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## Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church of Parkesburg, PA

### Church Accompanist Job Description

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Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church (UOPC) is a biblically based Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) that worships in a beautifully combined traditional and contemporary style. We have a rich history and have been impactful in our community since 1720. UOPC seeks a skilled Piano Accompanist to join the flourishing music ministry in mid-October 2023. Experience playing the organ is desired but not required. The Accompanist will play for congregational church services and for the choir during rehearsals. A candidate must demonstrate a commitment to the vision and spiritual life of the congregation but is not required to be a member of the church. The UOPC Accompanist position is a part-time, paid position. The Accompanist is hired by the Session of UOPC. Annual reviews will be conducted by the Pastor, with input from the Worship Committee. The Pastor is the immediate supervisor to whom the Accompanist is accountable. Ultimately, however, the Accompanist is under the authority of Session.

Responsibilities of the Church Accompanist include:

- Selecting music (preludes, postludes, etc.) and playing for our 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship services. Hymns for the services are selected by the Pastor and communicated to the Accompanist beforehand to allow for practice time.
- Attending Thursday night Adult Choir practices and accompanying the choir during worship services.
- Attending Worship Committee meetings, when scheduled.
- Working closely with the Pastor, Choir Director, Worship Team Leader, and Worship Committee to plan service elements.
- Playing for special services, such as Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve.
- Upon request, accompanying people singing special music during the worship services.

Acceptance of requests to play at weddings and funerals is at the Accompanist's discretion. Compensation for such requests will be determined between the Accompanist and the person requesting the service.

It is estimated that the position will require an average of four to five hours per week, not including personal practice time. There will be some occasions when extra practices will be needed, for example, to prepare for cantatas or special programs. During the summer months, however, the Adult Choir does not sing in worship services, so attendance at Thursday night practices will not be needed.

UOPC offers an annual salary of \$8,500, at the rate of \$163.46 a week, to be paid every two weeks. Vacation time annually will be 3 paid weeks off. Vacation requests are communicated to and approved by the Pastor.

A three-month trial period will take place after the Accompanist assumes the full duties of the position. At the end of three months, a performance review will be conducted by the Pastor and Worship Committee and the results will be communicated to Session. The Accompanist and Session will mutually decide on any revisions the job description may require, if the Accompanist is to continue in this position.

**We welcome you to contact us so that we may explore this ministry opportunity with you. Please submit your resumé to the UOPC Worship Committee Chair, Colleen Breneman, at [uopcsearchcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:uopcsearchcommittee@gmail.com).**

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