

Community Church of Chesterland is currently seeking a part-time **Director of Music and the Arts** who will work closely with the settled pastor to design and implement a music program that reflects Chesterland UCC's vision for its present and future.

Primary duties include:

- Identifying and performing hymns and songs for the weekly Sunday morning spiritual gatherings that connects to and supports the message and theme for that week.
- *Leading* music. The ideal candidate will be someone who is able to not just play music, but who can engage the congregation and lead them into a musical experience that enhances their involvement and provides opportunities for them to connect with the Divine through musical expression.
- Assist the pastor in identifying and planning for other opportunities of artistic expression within the weekly spiritual gatherings (ex. dance, painting, poetry, etc.)

Other duties (as time permits) may include:

- Organizing and leading a choir.
- Funerals and weddings.
- Bell choir.

The Director of Music and the Arts will be asked to work 15 hours per week, with a start date of September 1st, 2022. Compensation for the role will be \$1,400 per month with no benefits.

The ideal candidate will not only meet the qualifications needed to complete the stated duties, but will also possess an understanding of both traditional church music as well as contemporary styles and "new worship" as we are seeking an organic blend for our Sunday morning gatherings. There is a large amount of room for creativity and experimentation within this role, as Chesterland UCC wants to empower the Director of Music and the Arts to stretch the congregation artistically.

The Community Church of Chesterland is a progressive Christian congregation with a focus on social justice and communal care. Our goal is to foster an environment that is not just a place to worship, it's also a home for friendships, support, and community, and a place to find God on your own terms with an amazing group of supportive and friendly people. You can find out more about the church and our priorities at www.chesterlanducc.org.

Interested candidates can contact Jess Peacock at jesspeacock@ymail.com. In your email feel free to tell us a little about yourself, why you believe this role is ideal for you, and please include some samples of your musical abilities.