

Full-Time Minister for a collaborative ministry, serving:

Southampton United Church and Hepworth/Sauble Beach United Church

An Invitation to Live, Lead and Grow

Are you a minister who is energized by possibility? Someone who loves building relationships, inspiring others, and becoming part of the life of a community?

Southampton United Church and Hepworth/Sauble Beach United Church, Sauble Beach United Church being an Affirming Community of Faith, are seeking a full-time minister to lead our welcoming and supportive faith communities situated on Ontario's spectacular Lake Huron shoreline.

Our congregations are committed to working together, embracing new ideas, and supporting a minister who is excited to help us grow in faith, service, and community engagement. We are looking for someone who is both motivated and motivating—a leader who enjoys preaching, pastoral care, outreach, and developing meaningful connections both within the church and throughout the wider community.

This is an exciting opportunity to shape ministry in two thriving lakeside communities that value collaboration, hospitality, and innovation.

What we are looking for

We hope to welcome someone who:

- Inspires people through engaging worship and thoughtful preaching
- Is passionate about building relationships across all generations
- Enjoys becoming actively involved in the life of the community
- Sees opportunities where others see challenges
- Values collaboration, creativity, and shared leadership
- Is comfortable networking with local organizations, schools, service clubs,

and community groups

Has a heart for welcoming newcomers, and helping people discover their faith in today's world.

A minister who can help re-imagine ministry for a growing, changing rural community

Life in our Communities

Both churches are located just 20 kilometres apart, along the beautiful Lake Huron Shoreline at the base of the Bruce peninsula. Along the route there are hundreds of seasonal cottages situated on lands of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation, reflecting the area's rich Indigenous history and our ongoing relationship with the First Nations people whose traditional territory we share. Few ministry settings offer the quality of life found here.

Southampton and Saugeen/Sauble Beach are situated on the shores of magnificent Lake Huron, famous for some of the most spectacular sunsets in the world.

Whether you enjoy boating, kayaking, paddle boarding, fishing, swimming, hiking, golfing, cycling, photography, or simply long walks along the beach in every season, the opportunities are endless.

The town of Hepworth is a small rural farm community 10 minutes east of Sauble Beach. It is the crossroads for tourists heading west to the beaches, north to the Bruce Peninsula, and east to Owen Sound. St Andrews, in Hepworth, serves as a community hub for events and provides cooperative support for the Hepworth Legion.

The communities serve as the gateway to the Bruce Peninsula, home to a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve and the northern reaches of the renowned Bruce Trail—Canada's oldest and longest marked hiking trail.

Southampton is a charming heritage town located at the mouth of the Saugeen River within the Saugeen Ojibway Nation Territory. Visitors and residents alike enjoy the Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre, the historic Chantry Island Lighthouse, vibrant arts and cultural events, and a welcoming downtown filled with unique shops, cafés, and restaurants.

Just minutes away Saugeen Beach and the town of Sauble Beach are home to one of Canada's most celebrated freshwater beaches, with over 11 kilometres

of sandy shoreline, a lively summer atmosphere, family attractions, local shops, and a thriving tourism sector.

The region also benefits from the presence of Bruce Power, one of the world's largest nuclear generating stations, employing thousands of highly skilled professionals from across Canada and around the world. This population contributes to a diverse and growing community that includes young families, professionals, retirees, seasonal residents, and visitors, creating many opportunities for meaningful ministry.

Our Congregations

Both congregations are warm, caring, and eager and are able to support a minister who shares our desire to grow spiritually, while strengthening our connections

with the communities we serve. We have a collaborative agreement between the two pastoral charges, each with their own ability to contribute financially.

Southampton United has a very successful community thrift shop called the Green Boutique that financially supports the church while also supporting needs of the community.

Sauble Beach United has a large financial reserve as well as fundraising by the "pie ladies" and many other fundraising initiatives.

St Andrews United has St Andrews UCW Hall, providing a rental space for community events.

We believe the Church is most vibrant when it reaches beyond its walls—meeting people where they are, listening well, serving generously, and offering hope with authenticity and compassion.

If you are looking for a place where you can make a meaningful difference, while enjoying an exceptional quality of life, we would love to hear from you.

Come and discover a ministry where faith, community, and the beauty of creation come together.

For further information please contact our search committee through the chair
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