

Oakdale United Presbyterian Church

Who we are:

- We are Christians, we believe that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior. And that he is the head of the Church. We believe that he guides us in everything we do both personally and as a church, we are active witness in word and deed.
- We are a family church, we take the term "church family" very seriously. We think of each other as a family.
- We are good neighbors. We enjoying reaching out into the community large and small in various ways, some visible others not so visibly.
- We are Presbyterian, we are reformed and are always reforming. And we wish to remain a part of the PCUSA.

Where we have been:

- Two years ago, after several years of turmoil within our congregation, we split. Half of the congregation left to form a new ECO congregation and the other half remained at OUPC.
- The last two years have been a time of healing, both personally and as a church. We have been guided faithfully down a path of recovery, reflection, restoration, and renewal. We have learned a lot about ourselves, both good and bad.
- During this time, we have increased our membership by fifteen; half coming from the reactivation of members who left during the period of turmoil while the other half came from our outreach into the community and confirmation. We have a few other families who are in the discernment stage for membership.

Where we want to go:

- We want to continue to serve Jesus.
- We want to grow spiritually; studying and discerning the word of God.
- We want to increase our presence in the community.
- We want to provide valuable programs and services.
- We want to continue to nurture our church family, both members and non-members
- We want to grow our "family"

Who we Need to Guide Us:

- A Pastor who wants to become part of our "family"
- A Pastor who believes intergenerational education and programs.
- A Pastor who has a great rapport with school age children and their families.
- A Pastor who would be able to grow our church's active membership
- A Pastor who would be actively present in the greater Oakdale and West Allegheny community, who could maintain and increase this presence.
- A Pastor who would be willing to assist in the continuation of our existing programs, as well as helping to develop new exciting programs.
- A Pastor who would regularly visit shut-ins, as well as the sick as needed and requested.

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Duties

- A Pastor to lead weekly Sunday Worship Services as well as special services (ex. Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Thanksgiving Eve, Christmas Eve)
- A Pastor to lead Adult Sunday School on Sunday mornings before worship.
- A Pastor who will work with West Allegheny Ministerial Association
- A Pastor who will actively participate in the Pittsburgh Presbytery of the PCUSA
- A Pastor to Moderate Session and Congregational Meetings.
- A Pastor to perform Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals as requested; as well as membership and confirmation classes when needed.
- A Pastor who serves monthly Communion (first Sunday of every month) and to shut-ins upon request.
- A Pastor who will hold weekly office hours.

The Pastor job at Oakdale U.P. Church is part time, approximately 20 hours a week. When the size of congregation increases, the potential is there for a full-time position.