

Name of Church
Congregational UCC

Address
300 Maiden
Mineral Point, WI 53565

Conference:
Wisconsin

Title
Pastor

Start Date
Apr 1, 2025

Description
Pastor

Church Contact Information

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Listing Information

Web Presences

<https://www.facebook.com/mineralpointunitedchurchofchrist> *Type: Other*

Additional Formal Ecumenical Affiliations

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Summary Ministry Description

Following the effects of the pandemic, we found ourselves in a forever changed church. We had begun a search process when good fortune brought us a transition pastor. From this arose a visionary process that asked the question: Legacy or Revitalize; we chose to Revitalize. We seek a pastor who will support the life of the church and together with us will discern what God is calling us to be. This pastor should be familiar with UCC polity and be a leader who will listen to congregants and will explore new possibilities as to how we can build the Kingdom of God through outreach in our community applying alternative forms of ministry. We are a small town, a rural church with an all-generations mix. We are seen as the church that gets things done as we answer God's calling.

Church pictures

What we value about living in our area.

Mineral Point is a unique community that is a melting pot of long term (often agriculture-related) family lineages, newer transplants, artists, history aficionados, and members of the LGBTQ community. Community service and solid support of our children and schools is prominent. We are nestled in the scenic Driftless Area that attracts visitors for recreational, art, cultural, and historical activities.

Current size of membership

133

Average in person attendance

35

Does your church hold virtual worship services?

Yes

Choose platform type(s) and number for virtual worship.**Video Conferencing**

On average, how many devices are logged in per service?

3

Languages used in ministry

English

Position Title

Pastor

Position Duration

Settled

Compensation Level

1/2 Time (approximately 20-22 hours/week)

Does the total support package meet conference compensation guidelines?

Yes

Link to current Conference guidelines

[Download compensation guidelines](#)

Scope of Work

Some fields reference The Marks of Faithful and Effective Authorized Ministers of the United Church of Christ .

The United Church of Christ recognizes *The Marks of Faithful and Effective Authorized Ministers* in the formation of ministers, in the practice of active ministry, and throughout life. For the purposes of completing a denominational Profile, ministers are asked to spend some time with the *Marks*.

The Scope of Work developed by our church using the Call Agreement Workbook.

No response

3 core competencies that we imagine could be foundational in our next minister's relationship with the church.**First:**

The called pastor will need competency in leadership to collaborate with the Church Council and lay liturgists to further develop a worship model. This includes planning the weekly message and preparing it as needed.

Second:

As a resource for youth education and faith formation, our pastor will need to be mentorship oriented. This will help build and maintain intergenerational ties within our growing church community.

Third:

Finally, we are seeking a sociable and engaging pastor that can assist in the promotion of our local church. This promotion can range from engaging with our church sponsored events (i.e. messy church, harvest auction, and community meals) to local community events (i.e. Cornish fest and Christmas Festival).

Compensation and Support

The salary basis comes from the Call Agreement Workbook, equal to Cash Salary plus Value of Parsonage/ Housing Allowance. The Conference can assist in determining these amounts or provide a worksheet to be used to calculate these values.

SALARY AND BENEFITS OFFERED: SALARY BASIS: ITEM OFFERED	AMOUNT OR PERCENTAGE(IF DETERMINED)	IS THIS NEGOTIABLE	PASTORAL CANDIDATE DETERMINES
Salary (Cash basis determined from Conference/ Association Guidelines)	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing Allowance	0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any Experiential Difference (Related to years of experience)	0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Salary Basis: 0			
Pension/Annuity	0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Security and Medicare Offset	0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Medical/Dental Insurance	0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Life Insurance	0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disability Insurance	0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Worker's Compensation	0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If needed, please comment further on your church's salary and benefits for the minister.

Our congregation's package will follow current UCC Wisconsin Conference guidance.

The expected living situation for our next minister.

