

West Dover Congregational Church

Invitation

Here's an opportunity to become a pastor at West Dover Congregational Church in a rural community where everyone knows one another.

Our church building serves the community by providing a meeting space for many outside groups. We have a very active group of members who fundraise to support non-profit organizations.

If you are a person with a sense of humor, yet thoughtful, theologically enlightening, and one who would outreach in the community- this position is for you.

Settled Pastor

Community We Serve

West Dover Congregational Church is located in beautiful West Dover, Vermont and serves not only West Dover but East Dover, Wilmington, and Wardsboro as well as other surrounding communities. We are an open and affirming church. The population of these communities varies, but the total population is approximately 2800.



In the early 50's Walt Schoenknecht purchased the Ruben Snow Farm and developed the Mount Snow Ski Area which changed the area. Mount Snow then added a golf course, and Haystack was then developed as a ski area and also added a golf course. Haystack is now a private club (The Hermitage Club at Haystack Mountain) and the golf course is privately owned. All of these events mean that the area population changes dramatically in the winter with visitors coming from New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and Massachusetts. Many of these individuals now own vacation homes in the area. Visitors participate in snow sports as well as enjoying outdoor concerts, water sports on our local lakes, and hiking in the surrounding mountains.

Many of our members are retired and have come to our town to enjoy their “golden” years. We have received several young families as members and have been providing a Sunday school for the past few years. Our church building serves the community by providing a meeting space for Boy Scout troops on weekends during the winter ski season.

There is a strong women’s group called the Loose Knit Group (LKG), which has nothing to do with knitting, but is a group loosely formed to support the church and other non-profit organizations in the wider community. A program called Food 4 Kids delivers nonperishable food to elementary school children at three schools each Friday and has been in operation for more than seven years.



Job Description

We are a winter ski resort community with an old, rich heritage, and our church is literally in the center of town. We need a leader, teacher, and disciplined pastor wrapped into one, and would love someone who is young at heart, but mature in intellect, theology and presence. We are looking for a person with a sense of humor, yet thoughtful, theologically enlightening, and one who would outreach in the community to inspire young families to join our church.

The pastor is responsible in providing overall leadership of the church’s ministries, including Sunday worship, music, and preaching to the congregants as well as the children during worship service. This pastor will teach and guide the Deacons and attend Trustee, Deacon and Council monthly meetings.

Qualifications

Ordained or studying toward ordination
Experience as a pastor and/or interim pastor
Could be a recent seminary graduate that aspires to become an ordained pastor
Possess self-awareness and honesty
Charismatic

Responsibilities

Join Coffee Hour
Work with musicians for Sunday worship
Engage with congregants
Counsel members & friends in need
Visit shut-ins, hospital visits as needed
Understand and continue our church's uniqueness
Comfortable with the uncomfortable
Successfully resolve conflicts with a calming presence
Officiate weddings & funerals

Compensation

We will follow the UCC Ministerial Compensation Guidelines.
This is a half/time position working 20/hrs per week.

