



The Unitarian Society of Hartford

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The Rev Cathy Rion Starr
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Co-Ministers

Unitarian Society of Hartford seeks an Accompanist

Position Description

The Accompanist will accompany the congregational choir at rehearsal and during services, plan piano and organ music in collaboration with worship leaders, and play as a solo musician during Sunday morning services. The position begins in mid-August.

Pay: \$175-200/week for an expected 10 hours weekly, including practice time. This position is non-exempt and eligible for overtime.

Reports to: Co-Minister who is the lead for Music

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Select and provide instrumental music connected to each Sunday's theme (Prelude, Postlude, and also the Offertory when the choir is off), and submit to Worship Team two weeks in advance
- Provide piano and/or organ music to enhance each weekly service, e.g. hymns & choir accompaniment, and occasional accompaniment of and coordination with guest musicians.
- Attend Choir Rehearsals as accompanist.
- Twice yearly, arrange for tunings and repair of the organ and of the pianos in the Sanctuary and the Chapel.
- Provide organ and/or piano accompaniment for Christmas Eve service

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Understanding of, appreciation for and support of the basic principles of Unitarian Universalism
- Strong organ and piano skills, including sightreading
- Skill in selecting instrumental music of various genres from a wide-ranging repertoire to integrate into the theme of each worship service
- Strong interpersonal skills and a desire to collaborate
- Independent, self-directed, organized and committed to follow-through.
- A positive attitude, a spirit of love, humor and optimism a plus!

Hours:

- Choir Rehearsal Wednesdays evenings from 7:00-9:00pm
- Sunday mornings one worship service with Choir rehearsal beginning at 9:15am and worship ending around 11:30am
- Additional time as needed to select and prepare music, and submit for printing in the Order of Service to office staff
- The Accompanist may be asked to play at memorial and other events for an additional fee.

Instruments: Our piano is a Mason Hamlin piano. Our organ is an Austin three manual 57 rank instrument with full MIDI capability.

To apply: Send an email with the subject “Accompanist Application” with your resume, including three references related to your skill and experience, to ushlindaclark@gmail.com. Preference given to applications received by April 25, 2016.

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