

# Church Leadership Connection

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## Church Information Form Query

**CIF #: 05727.AA2**

### Church/Organization General Information

Church/Organization Number	05727
Church/Organization Name	CAMBRIDGE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Mailing Address	81 East Main Street CAMBRIDGE, NY 12816
Phone	(518) 677-3863
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WWW Address	<a href="http://www.cambridgeupc.com">www.cambridgeupc.com</a>
Church/Organization Size	Under 100 members
Ethnic Composition	Caucasian 100%
Average Worship Attendance	50
Church School Attendance	35
Curriculum	We Believe
Certified as eligible for participation in the Seminary Debt Assistance Program False	
Yoked Church	False
Presbytery	ALBANY PRESBYTERY
Synod	SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST
Community Type	Village
Ten-year trend statistics of this church/organization * ( <a href="#">Show Statistics</a> )	

\* Data availability is not guaranteed

### Information about the position

Position: Pastor (Solo)	
Specific Title:	

**Employment Status:** Part-time

**Language Requirements:** English

**Brief Church Mission Statement:**

The Cambridge United Presbyterian Church is a mainline church that is for some a safe harbor, for others an extended family and for all a place of grace designed to help us worship, fellowship and serve to the honor of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

We seek to grow in faith as we experience God's Word in our lives, to develop a strong spiritual grounding in the midst of modern life, and to create deeper connections with God, the world, the local community and each other. We are a welcoming and inclusive faith community which seeks to live out the great ends of the church.

**Brief description of the church/organization's programs or accomplishments:**

We are an active church. We have done a lot of growing and problem solving in the past three years. This year we received an excellent report on our Presbytery's triennial visit. A momentum has built that we want to continue. We have many active groups, and we have an established ecumenical outreach to the community of mainline churches in Cambridge.

We are a generous church. Ten percent of our receipts go to support mission and we do additional fund raising for needs that arise. Most of our congregation members participate as volunteers. Whenever there is a need in the church or the community we have been one of the first to step up. For example, with house fire victims, we have been able to help them with money, sometimes the same day.

Our congregation was formed in 1769. The present church building was built 1873 and is on the National Register of Historic Places. We have an historic, beautiful church, with two adjacent buildings. One is used for Sunday school and church offices as well as many other community activities, the other for a Senior Center. Our sanctuary is one that is used by the community for large funerals, weddings, concerts, and other occasions. We have a 1908 Steere pipe organ, two manual, full pedal.

We are a church family with a positive attitude and friendly atmosphere. Our session works well together and has accomplished many goals. We are very optimistic about our future.

**Gifts, Skills and Experiences the congregation possesses to fulfill its mission:**

We are a warm, friendly church. Welcome packets are given to visitors. We take time to visit with newcomers to make them feel at home. Many of the new members have said they appreciated how welcome they feel in our church.

Many people in our congregation bring their gifts and talents to participate in the needs of the church. Volunteers step up for a coffee each Sunday after church. There is an effort to make

church events fun and to provide the fellowship of working together. Most of the congregation have served, or are currently serving, on session, as deacons or have chaired a committee.

Ours is a growing Sunday School children. We have created a community Sunday School combining the neighboring Methodist and Baptist Churches. We value music as a vital ministry, and we support a program rich in both musical and spiritual content. The adult choir, directed by our dedicated organist, has been singing the Lord's praises together for many years.

We are moving forward thanks to the gifted and helpful people in our congregation. Together we are committed to serving the Lord.

**Key theological issues of the church and society that are reflected in the ministry of the congregation/organization:**

This is a traditional Presbyterian church. We take the scriptures seriously and study them carefully by using "Our Daily Bread" and participating in Bible studies. Preaching expands teaching from the lectionary and points out applications to life as we experience it. Each service is a celebration of love and grace and is prayerfully offered by all participants in word, song, and occasionally meditative silence. The sacrament of holy communion is celebrated monthly. We expect sermons to translate the Bible for us and put it in terms of practical issues that occur in our everyday lives, without compromising its spiritual value and guidance.

People come to our church worried about the future, their health, their families, the loss of loved ones, their finances and other stresses of life. We need to focus on Jesus and scripture to give us guidance and peace. We are sensitive to individuals and their needs.

**Position Description**

**A. Major Responsibilities:**

- Stated supply pastor
- Preach Sunday morning
- Moderate session and congregational meetings
- Working relationship with Presbytery
- Available to see/counsel people as needed
- Lead an Advent and Lenten Bible Study
- Participate as an advisor with the worship committee and other committees, if needed
- Weddings, Funerals, and Sacraments
- Have a good relationship with the community
- Working relationship with the church secretary

**B. Characteristics and qualifications needed**

We need an effective communicator and speaker. This person should have the ability to translate the Bible into terms that relate to everyday life. We would like someone who meets the challenge of presenting interesting short children’s lessons during the service to teach them about their faith. This person should be outgoing, interested in people and their activities. He/she would need to be friendly and approachable. This person should have the compassion to counsel people at various stages of their lives and provide pastoral care.

We need someone to work with session and members of the church. They would need to know how to moderate an organized meeting. This person would need to be flexible because of time limitations. WE expect this person to be flexible because a typical work week does not exist. We look forward to the candidate sharing his/her special gifts and talents with the church.

**Primary Skill Choices:**

- Communication (Written / Oral)
- Congregational Fellowship
- Corporate Worship / Sacraments
- Ecumenical and Interfaith Activities
- Evangelism
- Leadership Development
- Pastoral Care
- Preaching
- Young Adult Ministry

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

Minimum Effective Salary:\$18,765

Housing Type:Housing Allowance: \$0

**Geographic Choices:** Unlimited

**Has the presbytery's Committee on Ministry thus counseled with the Pastor Nominating Committee regarding Equal Employment Opportunity?**

Yes

**Has the Pastor Nominating Committee affirmed to the Presbytery Committee on Ministry its intention to follow the Form Of Government in this regard?**

Yes

**Version Track Info: This CIF was last updated on 3/31/2008**