

Church Leadership Connection
The Call System for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Mif #: 11887.AB1

Ministry General Information

Ministry Number	11887
Ministry Name	Unity Presbyterian Church
Mailing Address	835 Franklin Turnpike Danville, VA 24540
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WWW Address	www.unitypres.com
Ministry Size	Under 100 members

Ethnic Composition

White 100%

Average Worship Attendance	27
Church School Attendance	9
Curriculum	The Present Word
Yoked	False
Presbytery	PEAKS PRESBYTERY
Synod	SYNOD OF MID-ATLANTIC
Community Type	Small City

Ten-year trend statistics of this church/organization [Show Statistics](#)

Information about the position

Position:	Solo Pastor
Experience Required:	2 to 5 Years
Specific Title:	traditional seminary training
Employment Status:	Full-time

Language Requirements:

English

Other Language:	Some Spanish, but not required
Statement of Faith Required:	True
Clergy Couples:	

Training/Certificate Requirements:

Other Training: N/A

Brief Church Mission Statement:

Our Mission is "Making Christ's love known by telling the story of Jesus and His Saving Grace through word and deed."

What is the congregation's or organization's vision for ministry:

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The vision of UPC is to: Grow in the service of the Lord, our God; Be strengthened by the preaching of His Holy Word; Reach out to all our community in His Name; Provide a place of worship and fellowship for all who wish to be part of the Body of Christ; Love and care for all members of our congregation and share that love and care throughout the community; Increase our membership, while at the same time maintaining our caring, friendly, compassionate family atmosphere. In response to Jesus' commission to his disciples in Matt. 28: 19-20, UPC strives to be a facilitator of God's Love through acceptance and forgiveness, both within and beyond the community of believers.

Believers at different times have debated whether worship or mission is more central to the Christian faith. From the scripture (Psalm 34: 1-10 and Hebrews 2: 17-18), we understand that worship and mission have a reciprocal relationship: one always leads to the other. "Worship begets mission, which in turn begets worship." (From our Sunday School study, *The Present Word*.)

How do you feel called to reach out to address the emerging needs of your community or constituency:

In Matt. 5:14, Jesus says "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid." UPC seeks to be a light in our community by addressing the spiritual and physical needs of people in Danville, the United States and the world. We fight hunger in our community and around the world by participating in the CROP Walk for Church World Services, supporting our local food pantries, and working in the kitchen at a local Saturday morning feeding program. We support the disaster recovery efforts of organizations such as God's Pit Crew. We reach out to a community in need by helping those who are struggling to make ends meet. Finally, UPC's doors are open to all people; at UPC there is a seat at the table for everyone.

How will this position help you to reach your vision and mission goals:

Mission is a general statement of how you will achieve your vision. The mission of UPC is: "Making Christ's Love known by telling the story of Jesus and His saving grace through word and deed." The vision of UPC is to grow in service of the Lord our God and to be strengthened by the preaching of His Holy Word. Using the feedback from our church leadership surveys and PNC surveys we will reach out to our congregation and to all those who are seeking a place of worship and fellowship and who wish to be a part of the Body of Christ. This can be accomplished by seeking a candidate who has a thorough command of the written word, outstanding verbal communications and social media expertise.

Provide a description of the characteristics needed by the person who is open to being called to this congregation and or organization:

We seek a leader who can spread the word of Jesus Christ through worship, prayer, and deeds, including visiting, teaching, caring, enjoying being a part of a family, motivating, exciting the congregation, being a strong communicator while having a sense of humor.

UPC is a family of four churches combined over the years. Our family is made up of former members of Burton Memorial Presbyterian Church, Bethany Presbyterian Church, Shelton Memorial Presbyterian Church, and Northview Presbyterian Church. Our church family is a praying, loving, and compassionate group of people. We end our Sunday morning service by holding hands and singing the following response: "We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity will one day be restored, and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love."

What specific tasks, assignments, and program areas will this person have responsibility?

Conduct Sunday morning service (preach biblically and theologically sound sermons).

Plan special seasonal services (Christmas, Lent, Easter week, etc.).

Visit hospitals, retirement/nursing home facilities, homebound, sick and bereaved.

Faithfully attend Presbytery meetings, encouraging elder attendance as well.

Grow the congregation.

Lead weekly Bible Study and Prayer Services.

Manage services required by the congregation (weddings, funerals, etc.).

Moderate regular and called Session meetings.

Be actively involved in the Sunday School program.

Optional Links:

Leadership Competencies:

Compassionate

Preaching and Worship Leadership

Spiritual Maturity

Public Communicator

Decision Making

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Strategy and Vision
Collaboration
Interpersonal Engagement
Initiative
Flexibility

Compensation and Housing: Cost of Living Calculator

Minimum Effective Salary: \$43,127

Housing Type: Housing Allowance

References:

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Has the Pastor Nominating Committee and Search committee affirmed its intention to follow the Form Of Government in this regard?

Yes

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