Living elsewhere to commute as needed

If a parsonage is provided, will the church offer a home equity allowance to the pastor? (The recommended guidelines for a home equity allowance is equal to 1.5% of the average home value in the community; this is considered taxable to the minister. The Housing Equity Offset should not be calculated into the Salary Basis upon which other Benefits are determined. Churches should consult a tax advisor prior to establishing any account for an equity allowance to ensure compliance with IRS rules on nonqualified deferred compensation plans.)

No

Not applicable.

How our church will adopt part-time adjustments in the pastoral schedule to support a minister's bi-vocational employment.

The church council and supportive lay leadership will coordinate with the incumbent pastor to ensure all church activities will be executed. This collaborative arrangement will enable a more flexible scheduling for bi-vocational employment. However, the congregation will contractually outline certain expectations, including the number of sermons and holiday services.

Peer and professional supports available for ministers in our association/conferences.

The congregation is supportive of the incumbent pursuing support while meeting their contractual obligations.

Who Is God Calling to Minister with Us?

The ministry goals we envision our next minister collaborating with the congregation to achieve.

Our congregation strives to support the spiritual and physical needs of our congregants and broader community by challenging the congregation to "Be the Church". To that end, we have the following goals: 1) to support our church's outreach programming to the broader community, 2) to further develop our lay leadership in weekly messaging and youth ministry, and 3) to promote a welcoming and inclusive ministry that allows everyone to walk with Christ.

How our vision of the minister we are now seeking will assist the congregation in making an impact beyond its walls.

Our called pastor will make an impact in our community by supporting our church's lay lead programming and by having a presence in external community-led events. As indicated, many of the church's programs, which interface with the community (i.e. community meals and messy church), are led by the congregants. With the intended flexibility of our part-time appointment, we intend the pastor to commit some time to these activities to develop relationships with community attendees. Likewise, an occasional presence in external community events (i.e. candlelight shopping, gallery nights, and fourth of July) will aid in developing community relations.

Language requirements or culturally-specific capacities preferred in a next ministerial leader, and why those matter to the congregation's sense of calling.

We have no particular language or cultural capacity requirements.

Based on what we have learned about who our church is, who our church's neighbor is, and who God is calling the church to become, these are four areas of excellence from The Marks of Faithful & Effective Authorized Ministry that our next minister will display to further equip the congregation's ministry in these areas.

Caring for all creation, working together for justice and mercy, strengthening inter- and intra-personal assets, building transformational leadership skills

Who Is God Calling Us to Become?

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." (Matthew 22:37 NRSV)

Who God is calling us to become as a congregation.

God is calling us to be people of the Christian faith who live as servants of God and our neighbors. We're called to be caring and compassionate toward one another and to the wider community. In 2024, our congregation reaffirmed this calling by unanimously voting to remain an active, growing congregation rather than transitioning to a legacy church.

How God is calling us to reach out to address the emerging challenges and opportunities of our community and congregation.

Our congregation feels called to address "what is church" for our blend of younger and older generations. This seems particularly important as busyness becomes an increasing issue with young people being engaged in school activities. This has motivated us to investigate a different model of church, engaging with lay led services, a rewilding church series, and new ministries like our Messy Church on a weeknight. Also, we feel called to engage in the church's broader work in combatting injustice. However, we need to be mindful of what a congregation our size has the capacity to do and look to prioritize addressing individual issues as well as collaborating with broader movements.

Congregation Reflections

We would describe our congregation's life of faith as...

Purpose: The avowed purpose of this church shall be to worship God, to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to celebrate the Sacraments; to realize Christian fellowship and unity within the Church Universal; to render loving service toward mankind; and to strive for righteousness, justice, and peace.

God described – While our congregants have a wide range of personal understandings of God, our congregation generally leans toward a traditional understanding of God.

Holy Spirit in our midst - We feel the Holy Spirit's presence as we engage in the range of church life activities, especially as we support one another in difficult times and provide service to the wider community.

Strengths or positive qualities of our congregation.

