

**Central Congregational Church of New Salem
New Salem, Massachusetts**

Part-time Organist/Choir Director

Central Congregational Church (UCC)

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Central Congregational Church (UCC) of New Salem, MA, a small rural congregation in the North Quabbin area of Western Mass., seeks an experienced musician to play organ and piano, as well as direct the Choir, for weekly Sunday morning worship services from Labor Day through the end of July; and for seasonal worship services during the liturgical year (eg., Ash Wednesday, Lent/Easter, Christmas/Christmas Eve). The Organist/Choir Director works closely with the Pastor and Music Committee to provide for a variety of music from traditional to contemporary. The congregation believes music is an integral part of the worship experience and participates wholeheartedly in the musical ministry of the church.

The Organist/Choir Director is responsible for selecting appropriate music for worship services including prelude, offertory, postlude, service music (Gloria, Doxology, Choral Responses), and other special music as desired. The Choir sings an Anthem two Sundays each month (and for special seasonal worship services) and practices for 45 minutes prior to the worship service on those Sundays/Services when they sing. Our Sunday Morning Worship Service is at 10 a.m.

The Church has an historic 1860, one manual Tracker organ rebuilt in 1897 by George H. Ryder and placed in the newly built Universalist Church of North Dana, MA. The organ was moved to New Salem in 1937 when the church was demolished due to the flooding of the valley for the Quabbin Reservoir. There is also a Baldwin acrosonic spinet piano in the sanctuary. Both the organ and piano are maintained and tuned on a regular basis.

The ideal candidate will have a background in sacred music with church experience as an Organist/Pianist and in the direction of a choir. This part-time position has a salary of up to \$10,000 depending on the candidates training and experience.

Please submit a cover letter, resume and three references to: nsgcc22@gmail.com or Central Cong. Church of New Salem, attn. Rev. Jim Ewen, 22 South Main Street, New Salem, MA 01355