

Chehalis United Methodist Church
Job Description – Choir Accompanist

Position Title: Choir Accompanist

Immediate Supervisor: Choir Director

Administrative Guidance: Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Scope: The choir accompanist is responsible to provide accompaniment for the choir in the Sunday worship service. The person in this position should reflect the importance and meaning of the musical worship atmosphere, and enhance a feeling of closeness to God.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Prepare and accompany the choir with pieces selected by the choir director for during both rehearsal (currently Wednesday) and performance at Sunday Service.
- Provide musical accompaniment for special worship services when requested by the choir director
- Occasionally provide accompaniment for the entire worship service (including hymns, prelude, offertory and postlude), when the service accompanist needs to take a Sunday off, and as arranged by the service accompanist.

Expectations:

- Skilled pianist
- Be familiar with all scheduled music in order to play at a competent level.
- Coordinate weekly with the choir director to plan the music in the service
- Maintain and expand skill set.

Schedule Required:

- Part-time position mid-August to early-June.
- Weekly – Prepare and offer Sunday choir piano accompaniment for rehearsal (at present Wednesday evening 7:30-9:00 PM) and for the worship service (11:00-12:15 approximately, Sundays).

Holidays: N/A

Absences: There is no paid sick leave or vacation time for this position. The choir accompanist will coordinate with the choir director to substitute for the absence, forfeiting the pay to the substitute.

Payment: If this is a paid position (at present it is), the pay rate is set by the Staff-Parish Relations Committee commensurate with the skill and experience of the candidate. The pay check is written on the last day of the month.

Developmental Guidance: An annual evaluation for renewal will be conducted by the Staff-Parish Relations Committee with input by the Choir Director and Pastor.