- Our congregation is widely recognized for its open and welcoming atmosphere to both new people and new ideas.
- We are a service-orientated congregation that supports one another and offers service to the local and the wider community.
- Our congregation does well at "rising to the occasion" when needed to support a fund-raising call, to organize and run an event, or to help repair / manage the church building. Our congregants foster a Can-Do spirit when the need arises.
- Steadfast – Many families and individuals have long-term relationships within this congregation and provide firm, dedicated support in a wide range of ways.

A growing edge for our congregation and what we plan to strengthen as a congregation

Communication is an opportunity for our congregation. While many of our good works are known and celebrated, they are not always recognized by the broader community. Improving our voice and reach as a congregation will enable us to connect, contribute, and grow our faith community.

What worship is like when our congregation gathers.

We follow the standard UCC lectionary and the typical UCC order of worship, using the Chalice hymnal. The order of worship is at the Pastor's discretion. We have an intermittent pianist. Volunteer readers of the scripture are scheduled through our secretary. Members prepare communion, altar and seasonal decorations. Currently worship takes place in the sanctuary and online via Zoom and (eventually) Facebook. Our congregation is working to provide pastoral support through development of lay led services. Traditional baptisms are designed by the pastor and the child's parents. Worship attendance averages in the thirties with larger attendance for special events and holidays. Our congregants describe good preaching as inspirational, heartfelt, and instructive including special life experiences. Many say, "Give me a sermon where I feel like I'm being spoken to personally."

The educational program/faith formation vision of our church.

We no longer have a traditional Sunday School. Instead, we are supporting a lay lead program called "Messy Church" (~50 attendees). It is an elementary age program hosted on Wednesday evenings that is open to the community. Middle school aged youth undergo confirmation classes based on the class size. Our high school youth group was discontinued during COVID and has not yet resumed. Finally, there is a lay led, weekly ecumenical bible study group for adults with topics determined by the members.

How our congregation is organized for ministry and mission.

The church's strategic orientation is detailed in the attached documentation. Briefly, the Church Council supervises various strategic teams or committees, such as worship, music, and decor. These are most effective when working in tandem with clergy.

When it comes to decision-making, 2 hours are spent in meetings per month.

Is the pastor expected to attend all church meetings?

No

In times when action had to be taken quickly, for example when a crisis or disaster occurred. These were the key leaders in taking this action and this was accomplished by...

The Church Council is responsible for conferring about and organizing a response to any crisis or disaster.

A copy of an organization structure, by laws and/or annual report to further explain the patterns of the church's activity and governance

[UCC Annual Report 2024 .docx](#)

11-Year Report

Download a copy of the 11-Year Report developed with the help of our conference staff and UCC Data Hub.

[Download 11-Year Report](#)

Congregation Demographics

Describe those who participate in your church.

DEMOGRAPHIC	NUMBER
NUMBER OF ACTIVE MEMBERS:	117
NUMBER OF ACTIVE NON-MEMBERS:	16
TOTAL OF CHURCH PARTICIPANTS (SUM OF THE NUMBERS ABOVE):	133

ARE THESE NUMBERS ESTIMATES?

No

Percentage of total participants who have been in the church:

TIME	PERCENTAGE
MORE THAN 10 YEARS:	60%
LESS THAN 10, MORE THAN 5 YEARS:	20%
LESS THAN 5 YEARS:	20%

ARE THESE NUMBERS ESTIMATES?

No

Number of total participants by age:

AGE	NUMBER
0-11	17
12-17	16
18-24	7
25-34	10
35-44	23
45-54	12
55-64	27
65-74	27
75+	24

ARE THESE NUMBERS ESTIMATES?

Yes

Percentage of adults in various household types:

HOUSEHOLD TYPE	PERCENTAGE
SINGLE ADULTS UNDER 35:	3%
HOUSEHOLDS WITH MINORS:	26%
SINGLE ADULTS AGE 35-65:	9%
JOINT HOUSEHOLDS WITH NO MINORS:	46%
SINGLE ADULTS OVER 65:	16%

ARE THESE NUMBERS ESTIMATES?

