

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

Mif #: 12124.AA0

Ministry General Information

Ministry Number	12124
Ministry Name	New Hope Presbyterian Church
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WWW Address	https://www.facebook.com/New-Hope-Presbyterian-Church-120459321304492/
Ministry Size	101 - 250 members

Ethnic Composition	White 100%
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Average Worship Attendance	72
Church School Attendance	63
Curriculum	Bible, PCUSA(Reformations), other
Certified as eligible for participation in the Seminary Debt Assistance Program	False
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Presbytery	REDSTONE 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 (for a designated term)
Experience Required:	No Experience
Specific Title:	Pastor
Employment Status:	Full-time

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

Training/Certificate Requirements:

Other Training:	PA Criminal/Child Abuse/FBI Clearances
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Brief Church Mission Statement:
Based on Matthew 28:16-20, our mission is to go into the world to share the love of God and the hope of Jesus Christ.

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

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Our vision for ministry is to be a *Christian community where we are nurtured and nurture others in the faith.*

Our vision is guided by our values that lead to BLESSINGS:

- Believing that Jesus Christ is LORD and SAVIOR
- Living Christ-like lives guided by the Bible and Prayer
- Expressing our faith through the Sacraments and the action of love
- Serving others, using our gifts, talents and abilities
- Sharing our faith with others
- Instructing disciples in the Way, the Truth, and the Life of Christ
- Nurturing seekers in the New Hope of Christ
- Glorifying and praising the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- Self-examining by the Holy Spirit

We live out our vision as Christians seeking to fulfill the emergent needs of our community. We also celebrate joyful worship, provide Christian nurture opportunities for all ages, attempt to be good stewards of our property and financial gifts, do meaningful mission and outreach, and provide a ministry of compassion.

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

Responding to the call to reach out to our community, we:

- Pray for our neighbors and invite them to worship with us and attend special events.
- Maintain a playground for children, sponsor three Scout groups who utilize our facilities, and partner with the Norwin Community Athletic Association youth baseball league to use some of our land for a baseball program.
- Partner with the Norwin Area Meals on Wheels program to facilitate preparation and delivery of meals to those who need them, support the Westmoreland County food bank, and support local Salvation Army programs.
- Seek out community needs and potential partnerships.

Responding to the call to reach out to our members and regular participants in worship, we:

- Distribute our newsletter to regular worshippers and homebound members.
- Have our youth take leadership responsibilities in worship, Christian Nurture programs (e.g. Vacation Bible Camp), and appropriate service projects.
- Invite the congregation, as well as the community, to church-wide events (advertising upcoming events using Power Point slides in worship, our church sign, signs throughout the community, and our newsletter).
- Are working to improve electronic communication tools including Facebook, our on-line church directory (including offering some printed copies for those without internet access), and our church website.
- Are beginning to work on improving our care and visitation for homebound members with a newly formed care team for Ministry of Compassion.

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

Having a pastor who works as a partner in ministry with members, the session, care teams and committees, church staff, and neighbors to enact our mission and reach for our vision. Sometimes this might involve thinking outside of the box or even throwing the box away.

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

From visioning meeting input from the Session and congregation, we are seeking a pastor who is able to teach the Bible and Presbyterian beliefs, a clear communicator, approachable, friendly, loving, open to suggestions, flexible, non-judgmental, encouraging, humble, and helpful.

Also, we are seeking a designated pastor for 2-3 years, preferably a pastor who has at least a few years experience as a solo pastor.

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

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Our pastor will have responsibility to:

- Plan and lead effective worship services and administer Sacraments, in conjunction with our Worship and Music Care Team;
- Preach Biblically-based sermons that are relevant to today;
- Offer regular Bible studies or other classes to challenge us in our spiritual growth, in conjunction with our Christian Nurture Care Team;
- Provide pastoral care, particularly for homebound, hospitalized, and bereaved persons, in conjunction with our new Ministry of Compassion Care Team;
- Resource Session members, care teams, committees, and the congregation in seeking community needs and new ministries;
- Participate in church wide events, coordinated by our newly formed Care Team for Mission and Outreach;
- Suggest ways to increase stewardship of time, talents, and resources, working in conjunction with our Financial Stewardship Care Team;
- Understand and communicate Presbyterian polity and participate in Presbytery meetings;
- Perform other duties (moderating Session meetings and conducting weddings and funerals) normally expected of a pastor; and
- Follow up in a timely manner with church visitors and others who show an interest in the church.

Optional Links:

Our church building was built in 1981. It is a two-story building of about 8,000 sq. ft. The upper level has a sanctuary that seats about 220 people, a church office, a pastor's office, a conference room/library, a hospitality room, a music room, a nursery, an elevator, and handicapped rest room facilities. The lower level has a fellowship hall, kitchen, classroom, office, and storage spaces, an elevator, and handicapped rest room facilities.

The church building sits near the center of a 17 acre plot of land with a dual-level paved parking lot, a meditation garden with a waterfall and resident bullfrog and goldfish, a nearby garage for storage, a picnic pavilion, and playground facilities. We are in the process of finalizing an agreement for a community youth baseball league to improve and use a former ball field on a portion of our property.

Leadership Competencies:

Compassionate

Hopeful

Preaching and Worship Leadership

Spiritual Maturity

Teacher

Communicator

Collaboration

Interpersonal Engagement

Personal Resilience

Flexibility

Compensation and Housing: **Cost of Living Calculator**

Minimum Effective Salary: \$47,558

Housing Type: Housing Allowance

References:

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Pastor Brenda Barnes	2734 Orlando Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15235	412-247-3295, 412-657-087	Former Interim Pastor	barnes.brenda@verizon.net

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Pastor Dawn Sherwood	10 Lively Road, Eighty Four, PA 15330	412-378-2309	Former member and student intern at New Hope prior	drs90026@gmail.com
Pastor John Pressler	604 Tree Duck Court, Greensburg, PA 15601	218-590-7490	Former Pastor of a congregation that was one of tw	jcpslp@outlook.com

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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