

MINISTER OF MUSIC

Gulfport First United Methodist Church

“It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.” - Eph. 4:11-13

Purpose . . .

The primary goal of the Minister of Music at Gulfport First UMC is to develop relationships with music ministry participants and the congregation and to lead them in using their gifts, growing as disciples, and deepening their faith in Jesus Christ.

ACCOUNTABILITY . . .

The Minister of Music is accountable to the Senior Pastor and is responsible to the Staff-Parish Relations Committee.

QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS . . .

- A person of committed Christian faith.
- A person of integrity and Christian character.
- Gifted in leadership, organization and administration.
- Gifted in musical skills and abilities, including singing.
- Ability to rehearse/conduct choirs, including adult, child, and youth
- Training and experience in music and leading worship.
- Instrumental Expertise - helping with volunteer instrumentalists in worship
guidance for people at the keyboards - special events where guest instrumentalists are hired, handbells (if active), etc.
- Ability to teach and train others.
- Communication and public relations skills.
- Sense of God’s call to music as ministry.
- Positive and enthusiastic attitude.
- Has a servant heart and attitude.
- Is both flexible and teachable.
- Team player . . . willingness to work with the whole staff and be part of the team
- Knowledge of liturgy and the United Methodist Church/tradition (or a willingness to learn).

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY . . .

- CHOIR AND VOCALISTS
- INSTRUMENTALISTS & MUSICIANS

RESPONSIBILITIES . . .

These are subject to change according to need and in conjunction with other staff.

- Rehearse and Direct Chancel Choir (Wednesday and Sunday responsibilities plus other special services (Holy Week, Advent, Christmas, etc.)
- Work with Senior Pastor to plan and coordinate all worship services.
- Secure special music and musicians for services and special programs.
- Develop and lead worship teams, both vocal and instrumental. This would include soloists and other vocal teams.
- Development of musicians and expand the variety of instrumentalists.
- Development of age or grade related ensembles as requested **.
- Oversee the scheduling of special music events, concerts and promotions.
- Oversee the development of music programs and choirs for children **.
- Management and maintenance of church owned music equipment and instruments.
- Development and directing of instrumentalists.
- Coordinating administrative details of music ministry (ordering, cataloging and filing music, etc) either by self or volunteers

ADDITIONAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES . . .

These are areas of ministry that need additional development and would be open for consideration based on individual interest.

- Teaching classes, seminars and workshops to equip the body.
- Assisting in developing and communicating the vision and mission of the church.

Note . . .

All staff are to be available to help where needed for the cause of Christ and the advancement of His Church. A servant attitude is part of all staff performance plans.

***children's music is an integral part of the overall discipleship ministry of First UMC Gulfport. How it will be configured in both the short and long-term is open for discussion.*

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