Yes

Education level of adult participants by percentage:

EDUCATION LEVEL	PERCENTAGE
HIGH SCHOOL:	25%
COLLEGE:	40%
GRADUATE SCHOOL:	15%
SPECIALTY TRAINING:	20%
OTHER EDUCATION LEVEL:	0%

ARE THESE NUMBERS ESTIMATES?

Yes

Percentage of adults in various employment types:

EMPLOYMENT TYPE	PERCENTAGE
ADULTS WHO ARE EMPLOYED:	50%
ADULTS WHO ARE RETIRED:	40%
ADULTS WHO ARE NOT FULLY EMPLOYED:	10%

ARE THESE NUMBERS ESTIMATES?

No

The range of occupations of working adults in the congregation:

The occupations in the congregation broadly span education, agriculture, health care, and industry.

The mix of ethnic heritages in our congregation, and the overall racial make-up.

The vast majority of congregants are white Caucasian with European ancestry. In particular, Mineral Point is known for its strong foundation in Cornish heritage.

What diversity means in our context?

While ethnically similar (broadly European ancestry), our congregation spans a variety of backgrounds. This variety is mostly influenced by age, socioeconomic status, and rural vs more urban upbringing.

Has our congregation recently had a conversation about welcoming diversity, or do we plan to hold one on the near future

Yes

DATE COMPLETED: Dec 27 2024

Comment after the exercise:

Our congregation has ongoing conversations related to becoming a more welcoming community for people of all backgrounds. We have not proceeded with more formal initiatives due to the transitions in pastoral leadership. Once called, we hope that our settled pastor will help us navigate these continued conversations and processes.

Participation and Staffing

Participation and Planning of Gatherings

WAYS OF CHURCH GATHERING	ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PEOPLE INVOLVED IN ATTENDANCE	WHO PLANS EACH OF THE LISTED GATHERINGS
Adult Groups or Classes (in person or online)	20	Lay person
Baptisms (number last year)	5	Pastor
Children's Groups or Classes	50	Lay person
Christmas Eve and Easter Worship	0	Pastor
Communion (served how often?)	12	Pastor
Community Meals	95	Lay person
Confirmation (number confirmed last year)	6	Lay person
Funerals (number last year)	5	Pastor
Outdoor Worship	30	Lay person
Weddings (number last year)	0	Pastor
Worship (digital / online / livestream)	50	Pastor/lay persons

Worship Times

WORSHIP (TIME SLOT):	ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PEOPLE INVOLVED IN ATTENDANCE	WHO PLANS EACH OF THE LISTED GATHERINGS
10:00	35	Pastor

Additional comments:

Worship time has varied over time.

List of all members or regular participants in our congregation who are ordained or commissioned ministers, or who hold Lay Ministerial Standing. Additionally the names of Members in Discernment in our congregation.

No Response

Previous pastors or retired ministers who currently hold membership in the church and their role(s) in the life of the congregation:

Reverend Beryl Melcher is a retired, previous pastor. His current role is as a regular attendee to Sunday worship.

List of all current staff:

STAFF POSITION	HEAD OF STAFF	COMPENSATION	SUPERVISED BY	LENGTH OF TENURE FOR CURRENT PERSON IN THIS POSITION
Secretary	Penny McConnell	part	Church Council	10
Groundskeeper	Jim Bennet	vol	Church Council	10
Musician	Julie Spillane	part	Church Council	2
Treasurer	Marla Martin	part	Church Council	30

Reflection: What this information reflect about our congregation's overall ministry:

Our service-minded congregation operates largely on volunteer labor and lay driven ministry.

Church Finances

Current Annual Income

SOURCE	AMOUNT
Annual Offerings and Pledged Giving	71480
Fundraising Events	25462
Gifts Designated for a Specific Purpose	4166
Grants	295
Rentals of Church Building	100
Support from Related Organizations (e.g. Women's Group)	2700
Total	104203

Current annual expenses (dollars budgeted for most recent fiscal year):

88930

Attach most recent church budget, spending plan, operating statement, or annual treasurer's report as shared publicly with the congregation, or – if your church does not pass an annual budget–list current budgeted expenses here.

