

The First United Congregational Church of Staples, a small but enthusiastic congregation, is seeking our next pastor. This part-time position (12-16 hours per week) is open effective immediately. We are located at 204 5th St. NE in Staples, MN.

For 125 years we've been a strong rural community in North Central Minnesota, with a proud railroad history, bright future, and wonderful quality of life to offer. Nestled among pine forests, wetlands, and wildlife, Staples is home to high quality education, excellent health care, sound business opportunities, and access to great hunting and fishing.

Staples continues to be known for its high quality schools, churches, arts groups, civic organizations and community programs. The public schools have recorded many state championships by their sports teams. The school music programs have established a "tradition of excellence" in their choirs, bands, orchestras and drama and speech programs. The community arts groups continue to provide arts venues for a view of the world usually unavailable in a small town. Many authors, actors, painters, poets, and other people of renown call Staples home. Our hospital is a state-of-the art, independent, 25-bed, critical access hospital, offering the very best to the city and its surrounding area.

Pastoral Responsibilities

- Preparing and leading Sunday worship. This will include preparing the service bulletin.
- Visiting homebound, ill, and hospitalized church members.
- Participating at council meetings.
- Providing counseling and referral as needed.
- Participating in community outreach

Qualifications

- Ordination (or eligibility for ministerial authorization) that is recognized by the UCC.
- The ability to deliver heartfelt sermons that are not always presented from behind a pulpit.

Compensation

- Compensation will be competitive and negotiable

Anticipated Starting Date

- Immediately

To apply, send ministerial profile or equivalent to:

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