

## **Bethlehem Presbyterian Church**

Founded in 1730, Bethlehem Presbyterian Church is located in beautiful, rural Hunterdon County, New Jersey, between Clinton and Pittstown in the historic Rock Hill District. The current church building dates to 1870 yet it and the grounds are lovingly maintained. The building has seen modern enhancements to accommodate various families and cultures. Our setting is within easy access to the New York and Philadelphia metropolitan areas and is a mile from Interstate 78, a major east/west commuting route. The area provides numerous opportunities for recreation such as hiking, biking, camping, boating and fishing.

We are a church that cares deeply for each other and enjoys the fellowship of church members. The church works to spread God's love in our community and the world through a focus on mission. Our hope is to further the renewed enthusiasm we have seen during the last few months through increased attendance and participation.

### **Position Description:**

Pastor/Head of Staff – Full position, manse included

- Thought provoking, inspiring, relatable and relevant, Bible-based preaching is a priority.
- Provide guidance to enable the church to embark on a process of discernment as we search for a called pastor during this time of change.
  - Enable the Session to identify current issues they face and develop ways of resolving them
  - Lead and help the Session through a goal-setting process, thereby developing a vision for the future
  - Help to identify skills needed by the future Pastor to insure clarity of roles and expectations
  - Prepare the congregation for the arrival of a new minister
- Provide a collaborative approach to leadership and decision making. Support and develop lay leadership.
- Support/participate in all aspects of Christian Education (youth, adult, confirmation).
- Pastoral care including counseling, home and hospital visits.
- Respect church traditions while encouraging new ideas in worship, education, mission and fellowship.