No response

Considering total budgeted expenses for the year, compare total ministerial support. What is the percentage?

47

Has the church ever failed to pay its financial obligations to a minister of the church?

No

Is your church 5-for-5, i.e. does it include each of the following contributions during the church year? (indicate those included during the most recent fiscal year)

- Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM – Basic Support)
- One Great Hour of Sharing
- Strengthen the Church
- Neighbors in Need
- Christmas Fund

In what way is OCWM (Basic Support) gathered?

Budget line item - \$4,250

If calculated as a percentage of operating budget, this is the percentage?

4

Total amount of loan debt:

No response

Reason for debt:

Not applicable.

Are capital and other payments current?

No

Capital Campaigns

Description of any building programs projected or underway.

Not applicable.

Pictures

Description of any capital campaigns in the last ten years:

YEAR(S)	PURPOSE	GOAL	RESULT	IMPACT
0		0	0	
0		0	0	

Description of any capital campaigns underway or anticipated:

YEAR(S)	PURPOSE	GOAL	RESULT	IMPACT
0		0	0	
0		0	0	

Description the prominent mission component(s) involved in the most recent (or current) capital campaign.

Not applicable.

Does your church have an endowment?

No

Other Assets

No response

Reserves (savings):

259106

Investments (other than endowment):

1382

Does the church have a parsonage?

No

Description of all buildings owned by the church:

The church.

Description of non-owned buildings or space used or rented by the church:

Not applicable.

Accessibility features of our building(s):

Exterior access such as ramps for wheelchair users or people requiring other mobility assistance
Accessible parking spaces
Wheelchair access in bathrooms

Handrails on all stairs
Sound system in sanctuary and other meeting places (fellowship hall, large meeting rooms, etc.)
Accessible bathroom on each floor

Which spaces are accessible to wheelchairs:

The ground floor and basement of the church are wheelchair accessible from the exterior. The second floor, which is our nursery, is not accessible to those with a mobility impairment.

Policies regarding financial practices of the church:

The Church Council is responsible for church finances as described in the attached constitution.

Reflection: After reviewing the church's finances and assets described above, what this information reflects about our congregation's mission and ministry:

Our church is financially stable with limited reserves.

Historical Information

Significant happenings in the history of our church that have shaped the identity of our congregation.

Moving to part time pastoral service has been the most significant recent change for our congregation. It was a challenge to find the way to best utilize the limited time of our pastor outside of sermon preparation and Sunday service. To adapt, we have developed a strong core of lay leaders who serve in developing our mission outreach, adult and youth Christian education, fundraising, and church maintenance with some guidance from the pastor.

A specific change our church has managed in the recent past.

Our church recently underwent the conversation on whether to become a Legacy Church. The unanimous outcome was that our congregation wished to be an active, vital part of our community through continued growth in our service to God. To that end, we have engaged in new, open ministries like Messy Church and the Rewilding Church series and have maintained our core programs like the community meal and interfaith adult bible study.

Every church has conflict, some minor, some larger. "Where two or three are gathered, there will be disagreement....". These are our congregation's values and practices when it comes to conflict.

The most recent major conflict through which our church has navigated.

In 2008, our church yoked with a neighboring church and shared their preexisting pastor. When the pastor left to pursue a new call, the churches launched a joint search. The next called pastor started out well, but the relationship between the pastor and our congregation failed to flourish in the first year. Also, the pastoral expectations of the individual churches diverged. This led to a conflict between Church members and the pastor, as well as between the Churches. It was decided that the pastor-congregation relationship was irreparable and that the yoked relationship would discontinue. Since that time, we have been served by a parttime pastor. Also, we've developed a pastor-parish committee to offer support and guidance to all subsequent pastors. Further, we've become more intentional in our efforts to develop a strong relationship with our called pastors'. That way the congregation and pastor can both feel cared for and supported.

