

## BRIEF CHURCH PROFILE

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### Spencerville United Church of Christ Worship-102 Wisher Drive, Spencerville, Ohio

#### 1. WHO ARE WE TODAY – *description of who you are as a church, and your vision and mission statement*

Mission Statement-We at Spencerville United Church of Christ are United in Spirit and Christ's love and inspired by God's Grace; we welcome all, love all, and seek justice for all.

Vision Statement- We strive to love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength and our neighbor as ourselves.

#### 2. WE LIVE OUT OUR VISION AND MISSION THROUGH THE FOLLOWING – *worship, faith formation, care and fellowship, mission and outreach opportunities:*

Sunday morning worship is very important to us. We rejoice in our Sunday morning fellowship with one another and strive to make everyone feel welcome. Along with our Sunday morning services, we offer Adult Sunday School before worship, Wednesday night kids program, youth confirmation classes and fellowship luncheons. As a congregation we participate in assisting with our local soup kitchen and food pantry as well. We have a strong greeting card outreach, sending thoughts and prayers to those home bound or with illnesses.

#### 3. STATISTICAL DATA

- Active Membership: less than 153
- Total Reported Membership: less than 253
- Sunday Worship average attendance: 46
- Average Church School Attendance: Adult 11, Children 9
- Members serving on Boards and Committees (DO NOT include small groups): 8 (There are 8 board members and each chairs one of 8 standing committees.)
- Mission outreach giving, annual: about 2 % of the budget.
- Our church's annual plan for resourcing the ministry (budget): Weekly offerings, Special offerings, Memorial fund donations, rent from farm land
- Number of staff persons serving the church: 5  
List staff positions: Secretary, Treasurer, Custodian, Media Coordinator and Financial Secretary  
Included 10-year Statistical Report of congregation.

#### 4. WHAT HAVE BEEN SOME TRENDS IN THE CHURCH FOR THE LAST 5 YEARS?

We have seen our youth growing in numbers. We have established a weekly children's program that is reaching those who may not have a home church. We have made several improvements to our physical facility which include a total roof replacement, updated restrooms, new air conditioning units, and repaving of our parking lot. Our online platform has grown and reaches those who might otherwise not be involved in our Church. We have established a sewing circle which currently creates quilts for veterans in hospice, but have also sewn dresses for girls in Haiti and pillowcases for foster care children. We are proud of our strong commitment to elderly care as well.

**5. WHAT HAVE BEEN SOME TRENDS in the larger community/town in which the church is located?**

Within our local community there has been a strong commitment to updating and beautifying the appearance of our village by the Spencerville Garden Club. Another active community organization, the Spencerville Historical Society, regularly documents the village's historical heritage with their displays at their local museum. In addition, the community has seen an expansion of businesses. The Church stays involved with our local school by donating to summer lunch programs and working on character-building programs such as "guys with ties" and "girls with pearls". We donate every winter through our "hat, mitten, scarves, undergarment" tree. The Spencerville sports and music programs are highly attended and well-respected throughout the community. Spencerville offers its "Summerfest Weekend" typically the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in June every summer which is well attended and enjoyed by families from our local and surrounding communities.

**6. THE SPECIFIC MINISTRIES/ISSUES YOU EXPECT YOUR NEXT PASTOR to address during their tenure -including the gifts, talents, and skills and leadership style you are looking for in your next pastor**

We are seeking a leader who is willing to become actively involved as a part of our community. We would welcome an open, enthusiastic, communicative and technologically-proficient pastor who will help us to grow our congregation and our faith.

**7. PROVIDE AN ESTIMATED COMPENSATION RANGE you are offering in dollar amounts or note negotiable. If less than full-time, specify the hours of work.**

Do you follow Conference Compensation guidelines\_\_yes\_\_\_\_\_

We are willing to negotiate within the conference guidelines for a part-time pastor. We also offer an attractive parsonage within walking distance of the church.

Georgia McMichael  
Council/Search Committee Chairperson

September 2, 2025  
Date

**8. COMMENTS FROM THE ASSOCIATION**

Spencerville UCC is a caring community of faith. Lay leaders take leadership and responsibilities for developing and implementing missions and ministries for the congregation. Members support outreach with generosity of their time, talents, and financial support. Pastor and members work collegially and are open to each other's ideas for the on-going work of the church in the community and the wider church. The bell choir is a great asset to worship, and there are wonderful cooks in the congregation. Pastors find a welcoming and supportive congregation who share gifts and graces willingly. I highly recommend them for consideration and call as pastor.

Rev. Daniel L. Busch  
Signature of Association Staff

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Date

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