

Hopedale (IL) Mennonite Church is seeking to add a member to its Pastoral Team. The position will be considered for 1.0 FTE (Full Time Equivalent) or a percentage of that in the event of co-pastors, or bi-vocational applicants. Pastoral tasks include preaching 3-4 times per month; congregational contact (visitation); representation to some of the church commissions and committees; and representation to ecumenical organizations.

HMC is an historic Mennonite open country church in southern Tazewell County. It is about 3 miles outside of Hopedale, a small (less than 1000) community, about 35 miles from the Peoria metro area and home to a rural hospital complex.

The church has completed the MCUSA profile information. The congregation has prioritized healthy ways of living with congregational differences and working at conflict resolution and communal decision-making processes. The pastor should be involved with teaching Scripture to equip the congregation for growth in faith and practice through Bible-based sermons, and to embrace the priesthood of all believers through shared leadership and empowering the membership for leadership.

Our "Strategic Narrative" concludes with these thoughts: *It is not coincidence that this Mennonite church is located in HOPEdale, and that it sits on a geographic watershed point. We are hopeful in looking to a future that God is revealing to us; a future that embraces the principles of the Mennonite Church and will be responsive to the community and most importantly to the calling of God for this congregation. We pray that we would be the watershed point that sheds the love of God to both sides of the divides that surround us.*

Recent Sunday services can be found on YouTube under Hopedale Mennonite Church. Further information can be shared by request through Board Chair Dale Thomas at iaplwing1@juno.com or by mail: Hopedale Mennonite Church, 5192 S. Hopedale Rd, Hopedale, IL 61747. The full profile information is available through the Ministry Inquiry Form of MCUSA. Hopedale Mennonite Church is a member of the Illinois Mennonite Conference.
