

GRACE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6012 N. Skeel Ave.

Oscoda, Michigan

OUR DESIRE FOR A PASTOR

- Belief in scripture as the inerrant Word of God
- Is a Biblically based evangelical preacher and teacher
- Adheres to the Westminster Confession of Faith and in the Reformed tradition
- Is community, outreach and mission minded
- Shows Godly leadership to the Session, Deacons, and Congregation
- Relates well to others and participates in fellowship and community activities
- Demonstrates caring and compassion through prayer life and visitation to the homebound and ill
- Can be a recent graduate of an accredited seminary
- Is ordained in the EPC or will be ordained at installation

OUR CHURCH

- Grace EPC has a beautiful facility, approximately 13,000 square feet, in an excellent location next to the public library on the former Wurtsmith Air Force base;
- The church owns our facility without any encumbrances;
- Our church has a mostly older congregation of 52 members who are active and caring people engaged in community outreach activities, missions and spiritual growth;
- Worship services are mostly traditional but with a blend of hymnal and contemporary music;
- Members and attendees are active in Bible studies, prayer groups, fellowship events, Sunday School, and outreach to the community through volunteering at the local baby pantry, food give-a-way programs and “High Point”, a Christian after school program at the local elementary school;
- The congregation looks to the needs of each other within the church also through an active Deacon ministry and frequent fellowship events;
- Our church last year established an active Outreach Committee with a number of activities such as a booth at the local County fair, distributing our church brochure in local businesses, holding several “Learn Something New” nights open to friends and others in the community;
- Grace’s members and attendees, while predominately older, have a heart for babies, children and youth and have a desire to reach out to and love young families with children.

DESCRIPTION OF THE AREA

- Oscoda is located in Northeast Michigan about 1-½ hours north of Saginaw and about 1 hour south of Alpena on the shores of Lake Huron;
- Oscoda is in a beautiful tourist area on Lake Huron with many outdoor activities as a draw; Lake Huron's beautiful beaches, two other large inland lakes, the AuSable River and many thousand acres of state and national forest lands attract vacationers and seasonal residents;
- Outdoor community events are abundant such as the AuSable international canoe marathon, outdoor concerts on the beach and art and craft shows; local sports include golfing, swimming, canoeing, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and cross-country skiing;
- Indoor fitness facilities are available at several indoor gymnasiums, and three swimming pools including an Olympic size pool available to the public at the area high school;
- Cultural and educational opportunities can be found locally at a nationally known dance academy and a drama theatre, and also a satellite campus of Alpena Community College;
- Oscoda has a K-mart, large grocery and hardware stores, sporting goods and outdoor stores, but no malls. There is a Wal-mart and some small boutique shops 15 miles away in East Tawas;
- Oscoda was the home of Wurtsmith SAC Air Base which closed in 1993. Since then the former base has been transformed into updated private housing and industrial use with Kalitta Air and other businesses being the major employers of roughly 1000 employees;
- There are two medical clinics plus a VA clinic in Oscoda and a rural hospital in Tawas, 15 miles south;
- The churches in the area include Baptist, Lutheran, Assembly of God, Church of Christ, Methodist, Nazarene, Episcopal, Anglican, Pentecostal and Catholic. Grace EPC is the only church based on Reformed Theology.

For further information or application, please send a cover letter, one page personal r'esum'e, and an EPC Personal Information Form for our Search Committee Chairperson, Jim Alexander at: (989)254-0199 (cell) or e-mail: abm.oscoda@gmail.com