Ministerial History:

<i>Name:</i> Sue Stull Carr (Interim)	<i>Years of service:</i> 2	UCC Standing
<i>Name:</i> Sonny Grave (Interim)	<i>Years of service:</i> 1	UCC Standing
<i>Name:</i> Rich McLeer	<i>Years of service:</i> 3	UCC Standing
<i>Name:</i> Luke Bocher (Interim)	<i>Years of service:</i> 1	UCC Standing
<i>Name:</i> Beryl Melcher (Interim)	<i>Years of service:</i> 1	UCC Standing
<i>Name:</i> David Moyer (Interim)	<i>Years of service:</i> 1	UCC Standing
<i>Name:</i> Joylynn Graham	<i>Years of service:</i> 1	UCC Standing
<i>Name:</i> Dan Yeazel (Interim)	<i>Years of service:</i> 3	UCC Standing
<i>Name:</i> Marilyn Robinson (Interim)	<i>Years of service:</i> 1	UCC Standing
<i>Name:</i> Todd Smith-Lippert	<i>Years of service:</i> 4	UCC Standing
<i>Name:</i> Dave Schlieter	<i>Years of service:</i> 5	UCC Standing
<i>Name:</i> Philip Shively (Interim)	<i>Years of service:</i> 1	UCC Standing
<i>Name:</i> Scot O'Conner	<i>Years of service:</i> 4	UCC Standing
<i>Name:</i> Gail O'Neil (Interim)	<i>Years of service:</i> 1	UCC Standing
<i>Name:</i> Beryl Melcher (Settled)	<i>Years of service:</i> 8	UCC Standing
<i>Name:</i> Bev Davis (Supply)	<i>Years of service:</i> 1	UCC Standing

What our church has learned about itself and its relationship with people who provided ministerial leadership.

Our congregation values an open dialogue with mutual engagement in developing a personal relationship with our called pastor. This helps foster a team-mindset when executing the good works of our Church, which is essential for parttime ministry.

Has any past leader left under pressure or by involuntary termination?

Yes

Has your church been involved in a Situational Support Consultation?

No

Has a past pastor been the subject of a Fitness Review while at your church?

No

Has a previous minister been a contributor to conflict following their tenure as pastor?

No

Community Vision

How the relationships and activities of our congregation extend outward in service and advocacy.

Our congregation's open and welcoming mindset has generated several community wide programs and services: Messy Church, community meals, a Christmas giving tree, food donations to county bank, an alumni lunch (nifty fifties), and an ecumenical adult bible study.

Our congregation's participation in meetings, relationships and activities connecting the wider United Church of Christ.

Our congregation sends delegates to UCC association and conference meetings, and we support the 5-for-5 program.

How our church engages with the community organizing movements in our community.

Beyond the programs detailed in previous prompts, our congregants participate as individuals in any community or regional movements. Our congregants are always encouraged to share their involvement with the broader congregation in order to garner further support or organize Church involvement.

Many local churches love to tell the story of what they are doing in the community to transform lives. Some have identified certain aspects of their witness into the wider community using language shared with other UCC congregations, through Just World Covenants or affiliations with other groups. Check any of the following partnerships which your congregation has formally adopted, or movements which otherwise apply to your congregation.

None.

What the above statement(s) mean(s) to our community. How our congregation plans to work toward the above statements of witness in the future.

Our congregation is open to welcoming and supporting new ministry initiatives, especially when an individual member is willing to champion its development and execution.

Our congregation's participation in ecumenical and interfaith activities (with other denominations and religious groups, local and regional).

Our congregation participates in two major interfaith/ecumenical activities: the ReWilding series and a community meal cohosted with St Mary's. Historically, we participated in more activities but the organization was spearheaded by local, fulltime pastors. Now, most local pastors are parttime and commute.

