



Mt. Hope Missionary Baptist Church

Mt. Union, PA

Pastoral Search Announcement

Mt. Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Mount Union, PA, is prayerfully seeking a servant leader called by God to shepherd His people with wisdom, compassion, and integrity. We desire a pastor who will guide, nurture, and grow our congregation while faithfully upholding the Baptist tradition. As a member of the Central Baptist Association, the Pennsylvania Baptist State Convention, and the National Baptist Convention USA, we seek a pastor who embodies Jeremiah 3:15: "Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding." We welcome prayerful consideration from those called to this ministry.

Pastoral Qualifications:

- Be a licensed and ordained minister in the Baptist faith
- Be a visionary with sound judgment and discernment
- Have a minimum of five years (preferred) of pastoral experience
- Possess effective communication skills (written and oral)
- Growth oriented with pastoral care capability
- Demonstrate financial awareness and responsibility
- Committed to continuing education and development
- Demonstrate ability to work effectively with a congregation across all ages and genders
- Possess effective administration skills and able to organize and lead staff
- Must be knowledgeable about technology

Pastoral Responsibilities:

- Preach weekly sermons
- Lead Bible Study classes
- Conduct pastoral care visits to sick and shut-in members
- Oversee and maintain New Member Orientation program
- Offer spiritual counseling and guidance

- Assist in planning and officiating weddings, funerals, baptisms, and communion services
- Collaborate with church leadership and ministry teams to support church programs
- Provide visionary leadership aligning with biblical principles, Baptist doctrine, and church mission
- Moderate church meetings, including leadership and administrative meetings
- Foster an atmosphere of spiritual development, prayer, outreach, and community engagement

About Our Community

Mt. Union is a vibrant, historic community along the scenic Juniata River in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, just 44 miles southeast of Altoona and 12 miles from Huntingdon. Mt. Hope Missionary Baptist Church is proud to serve here, in a community that blends rich history, outdoor adventure, and unique attractions. From boating and recreation at Raystown Lake to the historic East Broad Top Railroad, the quirky Swigart Antique Auto Museum, and natural treasures like Greenwood Furnace and Trough Creek State Parks, Lincoln Caverns, the scenic Lower Trail, the Thousand Steps featuring 1,000 sandstone steps built in the mid 30's for quarry workers to ascend Jacks Mountain, and Juniata College in Huntingdon, Mt. Union offers a welcoming atmosphere for residents and visitors alike.

Community Highlights

Industrial Heritage: Once hailed as the world's largest producer of refractory material (silica brick), Mount Union boasts a legacy of industry, innovation, and ingenuity that shaped the region.

Close-Knit Community: With a population of just 2,447 (as of 2010), Mount Union offers a welcoming, tight-knit environment where faith, family, and fellowship thrive.

Architectural Legacy: Over two-thirds of the borough lies within the Mount Union Historic District, showcasing stunning architecture from the 1840s to today—a living testament to the town's rich heritage.

Economic History: From 1899 to the 1970s, the borough's refractory industry fueled growth and resilience, leaving a lasting mark on the community's character.

Cultural Significance: With its deep history, vibrant heritage, and welcoming spirit, Mount Union is a dynamic place for families, church members, and visitors to explore and enjoy.

Required Submitted Material:

- Cover Letter – A letter expressing your interest, ministerial philosophy, and the reasons you feel called to serve at Mount Hope Missionary Baptist Church.
- Completed Application – A fully completed pastoral application form submitted in its entirety.
- Resume – Detailing your ministerial, professional, and educational background.
- Video or Link of a Recent Sermon – A sermon delivered within the last six months.
- References – Applicants must submit three references: one ministerial, one personal, and one from a layperson.
- Personal Statement of Pastoral Leadership – A one-page Personal Statement of Pastoral Leadership that effectively outlines your philosophy, vision, and approach to leading in today’s church.

***All materials/ information must be posted marked by Thursday, April 30, 2026.**

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