

Church Leadership Connection
The Call System for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Mif #: 22438.ACO

Ministry General Information

Ministry Number	22438
Ministry Name	Indiantown Presbyterian Church
Mailing Address	24865 Hemingway Highway Hemingway, SC 29554
Phone	843-558-5008
Fax	N/A
E-Mail	indiantown.presbyterian@yahoo.com
WWW Address	See "Indiantown Presbyterian Church" on Facebook
Ministry Size	Under 100 members

Ethnic Composition	
	American Indian or Alaskan Native 5%
	White 95%

Average Worship Attendance	45
Church School Attendance	5
Curriculum	N/A
Certified as eligible for participation in the Seminary Debt Assistance Program	False
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Presbytery	NEW HARMONY PRESBYTERY
Synod	SYNOD OF SOUTH ATLANTIC
Community Type	Rural

Ten-year trend statistics of this church/organization [Show Statistics](#)

Information about the position

Position:	Pastor (for a designated term)
Experience Required:	No Experience
Specific Title:	Pastor
Employment Status:	Full-time

Language Requirements:	
	English

Other Language:	
Statement of Faith Required:	True
Clergy Couples:	True

Training/Certificate Requirements:

Other Training:

Brief Church Mission Statement:

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With over 260 years of witness and service to God and the Indiantown community, we seek to glorify God and proclaim the gospel through worship, fellowship, stewardship, education, and outreach that honors our Reformed tradition and speaks to the needs of individuals of all ages, families, and the community.

Our mission is to MAKE CHRIST KNOWN through: CARING for our church family and others; CONNECTING with our Presbyterian heritage, with each other, and with our community; CHALLENGING ourselves to look to the future with love and hope, being ever assured of God's presence as we take up new challenges; and REACHING OUT into the community.

What is the congregation's or organization's vision for ministry:

260 years--our vision of ministry is grounded in a deep sense of our history as a faith community. This undergirding keeps us steadfast in providing opportunities for worship, fellowship and mission. Weekly programs consist of adult Sunday school and morning worship with a children's sermon. A nursery is provided. We support and house a Pre-K program that meets 3 days/week. We enjoy fellowship with covered dish dinners. We honor 85+ year olds and Pre-K teachers. We prepare our sanctuary for Advent with the Chrismon Tree, manger scene and Advent Wreath. Our adult and hand bell choirs provide special music. We celebrate Communion at least quarterly. The Session meets monthly, as do the Men of the Church and Presbyterian Women. Two circles support many ministries, including Heifer Project, Habitat for Humanity, and Living Waters of the World. We remember shut-ins with cards/fruit baskets. We join our mother church, Williamsburg Pres., to serve the Blessed Angela meal biannually at Felician Center. We work with our daughter church, St. Pauls, to provide a community VBS. We participate in an area mission cluster with 5 other churches. Our evening circle sponsors a silent auction to raise money for needs not funded through our budget. Beyond basic missions, we give to 4 designated offerings annually: Thornwell, Mother's Day, One Great Hour, and Salkehatchie. Special offerings include those to PDA and members served on PDA teams in the Pee Dee area for homes damaged by flooding.

How do you feel called to reach out to address the emerging needs of your community or constituency:

Indiantown emerged from the recent denominational divide as a smaller, but more collaborative congregation committed to acting in faith by calling its first full-time pastor in more than 5 years. Though we do not always agree with the direction of the PC(USA), we appreciate the connectionalism of the denomination and we have committed to remaining a faithful church within the main body of Presbyterianism. We want to retain our history, culture, and values as we serve the community. In our immediate area, we face the prevalent problems of our time, including poverty, addiction, and population decline. We seek a full-time pastor to guide us as we work to regrow our membership, support our families, and imagine what our community might look like in the future in order to set priorities that would enable us to continue as a vibrant, living community. Our church has traditionally been the heart of the community: a place to worship, to share news, to respond to community crises, to host weddings, funerals, and other events, to check on residents, and to serve as a touchstone for its many sons and daughters scattered across the country. Preaching and teaching the principles of faith, hope, and love guide us into the mission of Indiantown Church as we respond to the needs of the greater community and seek to maintain our immediate community as a great place to grow up, raise a family, and continue to call "home."

