

Piano Studio Syllabus 2023-2024

The Music Academy at Point Washington

Ages: Kindergarten - adulthood

Note: Children need to be able to sit for a half-hour lesson prior to being eligible for private study. If you are not sure of their ability to do so, we encourage you to schedule a free sample lesson for your child and listen to the expertise of the instructor.

When: Weekly lessons are scheduled with the instructor

Where: Point Washington UMC
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Vision: The purpose of the piano studio is to provide individualized, high-quality music education to students within the congregation of Point Washington UMC and the surrounding community. We believe that the study of music is a venue for personal discovery, growth, and healthy development. Student engagement in private lessons furthers the mission of the United Methodist Church "... to make the love of Christ known." Those enrolled in private lessons can expect to follow a method chosen by the instructor to fit the individual needs of the student, supplemented by a variety of age-appropriate skills and materials relevant to the instrument. Students in the piano studio will study musical genre/style, music literacy, theory, chords, music history, and composers. These categories will be explored through scales, performance pieces, and technical exercises, and more.

TUITION

Tuition for private lessons is \$125 per month.

- Tuition is due on the first of each month.
- **A \$15 discount per student will be applied if multiple students are enrolled in the Academy from the same family. Please contact the Academy Director to set this up.*
- Payments can be made on the Point Washington UMC website or via the PWUMC app.
 - WEBSITE:
 - Go to PWUMC.org
 - Click the “Give” option on the top menu
 - Click “Donate Now” on the bottom left of the screen
 - You can either set up a recurring payment for each month (preferred) or do it manually each month.
 - Choose a start date for your payments.
 - In the drop-down menu for “Fund” choose “Music Academy.” Click “Next.”
 - Put in your credit/debit card information or enter your bank account information.
 - APP:
 - Go to the “GIVE” tab and you can either set up a recurring payment for each month (preferred) or do it manually each month.
 - Choose a start date for your payments.
 - In the drop-down menu for “Fund” choose “Music Academy.” Click “Next.”
 - Put in your credit/debit card information or enter your bank account information.
- There is a one month grace period for missed payments.
 - Lessons will continue through the end of the month despite a missed payment.
 - **Lessons will pause following the month grace period until payment is received.**

Tuition for lessons includes:

- Weekly lessons September-May (30 half-hour lessons)
- Dress Rehearsals and additional group rehearsals as necessary (scheduled by instructor)
- Reserved time/spaces with expert instructor
- Specific supplemental materials and resources
- Digital Notebooks
- Recital Fees

The student is responsible for book/supply fees.

- These are charged on an individual basis. The instructor may choose a method best suited for the student and will provide the materials.
- Supplemental materials will be provided for the student at the discretion of the provider free of charge.

ATTENDANCE

The Music Academy at Point Washington seeks to uphold high standards of music education by using best-practice instruction, challenging and encouraging students, and providing varied circumstances for them to practice and perform their art. We believe that all students learn best with consistent practice and instruction. Lessons are held at the same time and the same day of the week for the entire academic year. Once the schedule is established, contact the academy director if you are having unforeseen issues with your scheduled time. We encourage you to anticipate conflicts for each semester to ensure you have a time that works best for you.

There are no excused absences for regularly scheduled private lessons. At least three group lessons are available throughout the year to serve as makeup lessons or BONUS lessons to anyone who wants to attend!

- If a student needs to miss a lesson for whatever reason (sickness, schedule conflict, vacation, etc.), students may take advantage of the scheduled group makeup lessons in either or both semesters. The student's absence from the lesson does not change monthly tuition. Life happens! These absences are expected and are built into tuition costs so that there is not a change in monthly tuition for missed lessons. We encourage you to notify the instructor as soon as possible.
- If an instructor has to cancel a lesson, the instructor will provide a time to reschedule that lesson within 30 days.
- If you are sick or are experiencing symptoms (Covid-19, flu, cold, etc.), notify your instructor immediately and you will NOT meet for a lesson for the safety of everyone. Students can take advantage of group lessons at another time.

Lesson Schedule

Sunday, August 18: Academy Open House (4-6pm)

Thursday, September 5: Family Orientation Option 1 (5:30-6pm)*

Friday, September 6: Family Orientation Option 2 (3:30-4pm)*

- Families MUST attend one of the orientation sessions

Monday, September 9: Lessons Begin

October 28-November 1: No Lessons (Fall Break)

Thursday, November 21: Fall Piano Recital (4:30pm student call; 5:30pm performance)

Friday, November 22: Last Day of First Semester Lessons

Monday, January 6: Lessons Resume

March 17-21: SPRING BREAK

Saturday, May 20: Spring Showcase Dress Rehearsal (10am-Noon)*

Friday, May 16: SPRING SHOWCASE PERFORMANCE (5-7:30pm)*

Friday, May 23: Final Lesson Day

**Mandatory Session; contact Academy Instructor with conflicts*