



## Brief Church Profile

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**First United Church of Christ Eastlake**  
**34730 Lakeshore Blvd, Eastlake, OH 44095**  
<https://www.firstucceastlakeoh.com>

### 1. WHO ARE WE TODAY – *description of who you are as a church, and your vision and mission statement*

First UCC Eastlake is made up of a few different churches. The Evangelical church in Willoughby closed and combined with First Congregational Eastlake to become First UCC Eastlake in 1962. The 2 locations built a new church in a new location. In 2021 the congregation voted to sell that church/ land and buy a closed Lutheran church to set up the church for future financial stability. The church has strong family roots, 2nd and 3rd generation. Our mission statement; Witnessing to God's love to grow in our community and beyond through service and worship. As a congregation we embrace the words 'no matter who you are or where you are in life's journey you are welcome and wanted here". We are a small friendly church with a lot to offer.

### 2. WE LIVE OUT OUR VISION AND MISSION THROUGH THE FOLLOWING – *worship, faith formation, care and fellowship, mission and outreach opportunities:*

-Worship- Church starts at 10:00 AM every Sunday. We offer adult education through bible study throughout the year. The children of the church are included in the services and Sunday school is offered. Communion is offered to all in attendance watch week.

-Fellowship- Once a month we do fellowship dinner at different local restaurants. Every Sunday we have coffee hour after church. To promote fellowship we have held ice cream socials, lunch after church, Cleveland Browns watch party as well as a campfire. Each year we attend a Lake County Captains game as a church and

-OutReach- We have a Girl Scout troop and an AA group that each meet at the church on a weekly basis. We try to help the community in many different ways, we have a food pantry, throughout the year we raise money for different local charities. The other way that we help the community is with the schools, we collect school supplies and breakfast snacks to help kids in need. For the last 3 years we have had a table at the Lake County Pride Festival. to help spread the word that we are open and affirming.

-Vision- To become more visible in the community and grow the church.

### 3. STATISTICAL DATA

- Active Membership: 30\_\_
- Total Reported Membership: \_\_65
- Sunday Worship average attendance: 20-25\_\_
- Average Church School Attendance \_\_3\_\_
- Members serving on Boards/ Committees/Teams (DO NOT include small groups): 9\_\_\_\_\_
- Mission outreach giving, annual: \_\_\_\_\_ % of the budget
- Our church's annual plan for resourcing the ministry (budget): \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of staff persons serving the church: \_2\_\_\_\_\_

List staff positions: \_\_Organist, part time, Pastor part time

2021 2022 2023

OCWM/DONATIONS: \$2695.00 \$1629.00 \$2700.00

We are small but try to do our part to help the community. We collect school supplies and breakfast bars for the schools so they can help kids in need. We have collected boots and donated them to a charity.

4. WHAT HAVE BEEN SOME TRENDS IN THE CHURCH FOR THE LAST 5 YEARS?

The church is in a better financial place after the sale of the old church and buying another. Decline in attendance and membership due to deaths of our older members

5. WHAT HAVE BEEN SOME TRENDS in the larger community/town in which the church is located?

Church does not seem to be as popular or the focal point for families as it was in the past. The population has declined slightly in the community. and is aging. The need for help in the community is greater.

6. THE SPECIFIC MINISTRIES/ISSUES YOU EXPECT YOUR NEXT PASTOR to address during their tenure -including the gifts, talents, and skills and leadership style you are looking for in your next pastor

- Challenge us as a congregation to do more in faith and in the community.
- Be open and flexible to ideas from the congregation.
- Help us engage in team building as a church.
- Help us find more ways to help the community.
- Continue to involve the children in services and help strengthen their faith in God.
- Lead us as a church and grow our faith in God.
- Have office hours and be available by phone for those in need.

7. PROVIDE AN ESTIMATED COMPENSATION RANGE you are offering in dollar amounts. If less than full-time, specify the hours of work.

Do you follow Conference Compensation guidelines \_\_\_\_\_yes\_\_\_\_\_

We are searching for a half time pastor (20-25 hours per week). Base pay per conference guidelines.

\_\_\_\_\_ Michael Lanham \_\_\_\_\_

Search Committee Chairperson

\_\_ August 20, 2024 \_\_\_\_\_

Date

8. COMMENTS FROM THE ASSOCIATION

Eastlake UCC is an Open and Affirming church whose purpose is to witness to God’s love and grace in its community and beyond through compassionate service and worship. A faithful community and in good standing with the Association, Eastlake UCC has a living ministry with strong sense of service and reaching out beyond its walls. Spiritually seeking, the members of Eastlake UCC appreciate God experiences and Spirit moments especially as they gather as the church. Eastlake is a church with energy for what God is calling them to do next.

  
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Signature of Association Staff

\_\_ August 21, 2024 \_\_\_\_\_

Date

Association Staff member assisting:

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