 a.m. (Piano and/or Organ) worship services and at Chancel Choir Rehearsal (currently Thursdays at 7:15 p.m. and Sundays at 9:20 a.m.). Will also be responsible for rehearsal time prior to worship services.
- The Pianist/Organist/Accompanist will receive two (2) Sundays of vacation and/or professional leave per year with compensation, provided satisfactory arrangements are made for substitutes.
- The Pianist/Organist/Accompanist is responsible for finding substitutes whenever needed.
- In consultation with the Pastor, the work schedule will be arranged according to program needs.
- The Pianist/Organist/Accompanist has the first right of refusal to play the piano or organ for weddings and funerals. Policies and payment practices are to be worked out with the Pastor and SPRC lead.

Accountable to:

- The Pastor as Head of Staff

Duties

- Accompanies the adult choir during weekly rehearsals (currently Thursday nights at 7:15 p.m. and Sundays at 9:20 a.m.), services for Sunday mornings and other special services throughout the year.
- Accompanies other church music ensembles as needed.
- Prepares and plays music for Sunday morning worship services and other special services throughout the year. Music will and/or may include prelude, postlude, hymns, anthems and other service music.
- Prepares appropriate music for the special services: Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and two Christmas Eve Services.
- Rehearses occasionally with other ensembles or soloists as needed.
- Submits titles and composers of music selections to church office by Wednesday for inclusion in Sunday bulletin.
- Attends staff meetings and special worship planning sessions throughout the year, as needed. Collaborates with Chancel Choir Director to plan and prepare music for Sunday worship services by the Choir.
- Provides accompaniment for funerals, memorial services and weddings as able, honoraria as you negotiate with funeral directors and/or wedding party.
- Acts as “curator” of the piano/organ, coordinating maintenance/tuning for the instruments as needed with the Trustee lead.
- The Pianist/Organist/Accompanist is in view of the congregation so we ask that you are professionally dressed.

Evaluation

The Pianist/Organist/Accompanist will be evaluated two (2) times during a three (3) month introductory period- after one (1) month and again at the end of the three (3) months. If the three (3) month evaluation is satisfactory, the next evaluation will be completed at the end of one (1) year. If a satisfactory one (1) year evaluation is achieved, there will be a performance evaluation every year thereafter. Evaluations shall be conducted by the Staff Parish Relations Lead and Pastor. A report will be shared with Leadership Board.

Salary

- Compensation of the Pianist/Organist/Accompanist will be an amount recommended by the Leadership Board. This amount shall be reviewed on an annual basis.