

# **NEW BEGINNINGS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

## **Job Description: Accompanist**

### **Principle Focus**

Under immediate direction of the Senior Pastor, Director of Music Ministries, Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC), the Accompanist shall work accordingly with the Senior Pastor, Director of Music Ministries and others involved in the music ministries of NBUMC to develop, organize, and lead a comprehensive music ministry. The Accompanist will support the mission and objectives of NBUMC to grow a community of believers in Christ, in service to the world.

The Accompanist position is designed to enhance the music ministry of NBUMC by providing piano and/or keyboard music and accompanying the Traditional Choir and Praise Band at regularly scheduled church functions, including worship services and rehearsals. The intent of this position is to enable, and support all worshippers in a closer Christian and spiritual relationship through their involvement with music. It is also the intention of this position to lay a solid foundation of high musical quality for the weekly Church services, community programs, and to grow the ministry through appropriate musical expressions.

This is a part-time, nine (9) hour per week nonexempt position. Normal scheduled work hours are Sunday morning from 8:00am to 12:00pm and Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm to 8:00pm for rehearsal. Other duties of this position can be accomplished during non-scheduled work hours.

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

- Accompany the congregation in Christian worship through piano or keyboard music.
- Accompany instrumental and congregational music for the traditional and contemporary Sunday morning worship services, Christmas Eve and Holy Week services, and other occasional liturgical services and events as required by the Senior Pastor or Director of Music Ministries.
- May provide piano or keyboard music for weddings and funerals. A stipend will be determined with consultation of the Senior Pastor or Director of Music Ministries.
- Responsible for attending rehearsals as requested by the Director of Music Ministries.
- Responsible for preparing prelude, postlude and offertory solos in consultation with, and as requested by, the Director of Music Ministries and the Senior Pastor. Musical offerings on Sunday may include hymns, anthems, special music, prelude, offertory, postlude, recessional, response, communion, and prayer time music.
- Communicate to the Director of Music Ministries if piano or keyboard needs tuning or repair.
- Access music library as needed.
- Obtain music as needed from appropriate resources with the assistance of the Director of Music Ministries.
- Other duties as assigned by the Senior Pastor or Director of Music Ministries.

### **Skills, Education and Requirements**

- Have a vital, personal relationship with Jesus Christ, living a Godly lifestyle inside and outside of church.
- Must be experienced and knowledgeable of traditional and contemporary church literature.
- Proficiency in the accompaniment of soloists, ensembles and choir(s) is required.
- Have knowledge of the UMC history, doctrine, polity and resources.
- Have strong organizational skills.
- Become and maintain current CPR/First Aid certification and Safe Sanctuary certification.
- Pass a background check.
- The Church reserves the right to conduct pre-employment and/or random alcohol and/or drug testing.