

**FUMCSD SOPRANO SECTION LEADER**  
**Job Description/Advertisement**  
**May 19, 2024**

**Job Title:** FUMC Soprano Section Leader

**Grade Status:** Part time (typically 4 hours/week during the choir season; summer 2 hours, plus extra services and concerts highlighted below)

**Immediate Supervisor:** Director of Choral Activities, Brian Lustig

First United Methodist Church, San Diego, invites singers interested in being the Soprano Section Leader at First United Methodist Church San Diego. The ideal candidate sight reads to a high standard, can sing in the soprano section without overpowering the section, and can sing solos beautifully, sometimes accompanied by instruments. First UMC San Diego has four adult choirs (Chancel Choir, Chamber Choir, Jubilee Singers and Masterwork Chorale), three of which sing in services at FUMCSD on a regular basis.

**Job Description Overview:**

- 1) Sing in Sunday services. First service call at 8:15 for a 9:00 service with Chancel Choir. Thursday rehearsal is 7:00-9:00 from September through June, although the section leaders are sometimes called until 9:30 with notice.
- 2) Occasionally sing for the second service (11:00 AM) at FUMCSD known as Tapestry. Called approximately twice per month.
- 3) Sing in the soprano section in Summer Choir during June, July, and August.
- 4) Sing as a soloist or sing in the soprano section for two choral concerts per year. Additional concerts/services such as Choral Evensong may be scheduled with additional remuneration. Concerts include a few extra rehearsals.
- 5) Sing in the choir soprano section or participate as a soloist for services outside of the normal routine of Thursday/Sunday including Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Christmas Eve, and the Interfaith Thanksgiving service.
- 6) Non-liturgical calls include the annual Choir Retreat (one Saturday morning in mid-September).
- 7) Give adequate notice of absence.
- 8) Willingness to sing solos in choral anthems, as well as learn new repertoire (solos, small ensemble music) as needed, in consultation with the Director of Choral Activities.
- 9) Prepare solos in advance, and/or meet with the Organist/Director of Music Ministries to practice solos.
- 10) Maintain a high level of vocal proficiency and musicianship.
- 11) Ability to work cooperatively with church employees, as well as the volunteer singers in the choir.
- 12) Respectful of Methodist church traditions.
- 13) Other duties as assigned.

**Salary/benefits:** \$39/hour, sick leave benefits

**Application process:** Please submit the following by Friday, June 28th to Brian Lustig, Director of Choral Activities, [blustig@fumcsd.org](mailto:blustig@fumcsd.org).

- 1) Resume/CV highlighting vocal experiences with two references (letters not needed, just contact information)
- 2) Digital recording of two contrasting vocal solos.