

## **Position—Choir Director at First United Methodist Church of Oneonta**

### **Position Summary:**

Title: Choir Director

Hours per week: 15-20 with the potential for growth

Starting date: January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Compensation: \$25-30/hour.

### **To Apply**

Submit an application, resume, and cover letter to [pastor@firstumc-oneonta.org](mailto:pastor@firstumc-oneonta.org), applications available at [https://files.mychurchwebsite.net/c4086/fumc\\_employment\\_application\\_2023.docx](https://files.mychurchwebsite.net/c4086/fumc_employment_application_2023.docx)

### **The Role of Choir Director**

First United Methodist Church of Oneonta has a strong history of music ministry. FUMC seeks a choir director who can work collaboratively with others to create dynamic worship experiences. The choir director position is a 9½ month position from September through mid-June each year, with the possibility of occasional commitments during summer months.

The Choir Director provides direction for the sanctuary choir during the 10:30am Sunday worship service with occasional performances from the two handbell choirs. The Choir Director is also responsible for coordinating necessary rehearsals with choirs, special music, and accompanists.

As FUMC works to expand its musical offerings, the choir director will play a vital role in involving all members of the church, including children and young adults, in the church's music ministry. In keeping with FUMC's commitment to reconciling, justice, and cross-cultural ministries, candidates for the Choir Director position should have skills in selecting music that enhances the church's missional priorities.

### **About First United Methodist's Instruments**

The church organ is a 3 manual Moeller, built in 1926 and rebuilt in 1970. The console was rebuilt in 2020 by the Peterson Electro-Musical Products and contains their ICS-4000 organ control system. It has approximately 38 ranks spread across 6 divisions and an Allen Ensemble MIDI unit. The church piano is a 6' Steinway Model B grand piano. The church music program also includes 5 octaves of Schulmerich Handbells, plus G2, as well as 5 octaves of Malmark handchimes as well as the lower 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> octaves.

### **Qualifications**

- Proficiency in directing vocal and bell choirs.
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Ability to work intergenerationally, especially with young people

### **Special Note**

This position is being advertised in coordination with a Church Accompanist position. Candidates are invited to apply for one or both positions. Time commitment and compensation may vary for candidates considering both positions and will be negotiated.