



St. Peter's United Church of Christ
68 W. Main St, P O Box 205, Apple Creek, Ohio 44606
<http://www.saintpetersucc.com>

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

We are a small, but mighty congregation looking for a faithful, energetic spiritual leader working with God and Neighbor in the way of justice, kindness and humility.

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

Food Pantry	Minister of Visitation
God's Helping Hands Clothing Closet	Christian Education Committee
Optional Youth Sunday School	Golden Hands Sewing Circle
Confirmation as needed	Property Committee
Choir	Historian
Prayer Chain	
Worship Committee	

3. STATISTICAL DATA

- Active Membership: 30-35
- Total Reported Membership: 100
- Sunday Worship average attendance: 20-35
- Average Church School Attendance NA
- Members serving on Boards and Committees (DO NOT include small groups): 18
- Mission outreach giving, annual: 15 % of the budget
- Our church's annual plan for resourcing the ministry (budget): \$60,350.00
- Number of staff persons serving the church: 6

List staff positions: Minister of Visitation, Treasurer and Benevolent Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Organist, Custodian

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

Community support
Membership decline has caused us to merge committees to best maintain the church's ministry
Being flexible and present in an ever-changing world
Looking to expand our missions

Individual church members are volunteers in several community organizations
We are extremely generous
We support the local church

5. WHO IS OUR NEIGHBOR? WHAT HAVE BEEN SOME TRENDS IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY/TOWN IN WHICH THE CHURCH IS LOCATED?

Increased Amish and Mennonite population
Increased "working poor" population
Increasing business, including numerous factories and businesses
Maintained population of the local school system
Large agricultural community
The historical society now includes a library
Johnny Appleseed Days (community homecoming event)

6. WHAT IS GOD CALLING US TO BE AS WE CONTINUE OUR JOURNEY?

God is calling us to be faithful in serving others and flexible in the ever changing needs within our community.

7. WHAT ARE 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

Spiritual Leadership. Attend to aging members, effective preacher/speaker, teaches confirmation, willing to start something new, assist congregation in encouraging and attracting new members, visits home bound/hospitalized members, engages with children, effective in crisis.

8. PROVIDE AN ESTIMATED COMPENSATION RANGE you are offering in dollar amounts. If less than full-time, specify the hours of work. \$24,000.00 per year, Part-Time, approximately 15-24 hours per week.

Do you follow Conference Compensation guidelines No

Anita Meier

Council/Search Committee Chairperson

Date: May 25, 2026

COMMENTS FROM THE ASSOCIATION



Signature of Association Staff

Date: July 23, 2026

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