



The First United Methodist Church of Germantown (FUMCOG) is pleased to offer an opportunity for talented vocal music students who will be high school seniors or college freshmen in 2011-2012. We are seeking a choral scholar, which will entail singing with the adult **Chancel Choir** and occasionally assisting with the **Children's Choir**. Obligations include **Sunday morning rehearsals from 9-10:30 am and worship services at 11 am**. There will also occasionally be a couple extra rehearsals for Christmas and Holy Week. **The scholar will be paid \$35 each week**. The scholar should have choral experience, and some note-reading ability. The choral scholar will benefit by building vocal and ensemble skills, musicianship and leadership.

In addition to Sunday-to-Sunday offerings, the scholar will have the opportunity to sing in choral concerts, held approximately twice a year. In the past year, the choir has performed in Handel's *Messiah* with First Presbyterian Church of Germantown, Mozart *Mass in C*, *Requiem* by Maurice Duruflé and *Missa Gaia* by Paul Halley Paul Winter, Jim Scott and Kim Oler. There are also opportunities to shine as a soloist in church and in concerts.

The Chancel Choir has between 15 and 20 members, which includes four professional section leaders. Choir repertoire is varied, and the scholar may be able to help with the variety. The music director, **Kevin O'Malia**, has two degrees from Westminster Choir College and the School of Music of Rider University, and has brought new energy into our music program with his organ playing, choral work and rapport with the children.

The scholar position is funded from a memorial to **Dr. Edwin E. Heilakka**, a long-time music educator in Philadelphia. Dr. Heilakka, a graduate of Oberlin College, was Director of Music Education in the Philadelphia School District and served on the board of directors of the Musical Fund Society of Philadelphia, Philadelphia Musical Academy, Young Audiences, Inc., and Settlement Music School. In 1980 he was named Curator of the Leopold Stokowski Collection at The Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia.

Application Form

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

School _____

Grade _____

Choral Experience _____

Additional Music Studies _____

Extracurricular Activities _____

Note-reading Ability

Beginner _____ *Intermediate* _____ *Proficient* _____

Teacher

Name _____

Signature _____

Please return completed application form to:

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Auditions will be heard by your instructor at school and the Director of Music at FUMCOG in a relaxed and friendly environment.

For the hearing, you should be prepared to:

- Sing a solo piece of music, showing off the best attributes of your voice. This may be drawn from the classical repertoire, folk genre or a spiritual.
- Do a few scales/vocalises.
- Sightread a small passage of music.
- Answer a few questions about your background and musical experiences.
- Have some questions of your own!

For additional information about FUMCOG and the music program, visit our website at www.fumcog.org

Music Mission Statement

The goal of the music program is to lead congregation singing, to inspire listeners through offering richly diverse choral anthems and spiritual songs, and to enhance the outreach ministries at FUMCOG to the Germantown neighborhood and the greater City of Philadelphia.

FUMCOG Mission Statement

The First United Methodist Church of Germantown (FUMCOG) is a diverse, urban community of faith that seeks to experience and worship God through Jesus' message of love and inclusion and the mystery of grace expressed through his life. We affirm our commitment by working together, taking risks for social justice and peace in our community, out city, our nation and the world.



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Edwin E. Heilakka Memorial Choral Scholars



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