



First Congregational Church of Ashfield ❖ United Church of Christ
Creating Community, Welcoming All

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Rev. David Jones, Minister

First Congregational Church of Ashfield, MA
Job Description: Organist/Choir Accompanist

First Congregational Church UCC of Ashfield, an Open and Affirming Congregation, seeks a music minister to play organ and piano for weekly Sunday morning worship as well as accompany the choir for mid-week rehearsals/Sundays. Position is approximately quarter time. Ashfield is a rural community with easy access to the Five College Area which includes the UMass flagship campus as well as Smith, Mount Holyoke, Amherst, and Hampshire Colleges. Additional opportunities arise to play with a variety of guest instrumentalists and soloists. Classical training is preferred, with ability to work in other styles. The Organist/Choir Accompanist works closely with the minister, choir director, and worship team. The sanctuary holds a recently restored 1903 George Reed tracker organ and a baby grand piano. Salary budgeted to \$10,500. Please submit letter and resume to: karemarshall48@gmail.com or First Congregational Church, attn: Kare Marshall, Deacon, P.O. Box 519, Ashfield, MA 01330.

- Provide organ and/or piano music for Sunday morning services, Maundy Thursday, and Christmas Eve, including prelude, postlude, and service music. (54 services)
- Accompany the choir 26 weeks per year for mid-week rehearsal, Sunday morning rehearsal, and worship
- Five Sundays off with pay; including the 2nd Sunday in October. Two mid-week choir rehearsals off with pay.
- Rehearse as scheduled/needed with guest instrumentalists and soloists.
- Be available for weddings, funerals, and other functions. (Right of first refusal)
- Occasionally lead an informal Sunday choir in summer.
- Join with worship team to plan services and work especially closely with pastor and choir director.
- Have familiarity with copyright laws and music reporting.
- Arrange for piano tuning and serve as liaison with organ maintenance.
- Manage small budget for music purchase.
- Have ability to negotiate several stairs between piano and organ during the worship service.
- During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, this church held Zoom or hybrid services with musicians maintaining their positions. We continue to follow CDC, state, and local guidelines.