

Pastoral Ministry Description

Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church

Full-Time Position

Overview:

Hoffnungsau is a Low German name meaning “Hopeful View”. We are a church family with a rich history of actively following Christ in peace and service. We enjoy the benefits of a large, beautiful, rural location serving the surrounding communities. We strive to “Share Christ’s Hopeful View” by growing relationships and faith not only in our congregation but also in the communities around us. Our ministry and mission pillars: Hope, Outreach, Faith, and Fellowship are based on the foundation of Jesus Christ as stated in I Corinthians 3:11. We are a small congregation with a large heart, and a great amount of outdoor space and energy for outreach. Events include community fun days, drive-in movies, BBQs, smores around fire pit, feed the farmers during harvest, and other creative opportunities. Due to Covid restrictions, we created an outdoor sanctuary where we worshipped during Summer and Fall.

Hoffnungsau is looking for a partner in a mutual, growing relationship as together we work toward shared values, goals, and dreams. We encourage spiritual retreats for the Pastor for quiet time, reading, studying, and restoring their energy and spirit.

Our vision is to live out the meaning of our name “Hopeful View” by looking outwards into the communities around us and building relationships with our neighbors. We want to become more visible in our communities.

Qualifications:

- Honor the credential standards of WDC and MC USA
- Ordained minister is preferred, but will consider a seminary trained candidate with a well-defined timeline towards ordination

Responsibilities:

- Lead and guide meaningful worship
- Place a high priority on biblically-based sermon preparation, content, and delivery while challenging the congregation to grow their faith and share it with others
- Encourage the use of spiritual and physical gifts
- Support implementation of vision, mission and goals of Congregation
- Provide pastoral care to congregation
- Provide compassionate counseling while promoting accountability with humility, wisdom, and strength of the Holy Spirit
- Lead us in effectively expanding our ministry to those in need, nearby, and not yet here
- Engage in the wider community
- Participate in Pastoral partnerships
- Ex-officio member of Church Council

Accountability:

- Direct accountability to the Board of Deacons
- Follow the ethical standards outlined by WDC and MCUSA