

First United Methodist Church of West Lafayette

Position Title: Organist/Pianist/Accompanist

Part-Time

Located just off of Purdue University's campus, First United Methodist Church of West Lafayette, Indiana is seeking to employ a creative, energetic Organist/Pianist who enjoys and is fluent in all styles of music and who displays excellent accompanist skills. Along with strong musical education, the qualified applicant should exhibit a deep commitment to their Christian faith and a gracious and encouraging spirit.

Job Description:

The Organist/Pianist gives leadership to the congregation throughout our traditional/blended worship services by using the organ and piano to lead us in worship. The Organist/Pianist supports the Director of Music Ministries and Worship Arts as accompanist to the Chancel Choir and various other smaller vocal and instrumental ensembles. This is a shared position with another pianist, allowing one to two Sundays off each month, and will require coordinating with one another in scheduling. The Organist/Pianist is directly accountable to the Director of Music Ministries and Worship Arts and the Senior Pastor.

Shared Responsibilities:

- Select and provide prelude, offertory, postlude, and communion music if needed, at our 8:30am and 11:00am traditional/blended Sunday morning worship services two to three Sundays each month.
- Share duties with the other keyboard musician for special celebrations of worship such as Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, and other church celebrations.
- Accompany vocalists, instrumentalists, and small ensembles, including the handbell choir when needed, for both worship and rehearsals as scheduled by the Director of Music Ministries.
- Accompany Chancel Choir rehearsal on the Wednesday evenings prior to the Sunday you are scheduled to play.
- Accompany Chancel Choir rehearsal at additional rehearsals when preparing for cantatas or concerts or other special events.
- When available, provide organ music for weddings and funerals that are held at the church. Fees for these services are honorariums from couples and families at an amount determined by church policy (weddings) or by the family (funerals). The use of the organ by another organist is by special permission only and is granted by the Director of Music Ministry.
- If unable to coordinate with the other keyboard musician, arrange in advance for a qualified substitute, with the approval of the Director of Music Ministries and Worship Arts, for all absences for vacation, illness, or other reasons.
- Submit information for bulletins in a timely fashion as determined by the staff.
- Regularly assess tuning and maintenance needs of the pianos and organ and report specified needs to the Director of Music Ministries and Worship Arts.

Instruments:

- Allen MDS-39 Digital Electronic Organ (1996), 3 manuals, 45 stops + a 100 voice MIDI including a 7 bell Zimbelstern
- Sanctuary piano: Steinway Grand Piano
- Rehearsal Room piano: Acrosonic Piano
- Yamaha YPG – 535 Digital Piano

Compensation:

Compensation for this part-time position will be based on a combination of the successful applicant's skill, experience, training, and credentials.

Please e-mail cover letter, resume and references to: Ellen Wilson, ewilson@fumcwl.org
Recordings/videos are optional but encouraged.

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Church Mission:	To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
Congregation size:	average weekly attendance: 245

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