

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

Mif #: 02634.AB4

Ministry General Information

Ministry Number	02634
Ministry Name	First Presbyterian Church
Mailing Address	600 3rd St. BATTLE CREEK, IA 51006
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E-Mail	bcpnc2021@gmail.com
WWW Address	www.battlecreekpresbyterian.com
Ministry Size	251 - 400 members
Ethnic Composition	
	White 99%
	Other 1%

Average Worship Attendance	70
Church School Attendance	10
Curriculum	www.cokesburykids.com/curriculum~celebrate-wonder/
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Presbytery	PROSPECT HILL PRESBYTERY
Synod	SYNOD OF LAKES AND PRAIRIES
Community Type	Rural
Ten-year trend statistics of this church/organization Show Statistics	

Information about the position

Position:	Solo Pastor
Experience Required:	No Experience
Specific Title:	Open to any level of experience
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:	
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Brief Church Mission Statement:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Mission: To love God and love others • Our Vision: Transforming lives by sharing the experience of God's love and acceptance. 	

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

We are followers of Christ, a caring, worshipping community that is passionate about serving others and growing closer to Christ. We believe Jesus Christ is our Savior, the source of our compassion and acceptance and the drive behind our desire to share God's love. Everything we do should demonstrate our commitment to being: Loving, Welcoming, Serving, Nurturing, and Generous.

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

There are many ways our church meets our community's needs. In the fall, our church leads the community to come together to provide a "Turkey Supper" serving over 1000 people in house and carry outs, reaching many different people. It really builds community. Our youth also participates in the Souper Bowl of Caring. This is an event where our youth runs a competition coinciding with the Super Bowl. The collected soup is donated to our local food pantry. Our congregation is involved in donating to the community Food Basket. Our deacons provide home communions for shut-ins and provide turkey baskets during the holiday season. We also have extended our outreach by providing church services on Facebook live and posting services to church websites. Our Stewardship and Mission committee works diligently to raise money for the PCUSA offerings, Heifer Project, Sudan Nursing School, Gospel Mission, Ukraine, Presbyterian Lakeside Church Camp, and World Vision. as well as local missions to schools and individuals in need. Our confirmation class has been involved with an annual trip to the Sioux City Gospel Missions helping serve supper and working in the food pantry stocking shelves. When they visit, they collect coats, blankets, mittens and hats and take them to the women's shelter and then whatever is left goes to the Gospel Mission thrift store. We welcome everyone by passing the peace during service, outreach to our community financially and physically. We are a family, and welcome all.

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

Battle Creek First Presbyterian Church desires a pastor who has a deep passion for the Lord, for the Bible, and views consistent with those of the Presbyterian Church USA. The Pastor, as a minister of the Gospel, shall be devoted to the service of Christ and the church, preaching and teaching the Word of God. The Pastor shall lead the church to fulfill its mission statement our vision: transforming lives by sharing the experience of God's love and acceptance.

We need a leader who will encourage participation in our ministry by delivering inspiring sermons, outreach to the ill, grieving and the shut-ins, who will give us ideas on how we can encourage the younger generation to participate in church, who will help our leaders educate all ages, and help to be good stewards of our financial resources.

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

- Compassionate
- Preaching and Worship Leadership
- Change Agent
- Spiritual Maturity
- Public Communicator
- Risk Taker
- Collaborator
- Uses Strategy and Vision
- Flexible
- Skilled at Interpersonal Engagement

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

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Word and Sacrament

- To collaboratively lead the various worship services of the church.
- To present the Word of God, lead in worship, read and teach the scriptures, and engage the people in study and witness.
- To work with others to find meaningful ways of worship that allow both members and the community to participate.
- To administer the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Pastoral

- To visit in the homes of the church and the community, especially among the sick, aged, imprisoned, and others in need.
- To counsel families and individuals of the church, and refer people to professional counselors when needed.
- To officiate at funerals/memorial services
- To officiate at weddings and provide pre-marital counseling.
- To prepare congregants for membership in the church, including leading membership preparation class.
- To help make the transition from our former pastor to our new pastor, allowing for grieving and acceptance.

Leadership

- Guide the spiritual development of the staff.
- To lead the congregation in living out their vision and values.
- Create a culture that increasingly embodies Christ's example of servant leadership to all and to attract new members.
- To provide leadership to the session as Moderator, the congregation and its organizations.
- To administer the church program by leading, directing and supervising the other church staff.
- To encourage the partnership of the whole church with missions and ministry of the PCUSA and the Presbytery of Prospect Hill.

Optional Links:

<https://www.facebook.com/battlecreekpresbyterianchurch>

<https://www.battlecreekpresbyterian.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Community-Basket-Serving-Seven-Communities-307567193421465/about>

Leadership Competencies:

Compassionate

Preaching and Worship Leadership

Spiritual Maturity

Teacher

Communicator

Technologically Savvy

Strategy and Vision

Collaboration

Interpersonal Engagement

Flexibility

Compensation and Housing: Cost of Living Calculator

Minimum Effective Salary: \$45,000

Housing Type: Open to Manse/Housing Allowance

References:				
Name	Address	Phone Numbers	Relation	Email
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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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