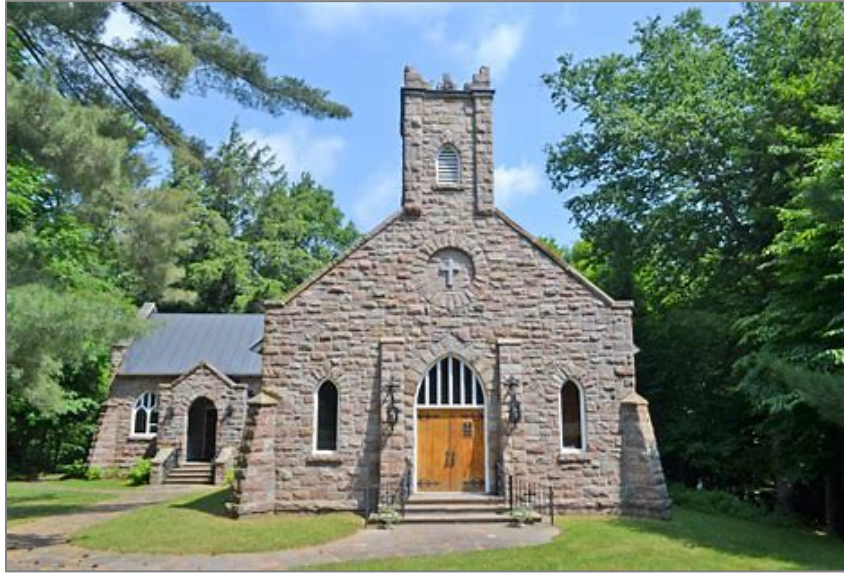


Big Moose Community Chapel

POSITION – SUMMER PASTOR
2023 (2024 optional)



TITLE: Summer Pastor – 10 weeks * (* = potential for additional time if desired)

OBJECTIVE: Big Moose Community Chapel is seeking to fill the position of Summer Pastor for the season beginning July 2023 (2024 optional), due to the impending retirement of the current Pastor, who will soon complete 24 years of service.

RELATIONSHIPS: The Pastor reports to the Board of Trustees, who are represented by the President. The Chapel's worship program is guided by a Worship Committee, which oversees planning and organization of regular and special worship services and is responsible for preparing the worship bulletin and announcements. The Committee also assists the Pastor by providing feedback from the congregation on matters related to the worship program. The Chair of the Worship Committee is responsible for identifying and engaging guest ministers to fill in for the regular Pastor as needed, particularly for services before and after the ten-week summer season.

ABOUT BMCC: Faith has played an important role in the life of the community in and around Big Moose Lake since the late 1800s. As summer worship services grew in the early 1900s, a longstanding dream of having a chapel on the lake became a reality. Big Moose Community Chapel was dedicated on August 2, 1931. It was designed and built by well-known local builder Earl Covey using native wood and stone unique to the area. It is a beautiful New York State historic lakeside chapel in the southwest corner of the Adirondack Park. The chapel is a non-denominational Christian church and welcomes and serves a community of all faiths. The chapel community consists of summer and year-round residents of Big Moose Lake, Twitchell Lake, Fourth Lake and nearby towns and villages who attend while staying locally. Consistent with the importance of inclusiveness, the chapel does not require nor track official membership. The core group of regular attendees and committed volunteers currently represents approximately 350 people, with weekly attendance averaging approximately 125 people. The chapel's website is www.bigmoosechapel.org. For a complete chapel profile click [here](#).

The Summer Pastor will operate in three key areas:

1. Sunday Services [50%]

- ❖ Lead 2 services each Sunday for 10 summer weeks (July 4th weekend through Labor Day weekend)
- ❖ Prepare and preach inspiring sermons
 - ◆ Sermons to be carefully composed and skillfully delivered.
 - ◆ Sermons should be biblically based. Sermons to be theologically and spiritually inclusive, as the chapel is a Christian chapel open to people of all faiths.
 - ◆ Sermons can be challenging and thought provoking.
 - ◆ Sermons may contain scholarly or literary illustrations.
 - ◆ Sermon theme to be provided in advance for coordination of music and other service content.
 - ◆ Plan children's message that complements the main sermon.
- ❖ Plan and lead worship sensitive to the needs of the congregation.
- ❖ Option to preach for June and September Sunday Services.
- ❖ Actively engage in fellowship with the congregation and welcoming of visitors.

