

Education

Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, IN • May 1998

Master of Arts in Church Music, *Magna Cum Laude* • voice and arranging/composing emphasis

Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, TN • May 1989

Bachelor of Arts in Music, *Magna Cum Laude* • guitar and theory emphasis

Ministry EXPERIENCE

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Trinity UMC, Greeneville, TN • 1/13-present

- Responsible for leading all congregational song in 9:30 traditional worship service, directing chancel choir, directing seasonal choral offerings with chamber ensemble, providing oversight to volunteer directors of bell choir and children's choir, and managing music budget and maintaining instruments and equipment
- In May of 2013 began a new contemporary worship service at 11:30. Selected and installed audio equipment and lighting, setup video equipment and software, and recruited musicians and technical personal for new service which is ongoing. Responsible for creating all on screen presentations except for pastor's sermon illustrations, generally leading the service, providing vocal leadership for the band, and playing guitar, keyboard, or bass as needed.

Director of Worship

Faith UMC, Knoxville, TN • 2/09-1/13

- Responsible for leading all congregational song in a blended worship style, directing choir, and creating and leading youth praise band in 2011, selection of all music to align with theme of worship, creating order of worship for all services including all materials for projection, and playing guitar for congregational singing.
- Directed seasonal choral offerings with chamber ensemble.
- Organized and led youth praise band tour in 2011 which lodged at Camp Dickenson and built a tractor bridge across the creek to the archery site.
- Part of leadership team for Faithstock music festival. Responsible for booking all artists for 2012 festival and establishing concert schedule. Created and maintained faithstock.info website for 2011 and 2012 festivals.

Director of Worship

Seymour UMC, Seymour, TN • 6/06-6/09

- Responsible for overseeing entire music ministry of a suburban church including direction of chancel choir, youth choir, and praise band, all music and worship budgeting, composing the order of worship for all services and creating all materials for projection screen, and giving oversight to director of bell choir and children's choir.
- Developed and directed special music services such as Taizé prayer services and Christmas programs including lessons and carols and cantata type services.
- Coordinated and/or installed numerous upgrades to sound and video equipment.
- Organized and led three annual summer weeklong youth choir tours which lodged at Holston conference camps and led worship in a variety of settings. Planned and coordinated service projects at camps such as creating design and building sleep platforms on the island at Camp Dickenson, building a mini-golf course at Camp Laurel, and building a substantial footbridge at Buffalo Mountain Camp.

Director of Music and Worship Arts

Longs Chapel UMC, Lake Junaluska, NC • 10/03-7/05

- Responsible for overseeing entire music ministry of a large church in a rural community including direction of chancel choir, youth praise band, and children's choir, all music and worship budgeting, composing the order of worship for all services, giving oversight to bell choir and liturgical dance group, and assisting with contemporary worship services.
- Developed and directed special music services such as Taizé prayer services, seasonal cantatas with orchestra, and orchestrated music for available instruments.
- Oversaw music selection and coordinated musicians for weddings and funerals.
- Coordinated and/or installed numerous upgrades to sound and video equipment.
- Composed spoken prayers, calls to worship, and other liturgical elements.
- Assisted youth director with mission trip to Camp Laurel, Tazewell District of Holston Conference — wrote/published daily devotional curriculum for participants, led worship, and evaluated work projects and assisted in work-site management.

Director of Youth, Children and Music

Fletcher UMC, Fletcher, NC • 10/02-9/03

- Responsible for all aspects of youth, children's and music ministry at a mid-sized suburban church including weekly youth meetings, Sunday School, monthly outings, and directing of children's choir, bell choir, and chancel choir including special seasonal services with additional duties in worship leading and occasional preaching.
- Organized and led youth trip to "Resurrection" in Holston Conference, and summer mission trip to Camp Laurel, Tazewell District of Holston Conference.

