

**PANTHER VALLEY ECUMENICAL CHURCH
ALLAMUCHY TOWNSHIP, NJ**

JOB DESCRIPTION

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Panther Valley Ecumenical church offers a Christ-centered worship focused on embodying Jesus' prayer that in our diversity we might all be one. Our worship service creatively blends the traditions of the Episcopalian Church (USA), Presbyterian Church (USA), the United Methodist Church, and the United Church of Christ. On the first Sunday of every month we come together around Christ's table to celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Our 10:30am service on Sunday is a traditional service.

AT PVEC WE STRIVE TO:

- Love God and Grow in love and faith and service
- Be open to new forms of transformative worship and ministry
- Honor and empower each person's unique gifts because we are all made in the image of God
- Respond to God's love by being the hands and feet of Christ in our community
- Open wide our doors to all who seek to grow in relationship with God and each other
- See, hear and share the message of God's love on the move in our world.
- Answer the prayer of Jesus found in John 17, "That they may all be one."

We are seeking a part-time Organist/Music Director to ensure that our existing music ministry is spiritually grounded, dynamic and inspiring. Key responsibilities include:

- Planning music / selecting hymns for Sunday worship services in collaboration with our minister and worship committee.
- Serving as the church's organist, pianist, and choir director for our weekly 10:30am Sunday service and special services and church holidays.
- Serving as the organist/pianist for weddings and funerals for which the organist is paid a fee separate from salary. (The organist/music director has the first right of refusal for the event.)
- Recruit, develop and direct the Adult Choir, Bell choir, and Children's music Program
- Conduct weekly rehearsals with the various choirs.
- Secure a substitute organist/pianist or provide pre-recorded music when on vacation.
- Supervise the maintenance of the musical instruments (5-year-old Allen organ, piano, bells).
- Maintain the music library, including licensing requirements.
- Collaborate with the Worship Commission on the annual Worship budget.
- Meet quarterly with the Worship Commission.

8-10 hours a week. Position is available immediately. Salary commensurate with experience.

Desired Qualifications:

- A minimum of a bachelor's degree in music or equivalent experience is preferred.
- High level of church musicianship.
- Proficiency as organist/accompanist.
- Research and select hymns and anthems appropriate to the liturgical calendar to support the worship themes and enhance the congregation's worship experience.
- A demonstrated ability to teach and direct choirs; experience with bell choirs a plus.
- A creative spirit who loves to learn, grow, and be open to new forms of transformative worship.