



## First Congregational Church WOODSTOCK, VERMONT

### Senior Pastor Vacancy Announcement

#### First Congregational Church of Woodstock, VT

Our beloved pastor of more than 25 years, Reverend Norman A. Koop, was suddenly called home to be with our Lord on October 7, 2015. The First Congregational Church of Woodstock (FCCW) is seeking to fill the position of Senior Pastor with a man of God who will lead us into the next chapter for which God has been preparing us.

FCCW is a vibrant, independent church consisting of 160 active members and “friends” attending from a wide “local” community, some driving as much as an hour to attend Sunday services. We are a warm-hearted, spiritually and biblically mature congregation whose traditional worship services have been notable for solid biblical teaching and heart-felt singing by those who seek know God’s grace and trust His sovereignty.

The church is situated in historic and beautiful Woodstock, Vermont, a destination and resort community approximately 2.5 hours north of Boston and part of the Upper Valley Vermont/New Hampshire micropolitan area that includes Dartmouth College.

FCCW was organized as a Presbyterian church in 1781 but switched to Congregational in 1800. It became independent in 1977 when the church voted to withdraw from the United Church of Christ. At its bicentennial in 1981 the church adopted the motto: “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever” (Hebrews 13:8). In 1988, the church re-adopted its original statement of faith from the church’s organizational meeting of 1781, which remains our statement of faith, with some minor modifications, today.

#### SENIOR PASTOR POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Senior Pastor will provide spiritual leadership to FCCW by equipping the congregation through gospel-centered preaching/teaching, Christ-centered pastoral care/biblical counseling, and biblical visionary leadership.

#### Qualifications

**Salvation:** A clear and demonstrable testimony of faith in Jesus Christ.

**Character:** Consistent, Christ-like character and lifestyle, fulfilling the biblical leadership style depicted in Scripture ((I Timothy 3:2-4, Titus 1:7-9; Matthew 9:36, Acts 20:17-20, Philippians 2:5-8). Must exhibit the qualifications of an elder described in I Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9.

**Doctrine:** Agreement with the Doctrinal Statement and Bylaws of FCCW, and be committed to teaching in conformity with Scripture and the Westminster Confession of Faith.

**Preaching/Teaching:** Skilled in gospel-centered expository preaching that relates truth to life. Thorough biblical/theological training and a commitment to biblically-based congregational life and ministry. Equip

people at all stages of faith with a deepening knowledge of the Word, teaching them to apply biblical principles in their daily lives and in ministry to others.

Demonstrated knowledge of the Bible; strong preaching skills with the ability to proclaim the Gospel and lead people to conviction/repentance of sin, and saving faith in Jesus Christ as the risen Savior and Son of God. Train, encourage and build-up the body of Christ to maturity in the Word and faith.

**Administration:** Competent in organization, administration, biblical counseling, and interpersonal relationships.

**Shepherding/Leadership:** Clear giftedness of the spiritual gifts of pastor/shepherd (Ephesians 4:11), teacher (1 Corinthians 12:28, Romans 12:7, Ephesians 4:11), leader (Romans 12:8), and of encouragement/exhortation (Romans 12:8). Clear evidence of calling to the pastorate. Demonstrated communication skills with ability to relate to people of all ages.

**Ministry Experience:** A minimum of 5 years pastoral experience but 10-20 years preferred. Experience leading a congregation by regular preaching and teaching responsibilities within a traditional worship service format.

**Education:** M.Div. or Th.M. required.

### **Responsibilities and Pastoral Duties**

Specific pastoral responsibilities and duties include:

- Lead the congregation in prayer, preach and teach the Word, as well as administer the sacraments in Sunday worship and other services.
- Provide general pastoral care, including visitation and assistance to persons, crisis care, counseling, and officiating at weddings, baptisms and funerals or memorials as requested.
- Lead the development of new and existing leaders from the laity.
- Embrace and nurture the church family, striving to build unity, healing and fellowship, and reaching out to strengthen existing, inactive and new member relationships and connections. Guide the congregation in ever-deepening personal and corporate prayer.
- Provide overall vision and leadership to FCCW. Work with the elders to organize and develop the church's ministry, by helping to identify areas of change and growth over time.
- Manage those appointed to assist in the music ministry and public worship of the church
- Represent the church to the community.
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### **Compensation and Housing**

Compensation package for the Senior Pastor will be commensurate with experience and will include housing in a large, beautiful, restored parsonage close to the church.

