



Ministry General Information

Ministry Name	Presbytery	Synod
A Community of Faith Presbyterian Church	Southeastern Illinois	Lincoln Trails
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Mailing Address	Alternate Phone/Email	Community Type
PO Box 537, Raymond, IL 62560-0537		Village
Congregation or Organization Size	Curriculum	Average Worship Attendance
Under 100 members	n/a	28
Church School Attendance		
Intercultural Composition		
White: 96%, Multiracial: 4%		

Information about the Position

Position Requirements

Position Type(s)	Language Requirements
Solo Pastor: Installed	English

Experience Required

Up to 2 Years

Statement of Faith required?

Yes

Specify Title / PT Work Hours (if applicable)

experience levels--0 to 10+ years

Are you open to a clergy couple?

No

Employment Status

Full-time

Ministry Requirements

Church Mission/Vision Statement

Knowing that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, and that all things are possible for those who believe and put their trust in Him, we recognize the possibilities that are ours as A Community of Faith, a joint congregation of the First United Presbyterian Church of Raymond and the Raymond United Methodist Church, worshipping, witnessing, and working together for the furthering of Christ's Church in our communities while protecting our denominational ties and identities. We recognize that our purpose is to bring people to Jesus and membership in his family, to develop them to Christ-like maturity, and to equip them for their ministry in the Church and life mission in the world so God's name will be magnified.

Tasks, expectations, duties, supervision, assignments, and responsibilities for the position

The new Pastor at ACOF will be responsible for conducting the Sunday morning worship service for our congregation. Although this may seem on the surface to be the most important and visible assignment for our Pastor, there are other tasks the congregation deems necessary. We would request a regular office schedule, taking time to visit the shut-ins in our Church community and make themselves available as a counselor to our members. The Pastor would also be responsible for a monthly newsletter, weekly bulletins, moderating Board meetings and other special meetings as deemed necessary.

An active role in consulting with Board members to understand the structure of our committees and to help develop ideas for the long-term vision of our church is also an expectation. We seek a pastor that leads us with energy, imagination, and love...with a joyful heart, a Pastor that will honor our traditions, while leading us to embrace the change that is an inevitable part of life today. We would be both building on what we are currently doing and discovering new ways to serve our members and the community.

Compensation & Housing

Minimum Effective Salary

60000

Housing Type

Manse

MDP - Narratives

How would you describe the congregation's/organization's specific vision for ministry? How will this vision impact the community? Is the congregation part of a ministry vision or program?

Our vision is growth of our Church and continuing to maximize our community outreach. We have weekly traditional Church services; Communion is served monthly and at special services. We have "service groups" that provide funeral luncheons and a women's group that support outreach for the community. We are good stewards of our facilities that are well-maintained and handicapped accessible. A ranch style three-bedroom, 2+ bath manse (with all utilities paid) offers a beautiful home. In striving to grow, we are fortunate to be able to extend support through deeds and tasks as well as financial support to causes of our nearby communities. The Presbyterian Church has been blessed with financial resources by the generosity of past members through endowments and bequeaths to facilitate meaningful and impactful change in our community. This blessings enables us to pursue our ongoing missions and endeavors of our local community. ACOF is

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currently not part of a ministry vision/program, but would it would be of interest.

What is the nature and context of the community in which your congregation lives out its mission/vision? How will you address the emerging needs that are impacting your community?

We answer the call through outreach and support: • Funeral lunches for member families • Annual community spaghetti dinner • Trunk-or-Treat for Halloween • Fellowship through Church activities • Angel Tree Project • Potluck luncheons • Meeting place for Boy Scouts, 4-H groups • Daily drop site for Meals on Wheels • Lunch for school staff and faculty (in-service days) • Welcome Back bags for Panhandle teachers • Prayer circles • Lunches for school children during the summer months • The Food Pantry (monetary and volunteers) • Project Third Day (providing for children with food insecurities) during 3-day weekends • Financial support of local cemeteries • Donations of supplies for Midwest Mission—assisting those affected by disasters • Summer Community celebration—provide free ice cream

How will this call help complement the responsibilities of other staff/volunteer positions, and the life of the congregation/organization, so that you may accomplish your short and long-term goals for ministry?

This position will serve our Church through their strength, leadership and ability to bring renewed connectivity to our congregation. Our outreach and missions are deeply rooted in the community by our dedicated volunteers. We view pastoral care as a fundamental part of our church's ministry, and we are committed to the care and support of our congregation as we share in each other's joys and challenges. We endeavor to lead by Christ's example and keep our doors open and welcoming to all. We reach out to the community with support from the congregation through our mission and activities. Love Packages (sends religious materials to other countries), Midwest Missions (providing supplies locally in times of need) the mission to support our local teachers with financial grants. We reach beyond the local community supporting

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Chaddock, Kemmerer Village, Shriner's Hospital, Samaritan's Purse Christmas shoeboxes, Heifer Project, Marion Medical Mission, clean water well project in Africa and various disaster relief programs. We strive to keep our mission goals by spreading God's word through deeds and actions.

Provide a description of the skills, gifts and training the person you hope will become a part of your ministry must have, to lead the congregation towards the vision and mission established.

ACOF is seeking a pastor that first and foremost is committed to serving our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The skills and gifts would be our core values of acceptance, loyalty, caring, mission, respect, community-mindedness, purposefulness, compassion, love, spirituality, family and laughter—these provide the foundation of our mission. A pastor that possesses a deep passion for leading a small, mature, yet devoted congregation on our spiritual journey to a closer relationship with God. We would welcome a pastor that is energetic and outgoing in their relationship with the community. We value warmth and enthusiasm from someone who will pray and fellowship with us. The Pastor would be comfortable interacting with all ages and work collaboratively with church leadership, enriching our lives and equipping us to serve as Christ's disciples. We seek the qualities of respect for others, action oriented, effective communicator, administrator and organizer. Our mission is to find a leader to expand God's presence in our Church community.

What areas of ministry do you expect the person called to be responsible for? Share specific tasks, assignments, and programs.

*Conduct Sunday Worship services *Conduct and serve Communion services *Visit shut-ins of the Church community *Provide Pastoral care *Moderate Board meetings and other committee meetings *Conduct "special services" *Scheduled office hours *Perform baptisms, weddings and funeral services *Keep members informed through monthly

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Newsletters and weekly bulletins *Involvement in community *Leader for Christian Education *Become familiar with PC(USA) and UMC

List any links that support the answers to your narratives or highlights ministries within your church/organization.

Optional Links

A Community of Faith,
Raymond - Website - www.acommunityoffaith.org

Panhandle
Schools - Website - www.panhandleschools.com

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