

First United Church of Christ (Congregational)

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Title: Director of Children's Music

Job Description: The Director of Children's Music will support the ministries of the church by providing opportunities for children and youth to develop musical skills, deepen their understanding of the Christian faith, build a sense of community, and participate in worship.

Responsibilities

- Leads the Angel Choir, (younger children), Rainbow Choir (elementary school children), and Youth musical group(s)
- Holds weekly rehearsals for Angel and Rainbow choirs, regular rehearsals for the Youth musical group(s)
- Participates regularly in worship (approximately once a month for Angel and Rainbow choirs, approximately quarterly for other groups)
- Plans, directs, and presents a children's musical in worship once a year
- Selects (in consultation with Director of Music and Senior Minister) and purchases music, instruments, and other materials
- Consults with Children's Education Committee and Director of Educational and Youth Ministries to coordinate with other children's ministries
- Participates in worship planning with Director of Music and Minister
- Communicates with Office Manager, providing timely information for bulletins, the *Chronicle*, church calendar, and Annual report
- Keeps up to date lists of participants, in consultation with the Office Manager

Qualifications:

- College level musical education or equivalent experience
- Experience working with children and children's music
- Experience and/or education in worship planning
- Warm and supportive interactive style with children, and sensitivity to children's abilities and needs
- Creativity in selecting and presenting music
- Familiarity (or willingness to become familiar) with United Church of Christ theology and worship traditions
- Good communication skills
- Good organizational skills
- Ability to work well as a member of a team
- Pass an appropriate background check

Schedule: 3-4 hours per week, September to May

Please send letter of application and resume to church by June 11, 2010