

# United Church of Ludlow



## Pastoral Search Profile

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## **Introduction**

We, the members of the United Church of Ludlow, have a great love for our church! With the help of the Holy Spirit, we will do our best to support one another on this journey of discovering the future life of the United Church of Ludlow

## **Our Church**

Historically, we are a federated church of Congregationalists and Methodists. The First Congregational Church of Ludlow, organized in 1806, first met in private homes. Its first meeting house, built in 1807, was replaced by a second building in 1839. Our third sanctuary was built in 1891-92. In 1930, the Congregational church merged with the local Methodist church to form the United Church of Ludlow, which has been a vibrant part of the community since then.

Today's congregation consists of many who pursued faith journeys in Presbyterian, Episcopal, Lutheran, Baptist, Reformed, Roman Catholic and other traditions. Our congregation is a diverse group of individuals who have a covenant to walk in Christ through worship, singing, fellowship, pastoral care, and community service initiatives. We are a small church, and we feel the strong power of Christ move through us in the many ways we care for and nurture each other in Christian development and our life journeys. We enjoy a joyous fellowship outing as much as a moving worship service. Some of us are 4th

generation Vermonters. Many of us lived elsewhere, but Vermont attracted us through its marvelous features, life orientation and skiing. We stay because we value what we find here. Collectively, we have lots of energy, talents, and enthusiasm. We are active and we are doers.



## **Our Mission Statement**

The United Church of Ludlow is in search of a spiritual leader who can assume the role of our pastor and help us fulfill our mission as presented above and found in our mission statement:

"We are the United Church an ever constant beacon in Ludlow Vermont. We are involved and caring members, who come together as a community :

- to grow in our religious beliefs through worship prayer and scripture.
- to continue our fellowship as we nurture one another spiritually and emotionally.
- to go out into the community and the world at large to put our faith into action.
- to work to attract the diversity of our community and invite them to a place where all will be loved and accepted as disciples of Jesus Christ."

We prayerfully ask God to bring us together with that person who shares our spirit and joy as Christians and is led by God's calling to the United Church of Ludlow.

## **Our Community**

Ludlow is a small New England town that exhibits a pride of place and sense of community characterized by a healthy natural environment including forested mountains, an agrarian landscape, and a historic village settlement.

Ludlow wishes to foster a strong and diverse economy while, at the same time, maintaining its picturesque nature including open meadows, sustainable forests, farms, scenic mountain vistas and outdoor recreation. Ludlow is the home of the Okemo Mountain Resort. The town and village promote increased housing for residences, safe roads, good schools, public services, and recreational opportunities with clean waters, mixed wildlife habitat, and undeveloped land.



## **Our Pastoral Needs**

The United Church of Ludlow is in search of a spiritual leader who can assume the role of our pastor and help us fulfill our profile as presented. We prayerfully ask God to bring us together with that person who shares our spirit and joy as Christians and is led by God's calling to the United Church of Ludlow. For more information about the United Church, please go to our website:

[www.unitedchurch.us](http://www.unitedchurch.us)

We are looking for a pastor on a ¼ time basis who would:

- Conduct regular Sunday services focused on interpreting the scripture and how it relates to everyday life.
- Provide visitation to those in need.
- Attend monthly board meetings and provide a monthly report of activities.
- Represent the church to the wider community.
- Conduct special services, such as weddings, funerals, baptisms, as needed.

## **Our Financial Position**

Our Pastor Salary Package in the range of \$25,000 to \$28,000 is proposed for a quarter-time position.

## **In Closing**

The United Church of Ludlow is made up of people who love their church and look forward to the future! We are looking for a pastor who is gifted in preaching from the Scriptures. They should have strong leadership skills and be able to work as part of a pastoral team with lay leaders. The pastor should be a cultivator and communicator of our church's vision, shepherding our mission and helping us move into the direction that god has established for us.