

## **A musical paradise in a pastoral setting: Cooperstown, New York!**

The Parish of Christ Church, Episcopal, in Cooperstown, New York—two blocks from stunningly beautiful Otsego Lake—**seeks an energetic and creative Director of Music** who will embrace and build on the many musical opportunities within our congregation and larger community.

Christ Church is a thriving parish that worships in lovingly-maintained historic structures (church and chapel) in the heart of the picturesque village of Cooperstown. Parishioners travel from across Otsego County for our **beautiful liturgy, biblical preaching, and inspiring music**. Our three manual 50-rank pipe organ in the church has undergone several expansions and improvements since its installation in 1983. Our recently installed tracker organ in the chapel provides ideal accompaniment for small midweek and special services.

**The 12-voice volunteer Parish Choir aspires to the highest standards of musicality and spiritual growth.** Our singers understand their work as liturgical leaders to be simultaneously a ministry to God's people and an offering to the Lord. In addition to our adult singers, in the past a children's choir has given young people of the parish and the community the chance to learn the fundamentals of musical performance and to take part in worship on a monthly basis. There is strong support for a revival and an expansion of this offering.

But the musical life of Cooperstown is certainly not limited to the sacred spaces of Christ Church! **The Glimmerglass Festival brings together artists from around the country and the world** for a rich season of opera and other concerts and musical performances. (A select few of these talented performers share their skills in worship at Christ Church on summer Sundays through the Young Artists program of the parish.) In addition, **the Cooperstown Music Festival engages world-class chamber music ensembles for several concerts each summer.** And the many passionate music lovers in the community—including the 60-plus singers of the Voices of Cooperstown, whose annual concert fills Christ Church each December—sustain this tradition throughout the year.

Not only will our new Director of Music enjoy working in this singular setting alongside a newly-instituted rector and a collegial, professional staff, but **Christ Church is also blessed to be able to offer accommodation at a very private parish-owned home** (3 beds, 2.5 baths) on the edge of the village, just under a mile from the church. This house, a short walk from the village schools and the recently-renovated and expanded Clark Sports Center, sits on a large property backing up to beautiful Red Creek, a tributary of the Susquehanna River.

**The successful applicant will have cultivated the highest skills and standards in choral conducting, organ playing, and managing professional relationships. Familiarity with the musical tradition and liturgy of the Episcopal Church and demonstrated ability to work with young people are not required, but will be highly favored.**

Negotiable hours according to individual skills and interests, but anticipate not less than 20 hours per week. Cash stipend of \$16,000. Housing valued at \$21,600. A full Staff Position Description and organ specs can be found on the website of Christ Church: [www.christchurchcooperstown.org](http://www.christchurchcooperstown.org).

Send inquiries and applications (including a cover letter, resume, three references, and electronic samples of both organ playing and choral conducting) to Mrs. Laurie Kearns at [parishadmin@christchurchcooperstown.org](mailto:parishadmin@christchurchcooperstown.org), by **May 31, 2017**.