

# Wisconsin Conference

## Short Form Church Profile ~ Small Church Ministry

Church Name: \_\_\_ Congregational UCC

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Church Address: \_\_\_ 201 N. Water St., Sparta, WI 54656

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Church Contact Person & Contact Information: \_Jill Eitland, [JEitland@kwiktrip.com](mailto:JEitland@kwiktrip.com), 608-487-1838 \_\_\_\_\_

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Position Available: \_Settled Pastor \_\_\_\_\_, Full-time \_\_\_\_\_, Part-time \_\_quarter time\_\_

Date Position Is Available: \_\_\_ immediately \_\_\_\_\_

### Church Information

Current Membership: \_\_39 \_\_\_\_\_

Membership 5 years ago: \_\_68 \_\_\_\_\_

Average weekly worship attendance: \_\_\_15 \_\_\_\_\_

List regular/periodic faith formation opportunities at your church: \_\_\_\_\_

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Current year annual budget: \_\_\$50,000 \_\_\_\_\_

Current year mission giving (OCWM, offerings, special projects, etc.): \_\_\_\$1,500 \_\_\_\_\_

### Description of Church Life (attach extra pages)

Describe the mission/purpose of your church (1 paragraph).

The Congregational United Church of Christ of Sparta prizes its heritage as a church which is administered by the people: to serve Christ and the community, to be a friendly and welcoming congregation. The mission of this congregation is expressed through involvement and commitment to ministering in the community since 1855. In worshipping God this congregation cherishes a warm spirit and a love of music. As a local congregation of the United Church of Christ the members of this congregation heartily agree that "God is still speaking." The welcome of this congregation is extended to you and your family and friends. We wish to make you feel at home no matter who you are or where you are on your faith journey.

Describe program and outreach ministries of your church (1 paragraph).

Outreach ministries of the church include: OCWM, One Great Hour of Sharing, Neighbors In Need, Christmas Fund, Ecumenical food pantry, Christmas Walk, fundraising dinners, Strengthen the Church offering.

Write a one paragraph summary of your congregation's history.

Our church was built in 1982 after losing the previous building to a fire. The members of the church keep the facility well maintained. We are located on one of the main streets of Sparta's downtown area. The sanctuary is modern with an open concept displaying the altar, a grand piano and organ. We have beautiful stained glass windows, several of which were saved from the fire. We have a large accessible kitchen and dining room, where coffee is served each Sunday after worship. The greatest asset of the church are its members and the warm fellowship shared among us.

Write a one paragraph summary of your church leadership and organization.

Write a one paragraph summary of your church's involvements with the United Church of Christ (Association, Conference, Camps, area churches).

**Expectations of Your New Pastor** (check all that apply)

Worship leadership and preaching, service preparation

Church administration, newsletter and other communications, staff supervision

Leadership of church governing body and committees

Pastoral Care, visitation of hospitalized, homebound, members in care facilities

Conduct special services – weddings, funerals, liturgical year services

Teaching – Bible studies, adult ed., confirmation, other

\_\_\_ Maintain collegial and denominational relationships

\_\_\_ Mission and service involvements

In addition to those listed above, what other expectations will your church have for a new pastor? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your church's goals for the next 1-3 years? \_\_\_\_\_

**Compensation You Are Offering** (If this is a part-time position is it: %75\_\_\_, %50\_\_\_,%25\_X\_)

Please consult the WI Conference Compensation Guidelines for important information

Total package for position is \$20,000 to be allocated according to the needs of the pastor

1. Salary: \$\_\_\_\_\_, Housing: \$\_\_\_\_\_, Is a parsonage available: yes\_\_\_, no\_X\_\_

2. Benefits: UCC pension contribution \_\_\_

Health and Dental Insurance \_\_\_

Life and Disability Insurance\_\_\_

Social Security Allowance\_\_\_

Vacation\_\_\_

Continuing Education time\_\_\_, funds\_\_\_

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Mileage\_\_\_

Other\_\_\_

**Pastoral Search Information**

Is there a search committee organized? Yes\_X\_\_, No\_\_\_

If yes, who is the contact person and what is their contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_Jill Eitland

Person(s) preparing this request: \_\_\_\_\_Jill Eitland

Date prepared: \_\_\_ February 2021\_\_\_\_\_

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