



KERNERSVILLE MORAVIAN CHURCH

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT- CHOIR DIRECTOR

Kernersville Moravian Church is seeking a part-time Choir Director with a strong sense of commitment to the Church. Kernersville Moravian Church is home to two adult choirs and two of the area's most superb pipe organs. Venues include an acoustically optimized main sanctuary and a historic chapel. The Moravian denomination has a rich musical heritage and body of work influenced by German and early American composers. Moravian congregations have brass bands (and a separate band director) that play German chorales at Easter Sunrise, funerals, and other occasions. We're liturgical, pre-reformation Protestants who are in full communion with Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Episcopalians, United Methodists, and the Presbyterian Church USA.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

SKILL REQUIREMENTS:

A love of music and a strong desire to share your faith in Christ through music ministry. Well organized and a strong leader with excellent interpersonal skills and is comfortable directing in front of a crowd. Should have the following core skill set:

- Choral music experience and demonstrated ability in directing choirs.
- Knowledge of sacred repertoire and ability to direct vocal and instrumental music ensembles. In-depth knowledge of music
- Demonstrated ability to effectively recruit, train, lead musicians, and provide vocal coaching.
- Piano skills; ability to accompany choir preferred.
- Handbell directing experience preferred.
- A team player with an out-going personality who works well with others—staff and lay-people; can be flexible.
- A degree in music preferred but not required

POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES.

Direct choirs (Chancel Choir, Chapel Choir, Handbell Choir and children's Hosanna Choir) for anthems, and special music for the 8:45 am and the 11:00 am Sunday Services and other special services during the year:

- Direct and lead the Chancel Choir (11:00 service) and the Chapel Choir (8:45 service) or special soloist at all Sunday services (2 per week) and all rehearsals.
 - NOTE: The Chapel Choir is accustomed to rehearsals on Sunday mornings before the Service.
- Direct and lead the Handbell Choir and the children's Hosanna Choir.
- Direct choirs for following Special Services
 - Christmas Eve Lovefeasts
 - Congregational Lovefeast
 - Thanksgiving Lovefeast
 - Ash Wednesday Service
 - Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday evening services during Holy Week
- Serve as backup organ / piano accompanist preferred.
- Recruit and develop new choir members. Create and nurture a sense of fellowship in the choirs.
- Coordinate auditions for Morning Star (Children's Christmas solos). Coach and / or direct the soloists.
- Conduct choirs as needed for special occasions.
- Coordinate with the Director of Music well in advance any required absentees

JOB EXPECTATIONS:

- The applicant shall rehearse sufficiently to maintain a high quality of music.
- The applicant shall seek professional relationships with other church musicians and keep abreast of developments in worship and liturgy through associations, continuing education, and professional church publications.
- An annual performance review will be conducted.

ACCOUNTABILITY

- Reports to Director of Music
- Accountable to the Board of Elders and Worship Committee
- Adheres to all Church Policy and Practices

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT

- Part-time year round position without benefits – estimated annualized average of 18 hours per week
- Salary based on experience.

SEND RESUME TO:

- **Email:** Jen@kernersvillemoravian.org, Attention: Personnel Committee, or
- Personnel Committee, Kernersville Moravian Church, 504 South Main Street, Kernersville, NC 27284