Director of Music Ministries

First United Methodist Church, Lafayette, LA • 6/00-9/02

- Responsible for entire music ministry of a downtown church including direction of praise band, chancel choir, and children's choir, and overseeing volunteer directors of cherub choir, bell choir, and early service choir.
- Played acoustic guitar, pennywhistle, and sang lead and harmony vocals for praise band.
- Coordinated all musical and drama elements in worship to align with the theme for a given Sunday, including selection of all congregational song (both contemporary praise and hymns) and overseeing instrumentalists.
- Developed special services such as Lenten praise services, Taizé Ash Wednesday services, seventy-fifth anniversary celebration, praise band tent ministry, children's musicals, seasonal cantatas with chamber ensemble, etc.
- Oversaw music selection and coordinated musicians for weddings and funerals.
- Coordinated and trained sound team.
- Maintained and upgraded sound equipment including wiring and installation.
- Developed spiritual formation and prayer ministries such as *Companions in Christ* class and prayer partners for 10:50 worship service.
- Assisted youth and children's director with mission trips, VBS, setup up of computer lab including reconditioning donated computers, etc. Also assisted with pastoral duties of hospital visitation and occasional preaching.

Director of Music Ministries

Community United Methodist Church, Vincennes, IN • 5/98-6/00

- Responsible for entire music ministry of a large church in a rural community including vocal and chime choirs for all ages.
- Formed and led a youth choir including organization and leadership of summer youth choir/drama tours performing contemporary music. Choir tours included service projects at Buffalo Mountain Camp and Camp Dickenson in the Holston Conference.
- Formed and directed youth and adult chime choirs including raising funds for purchase of handchimes and beginning a fund for future purchase of handbells.
- Responsible for integrating musical elements into the overall worship design including hymn and praise chorus selection, arranging and composing special music as needed, overseeing instrumentalists and soloists, leading special music services such as a Taizé service for Advent, seasonal cantatas, Christmas children's musicals, Christmas Eve services, etc.
- Hosted community wide music services including a performance of the *Messiah* with chamber orchestra.
- Coordinated and trained sound team and upgraded equipment.

Music Director

West Newton United Methodist Church, Indianapolis, IN • 9/96-4/98

- Directed chancel choir, short-term chime choir, and older elementary choir.
- Composed and arranged pieces for chancel choir.

Music Director

Centenary United Methodist Church, Erwin, TN • 1/95-8/96

- Directed chancel, youth, children's, and bell choirs.
- Composed and arranged pieces for all choirs and instrumentalists.

Property Manager & Summer Specialty Staff

Buffalo Mountain United Methodist Camp & Retreat Center, Jonesborough, TN • 1/95-8/96

- Primarily responsible for property maintenance and planning and overseeing of volunteer group work projects including design and building of outpost log cabins and farm barn, redesign and building of outdoor worship center.
- Generally assisted with summer program including worship and high adventure activities.

Youth Director

Fountain City United Methodist Church, Knoxville, TN • 8/93-11/94

- Developed, administered and coordinated programs for students in a large suburban church including weekly activities, retreats, banquets, fund-raisers, and service projects.
- Trained and supervised students in leading programs.
- Recruited, trained, and supervised a large staff of volunteer counselors and summer interns.
- Assisted with youth choir, organized and assisted with a summer youth musical tour, led and arranged music for a youth brass ensemble, and led music with guitar during youth meetings.

Counselor and Worship Leader

Buffalo Mountain United Methodist Camp, Jonesborough, TN • Summer 1993

- Small group counselor working primarily with junior and senior high campers.
- Organized and led a weeklong music camp.
- Led music for worship.

Director/Manager

Camp Carolwood United Methodist Camp and Retreat Center, Lenoir, NC • 7/92-6/93

- Responsible for property maintenance, scheduling and hosting groups, and providing food service for groups when needed as well as promotion of the camp in the Statesville District.

Youth and Program Director

First United Methodist Church, Elizabethton, TN • 1/91-7/92

- Responsible for Christian education and programming for all age groups with primary emphasis on grades four through twelve including: recruiting volunteers, organizing and leading retreats and work camps, etc.
- Created, organized and led “Folk Celebrations”—alternative worship services involving contemporary music with guitar and storytelling.

