



## **MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUNBURY, PENNSYLVANIA**



### **PASTOR**

#### **Our Need:**

Mountain Presbyterian Church of Sunbury, PA is actively seeking/recruiting a Part-time pastor to lead our congregation by providing pastoral care and mobilizing lay leadership to embrace and lead us in our mission to worship together as a church family; gain knowledge about God through his Word and sacraments; serve as a “lighthouse” by reaching out to others; and with love and grace to promote the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord, thus to be a thriving, healthy congregation making Disciples of Jesus Christ. We are seeking a part-time, ordained or lay pastor.

#### **Who We Are:**

Mountain Presbyterian Church is a growing rural country church located approximately 60 miles north of Harrisburg, PA and 60 miles east of State College, PA. The church is experiencing growth overall but significant growth in the number of children. The makeup of the population is mainly Caucasian and has a number of other church congregations in the surrounding area. We believe that the general attitude of the population regarding church ministries is generally good and they are receptive to us. We have 93 members presently and an average attendance of 80-90 weekly.

## **Essential Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Lead Sunday morning worship and preach each week, except for vacation. Vacation - two weeks per year [includes 2 Sundays] cumulative for three years to maximum of six weeks. Study leave – two weeks per year [includes 2 Sundays] cumulative for two years to maximum of four weeks.
- Teach Sunday School and Bible Studies in a co-teaching relationship with other teachers.
- Lead the following special worship services each year: Healing Services, Lenten Services, Good Friday Service, Christmas Candlelight Service, and others as determined by the Session.
- Provide basic pastoral care to the members of the Church family, through coordinated effort with the church deacons (who perform monthly visitations and awesome caregiving ministry) including but not limited to hospital visitation, crisis and emergency support, contacts with new and prospective members, and visitation with and home communion for homebound members (Commissioned Elders and Deacons perform most of the home communions).
- Provide guidance and support to the Session and other committees in setting goals for the ministry and mission of the Church among its members, in the community, and in the ECO Cornerstone Presbytery
- Perform the following additional ministries; administer the Lord's Supper, administer the Sacrament of Baptism, Moderate the Session, and perform services of Christian marriage and other ministries supported by the Session.
- Participate in the ministry and work of the ECO Cornerstone Presbytery (Serve on at least one presbytery team).
- Participate in a Pastor Covenant Group.
- Co-coordinate with other pastors or session leaders, the annual MAG (Mission Affinity Group) meetings.
- Provide pastoral counseling to help parishioners overcome conflict in relationships and in the bonds of marriage, etc.
- Serve as ex-officio member of all meetings of all committees, and the Board of Trustees and Board of Deacons.
- Supervise all employees.
- Participate in an annual performance evaluation.
- Represent the Mountain Presbyterian Church at meetings (both local and distant) that benefit the advancement of God's Kingdom.

## **Key Attributes and Characteristics:**

- Deep personal faith in Jesus Christ
- Ability to motivate, lead, train and equip lay people for ministry

- Strong interpersonal skills in both large and small group settings.
- A heart for those in need of emotional and spiritual care.
- Seminary degree or as a CLP, minimum education and training in – preaching (homiletics), Reformed theology, worship, sacraments, pastoral care, Christian education, polity, Old and New Testament Studies, preaching the Word of God that is applicable to today’s issues at a level that is not over the congregation’s heads
- Continue building strong elder and deacon leadership so to make Disciples of Christ

Interested applicants may submit their resumes to Lewis Herrold at [lherrold55@gmail.com](mailto:lherrold55@gmail.com) (Chair of Pastor Nominating Committee)