

## **Grace United Methodist Church**

### **Organist/Accompanist**

#### **Description of Responsibilities**

#### **Position: Organist/Accompanist**

Grace United Methodist Church is seeking a person who will play the organ and assist with the accompaniment of the Chancel Choir and other musical groups as instructed by the Director of Worship Arts and work as a team member of the music and pastoral staff to plan and coordinate music in the life of the church's worship.

#### **Accountability**

The Organist/Accompanist will work with and report to the Director of Worship Arts.

#### **Start-Date**

January, 2012 (to be negotiated)

#### **Organ/Piano**

Organ: Allen Renaissance 350 (1998), 3 Manual with MIDI function

Piano: Boston mini-grand

#### **Terms of Employment**

Part-time; ten to fifteen hours per week; a criminal background check and Motor Vehicle Report

Auditions and interviews will be required.

Salary commensurate with experience

#### **Requirements**

A strong commitment to Jesus Christ and to the church's music and worship ministries

The Organist/Accompanist will possess good relational skills and musical proficiencies to assist in the church's worship. No musical degree is required, though previous experience in playing the organ and piano is necessary, along with experience in a church/worship setting.

The Organist/Accompanist will meet with the Director of Worship Arts to coordinate the musical components and the artistic components of the church's worship.

An appreciation for the church's wide-range of music is also preferred.

## **Function**

To perform the duties of the position throughout the year as stipulated by the Director of Worship Arts and Senior Pastor

## **Responsibilities**

- Work with the Director of Worship Arts in the coordination and planning of worship
- Play seasonal music that will coincide with worship themes
- Work with the Director of Worship Arts to develop ministries and appreciation of the music in the life of the church (as part of Music and Arts programs at Grace UMC)
- Coordinate special appearances of ensembles and/or soloists as part of the church's outreach in the community (e.g., performances at nursery homes, district events, etc.)
- Oversee the maintenance of the pianos and organ
- Maintain music library and acquire necessary musical pieces as necessary in cooperation with the Director of Worship Arts
- Help to develop a yearly budget in cooperation with the Director of Worship Arts
- Encourage and find ways to further expand the church's music ministries
- Play during high 'holy' days of the church's worship calendar (e.g., Lent, Easter, Advent, Christmas, Christmas Eve, Christmas Eve-Eve)
- Play year round in worship, particularly at the Sunday 9:00 a.m. Service of Worship
- To be able play and lead worship at the Saturday 5:30 p.m. Service of Worship and/or the Sunday 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship in cooperation with the Director of Worship Arts and/or the Senior Pastor
- To be able to conduct rehearsal(s) and/or performances of ensembles and/or soloists in the absence of the regular director

## **Studio Time**

As part of the Music and Arts ministries of Grace Church, and to foster appreciation of the musical arts in the life of the church and community, the Organist/Accompanist, at his or her discretion, is encouraged to develop and maintain private instruction time, using the facilities and instruments of Grace Church at no charge, with rates set by the Organist/Accompanist.