

Church Leadership Connection
The Call System for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Mif #: 10825.AH0

Ministry General Information

Ministry Number	10825
Ministry Name	Sewickley Presbyterian Church
Mailing Address	414 Grant St. Sewickley, PA 15143
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WWW Address	www.sewickleypresby.org
Ministry Size	651 - 1000 members

Ethnic Composition	
	Asian 1%
	Black or African American (African Native, Caribbean) 1%
	White 98%

Average Worship Attendance	289
Church School Attendance	115
Curriculum	Dwell by Faith Alive, Deep Blue Kids, Young Children and Worship by Stewart & Berrymore
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Presbytery	PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY
Synod	SYNOD OF THE TRINITY
Community Type	Suburban

Ten-year trend statistics of this church/organization [Show Statistics](#)

Information about the position

Position:	Associate Pastor (Other)
Experience Required:	First Ordained Call
Specific Title:	
Employment Status:	Full-time

Language Requirements:	
	English

Other Language:	
Statement of Faith Required:	True
Clergy Couples:	

Training/Certificate Requirements:	
	Clinical Pastoral Education Training

Other Training:	CPE desired
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Brief Church Mission Statement:

Our mission is to faithfully proclaim and faithfully live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in grateful response to God's love by living together as a church family, growing as disciples of Jesus, and serving in God's mission in this world.

What is the congregation's or organization's vision for ministry:

Worship is the foundation of all that we do. SPC has three distinct worship services for a congregation with various needs and worship preferences: an 8am chapel service with communion, a 9am service with more contemporary music, and an 11am traditional service with a chancel choir. Having been nourished and challenged by our outstanding preaching and music, we go forth to live, grow and serve.

As members of Christ's body, we strive to live as a welcoming family of faith, extending hospitality to all, and loving, supporting and forgiving one another as Christ has done for us. We have multiple church events and meals throughout the year to foster our sense of family, such as Lenten Soup Suppers, Progressive Dinner, and Church Picnic. Our Deacons help in caring for our congregation. A muffin ministry welcomes visitors and those experiencing hardship.

As followers of Jesus, we seek to grow in our faith by worshiping together joyfully, studying God's word, abiding in prayer, and obeying Jesus' commands. We have multiple discipleship opportunities weekly and seasonally as well as many special guest speakers and preachers throughout the year.

As witnesses for Jesus, we participate in his ministry by proclaiming the good news, sharing our gifts and resources, and reaching out to those in need with love, humility and compassion. We are deeply involved both locally and internationally in giving of our time, energy and financial support to the mission of Jesus Christ in the world.

How do you feel called to reach out to address the emerging needs of your community or constituency:

In addition to housing the Samaritan Counseling Center and the Friendship Preschool, we provide space in our buildings for many outside groups, such as AA, Al-Anon, Nar-Anon, the Boy Scouts, Overeaters Anonymous. We take a monthly hunger offering which goes to several organizations that provide food for those who are in need. We support the Community Youth Worker who serves at-risk youth in our school district. We give substantial financial and volunteer support to the Center for Hope, a community center in nearby Ambridge. This includes donating school backpacks and supplies, Christmas stockings for the children, a kids' cooking class, and serving monthly dinners.

Within our own church family, we have in recent years involved the Deacons more in congregational care, including doing flower delivery, home communion, and visiting shut-ins. In an attempt to be more welcoming to young families in our church, we are in the process of moving our childcare room to a more accessible location. We are currently looking at ways to enhance our sanctuary to make it more effective for worship in the 21st century. We have also tried to better meet the spiritual needs of our members, beginning several discipleship groups in the last few years as well as going on annual mission trips to the Dominican Republic. In recent years we hired Ministry Architects to help us strengthen our Youth and Children's programs. A youth worship band and orchestra are new additions to our worship.

How will this position help you to reach your vision and mission goals:

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As a generalist, our Associate Pastor (A.P.) will have a hand in all aspects of our church life: leading the congregation in worship, preaching the Good News, ministering to congregational needs, fostering spiritual growth through Bible studies and other classes, and leading the congregation in the mission work of the church.

