

## Pastor of Pleasant Unity and Deer Creek Presbyterian Churches

Church Names	Deer Creek and Pleasant Unity Presbyterian Churches
Address	Deer Creek: 33 Bairdford Road Gibsonia, PA 15044 Pleasant Unity: 101 Millerstown Culmerville Road Tarentum, PA 15084
Website	Deer Creek: <a href="https://www.deercreekpres.org/">https://www.deercreekpres.org/</a> Pleasant Unity: <a href="http://www.pleasantunity.org/">http://www.pleasantunity.org/</a>
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Position Type	Temporary Pastor (20 hrs/wk, limited benefits)
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### Church Description:

Founded in 1802 and 1840 respectively, the Deer Creek and Pleasant Unity Presbyterian Churches sit 5 miles apart in the Northeastern portion of Allegheny County. These two congregations recently partnered together to share a part-time pastor, bringing a season of financial sustainability to each congregation as well as a partner in ministry. Under the previous Pastor's leadership, each congregation experienced renewed energy and excitement, marked in particular by an increased sense of ownership and direction from within the Sessions of each congregation. From September to May, the two congregations worship separately with Deer Creek meeting at 9:30am and Pleasant Unity meeting at 11:00am. During the summer months, the two congregations combine for worship at 10:00am, alternating between the two locations.

In late 2017, the previous pastor was diagnosed with Stage IV Pancreatic Cancer but continued to faithfully serve both congregations until March of 2019, when he passed away. Both congregations, while grieving the loss of their previous Pastor, are excited about the potential for continued partnership in ministry moving into the future.

Note: This is a part-time, 20 hrs/week position with limited benefits available depending on the individual candidate's needs. Please see Pittsburgh Presbytery's [2019 COM Policy on Health Benefits for Teaching Elders in Pittsburgh Presbytery for more information.](#)

To apply, please submit your Personal Information Form (PIF) to [deercreek-pleasantunity-search@googlegroups.com](mailto:deercreek-pleasantunity-search@googlegroups.com)

#### Position Responsibilities:

1. Serve as moderator of the session and congregation, upon appointment by the presbytery
2. Lead worship and preach at regular and special worship services, providing for substitute preachers when necessary
3. Officiate at sacraments, weddings, and funerals
4. Assist the congregation in the interim tasks of:
  - a. celebrating the church's history
  - b. strengthening and continuing ties with presbytery, synod and GA
  - c. leading the church to a renewed vision for their future
  - d. providing for smooth transition of congregational leadership
  - e. preparing for the welcoming of the new pastor
5. Provide leadership support for the committees of the Sessions
6. Pray for the congregation
7. Assist with administrative duties, work with the other church staff guided by their job descriptions, and assist in congregational communication through social media, publications and through personal contact
8. Be available as a resource person for the church school, youth organizations and other groups of the church;
9. Lead the congregation in reaching out into the community and in performing its ministry of healing and reconciliation
10. Visit hospitalized members, being aware of the elders' care for the sick and home bound
11. On occasion provide teaching/Bible study opportunities for the congregations

#### Support from the Sessions

The Sessions of both churches agree to support and encourage the Pastor by:

- Working faithfully with the Pastor
- Communicating regularly with the Pastor about pastoral concerns and needs within the congregations, issues in the life of the church and personal and institutional difficulties that need to be addressed
- Continuing to do the work of the Sessions and complete other responsibilities of ruling elders
- Assisting the Pastor in accomplishing the responsibilities and duties listed elsewhere in this agreement.
- Praying with and for the Pastor and his family. Providing adequate compensation, guided by the presbytery's minimum salary expectations
- Reviewing their ministry with the Pastor every six (6) months. A six month and one-year review are required, the one-year review to be reported to presbytery.

Minimum Compensation (Each figure is split equally between the two congregations):

- Salary: \$26,815
- Benefits: \$2,950
- Cont. Ed: \$2000 (Cumulative to \$6000)
- Professional Expenses: \$750
- Book/Resource Allowance: \$150
- Vacation and Study Leave:
  - o Study Leave: 14 days, including two Sundays
  - o Vacation: 30 days, including four Sundays