How our mission statement compares to the actual time spent engaging in different activities.

We are in strong alignment with our mission statement.

Mission Statement:

Our mission at Congregational United Church of Christ is to celebrate God's love. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we celebrate that love by responding to the needs of our congregation, community, and the world through worship, education, fellowship, and service to all.

The scope of work assigned to our pastor(s). How their community ministry and their ministry in and on behalf of the wider church accounted for in the congregation's expectations on their time.

As a part time pastor, we expect there to be limited engagement in community ministry by the called pastor. However, we have a desire for them to have some presence in our community-oriented works, especially Messy Church and adult bible study.

The ARDA or MissionInsite Reflection

ARDA/MI File

No response

From looking at our congregation's The ARDA or MissionInsite report, these trends and opportunities are what stood out to us.

The Mineral Point community has remained relatively stable demographically. Anecdotally, our community has recently begun to feel the pressure of overall growth with shortages in housing and large school enrollments.

How our congregation's internal demographics compare or contrast to a) the neighborhoods adjacent to our church, and b) other neighborhoods with which our church connects.

Our congregations' demographics broadly reflect the demographics of the region.

How the demographics of the community are currently shaping ministry, or not.

We are not aware of the current demographics directly shaping our ministry.

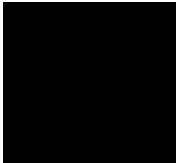
What we hear when we talk to community leaders and ask them what our church is known for.

Our congregation is well known for its community engagement and outreach.

What new people in the church say when asked what got them involved.

The welcoming atmosphere of the church has encouraged people to become new members and engage in the church's programming.

References



Mitch Wainwright

Completed: Tuesday, Oct 28, 2025

I am the Superintendent of the local school. Several of my students are members of the UCC, or have attended one of the youth mission trips.

Primary Email Address: mitch.wainwright@mp.k12.wi.us

Business: 608-987-0740

Reference Response

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of support for the United Church of Christ in Mineral Point. The church has a long tradition of supporting students as they mature and grow into young adults. They have been an outstanding partner in helping develop young minds and build positive character.

As an employee of the Mineral Point School District, I have seen firsthand the connections these student ambassadors made as a result of the mission trips. Students would return discussing the areas they visited and the efforts made to help those in need. These experiences created lasting impacts on our Mineral Point students—lessons that could not be taught in a classroom. The church provided life lessons that have influenced future generations.



Kris Potterton

Completed: Wednesday, Oct 29, 2025

Kris Potterton - Congregation of St. Mary's/Paul's Bookkeeper and Volunteer
Our Parish has a partnership with the UCC for Community Meals

Primary Email Address: krisp@padrepiocatholic.org

Mobile Phone: 608-574-1073

Reference Response

My name is Kris Potterton and I am an employee and member of St. Mary's/Paul's Catholic Church in Mineral Point.

I have been involved with many of the kind people of the UCC Church in Mineral Point. Our parishes have a partnership for a Community Meal each month. It is great working with them, and many people enjoy this event.

I also have attended several services at the UCC Church. My son's family are members there and we have attended events at their parish that our grandchildren participate in. We are always warmly welcomed! They are truly a wonderful parish.

I hope you consider this beautiful parish for your ministry.

Blessings,

Kris Potterton

Closing Prayer

Gracious God, thank you for drawing us ever anew into the ministry of the Word. We are empowered for witness and service even as we are ministered to with forgiveness, reconciliation, and healing. As we work to call a new pastor to our congregation, show us our neediness – what we need and what needs doing for our life together in Christ. May we ask anew what it means to be the Church in our time, our place. And as we work to call a new pastor to our congregation, may we welcome according to your Spirit the one you are sending to walk with us into the new days ahead. Amen.

Statement of Consent

1. Which individuals and groups in the church contributed to the contents of this Local Church Profile?

For example, church council or consistory, transition team, etc.

Pastoral Search Committee, Church Council, Interim Pastor

2. Additional comments for interpreting the profile:

No response