



Roswell UMC
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OVERVIEW

The Roswell UMC Choir Scholars Ministry is an opportunity open to Atlanta-area college student singers. The program exists to encourage and perpetuate the spirit and art of traditional church music and enrich the RUMC Sanctuary Choir experience for all participants.

Choir Scholars Requirements

The Choir Scholars ministry offers positions to area college students for the academic year, September- April. The positions allow students the experience of singing with an accomplished church choir, hopefully fostering a lifelong involvement with church music. Choir Scholars are encouraged to be active in the ministry of the church, enjoying the support of a “home away from home” church family. Individuals do not need to be trained soloists but should have musical ability needed to sing with an experienced choir. Enthusiasm, willingness to learn, dependability, preparedness, and a spirit of cooperation and teamwork are essential. One scholar of each voice part (S/A/T/B) will be sought. An audition is required. The scholarship is not limited to Methodists, and individuals of all faiths are encouraged to apply. A committee consisting of the Choir/Worship Arts Director, the Organist/Music Associate, a Worship Arts staff member, and one or two other choir members and/or members of the congregation will make selection of scholars. The decision of the committee is final.

Choir Scholars must be actively enrolled in a degree program at an area college or university. Scholars become full participating members of the Sanctuary Choir at Roswell UMC. Participation requirements include a weekly rehearsal on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:45 p.m. and Sunday morning worship from 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Additional activities include an orientation, seasonal concerts (with dress rehearsals) and a fall rehearsal retreat. The schedule for the academic year begins the first Wednesday of September through the third Sunday in December. There is a break for Christmas, and rehearsals resume the second Wednesday of January through April 2023. In this period, a total of absences from 6 rehearsals and 6 services will be permitted.

Compensation:

Choir Scholars receive paychecks twice per month. Up-to-date W-9 forms are required to ensure timely payment. Salary is \$50 per call. This includes Wednesday rehearsal (one call) and one Sunday services (one call). If a Scholar misses a Sunday or Wednesday, he/she/they are not paid for that rehearsal or service.

Concert dress rehearsals are considered an extra call (\$50). Concerts are considered one call each.

Applications and auditions for the 2022-2023 school year are being accepted through August 30, 2022. Interested singers should complete an application or contact Dr. Michael Cromwell, mcromwell@rumc.com, for more information.

Choir Scholars will sign a Memorandum of Understanding/Contract encompassing the responsibilities and expectations listed below, and will be reviewed each semester. Continuance in the program depends on regular attendance, cooperative spirit, acceptable quality of performance, and academic standing.

Choir Scholar Responsibilities are to both add his/her/their musical gifts to the Sanctuary Choir, and to participate in Choir and worship through praise, prayer, and active listening.

Expectations:

Sing with the Sanctuary Choir at the 11:15 a.m. weekly traditional worship service and serve as positive and active participants.

Sing with the Sanctuary Choir for the Christmas Festival concerts and for the “Voices of Mimosas” concert March 26, 2023.

While occasional absences may be requested and approved (no more than 6 rehearsals and 6 services), Christmas Eve, concerts, and Good Friday/Easter services are required.

Be prompt in rehearsal and worship reporting times.

Serve as positive and personal role models to the other musicians as well as worshipers.

Exercise intelligent musical and personal decisions in learning choir music both in choir and in independent rehearsal times.

Exercise good judgement in maintaining optimum vocal health.

Have an organized schedule to take personal responsibility for absences and emergencies as they arrive.

(All Choir Scholars will need to sign a Memorandum of Understanding/Contract encompassing these expectations with Sanctuary Choir leadership.)

ABOUT ROSWELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND THE RUMC SANCTUARY CHOIR

Roswell UMC is a 186-year-old congregation located in Historic Roswell, Georgia, which is about 20 miles of the city of Atlanta.

The Roswell United Methodist Sanctuary Choir provides music weekly for Roswell UMC's 11:15 a.m. Sunday worship service and presents several major concerts each year as a part of Roswell UMC's *Sounds of the Spirit* Concert Series. With an active membership of 100 voices, the Sanctuary Choir has performed for local community events, at Carnegie Hall, and on tours to England, Austria, Germany, Italy, Spain, and Ireland. Recordings by the Sanctuary Choir include *Many Gifts, One Spirit, Highlights from "The Creation," A Christmas Celebration, Choral Favorites, and Hymns of Faith*. Currently under the direction of Dr. Michael Cromwell, the choir rehearses Wednesday nights August-June each year. Membership is open to all interested singers high school-aged and up; no audition is required. Current membership in the choir ranges includes adults 30-80 years of age.



APPLICATION OVERVIEW

Step One:

Complete application and return to
Dr. Michael Cromwell, Minister of Worship Arts
814 Mimosa Blvd.
Roswell, Georgia 30075
or
mcromwell@rumc.com
The deadline is August 30, 2022

Step Two:

Auditions for the 2022-2023 season will be held prior to the application deadline by appointment. Audition requirements include one prepared solo that highlights your voice (art song, classical, or religious non-contemporary), sight-reading, tonal memory, and range/tessitura check. The audition will also include an informal personal interview.

Step Three:

Positions will be offered by September 6, 2022. Rehearsal and worship attendance will commence September 14, 2022.