

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

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Ministry General Information

Ministry Number	07342
Ministry Name	McConnellsburg UPC
Mailing Address	116 S 2nd St. McConnellsburg, PA 17233
Phone	(717) 485-4400
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E-Mail	MUPC@CENTURYLINK.COM
WWW Address	www.mupc.org
Ministry Size	101 - 250 members

Ethnic Composition	
	Asian 1%
	Black or African American (African Native, Caribbean) 2%
	White 97%

Average Worship Attendance	74
Church School Attendance	59
Curriculum	varies by age group
Certified as eligible for participation in the Seminary Debt Assistance Program	False
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Presbytery	CARLISLE PRESBYTERY
Synod	SYNOD OF THE TRINITY
Community Type	Rural

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

Information about the position

Position:	Solo Pastor
Experience Required:	First Ordained Call
Specific Title:	
Employment Status:	Full-time

Language Requirements:	
	English

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

Training/Certificate Requirements:	
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Other Training:	
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Brief Church Mission Statement:	
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What is your congregation's or organization's Mission Statement?

The mission of our church is to glorify God by proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ and by witnessing to all persons the knowledge and love of God.

To fulfill this mission we are called:

to worship God meaningfully both in public and in private;
to nurture our faith through prayer and the study of God's word and His will for our lives;
to provide a supportive, loving, and caring ministry to and with one another;
to reach out and welcome others into this ministry;
to seek out and serve those in need in both the community and the world.

We pledge our time, our resources, and our involvement in the attainment of this mission.

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

The McConnellsburg United Presbyterian Church's vision for ministry is to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, in Word and in deed, to our community, by inviting all people to join in the life and love of Jesus Christ and nurturing them in Christian faith.

Every morning when we wake up and soak up the beauty of our gorgeous valley, we remember how abundantly God has provided; and when we gather with our fellow members for worship and ministry, the Spirit of the Lord overwhelms us with joy and meaning. All we do at MUPC, therefore, is based in gratitude and thanksgiving for God's blessings to us. We offer that through passionate worship and music and outreach to our community and world. Our vision is to share what we have found with our neighbor, even while we strive to deepen our own relationships with Christ and with each other through Christian study and fellowship.

Hands-on mission work is performed by members who respond to areas of need. We count ourselves fortunate to take mission teams out to spread some of God's hope, possibly providing a new beginning for a devastated family, or through annual workdays that seek to bring transformation to our community's less fortunate. More specific and particular information can be found by viewing our website at mupc.org.

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

Through the leadership and guidance of Session and Deacons, the McConnellsburg United Presbyterian Church (MUPC) strives to provide a presence in the community that nourishes the needs of the underprivileged, the lonely, the spiritually depleted as well as servicing the needs of our congregation. Examples of our love in action have included a free community picnic, a deaf ministry, and adult and youth mission trips which show a commitment to addressing needs of the less fortunate in our community. Annually, we support a local Hands and Feet mission. The Deacons manage an extensive service program to the community and to the congregation. With an annual budget in excess of \$50,000 (30% of MUPC's annual giving), the Deacons financially support local, regional and international missions. The Deacons maintain a visitation network throughout the congregation and in coordination with the pastor.

The wonder of our 11 PM Candlelight Christmas Eve Service has become a community event that glorifies God and the birth of His Son. It is a service of talented musicians and choirs with a change in presentation each year (one year may feature guitar, banjo, mandolin and dobro; another a brass quartet; another percussion, harpsicord and woodwind) all with a bell choir and chancel choir in support. Praise God this service has been offered to the community annually for the past 45 years. The 2016 Christmas Eve Service offering exceeded \$16,000 to help end world hunger.

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

We expect our pastor to accept love and care from others, we expect that he or she will laugh heartily with the congregation, weep with those who are broken, engage in both ends of forgiveness and be a strong leader who can rely on the gifted congregational leadership to move projects forward and provide for individual discipleship and spiritual growth.

We are a church with a vision that is founded on the strength and commitment to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Our church membership is blessed with a multitude of talent and ability, from our music program, to teaching, and spiritual leadership. Our future pastor must be able to walk hand-in-hand with us, blending his or her gifts with ours. will move forward with a motivating individual who will guide us as we mature and advance on our spiritual journey; and who will play a pivotal role in achieving our vision and goals. Our minister is only expected to perform miracles such as changing water into wine when performed decently and in order.

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

We at the McConnellsburg United Presbyterian Church (MUPC) are seeking a Pastor who is spiritually motivating and lives his/her life with energy and enthusiasm for the Lord. Please come and share the Good News of God's love in Jesus Christ, to nurture persons along their spiritual journey and be willing to worship and learn along with our church family. We are looking for a person who can deliver a sermon with joy, expression and variety! One who helps us to maximize our potential with challenging, inspirational and exciting messages.

It is important that our Pastor lives his/her faith. One who is active in our community, involved in our mission work and supportive of our efforts to do the same. Our Pastor should exhibit empathy, compassion and sensitivity to people young and old both inside and outside our church family; a social person with a good sense of humor. We seek a pastor with a willingness to visit and pray with shut-ins, sick members and those in need.

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

If God showed you all the wonderful things he planned for you, it might include pastoring the McConnellsburg United Presbyterian Church. Our church will not only enrich your spiritual journey but will fulfill dreams you didn't even know you had! We are a church family that loves deeply and takes care of those in need in our family, our community and the world. We invite you to walk with us, to fellowship with us, to preach and to teach us; to go fishing with us – really fishing.

Our pastor is expected to lead meaningful worship services and deliver inspirational, challenging sermons that are relevant in today's world. In addition to Sunday worship, the pastor is asked to enhance our spiritual growth with seasonal services; in addition to teaching and small group study.

Our pastor(s) will assist us in providing pastoral care to persons in personal need such as illness, loss or family problems; making home and hospital visits as needed.

An involved pastor shall represent the church during interaction with the community; effectively provide guidance and train church staff and boards; while fostering good communication skills. A detailed pastor will be responsible to oversee administrative tasks.

The pastor is expected to counsel those in special need, but refer to professional help when needed.

Our Teaching Elder shall support Christian education and compliment the strong existing Sunday school program as well as lead confirmation classes and new member orientation classes as needed.

Optional Links:

Leadership Competencies:

Compassionate

Preaching and Worship Leadership

Spiritual Maturity

Teacher

Public Communicator

Decision Making

Organizational Agility

Collaboration

Interpersonal Engagement

Motivator

Compensation and Housing: [Cost of Living Calculator](#)

Minimum Effective Salary: \$52,000

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Housing Type: Open to Manse/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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