

ORGANIST

Urbana United Methodist Church

The organist assists in leading and supporting congregational worship in our services, as well as playing for weddings, funerals, and the high holy days of the Christian calendar.

Where We Are Right Now

Urbana UMC is a congregation of roughly two hundred active members that has seen real growth in recent years, including a steady increase in baptisms and a deepening culture of lay leadership. Throughout much of the history of Urbana United Methodist Church, the organ has played an important role in our worship services. We have been blessed by a wonderful instrument and wish to be good stewards of what God has given us. Urbana UMC, 238 N. Main St., entered a contract with Peebles-Herzog, Inc. of Columbus in 1992 to build the organ. The installation was completed in 1994 under the direction of Michael Lauffer, tonal director, and Dr. Ritter Werner, consultant. The instrument features a console with two manuals and 20 ranks, or sets of pipes. We have been without an organist for over a year, and we are eager to welcome back the sound of the organ into our worship. We are looking for someone who wants to be part of a church that is growing through the power of the Holy Spirit, not just filling a slot on a schedule.

Ministry Area	Worship & Music
Position	Organist
Reports To	Lead Pastor
Spiritual Gifts	Serving • Helps • Mercy
Passion For	Exalting God, encouraging the saints, and leading others into worship through music.
What Matters Most	Character and a genuine walk with Christ come before credentials. We are not requiring formal accreditation. We are looking for someone dependable, teachable, and glad to serve a congregation that is growing through the work of the Holy Spirit.
Musical Flexibility	Some of our worship services are blended rather than built around a single style. The organist should be comfortable supporting hymns, and a variety of musical styles appropriate for our services, and should be willing to coordinate with the music directors as well as other musicians in the church.

Schedule & Compensation

We know that committing to every Sunday may not be possible, and we do not want that requirement to keep the right person from applying. We are open to a range of arrangements, from a weekly commitment to a lighter rotation of about once a month plus the major services of the Christian calendar (Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter, and Pentecost, among others).

Pay is flexible and will be worked out in conversation based on the arranged schedule and the organist's experience, generally in the range of \$150 to \$250 per week for a full weekly commitment, prorated for a lighter schedule. Weddings and funerals are compensated separately and directly by the families requesting those services.

Talents & Abilities Desired

- Ability to accompany hymns to assist in congregational singing
- Ability to play preludes, postludes and other special selections to enhance the worship service
- Skills in reading music and knowledge in music theory with the willingness to improvise when necessary
- Willingness to coordinate with the pastor, music directors, pianist, praise team, and choir as services call for it
- Openness to learning and growing; formal training is a plus but not a requirement

Best Personality Traits

- Dependable and consistent
- Good character
- Teachable and flexible
- Supportive of the pastoral and worship team

Responsibilities

- Play organ for the services on the agreed schedule, whether weekly or rotational
- Play for major services on the Christian calendar as arranged in advance
- Play for weddings and funerals as engaged directly by the families requesting those services
- Coordinate with the music directors and/or pastor on music selection ahead of each service
- Be available, when possible, to accompany the adult choir at rehearsals or on Sunday mornings in the absence of the primary accompanist

How to Get in Touch

Contact Pastor Christopher Dinnell at Urbana United Methodist Church, 238 N. Main St., Urbana, Ohio, to talk through the role and find a schedule that works for both of us.

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