Music Director/Volunteer Youth Director

Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church, Mt. Carmel, TN • 2/90-12/90

Music Director

George Street United Methodist Church, Jefferson City, TN • Fall Semester 1987

Counselor and Song Leader

Buffalo Mountain Methodist Camp, Jonesborough, TN • Summer 1985

Music Director

Halls United Methodist Church, Halls, TN • Fall Semester 1984

Other Experiences

- **Instructor**, Voice and Acoustic Guitar, various locations through present
- **Featured Soloist**, St. Margaret’s Community Choir, 2003 Fall Concert, Maggie Valley, NC
- **Baritone Soloist**, 2001 Covenant UMC, Lafayette, LA & 1999 Vincennes Community *Messiah* Concerts, Vincennes, IN
- **Companions in Christ Facilitator**, 2001-2002 First United Methodist Church, Lafayette, LA
- **Adjunct Voice Instructor**, Fall 1999, Vincennes University, Vincennes, IN
- **Soloist**, “My Utmost for His Highest” August 1999 Vincennes Community Sings
- **Guest Speaker**, Vincennes Community Noon Salad Luncheon, May 1999, “Walking Meditation: Prayer in Motion”, Vincennes, IN
- **Spiritual Director**, Southwest Indiana Emmaus Walks #19 and #20
- **Pilgrim**, Southwest Indiana Walk to Emmaus #18b
- **Featured Soloist**, Ralph Vaughan Williams’ *Five Mystical Songs*, 1998 Spring Choral Concert, Christian Theological Seminary
- **Featured Soloist**, 1997 commencement ceremonies and 1998 baccalaureate service, Christian Theological Seminary
- **Minister-in-Residence**, 1994 Appalachian Trail Hike and 1991 Pioneer Camp at United Methodist Camp Dickenson, Fries, VA
- **Instructor**, The Morgan School, Lenoir, NC, 1993 “Intersession” course in dulcimer building
- **Holston Conference Summer Youth-in-Mission Projects Coordinator**, 1991 & 1992
- **Classical Guitar Instructor**, Joseph’s MusiCenter, Kingsport, TN, 9/89 - 5/93

Continuing Education

- **2012 Worship Leader Songwriters Workshop**, Franklin, TN
- **Post Graduate Studies, Garrett Evangelical Seminary**
- **2004 Youth Specialties National Youth Workers Convention**, Atlanta.
- **2004 Leadership Institute**, Church of the Resurrection, Leawood, KS
- **2001 *The Faith We Sing*** national introductory event of the supplement to *The United Methodist Hymnal*, Nashville, TN
- **2001 *Companions in Christ*** facilitator training retreat for the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church
- **2000 Renew Your Worship! Workshop II: Authentic Worship in a Changing World** with Robert Webber
- **1997-1999 Stillpoint: Programs in Spiritual Direction and Contemplative Prayer**
A resource and mentoring program for emerging spiritual directors, Nashville, TN.
Completed courses: "Exploring Spiritual Journey and Spiritual Direction" and "Prayer, Personality, and the Contemplative Tradition."
- **1999 South Indiana Conference "Clergy Killers" Workshop** with G. Lloyd Rediger
- **1999 The Leadership Group Church Staff Workshop**
"Dealing with Poorly Differentiated Parishioners"
- **1998 The Leadership Group Church Staff Workshop**
"Healthy Strategies for Dealing with Emotional Triangles"
- **1996 Tennessee Rope Rescue School**
Week-long course in emergency procedures for rappelling and climbing
- **1994 United Methodist South-East Jurisdiction Leisure & Recreation Workshop**
"Humor and Laughter in Faith and Life" and "Games, Games, and More Games"
- **1993 National Meeting of United Methodist Camp and Retreat Leaders**
"Director/Manager Workshop" and "Ropes Course Basics"
- **1992 United Methodist South-East Jurisdiction Leisure & Recreation Workshop**
"Storytelling" and "Native American Theology"
- **1992 Educators Workshop, North Carolina Outward Bound School**
Nine day workshop focusing on experiential learning in educational settings. Also included experience in various high adventure activities as well as group initiatives.
- **1985-1986 Apprenticeship, The Luthierie, Saugerties, N.Y.**
Study in woodworking and musical instrument construction.

Academic Honors

- Christian Theological Seminary Hartman Scholar with stipend
- The Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts 1997 scholarship
- William Heath Educational Fund for Ministers, Priests, and Missionaries 1997 scholarship
- Theta Phi (theological honor society)
- Carson-Newman College academic and music scholarships
- Pi Kappa Lambda (music honor society)
- Alpha Chi (academic honor society)
- Alpha Lambda Delta (academic honor society)
- Phi Eta Sigma (academic honor society)
- Delta Omicron 1989 Music Composition Contest winner
- Salutatorian, Sullivan North High School, Kingsport, TN, 1983
- Senior Music Award, Sullivan North High School
- Tennessee All-State Choir (all three eligible years)