2. Pastoral Care [30%]

- ❖ Provide counseling to members of the congregation having personal, family and/or work-related problems
- ❖ Minister to the sick, shut-in and bereaved through visits at their summer residence, phone calls or emails. Ministry outside the chapel season nurtures the chapel's sense of community and is appreciated but not required.
- ❖ Provide spiritual guidance to members of the congregation on personal issues
- ❖ Be available to members of the congregation for social visits

3. Additional Activities [20%]

- ❖ Actively participate in the religious and social life of the Chapel family. This may include baptisms, prayer gatherings during the Chapel season, as well as Chapel social events. Pastor is invited to develop new opportunities for fellowship.
- ❖ Pastor is often asked to officiate some religious events such as weddings, memorial services, and inurnments. Arrangements and payment for these ceremonies are handled separately from pastoral duties.
- ❖ Support growth of chapel attendance and participation
- ❖ Support chapel Outreach initiatives
- ❖ Contribute to chapel communications (newsletter and website)
- ❖ Foster and engage a collaborative relationship with other local churches

BENEFITS:

- ❖ Preaching in a uniquely designed and hand built historic architectural chapel of native wood and stone
- ❖ Full and dedicated use of the lakefront summer Manse property (6 bedrooms / 2 bathrooms; full kitchen; living room; den; laundry room; 2-story covered porch; dock and boathouse with canoe.
 - ◆ High speed internet and phone provided and paid for
 - ◆ All utilities provided and paid for
 - ◆ Note: the chapel reserves the right to use the manse for other purposes when not occupied by the summer pastor
- ❖ No chapel administrative duties required
- ❖ No staff to supervise
- ❖ No fundraising support required
- ❖ Payment to Summer Pastor occurs weekly
- ❖ Position is classified as an independent contractor (IRS Form-1099)
- ❖ Position is called annually by the congregation

SKILLS / QUALIFICATIONS:

- ❖ Must possess a Master of Divinity from an Association of Theological Schools (ATS) accredited theological seminary
- ❖ Ordained Minister from a sponsored church
- ❖ Prefer ten or more years of ministry experience
- ❖ Demonstrates a proven track record of sound leadership and judgment, working effectively with Trustees and committees
- ❖ Practices inclusive leadership and style of worship
- ❖ Builds relationships with members of the congregation and with people in the community
- ❖ Must relate and connect with multigenerational congregants of diverse faiths
- ❖ Strong interpersonal skills – ability to communicate persuasively and compassionately both orally and in writing
- ❖ Solid biblical foundation for spiritual discipline
- ❖ Shepherd's temperament; servant-leader/mentor attitude and inclination
- ❖ Creative, collaborative, and compassionate with a sense of humor

HOW TO APPLY:

Required Documents and Information

All interested and qualified persons must submit an initial candidate packet online to BMCCPastorSearch@gmail.com. A complete packet should contain:

- 1) A cover letter that communicates why you are interested in this position. Please also describe your ability to serve a 10-week summer schedule (July 4th weekend through Labor Day weekend) around your professional and personal obligations.
- 2) A current resume or curriculum vitae that includes a summary of relevant ministry, professional and educational experiences
- 3) Copies of any ministerial licenses you hold
- 4) Copies of seminary diplomas
- 5) Two (2) sermon videos via web links
- 6) Three (3) letters of recommendation (clergy, layperson and personal)
- 7) Brief video introduction of yourself (via web link). Please feel free to share aspects of your life outside your church ministry.
- 8) Contact information: mailing address, email address, preferred phone number and social media accounts.

Inquiries may be sent to the email address above.

Submission:

All candidate packets must be emailed by March 1, 2022. Any packet received after that date will not be considered. NOTE: Missing information may result in automatic disqualification. Final candidates must consent to a reference check, a possible personality screening, a full background check including criminal history, a drug test, and credit check. These checks will be performed by an outside agency for complete confidentiality. All information presented will be treated as "Confidential" and "For Official Use Only". The Pastoral Search Committee will acknowledge receipt of all candidate packets submitted by the deadline.