

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
Community United Church of Christ
Guest Pastor for Sabbatical
3-month period between Sept 2021-January 2022

The Pastor of Community United Church of Christ (CUCC), Rev. Leah Robberts-Mosser, will be on renewal leave for a 3-month period within the window of Sept. 2021 to Jan. 2022. CUCC is seeking a 3/4-time, Guest Pastor to assume worship, pastoral, and administrative duties during this sabbatical period.

Our name, Community United Church of Christ, captures both our essence and our aspirations. Our Church is a community of loving and caring people who welcome *all* members of the larger community to visit and join ours. We are a theologically Progressive, Just-Peace, Open and Affirming congregation whose diversity represents the deep and abiding values we extend, as well as the spirit in which we live, as a community of faith. Our members range from those certain about their faith to those for whom faith is a matter of great difficulty, we welcome all, equally, in their search for greater spiritual awareness. The "Community" in Community UCC also refers to those we serve in our strong commitment to social justice, which includes Jubilee Café, a weekly food insecurity ministry. We seek a Guest Pastor who would feel comfortable in this kind of faith community.

Community UCC is a multi-generational community with families, children, college students, and a number of older members. Community UCC has a staff including an office manager, director of youth ministries, director of music, organist, childcare workers, and several soloists/section leaders. CUCC houses the UCC Campus Ministry at the University of Illinois, which serves students in the area. This is a ministry CUCC supports and whose students participate in the life of our church, though the Campus Minister, Rev. Nathan Brantingham, is not a member of our staff. He is a valuable resource for our community.

Community UCC is located close to the center of the University of Illinois campus, residing in a 100-year-old, brick building that has a beautiful sanctuary, large parlor and fellowship hall with kitchen facilities, ample meeting rooms and educational space. The building is undergoing significant external and internal repairs following a successful capital campaign.

The candidate will need to be flexible about the type of worship that is being planned in response to the current COVID-19 pandemic and the need for remote and/or in-person worship or some combination (we have technical and administrative support in place to assist with these needs). This flexibility in how ministry is conducted will need to extend to Pastoral Care and Administration, as well.

During Rev. Robberts-Mosser's renewal leave, the congregational worship will revolve around a theme that will be determined with the input of Pastor Leah, the Worship committee, the CLB, prior to the start of the sabbatical period. Activities in association with that theme may be dependent on the status of the pandemic in the autumn of 2021.

Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume or profile, names and contact information of 3 references, and a preaching video to jobs@community-ucc.org by **July 20, 2021**.

Guest Pastor for Sabbatical Period Job Description

This is a ¾-time position for 3 months during the window of September 2021 thru January 2022 . Please note that World Communion Sunday, All Saints Sunday, Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas are during this time.

We realize that the demands of church life come at all hours of the day and night and that the office of pastor requires attention to matters at times often beyond control. Additionally, CUCC recognizes the pastor's need each week to take time for self and family. Therefore, CUCC encourages and supports the Guest Pastor's ability to manage the equivalent of two (2) full days off a week for rest, relaxation, and to be with family.

The Guest Pastor will report to Community UCC's Church Life Board (CLB). Compensation will be determined based on experience. Responsibilities include three areas, as described below:

A. Worship

1. Plan preaching and worship with the Worship ministry team for one Classic Worship service on Sunday mornings. A special schedule of services will be planned revolving around the agreed upon theme and based in the Revised Common Lectionary.
2. Preach a majority of the Sundays during the sabbatical period. We expect the Guest Pastor to help organize all services, including those in which they are not preaching and work with guest speakers.
3. Plan order of services and lead them.
4. Conduct funerals, baptisms, and other special worship services, including World Communion Sunday, Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas.
5. Work with music staff to coordinate worship music.
6. Administer sacraments as needed.
7. Conduct weddings as time permits.
8. Depending on the status of the COVID-19 virus pandemic and response, there may need to be exceptional flexibility in how Worship is conducted (technical support is available within the congregation).

B. Pastoral Care

1. Make pastoral calls on members and friends of the congregation in crisis, at the hospital, in care facilities, and those confined to their homes in coordination with the Care Team, CUCC's Visiting Ministry, and the Commissioned Minister of Health.
2. Provide pastoral care and counseling as needed.
3. Depending on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic and response, there may need to be exceptional flexibility in how effective Pastoral Care can be conducted.

4. Provide pastoral care and hospitality to Jubilee Café guests and volunteers on Mondays as needed.

C. Administration

1. Serve as a resource to CLB, ministry teams, Jubilee Café board, and other church groups.
2. Oversee the day-to-day operations of the church office and nursery. (Nursery care at CUCC is dependent on COVID-19 pandemic status).
3. Write monthly columns for the Communigram newsletter and contribute to the weekly email.
4. Attend CLB meetings and other church meetings as needed.
5. Supervise staff members.
6. Support and coordinate with the UCC Campus Ministry.
7. All administrative duties may need to utilize technological options during this sabbatical period.

Qualifications: Ordained pastor with standing in the UCC preferred but open to denominations in communion with the UCC. Will consider persons in or having completed seminary who are working toward ordination. Residence in Champaign County preferred since no parsonage is available.