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**KFUMC -** Position Description

August 2025

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| **JOB TITLE:** | **Music Accompanist** |
| **DEPARTMENT:** | **Worship** |
| **CLASSIFICATION:** | **Part-Time (15-20 hrs/mo.) Exempt Salaried** |
| **REPORTS TO:** | **Senior Pastor** |
| **SUPERVISES:** |  |

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| **SUMMARY OF POSITION** |
| The pianist will provide musical leadership for Sunday morning worship services, rehearsals, and special events, supporting the music ministry’s mission to glorify God through the gift of music. This position works closely with the Pastor, Chancel Choir, and other musicians to plan and deliver meaningful worship experiences.  **MINISTRY PURPOSE –** Music is a gift to be shared that can build a community where worship and song reflect the love and grace of God. |
| **ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS** |
| * Provide piano accompaniment and solo pieces for Sunday morning worship services (typically at 10:00 AM), including prelude, offertory, postlude, hymns, and other service music as needed. * Rehearse and accompany the Chancel Choir for weekly rehearsals (usually Sundays after service) and performances during worship. * Collaborate with soloists, small ensembles, and guest musicians as part of the church’s music offerings. * Participate in special services throughout the liturgical year, such as Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Easter, and other church celebrations or memorials. * Assist in selecting appropriate music to match worship themes, lectionary readings, and sermon topics, in coordination with the Pastor and Worship Committee. * Maintain proficiency in a wide range of Christian sacred and classical repertoire, as well as the ability to play contemporary Christian music. * Support and encourage congregational singing by providing strong, sensitive accompaniment. * Work with the Audio/Visual team to ensure the best sound quality for in-person and livestreamed services. * Maintain the church’s pianos, reporting any maintenance needs to the Worship Director or Facility Maintenance Team. * Be available to play for periodic weddings, funerals, and other special services (with additional compensation as appropriate). * Proficiency in accompaniment or solo work on pipe organ is highly desirable. |
| **OTHER JOB FUNCTIONS** |
| * Ability to work collaboratively and communicate effectively with clergy, staff, volunteers, and congregants of all ages and backgrounds. * Flexibility, reliability, and a spirit of service and hospitality. |
| **WORKING CONDITIONS** |
| Duties are primarily performed in the church environment and church building(s) while sitting, standing or walking, but may also require traveling to meetings. |
| **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS -** *The minimum amount of knowledge and ability required to be hired into the job.* |
| **Knowledge of:**   * Experience accompanying choirs and leading congregational singing in a church or similar setting preferred. * Familiarity with Methodist worship traditions and the broader Christian liturgical calendar. * Demonstrated proficiency at the piano, with ability to sight-read hymns and anthems, and to play with expression and technical skill.   **Ability to:**   * Exercise initiative and independent judgment within areas of responsibility. * Coordinate and implement procedures. * Establish and maintain effective working relationships with the Lead Pastor, staff, various church committees, youth, parents, church congregation. * Use tact, understanding, and judgment in dealing with volunteers and congregants. * Compile and maintain a variety of administrative records and reports. * Physically perform the essential functions of the job. * Understand and follow specific oral and written instructions. |
| **EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE -** *Any equivalent combination of education and experience which provides the applicant with the knowledge, skills and abilities required to perform the job.* |
| * High school diploma or GED * Instructional experience desired |
| **LICENSES, CERTIFICATES, AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS -** *Certain licenses and certificates, if required, may be acquired on the job as agreed upon by the Staffing/Personnel Ministry Team and employee.* |
| * Subject to a background check * United Methodist Safe Church education * Degree in music or equivalent experience is preferred but not required. |

Senior Pastor Date

Staff Personnel Ministry Team Chairperson Date

Leadership Committee Chairperson Date