



KERNERSVILLE MORAVIAN CHURCH

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT- DIRECTOR of MUSIC/ORGANIST

Kernersville Moravian Church is seeking a part-time Director of Music and Organist with a strong sense of commitment to the Church. Kernersville Moravian Church is home to two of the area's most superb pipe organs, 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 playing in front of a crowd. Should have the following core skill set:

- In-depth knowledge of music.
- Organist with service-playing experience; ability to play hymns with proficiency and sensitivity; a passion for music ministry.
- Excellent accompanying skills; excellent sight-reading skills.
- Strong piano skills; ability to play a variety of traditional sacred music styles
- Choir director experience preferred.
- Ability to effectively recruit volunteer instrumentalists.
- A team player who works well with others—staff, band director, and lay-people; can be flexible
- A degree in music preferred but not required
- Familiarity with Moravian music, customs and traditions a plus

POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES.

Responsible for all service music, including hymns, Prelude, Offertory, Postlude, organ and piano accompaniment for choirs and instrumentalists for the 8:45 am and the 11:00 am Sunday Services and other special services during the year.

- Accompany the Chancel Choir and the Chapel Choir or special soloist at all Sunday services and all rehearsals.
 - NOTE: The Chapel Choir is accustomed to rehearsals on Sunday mornings before the Service.
- Accompany (or arrange for accompanist) for the Handbell Choir and the children’s Hosanna Choir.
- Provide service music for the 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.
- Work with the Minister to select hymns, liturgies, anthems, and special music as needed.
- Be the backup conductor for all choirs
- Attend Worship Committee meetings to assist in planning Services.
- Assist in auditions for Morning Star (Children’s Christmas solos).
- Coordinate special performances as required for other services and special events.
- Coordinate with the Minister and Choir Director well in advance of 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 Senior Pastor
- 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 30 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