

Job Description: Organist/Choir Director

First Congregational Church UCC of Wiscasset

The Organist/Choir Director is a part-time, year-round, permanent position, with the choir in session from September to June. As a deeply valued and integral member of our staff, our next Organist/Choir Director will direct and nurture our dedicated, 4-part choir, averaging 10-14 voices weekly prior to the pandemic, and will support the worship experience through music for between 50-70 members and friends each Sunday. While the pandemic has necessitated a variety of worship formats, we are currently offering in-person worship with safety protocols as well as livestreaming the service. Our voice choir is currently not singing due to safety protocols, but a 2-octave hand chimes choir has been formed and is sharing music periodically in worship.

Responsibilities:

- Work with the Pastor in preparation for Worship Services.
- Meet monthly with the Diaconate to discuss music in Worship Services.
- Play organ or piano music for all regular Sunday Services offering hymns, prelude, postlude, benediction, offertory, introit, anthems, prayer response, and music during Communion.
- Play for Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday, Thanksgiving Eve, Easter, and any additional services mutually agreed upon.
- Direct, accompany, and nurture the church choir, when the choir is in session (Sept – June), as well as for special services (Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday, Easter, etc).
- Incorporate hand chimes periodically in worship.
- Manage budgeted funds for new choral music/supplies.
- Arrange for the care and maintenance of the church's musical instruments, in conjunction with Trustees.

Education, Qualifications, & Experience:

- Proficiency playing the organ and piano required.
- Experience as an Organist/Choir Director preferred.
- Classical training preferred but not required.
- Candidates who are available year-round preferred. Flexibility can be considered for the right candidate.
- A background check will be required for the final candidate.

Compensation:

- Salary - \$15,000 to \$18,000 annually depending upon qualifications and experience
- Paid Vacation & Sick Time
- Continuing Education Reimbursement

Preferred Start Date: January 1, 2022

To Apply/Inquire:

Contact the Search Committee Chair at uccwiscassetorganistsearch@gmail.com. A resume, a cover letter, and two references are required and can be emailed to the above address or mailed to:

Search Committee

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