



Brief Church Profile

Twinsburg First Congregational Church, UCC
9050 Church St, Twinsburg, Ohio 44087
<https://fcctwinsburg.org/>

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

We are a small, historic church situated prominently on the square in Twinsburg where we have weathered many storms as well as blessings for 200+ years. The church has participated in our congregation and the community based on the values of Faith, Fellowship and Food. Historically this church has always and continues to use food to bring people together within the church and to outreach to address community needs. We are a member of the United Church of Christ. That means no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here and we are more complete for having you. We extend this premise to our identification as Open and Affirming. We hope to continue to look for other opportunities to provide outreach to the community in consideration of the community's and our membership's evolving needs.

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

We offer two weekly worship opportunities each Sunday in recognition that even within our small membership, people have different needs and styles in how they prefer to worship. The 9:30 am service is more contemporary and interactive following a flexible format of music, prayer, scripture and conversation, and is also available for participation on Zoom. The 10:30 am service is traditional service with a set format of prayer, music and sermon based on the weekly scripture. The 10:30 service is streamed through Facebook and You-tube for those that can't attend live or choose to view at a more convenient time during the week. After the 10:30 service there is a time of informal social fellowship with beverages and food/bakery. From September through May, there is Sunday School with the children participating in the service and assisting with offering, then coming forward for a Children's sermon before heading to their classroom with the teacher. Summer activities were available during the summer for any children attending.

From September to May, we have a monthly Pub Theology meal at a local restaurant when the minister presents faith concepts for discussion.

Each summer the church has an adult softball team that a loyal following of friends and family fans.

The second Saturday of November is the annual Souper Saturday. Although the format has varied over the years, it has centered on homemade soup to eat in or take out, along with a raffle of a variety of items.

Our outreach to the community is manifested in collecting suggested monthly items that are given to the local food bank and a monthly free meal on the 4th Sunday of the month where all are welcome whatever their need(s). In addition we have other short term outreach projects as the need is identified such as our annual table for Twins Days when free water and snacks are given as people congregate to participate or view the annual Twins Day festival parade.

We have sponsored the same Boy Scout troop for multiple decades allowing them to use our facilities for meetings and storage. Other community groups have also met here over the years now including Alanon and Knitwitters.

As a UCC church, we consistently support the Christian World Mission and One Great Hour of Sharing.

3. STATISTICAL DATA

- Active Membership: 70
- Total Reported Membership: 70
- Sunday Worship average attendance: 35
- Average Church School Attendance 3
- Members serving on Boards and Committees (DO NOT include small groups): 10
- Mission outreach giving, annual: 3.5 % of the budget
- Our church's annual plan for resourcing the ministry (budget): **TBD**
- Number of staff persons serving the church: 3

List staff positions: Minister, secretary and custodian(s), lawncare (seasonal)

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

The church has not changed significantly over the past 5 years. However we have made more use of technology and social media.

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

The community ministerial association was disbanded, unfortunately decreasing ongoing communication and collaboration between various congregations.

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

- Someone who celebrates our O&A status
- Someone who strives to build relationships with the congregation
- Someone who can relate to various age groups/present time in their messaging (prayers/sermons)
- Relating service to everyday life/events
- Strong two way communication skills including use of social media and technology
- Willing to embrace and honor the church's history but willing to recognize new methods and means to worship
- Have Disciples or UCC background and/or is in agreement with those beliefs

7. PROVIDE AN ESTIMATED COMPENSATION RANGE you are offering in dollar amounts. If less than full-time, specify the hours of work. 20-25 hours

Do you follow Conference Compensation guidelines_____

_____Ken Prentice_____
Council/Search Committee Chairperson

_____11-20-25_____
Date

8. COMMENTS FROM THE ASSOCIATION

This congregation is open to a part time pastorate or a pastor-sharing agreement with another local congregation; they understand that a creative arrangement (including a new Sunday morning schedule) may

serve them well. They are serious about upholding their O&A ministry visibly on the square, investing a great deal of energy into their community meal, and finding Sunday morning preaching at the main service as a key inspiration.



Signature of Association Staff

11-20-25

Date

Association Staff member assisting:

Rev. Dr. Elena Larssen, Transitional Association General Minister

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