

Job Opening **HANDBELL CHOIR DIRECTOR**

MAPLE GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
7 West Henderson Rd. Columbus, Ohio 43214

Maple Grove is an open community of Christians who love God and serve their neighbor.
This is a Reconciling Congregation that seeks to be a place of full inclusion of all people.

General Description: The JuBELLate Handbell Choir Director plans, prepares and directs bell choir music for worship. The director works closely with the Director of Music and the pastor.

Ongoing Tasks

- Select appropriate music based on the themes/scriptures of the day, utilize/maintain the bell music library and purchase music as required.
- Conduct weekly Thursday evening rehearsals for once-monthly participation in worship (September to May) and for special services (Christmas Eve and Easter and during Lent.)
- Ensure that bell choir members have adequate folders, gloves, equipment, etc.
- Provide annual budget request for bell choir music, bell maintenance, and workshops
- Re-building- We have a strong bell choir tradition, but many choir bell members have not returned since COVID began, so a central task now is to inspire new and inactive members of all ages to join.
- Maintain professional membership in Handbell Musicians of America.

Additional Goals

- Work with Director of Music to utilize bells for the chancel choir anthems
- Find solo/duet/quartet opportunities for advanced ringers
- Find outreach opportunities, such as playing at retirement/health care settings.
- Participate in bell choir festivals/conferences/workshops at regional and/or local level

Approximate number of hours per week (varies)

- Typically 3 hours weekly, including weekly Thursday evening rehearsals from 6:30 to 7:30 PM from September through May. Some weeks up to 5 hours.

Compensation - \$3000 yearly

To Apply –Submit a resume and cover letter to Director of Music, Greg White at gwhite@maplegroveumc.org by **Monday, September 23, 2022.**