

ALBANY UU SERVICE OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

Service Opportunity Name/Title:

Choir member

Service Opportunity Brief Description:

Under the direction of Albany UU's Music Director, choir members sing during many of the Sunday services and on other special occasions.

Service Opportunity Detailed Description:

Albany UU's choir meets nearly every Wednesday evening from September through June for rehearsals, currently from 7:15 – 8:45. The Choir sings during the Sunday service approximately twice a month, which requires a rehearsal about 45 minutes prior to the service.

The choir also performs during the two Christmas Eve services. While there are no attendance requirements for choir members, most members find that they are more comfortable during services if they regularly attend the rehearsals. For people who can't make a regular commitment, occasional Sundays are set aside for drop-in choirs or small ensembles. Instrumentalists are also welcome to accompany special musical pieces or for occasional instrumental Sundays. The Choir also may be involved with pot-luck get-togethers with the rest of the Albany UU family, or for special concerts.

Length of Service Commitment: no specific term

"This opportunity will enable you to get to know members of the Choir and become acquainted with a varied music repertoire. Members grow in their ability to read music, understand musical direction and perform with an ensemble. They also learn to work as a group, sometimes planning extra-choir activities such as pot-luck suppers with musical guests or sing-a-longs. Music provides many benefits to listeners as well as performers and opens communication within the wider Albany UU community.

Skills Needed:

There are no auditions; but basic musical skills including listening, some tone matching and score reading are valuable. Accomplished singers will also find a rewarding place in the choir.

Training, assistance, and safety requirements:

New choir members are assisted by current members. In addition, the music director has the ability and patience to communicate complex musical concepts to almost any level of singer.

Number of positions available: no limit

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