How will this position help you to reach your vision and mission goals:

- In this era of shrinking denominations, Indiantown Presbyterian Church is hopeful that by having a strong pastoral leader, we will be able to further unify our small congregation, so that we can be inspired to be creative with our outreach to members who are no longer active, renew the commitment of those who are active, and bring others in to membership by demonstrating Christ's love. Our pastor will lead and collaborate with the Session and congregation in formulating strategies to meet our vision and goals.
- We wish to have a pastor who is willing to assist us with bridging relations with our pre-kindergarten program; these children and their families are from nearby communities and do not attend IPC. Our vision also includes reaching out to needs in our own community, and connecting with our sister Presbyterian churches nearby to coordinate programs of education and community service.
- Our congregation is now more united having experienced division and controversies in the past which have now been resolved. We need guidance in nurturing our remaining members as well as reaching out to those who are no longer active, and we wish to express our concern for all.
- We would like to know more about our Presbyterian heritage, engage in intentional Bible study, and find ways to make our service appealing to an intergenerational congregation.

Provide a description of the characteristics needed by the person who is open to being called to this congregation and or organization:

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We seek a solid worship leader, an engaged church builder, and a good neighbor: First, while every church wants a “great preacher,” we are open to candidates who are either beginning their journey in the pulpit or looking for a smaller flock, as long as they seek to convey energetically a focused message and conduct a meaningful and traditional weekly service of worship. Second, candidates should be administrative self-starters who will embrace our goal of rebuilding a sustainable congregation; this will require an ability to connect with, and motivate, individuals of different generations—both spiritually and personally. Good communication skills and the ability to utilize technology would be an asset in reaching the resource that is our extended church family in order to facilitate participation, stewardship and a sense of community. Third, this is the ideal post for candidates who would embrace the opportunity to live in a welcoming rural community where good character and affability are still valued over an individual's material wealth. Candidates who appreciate church history and/or the outdoors would find much to enjoy here. Our church stands as a testament to a long line of resilient Calvinists, and our manse sits behind ancient oaks on a 150-tract of field, forest, and wetland. In sum, we do not expect a perfect candidate, just a friendly, committed, and earnest one. Last but not least, a sense of humor never hurts.

What specific tasks, assignments, and program areas will this person have responsibility?

The expected duties and responsibilities of our pastor are understood to be flexible. The interests and strengths of our pastor and the needs of the church may lead us in directions requiring duties neither of us have imagined. Even so, what follows is a fairly typical list of expectations: 1) lead Sunday morning worship service, including coordination with music director and children's sermon; 2) moderate session meetings and work with committees; 3) officiate weddings and funerals; 4) visit weekly with preschool and provide brief age appropriate story or activity; 5) maintain regularly-scheduled hours in the church office as needed; 6) conduct hospital visitation as needed (main hospitals are Lake City, Carolinas and McLeod in Florence, Georgetown Memorial); 7) periodically visit with shut-ins and elderly; 8) attend Presbytery as appropriate; 9) assist with identifying opportunities for mission and growth within and outside the congregation; 10) consider Bible study or teaching opportunities for the congregation; 11) write column for monthly church newsletter; 12) participate in the community VBS program with St. Paul's; 13) provide individual counsel and guidance as requested; and 14) communicate with the congregation and the extended church family to encourage participation and church growth.

Optional Links:

<https://www.sciway.net/sc-photos/williamsburg-county/indiantown-presbyterian.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/indiantownpresbyterianchurch/?rf=111583038880191>

Leadership Competencies:

Compassionate

Hopeful

Preaching and Worship Leadership

Spiritual Maturity

Communicator

Task Manager

Collaboration

Interpersonal Engagement

Initiative

Flexibility

Compensation and Housing: Cost of Living Calculator

Minimum Effective Salary: \$41,759

Housing Type: Manse

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Has the Pastor Nominating Committee and Search committee affirmed its intention to follow the Form Of Government in this regard?

Yes

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