A significant aspect of this role is helping our congregation to better live together and care for one another as a church family. Our A.P. will work with our Deacons and other volunteers to equip them for congregational care as well as personally contributing a good portion of time to pastoral care and visitation.

Our A.P. will work with our Membership Committee, helping us to better welcome visitors, leading New Member classes, and helping new members along with those on the periphery of our congregation to become more connected and engaged in the life of the church.

Through preaching, teaching, and living the Christian life together, our A.P. will help our members grow as disciples of Jesus Christ, recognizing that we are all at different places on the journey of faith but that we are all created in God's image to live in a transforming, life-giving relationship with Jesus.

Our A.P. will help us look forward and adapt to a rapidly changing world so that we can continue to be a vital part of the mission of Jesus Christ and reach the next generation with the Good News.

Provide a description of the characteristics needed by the person who is open to being called to this congregation and or organization:

Most importantly, we are looking for a person who has a deep, mature and vital relationship with Jesus Christ and who is able to clearly and winsomely communicate our faith to both life-long disciples and those new to the faith, to both older members and young.

We also seek someone who is:

- grounded in Scripture and able to help us connect the stories of our lives to the story of the Bible
- gifted in leading worship
- emotionally mature, warm and engaging, and who seeks to grow relationships with our congregation
- caring, compassionate and a good listener, comfortable doing pastoral care in a variety of settings
- organized, selfmotivated and able to delegate when necessary
- able to minister to a highlyeducated congregation with a broad range of theological and political outlooks, without pushing personal agendas
- a team player who works well with a large staff (11 full time, 5 parttime) and volunteers
- humble and gracious with a great sense of humor

What specific tasks, assignments, and program areas will this person have responsibility?

- Provide pastoral care to the congregation, including hospital and home visitation, pastoral counseling, phone calls, written notes, etc.
- Work with the Deacons to help them fulfill their charge from Session
- Help plan and lead worship, including preaching 1015 times per year as called upon by the Pastor
- Lead Bible studies, book groups and Sunday school classes
- Work with the Membership Committee to welcome visitors and find ways to reach new people
- Lead New Member classes and help assimilate new members into the life of the church
- Participate in the mission work of the church and encourage congregational participation
- Supervise other staff and laity and serve as staff liaison to committees as assigned by the Pastor
- Work collegially as part of the staff and participate in weekly staff meetings
- Contribute articles to our newsletter and assist in preparing and editing church communications (newsletters, bulletins, mailings, etc.)
- Other clergy duties: weddings, funerals, Session meetings, etc.
- Other tasks assigned by the Pastor

Optional Links:

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sewickleypresby.org
 exploresewickley.com
 sewickleyborough.org
 qvsd.org
 sewickley.org
 sewickleymca.org
 samaritancounseling.net
 visitpittsburgh.com
 gomgm.org

Leadership Competencies:

Compassionate
 Preaching and Worship Leadership
 Spiritual Maturity
 Communicator
 Task Manager
 Organizational Agility
 Collaboration
 Interpersonal Engagement
 Initiative
 Self Differentiation

Compensation and Housing: Cost of Living Calculator

Minimum Effective Salary: \$53,629

Housing Type: Housing Allowance

References:

Name	Address	Phone Numbers	Relation	Email
Dave & Sue Otto	Center For Hope, 740 Park Rd., Ambridge, PA 15003	724-251-4899	Community Center in nearby Ambridge	ottos1@comcast.net
The Rev. Dr. Graham Standish, Executive Director	Samaritan Counseling Center, 202 Beaver St., Sewickley, PA 15143	724-316-7273	Samaritan Counseling Center is housed by our church	ngstandish@mac.com
Floyd Faulkner	Quaker Valley School District, 100 Leetsdale Industrial Dr., Leetsdale, PA 15056	412-722-2122	Quaker Valley School District Community Youth Work	faulknerf@qvsd.org

Has the Pastor Nominating Committee and Search committee affirmed its intention to follow the Form Of Government in this regard?

Yes

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