



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 with whom this person would coordinate) 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.

Job Description: Director of Music/Organist (Part-time)

SUPERVISOR'S TITLE: Senior Pastor

SUBORDINATE(S): Band Director

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS:

- Choral directing experience
- Works well with children ages 4 and up
- Ability to direct handbell choir
- Organ Proficiency
- Piano Proficiency

POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Director of Music is an ex officio member of the Music & Worship Committee and shall be responsible for the following:

- Conduct and accompany (or arrange for accompanist) for the Chancel and Chapel Choirs at all Sunday Services and weekly rehearsals from the second week of August to third week of June. *(Chancel Choir rehearses during the week for 1.5 hours and Chapel Choir rehearses for .5 hours prior to each Sunday service during this time period)*
- Arrange for special music during summer break for the choirs
- Conduct and accompany (or arrange for accompanist) and schedule performances for the following choirs, including weekly rehearsals September through May:
 - Handbell Choir
 - Hosanna Choir – 1st grade through 8th grade
- Organize auditions for the "Morning Star" soloist(s), coach, and accompany them
- Plan music (Prelude, Offertory, Postlude), play organ (or arrange for substitutes), and be responsible for anthems as needed *for 8:45AM and 11:00AM Sunday Services* and additional services as listed below:
 - Christmas Eve Lovefeasts
 - Congregational Lovefeasts
 - Thanksgiving Lovefeast
 - New Year's Eve Watchnight Service
 - Wednesday night Lenten Services

- Holy Week Services: Palm Sunday through Good Friday (Choir anthems on Palm Sunday Evening, Maundy Thursday & Good Friday; special music other evenings)
- Organ support for congregational funerals or weddings upon request, unless otherwise stated.
- Coordinate special performances as required at any other services and events
- The position will adhere to the personnel policies of the Moravian Church of the Southern Province and Kernersville Moravian Church

***Notes on this position:**

At the current time, we are in a rebuilding phase for choral music as pandemic concerns begin to wane. We are worshiping at a single gathering at 10am with a single choral group offering worship support. There were 2 adult choral groups prior to the pandemic that gave space for a variety of interests, time, and ability and we'd like to pursue how these folks may re-gather as we move forward.

Again, the future of our worship times and spaces remains somewhat undetermined, so we want to leave open the possibility of more than one worship opportunity as we seek the best candidate.

Finally, we recognize that church musicians bring an assortment of skills and competencies, while this position is written for a single Director of Music with competencies in organ, piano, choral direction, and handbell direction, we do welcome any and all interested candidates to apply so that we might seek the best solution to address our needs.

Expressions of interest or questions should include a cover letter and resume or CV and be directed to Kernersville Moravian Church by mail or email jobs@kernersvillemoravian.org.