

First United Methodist Church

Victoria, Texas

Seeking Music Director

First United Methodist Church in Victoria, Texas is a downtown church family with a membership of 1375, having been organized in 1840. We are a church with a reputation for excellence in traditional music and special productions with guest musicians at Christmas and Easter. There are currently three worship services: two traditional, at 8:00 and 10:40 a.m., and a contemporary service at 11:00 a.m. Music for the current contemporary service is managed by a separate worship team, but with the rapid changes occurring in worship, the successful candidate must have a musical background that can provide music ministry across the spectrum from traditional to contemporary.

FUMC, Victoria is seeking a full-time Music Director in accordance with the following Job Description. We offer competitive salary and benefits based on experience and academic achievement.

Minister of Music Job Description

MISSION:

1. To provide music for Sunday worship services, to provide music for meetings, programs, and occasional special worship services.
2. To promote music programs throughout the church.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Bachelor's Degree or higher in music, preferably in Sacred Music.
2. Proficiency in organ and piano performance.
3. Knowledge and proficiency in hand bell performance.
4. Skill in conducting vocal and instrumental ensembles.

DUTIES:

1. Attend staff meetings, church council meetings, church conferences, Worship committee meetings and annual ministry planning meetings.
2. Schedule and conduct Sanctuary Choir rehearsals and performances.
3. Schedule and conduct hand bell choir rehearsals, performances and workshops.
4. Lead or recruit leadership for additional musical groups: Cherub Choir,

Children's Choir, Chimes, or other groups as may be formed.

5. Coordinate the schedule of all musical groups for worship and rehearsal.
6. Select anthems and special music appropriate for season and theme.
7. Maintain music library, including sorting, filing, and ordering music.
8. Schedule tuning and maintenance of organ, pianos, and hand bells.
9. Maintain keyboard skills through regular practice of music for worship and special programs.
10. Direct or assist with special activities when requested: cantatas, musicals and special programs.
11. Submit a budget for the total music program.
12. Assist pastor(s) with selecting music for worship services.
13. Communicate details of music programs for bulletins and monthly newsletters.
14. Provide music for weddings and funerals, for additional fees, as requested.
15. Approve substitutes for weddings or funerals in case of absence.
16. Contract with outside musicians for special programs and serve as liaison between FUMC and music organizations using FUMC facilities, such as Victoria Bach Festival.
17. Update skills and maintain knowledge of current trends in church music by attending and participating in workshops, master classes and conventions.
18. Recruit members for the music groups and provide for their extra-musical needs by consulting with individual members before or after services and by communicating via phone, e-mail, or other means.

For more information or to send resumes, contact:

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