

Wisconsin Conference

Short Form Church Profile- Small Church Ministry

Our church welcomes all people to join us on our faith journey as we seek to enrich and develop our common life in Christ.

Congregational United Church of Christ

201 North Water Street

Sparta, WI 54656

Contact: Jerrid Revels, Moderator

608-343-2370

Quarter time minister, available July 2022

Current Membership: 39-Reduction due to deaths and adjustment of outdated list.

Membership 5 years ago: 68

Average week worship attendance: 20

Current annual budget: \$50,000

Current year mission giving: \$2000 towards Our Churches Wider Mission, Sparta Area Cancer Support, Heifer International, and other special projects.

Our Mission: 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, and 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 for music. We are a close church family that calls and visits our homebound and hospitalized members. As a local congregation of the United Church of Christ the members of this church heartily agree: "God is Still Speaking". We wish to make you feel at home no matter who you are or what your faith journey.

Outreach ministries of the church: Brighter Tomorrows, Our Churches Wider Mission, One Great Hour of Sharing, Neighbors in Need, Strengthen the Church, Christmas Fund, and the Ecumenical Food Pantry. Additional fundraisers include the Christmas Walk, Chicken and Biscuit dinner, Chicken Que and the Butterfest Brat sale.

Our Church was built in 1982, after losing the previous building to a fire. We are located on one of the main streets of Sparta in the downtown area. The sanctuary is modern with an open concept displaying the alter, a grand piano and an organ. We have beautiful stain glass windows which were restored from the old church. We have a large kitchen and fellowship hall where we serve coffee after our church service. We have a large office for the minister with an adjoining office for our church secretary. Our greatest assets of the church are our members and the warmth and friendliness of our fellowship together.

Our church is governed by the church council which follows our adopted constitution. The boards/committees consist of Board of Deacons, Board of Trustees, Board of Stewardship and Mission, Board of Christian Education, and Nominating Committee. The chairperson of those boards/committees comprises the church council along with the elected positions of moderator, financial secretary, and treasurer.

Expectations:

- 1 - Worship leadership and preaching, service preparation.
- 2 - Conduct special services-weddings, funerals, liturgical year services
- 3 - Church administration, newsletter and other communications

Our goal is to increase our membership and to promote the Christian values of the United Church of Christ in Sparta Wisconsin.

Compensation is based on a quarter time pastor's salary.

The search committee is in the process of being formed.

Compiled by: The Church Council; Jerrid Revels, moderator.

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