

## **Lead Pastor - Orchard Park Wesleyan Church**

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The Wesleyan Church of Orchard Park (OPWC) is prayerfully seeking a Senior Pastor who will lead the church as we strive to be a light to the community and to grow in spiritual maturity. OPWC is a warm, welcoming community with a committed group of strong believers that seeks to reach and serve all ages. We desire to increase our passion for Jesus. We are earnestly praying for the person God has chosen to lead us in this pursuit. We are dedicated to serving the mission field, both locally and abroad, through resources and time. In 2019, our church sent our assistant pastor and a core group to plant a church (Resurgence City) in the city of Buffalo.

We have a small but committed staff, including an assistant pastor and children's ministry coordinator, and we are blessed with a talented and dedicated group of volunteers, including a strong Worship Team. Our average worship attendance was 200 people prior to COVID, recently averaging 100 in person and with additional worshipers online. We have fantastic facilities, including a sanctuary built in 2005, a gym, substantial classroom space, and 40 acres of land.

Orchard Park is a community of 30,000 located about 20 minutes southeast of Buffalo, NY, so we are on the line between suburban and rural. We get over 100 inches of snow per year to enjoy winter sports. The Great Lakes are minutes away to increase enjoyment of our sunny, verdant summers, and the many area parks are the setting for our spectacular fall seasons.

We believe that our Pastor will:

- Be a spirit-led lover of Jesus who fervently desires to share that love;
- Have a passion for reaching the community, including young families;
- Engage in strong Bible-based, dynamic preaching, and be willing to deliver difficult messages;
- Facilitate and, when possible, participate in our continued Bible-based Christian education
- Have a shepherd's heart and be dedicated to ministering to those within our own church body through expanding small group opportunities, empathetic listening to the congregation, and visiting those in need;
- Demonstrate strategic leadership, excellent communication skills, the ability to delegate well, and a desire to equip lay leadership.

Applicants should have a Bachelor's Degree or higher and either be ordained in The Wesleyan Church, or willing to transfer your ordination to embrace The Wesleyan Church. We are seeking a leader who is ready to lead and to grow with us.

After prayerful consideration, if you feel that God may be calling you to serve as our next leader, please contact our District Superintendent, Dr. Joseph Jennings at [office@wnydistrict.com](mailto:office@wnydistrict.com).

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