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DR. RENEE RUNYON



education

Robert E. Webber Institute of Worship Studies | Doctorate of Worship Studies

Spring Arbor University | Master of Education

Spring Arbor College | Bachelor of Piano Performance/Double Music Major

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Dr. M. Renée Runyon, the accompanist for the Spring Arbor College/University choral ensembles since 1984 and a piano instructor since 1988, earned a Bachelor of Piano Performance/Double Music Major from Spring Arbor College in 1979, a Master of Education degree from Spring Arbor University in 2002, and a Doctor of Worship Studies from the Robert E. Webber Institute of Worship Studies (Jacksonville, FL) in 2018. A resident of Spring Arbor, MI, she has served a wide range of collaborative piano work as the Accompanist for the Jackson (Michigan) Chorale since 1998, Worship Coordinator and Leader for the Sunday morning worship service of Vista Grande Villa Retirement Center in Jackson, MI (since 2018), and has served in various piano, worship, and choir leadership positions with the Spring Arbor Free Methodist Church since 1978. She is in demand as a collaborative pianist for vocal and instrumental soloists and has served as an adjudicator for piano festivals. Dr. Runyon also enjoys playing dinner music for receptions and parties, and was the featured soloist for the Elderhostel/Road Scholar music week held for several years at Michindoh Camp and Conference Center. Married to Dr. Dan Runyon, they have co-authored a book on worship (*40 Days of Worship: Rehearsing the Story of God*), teamed together as leaders of Engaged Encounter and Marriage Encounter weekends, and are the parents of three adult sons and grandparents to two granddaughters.