

Church Choir Director—Job Description

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First United Methodist Church-Palatine, IL

Job Purpose

The choir director leads and oversees the activities of the choir during rehearsals and during musical performances. The choir director selects music to support the worship service and the message of the Scriptures and the sermon. The choir director may serve as cantor as needed.

Job Information

Classification: Church Staff; Hourly; Part-time

Supervisor: Pastor

Work Schedule: Sunday morning service, occasional Saturday evening service, Special Holiday services, Thursday night rehearsals, Worship Team Meetings on a quarterly basis-usually Thursday night prior to rehearsal; other times as required

Hours: 6-10 hours/week from late August to early June and 2-4 hours/week during the summer

Pay: Pay is an hourly rate and will be covered by Social Security and Worker's Compensation with First United Methodist Church-Palatine paying the employer's share of FICA

Duties and Responsibilities

*Schedule choir rehearsals

*Direct choir members in warm-ups prior to practices & performances

*Select music to meet the theme of the Sunday service while taking into account the aptitude and abilities of the choir

*Select music to reflect a broad repertoire including classical, traditional, contemporary, gospel & spirituals

*Introduce new music repertoire to the choir

*Select appropriate music to reflect the seasons of the church and support the scriptures selected for Sunday worship

*Provide necessary guidance and direction during rehearsals to help the choir members attain the correct tone, rhythm, pitch, tempo and harmony

*Prepare singers from the choir for solos as needed

Job Qualification and Requirements

*BA/BA in Music, Music Education, Vocal Performance or related field

*3-5years of experience in choral conducting

*Knowledge of effective pedagogy

*In-depth knowledge of vocal repertoire and vocal conducting styles

*Ability to interpret various styles of music

*Good analytic and organization skills and problem solving

*Passion for music

*Effective communicator, creative, patient