

Church Leadership Connection

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Church Information Form Query

CIF #: 08369.AA2

Church/Organization General Information

Church/Organization Number	08369
Church/Organization Name	SHUSHAN
Mailing Address	730 COUNTY RT 64 SHUSHAN, NY 12873
Phone	(518) 854-3852
Fax	
E-Mail	
WWW Address	
Church/Organization Size	Under 100 members
Ethnic Composition	Caucasian 100%
Average Worship Attendance	40
Church School Attendance	40
Curriculum	
Certified as eligible for participation in the Seminary Debt Assistance Program <input type="checkbox"/> False	
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Presbytery	ALBANY PRESBYTERY
Synod	SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST
Community Type	Rural
Ten-year trend statistics of this church/organization * (Show Statistics)	

* 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:

Our Church's main goal is to "continue to know Jesus and to make him known" through worship, education and prayer. We show concern and strive to help those who need healing both in body as well as in spirit. Through evangelization and by the power of the Holy Spirit we pray to be liberated from Satan and sin. We use community outreach as we reach out to those in need and seek ways to serve our fellow Christians. Ecumenical and interfaith activities occur so as to strengthen faith in surrounding communities. Fellowship and genuine concern for members of our church family as well as others in need of a helping hand. We, the United Presbyterian Church of Shushan Congregation are small in number, but we hope to attract more members into our fold. We have much to offer and we are committed to staying vital. We welcome all who come to worship with us.

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

Our church was established in 1820. It became the 'Law Memorial' in 1879. The land and building was donated by the Law Family. In 1959 the name was changed to the United Presbyterian Church of Shushan. We have a tracker pipe organ that was featured in the organ society's tour in 2006. We are surrounded by beautiful mountains and the historical Battenkill River runs nearby. Many outstanding dairy farms are visible throughout the area. Our ongoing activities include: Women's Bible Study, men's weekly breakfast, adult and children's Sunday school and VBS. We support the local Food Pantry with food and money throughout the year. The women send boxes to service personnel in Iraq. Also, some knit for the local schools and the Seamen's Institute. We helped with the expenses to send an individual to Habitat to Humanity in New Orleans. We provided three children with some funds so they could attend Camp Hebron(our Presbyterian Camp)for one week. In the summer, we have two outdoor services at the Georgi Park combined with the Methodist Church. We are a warm and friendly group of Christians and we welcome newcomers.

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

Shushan is a small hamlet in a rural area. Our church members have a variety of backgrounds which include health care providers, farmers, accountants, bankers, teachers, carpenters and other fields. We are blessed to have so many members with different talents. Each one works together as a team, for the good of the church and community. Members take turns with the scripture reading each Sunday. Our members begin services with songs of praise and prayer. We take pride in keeping up our beautiful church and hall. Our willingness to open our doors within the congregation and outreach to the community is very important. Brownell Hall has been open for community use many times. Our church though small is a strong church family. We are friendly, warm and supportive. We reach out to others when there is a need. We welcome new ideas and strive for new members.

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

We believe in the importance of personal salvation. Our salvation comes from being part of the Body of Christ. This includes Holy Communion on a monthly basis which strengthens and renews our commitment to Christ. Study of the Word of God on a personal level and Bible Study groups are encouraged for the spiritual growth of the individual. Worship and Praise are an important part of our weekly worship service. We are seeking ways to communicate to others outside of our church family the joy of having Christ as their Lord and Savior. This year we are trying some new approaches to Vacation Bible School. We plan to distribute Welcome packages to newcomers to increase our visibility in the community. Also, we plan to contact inactive members by letter with a follow-up visit later. The physical appearance of our sanctuary and hall are very important to us. We want our church to impart a warm and welcoming atmosphere to all who enter.

Position Description

A. Major Responsibilities:

Preaching- Pastoral Care- Organizing Sunday School, and Adult Bible Study

B. Characteristics and qualifications needed

Passionate Preacher- People Person- Flexible

Primary Skill Choices:

Communication (Written / Oral)

Congregational Communication
Congregational Home Visitation
Evangelism
Hospital and Emergency Visitation
Pastoral Care
Preaching
Spiritual Development
Small Membership Church Ministry

Compensation and Housing: (Cost of Living Calculator)

Minimum Effective Salary:\$20,005

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

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