

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

Mif #: 23022.ACO

Ministry General Information

Ministry Number	23022
Ministry Name	First Presbyterian Church
Mailing Address	P. O. Box 824 Pulaski, VA 24301
Phone	(540) 980-2132
Fax	
E-Mail	firstprespulaskiva@gmail.com
WWW Address	firstpresbyterianpulaski.org
Ministry Size	101 - 250 members
Ethnic Composition	
	White 100%

Average Worship Attendance	60
Church School Attendance	25
Curriculum	
Yoked	False
Presbytery	The Peaks
Synod	SYNOD OF MID-ATLANTIC
Community Type	Town
Ten-year trend statistics of this church/organization Show Statistics	

Information about the position

Position:	Pastor Interim
Experience Required:	2 to 5 Years
Specific Title:	
Employment Status:	Open to both

Language Requirements:	
	English

Other Language:	
Statement of Faith Required:	True
Clergy Couples:	

Training/Certificate Requirements:	
	Interim Ministry Training

Other Training:	Interim Ministry prepared not required
Brief Church Mission Statement:	

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The Mission Statement of our church is:

To win people to faith in Christ,
To build people up in Christ ,
To send people out for Christ

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

The First Presbyterian Church of Pulaski, VA is presently an older congregation with several retired members and a smaller number of younger adult members with children. These younger families have about 12 children ranging in age from 3 to teenage. The church congregation seeks to continue to feed its spiritual needs through traditional Sunday worship services. Preaching of the word continues to be very important in accomplishing this. Frequent personal contact with and care of our homebound elderly members is also a concern. The Congregational Care and Life committees continue to focus on this. The present eleven member church session and several other church elders are committed to oversee and facilitate all of the operations of the church through its working committees.

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

The church houses the Pulaski Daily Bread in its fellowship hall including extensive food storage and refrigeration as well as cooking and meal preparation. The Daily Bread operation was established over 40 years ago as an ecumenical program serving mid-day meals to up to 150 persons per day. The church also houses the New River Community Action in the adjacent Jones/Sadler Building. Offices are provided rent-free for the Community Action which provides housing assistance, food distribution, and utility assistance. The Emergency Needs Task Force (ENTF) was established by several churches in the area over 40 years ago to supplement the work of Community Action.

ENTF funds from our church and others are managed by the ENTF Board and the local Community Action director. The church's former manse is utilized as the pastor's office and provides meeting space for the Pulaski Community Partners Coalition and Narcotics Anonymous meetings as well as other community organizations.

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

The interim minister can assist the session and congregation in returning to more normal Sunday services following the Covid health crisis. The church session and membership hope, at some point, to restart the Wonderful Wednesday family night program. The interim could help plan and lead programs including bible study for this weekly program.

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

The person called to serve as interim for our church will be a follower and servant of our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ. Preaching and teaching are important qualifications. Collaboration and guidance in working with a relatively experienced session is needed. A servant attitude and approach is requested to provide the needed leadership for our church members to grow in faith and service.

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

The interim pastor will be expected to lead the traditional Sunday worship service to encourage and inspire the congregation in the faith. Regular visitation along with church members with home-bound members of the congregation will be required. The interim pastor will also meet as needed with the various session and church committees to assist with church operations. Interim assistance with the Wonderful Wednesday weekly program, when it can be restarted, would also benefit the church.

Optional Links:

The church website is currently found under firstpresbyterianpulaski.org The church email is firstprespulaskiva@gmail.com

Facebook

Leadership Competencies:

Hopeful

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Preaching and Worship Leadership
Spiritual Maturity
Public Communicator
Risk Taker
Task Manager
Organizational Agility
Collaboration
Initiative
Flexibility

Compensation and Housing: <u>Cost of Living Calculator</u>
Minimum Effective Salary: \$43,625
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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