

MILLS RIVER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
137 Old Turnpike Road, Mills River, NC 28759

A Church Community, A Community Church

POSITION TITLE: Organist/Accompanist
REPORTS TO: Director of Music
STATUS: Part-time, 8-10 hours per week, salaried

Primary Purpose:

In consultation with the Director of Music, pastors and other worship leaders, the Organist/Accompanist shall assist in leading a comprehensive program of music for the congregation.

Essential Duties:

- assist the Director of Music with the planning, coordination and implementation of the music program
- accompany choir, orchestra and hand bell performances rehearsals
- accompany and occasionally direct music in 8:30am and 11am worship services each week
- musical responsibilities will include providing organ preludes, organ/piano duets, accompanying the Chancel Choir, Youth Orchestra, soloists and ensembles as needed
- assist in recruiting, equipping and resourcing participants and volunteers in the music ministry program
- be available to substitute for the Director of Music in his absence for rehearsals and services as needed
- provide music for weddings and funeral at the direction of the Director of Music
- if desired, offer private music lessons at the church in a "Safe Sanctuary" environment observing all Safe Sanctuary requirement

Administrative Duties:

- assist Director of Music Ministry in planning, coordinating and managing annual music budget
- assist Director of Music Ministry in maintaining the music library

Qualifications:

- understanding of and commitment to Christian worship in the United Methodist tradition
- proficiency in organ
- possess a capability of sight reading anthems
- use good interpersonal skills to develop and maintain open relationships with MRUMC staff, laity, choir and musicians.

Experience:

- experience with choral conducting
- formal training in music theory, performance and composition
- familiarity with the Rogers 560 three manual organ and the PK 300 midi system

Other Requirements

- annual Safe Sanctuary training
- participation in staff planning retreats
- weekly attendance at staff meetings when possible
- participate in one continuing education event annually to increase understanding, skills and enthusiasm for this work
- relate to the Staff Parish Relations Committee's assigned liaison
- annual review with the Sr. Pastor and Director of Music Ministry
- ability to adapt to a variety of musical styles