



ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH **CELEBRATION SINGERS ACCOMPANIST**

Accountable To: Lead Pastor/Celebration Singers Director/Coordinator of Music Ministries

Contract Term: Nine months spanning from third week of August through third week of May

Description: The accompanist for Celebration Singers will provide accompaniment for weekly Celebration Singers choir rehearsal and when it provides musical leadership for worship services.

Purpose: To serve the church as a team member supporting the Mission Statement and Identified Priorities of St. Mark's:

- I. St. Mark's United Methodist Church will bring Christ to the world by taking Church out into the world.
- II. St. Mark's United Methodist Church will reach out to people in all ages and stages of life, with an emphasis on younger people.
- III. St. Mark's United Methodist Church will prayerfully examine our church structure. We will seek to strengthen the systems, which are supporting and nurturing our ministry, and to relinquish those systems which no longer serve us well.
- IV. St. Mark's United Methodist Church will become physically involved in mission and justice projects.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Accompany Celebration Singers during scheduled rehearsals, Sunday and other worship services, and other programs as needed
2. Prepare for rehearsals and performances by practicing assigned music in advance
3. Coordinate with the Celebration Singers Director appropriate music for worship services and other performances of the Chancel Choir
4. Coordinate with Celebration Singers Director and Coordinator of Music Ministries regarding a substitute when not able to be present
5. Perform other duties as Chancel Choir accompanist when asked to do so by Celebration Singers Director, Pastoral Staff, Coordinator of Music Ministries, or SPRC.

Qualifications:

- Experience with keyboard performance and accompanying choirs
- Experience playing the piano in religious services; experience playing the organ is desirable
- Ability to accompany congregational singing, if needed
- Ability to work well as part of a team, and under the leadership of a choir director
- General reading, reasoning, speaking, and writing skills
- Strong organizational and communication skills
- Ability and willingness to rehearse with and accompany soloists or small groups on occasion

Compensation: This position is compensated per event (rehearsals, worship services and programs, approximately four to six hours per week) and is not eligible for benefits.