

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

Mif #: 02556.AE0

Ministry General Information

Ministry Number	02556
Ministry Name	Mt. Hope + Universal United Presbyterian Churches
Mailing Address	12106 Frankstown Rd / 2545 Main St, Penn Hills Pittsburgh, PA 15235
Phone	412-793-0227/412-793-1335
Fax	
E-Mail	
WWW Address	https://www.mthopepcusa.org/ - https://www.universalupc.org/
Ministry Size	101 - 250 members
Ethnic Composition	
	Black or African American (African Native, Caribbean) 1%
	White 99%

Average Worship Attendance	65
Church School Attendance	20
Curriculum	Varies by season
Yoked	False
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:	Pastor, yoked/parish
Experience Required:	First Ordained Call
Specific Title:	Pastor (Shared Ministry)
Employment Status:	Full-time

Language Requirements:	
	English

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

Training/Certificate Requirements:	
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Other Training:	
Brief Church Mission Statement:	

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Mt. Hope and Universal United are congregations located six minutes apart in the Penn Hills community in the east end of Pittsburgh. Together they are seeking to engage in shared ministry, which is similar to yoking but affords each congregation more independence. This MIF is condensed from information submitted by both congregations. Please see the "Optional Links" section for a link to the complete MIF submitted by both congregations.

Mt. Hope: Mt. Hope Church is so called because of the HOPE which is ours in Jesus Christ. No one must tell us that we are living in a world in which there is pain, suffering, and despair. In this kind of world, many people live without meaning, purpose, and hope in their lives. However, we believe our lives take on a new dimension, direction, and HOPE because of our commitment to Jesus Christ and to one another.

Universal: We, the members of The United Presbyterian Church of Universal, are a congregation of people who both trust and obey Jesus Christ. As such, we are the body that carries on His mission today. In Jesus Christ, we are a people chosen, set apart, loved and holy to God. As a smaller church, we believe that individuals are important and are equal in God's eyes. We believe that God's support of us is not limited by the size or the worldly condition of our congregation. Thus, we believe we are obligated to respond to Him by the action of God first choosing us.

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

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Within our walls you will see women and men and young people from all different backgrounds who have that **HOPE**, who give that **HOPE** to one another in times of need, who bring that **HOPE** out into our community to the people who need it, and who, together, make up **Mt. Hope Church**

Universal: The congregation's principal attribute is faithfulness. That faithfulness has been exhibited both by individuals who attend and participate in worship, fellowship, and service and it has been exhibited by the organization over many years of community fellowship, education and service. Since the congregation was officially organized over a hundred years ago it has been a staple in the community of Universal and has seen many societal changes throughout that time. The church history records forward thinking efforts on the part of church members and leadership to care for our brothers and sisters both locally and abroad. Although the church community has met many challenges in that century, the church has remained, and plans to continue to remain, a touchstone.

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

Mt. Hope: Our church supports the community and serves thru hosting vaccine clinics, hosting as a voting center for elections and providing "thank you for your service" holiday meals for our local police and EMS groups within the community. The art groups are growing as they offer an after-school program that complements the usual school programs.

Universal: Challenges are no stranger to the United Presbyterian Church of Universal. The church and community surrounding it have always been a collection of life-long residents as well as persons and families arriving and departing for economic or for personal reasons. The church is recognized as a rock in the community. That steadfastness is not static, though. Through service programs, the church's actions have always reflected its caring of the outside community and the community within the walls of the church membership. We expect that mission to continue to evolve through current and future challenges.

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

Mt. Hope: Hosting community events is essential to our church in reaching our vision and mission goals. When we open up our doors for events and services, we are inviting the community into our church and are given the opportunity to show unity and support thru Christ's love.

Universal: For continuity and growth, the pastor will be expected to provide necessary leadership and pastoral care for the church's members. Beyond that, there is so much that can be done by and through the church's mission work for the benefit of the spiritual and physical lives of the members, the local community and the world. There should be no limits.

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

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Universal: In keeping with our expectation of No Limits to reaching the United Presbyterian Church of Universal's vision for ministry and mission goals and for future growth, it can be no surprise that the characteristics of its pastor should include, in no specific order, compassion, preaching and worship leadership, exceptional public communication, being a change agent, being entrepreneurial, and showing energy, enthusiasm, and initiative.

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

Mt. Hope: The main task for this person is to lead our Worship service and be an evangelist within the church and community. Our congregation will support this person in this mission and we work together to provide a welcoming church within the community. The pastoral role will be to work with the Deacons in ministrering to shut-ins and the sick. We anticipate that this person will lead us to grow as disciples in Jesus Christ and to grow the kingdom of God in new and exciting ways.

Universal: As for specific tasks, etc., the pastor should expect to perform the usual duties of a pastoral position such as worship leadership (preaching), leading classes such as Bible study, pastoral care including visiting shut-ins and sick (when safe to do so in light of pandemic), and participating in and taking leadership roles in community events or other organizations.

Optional Links:

Mt. Hope: <https://www.mthopepcusa.org/>

Universal: <https://www.universalupc.org/>

Penn Hills Community: <https://pennhillspa.gov/>

Pittsburgh Presbytery Website (For Complete MIF) https://www.pghpresbytery.org/branches/job_opportunities/pastor-positions/

Leadership Competencies:

Compassionate

Hopeful

Preaching and Worship Leadership

Change Agent

Contextualization

Entrepreneurial

Organizational Agility

Strategy and Vision

Collaboration

Interpersonal Engagement

Compensation and Housing: Cost of Living Calculator

Minimum Effective Salary: \$52,364

Housing Type: Housing Allowance

References:

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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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