### **Applicants**

Candidates wishing to be considered for the Senior Pastor position can find additional information and apply at <http://www.fccw.net/pastor/>.

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#### **SENIOR PASTOR POSITION DESCRIPTION**

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The qualified applicant will:

- Possess a clear and demonstrable testimony of faith in Jesus Christ
- Exhibit a consistent, Christ-like character and lifestyle
- Be skilled in gospel-centered preaching that relates truth to life
- Possess demonstrable knowledge of the Bible
- Have a clear giftedness of pastor/shepherd
- Be able to show clear evidence of calling to the pastorate
- Have demonstrable communication skills with ability to relate to people of all ages
- Be competent in organization, administration, biblical counseling, and interpersonal relationships
- Have a minimum of 5 years pastoral experience (10 or more years preferred)
- Hold a minimum of a M.Div. or Th. M.
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# **Student Ministry Internship**

Added 11-22-17

## **@ Murrysville Community Church**

3750 School Rd. Murrysville PA, 15668

### **Summary of the Position**

We are looking for someone who has interest in a part-time ministry position working primarily with middle school and high school students. We will also be asking this person to help lead our congregation through our order of worship on Sunday mornings.

In addition to providing our congregation with a quality staff member who will help minister to our students, we hope this will provide such a person with on the job training in vocational ministry, including mentorship with our pastor, and the opportunity to fulfill internship requirements mandated by most conservative NAPARC churches for ordination to gospel ministry.

### **Ministry Area Focus**

Student Ministry

Leading Worship (Non-Musical)

### **Hours Per Week**

20 hours per week

### **Compensation**

\$20/hr.

### **Interested?**

Please contact Associate Pastor Jason Leist by email at [Jason@murrysvillechurch.com](mailto:Jason@murrysvillechurch.com) or by phone at (724) 327-8411 ext. 13.

**Added October 17, 2017:**

Greetings,

**Westminster OPC, Hollidaysburg** (PA), is looking for a minister to provide pulpit supply effective 1/1/18. For the period Jan-Mar, pulpit supply is needed for the AM service only. Beginning in April, both services will need pulpit supply. At this time we are anticipating that we will need a stated supply through May 2018.

You are being contacted since Hollidaysburg is approximately two hours away and we thought you may know some men who may be willing to perform this task temporarily. The session is gathering names of those men who may be available and interested. If you know of anyone that would be available and willing to assume this role, please email me at the address listed below at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request.

E: [awmonty@gmail.com](mailto:awmonty@gmail.com)

P: [\(814\) 693-5134](tel:(814)693-5134)

Regards,

Alan W. Montgomery  
On behalf of the session  
Westminster Orthodox Presbyterian Church

**Added August 14, 2017:**

**Bunker Hill Community Church** is searching for a full-time pastor in Aliquippa, PA . Please email [pad818@verizon.net](mailto:pad818@verizon.net) for more information.  
<http://bhcchurch.webs.com/>

## **Calvary Baptist Church of New Haven, CT**

**Subject:** Searching for Full Time Pastor

I am writing on behalf of the Pastoral Search Committee of Calvary Baptist Church of New Haven in CT. Our Chinese congregation is currently looking for a full time pastor, who would be able to preach in Chinese and able to communicate in English.

If you know of any recent graduates and or alumnus who fits our need, would you please so kindly as to forward the following information to that candidate?

Thank you for you assistance in advance!

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***"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." --Jesus***

**Amen Lord! Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**