

Director of Youth Music

Purpose: To lead the youth choirs and ensembles through the selection of appropriate music, development of their skills, and presentation of their gifts in worship.

Reporting Relationship: The DCM reports to the Senior Pastor as head of staff, Director of Music Ministries, and the Human Resource Committee in the performance of his/her responsibilities.

Requirements: Bachelor's Degree in Music desired, but experience considered. Piano skills desired. Production of good vocal tone. Love of children and people skills an absolute necessity. A visible presence in the worship and life of the church and compatibility with the Presbyterian Church, USA is required.

Responsibilities:

- Enthusiastically recruit for and direct youth choir (grades 6-12) and youth hand bell ensembles (grades 6-8 and 9-12).
- Rehearse Westminster Choir, producing good vocal tone and selecting music appropriate for both traditional and contemporary services. Sing in worship approximately every 4-6 weeks.
- Rehearse Middle School Hand Bell Ensemble and High School Hand Bell Ensemble. Requires assessing individual levels, picking appropriate music, assigning bell parts and preparing music in advance of rehearsal. Also, some music theory teaching required. Play in worship approximately every 8 weeks.
- Rehearsals are scheduled for Wednesday afternoons. Currently the schedule is: high school hand bells - 4:30-5:00; youth choir - 5:00-5:25; youth musical - 5:25-6:20; and middle school hand bells - 6:20-6:50.
- Work with rising 5th graders during music segment of Vacation Bible School.
- Select a sacred musical appropriate for youth to be presented at either Christmas or early spring for those in youth choir (grades 6-12). Both music and stage direction required. Extra rehearsals will be required. (You may have assistance from the church Drama Director which is a volunteer position.)
- Recruit youth to attend a one-week youth music camp (every other year depending on budget).
- Prepare youth groups with appropriate music for a "Broadway Night" or "Night On The Town" talent show.
- Prepare and select a secular musical to be presented in the summer to be used as a recruiting tool.

Performance Review: There is a probationary period of 90 days. A background check will be done. Performance review will be conducted annually by the Director of Music Ministries and placed in employee's file.