

## Vandalia Raises Its Sail

Are you interested in:

- Worshipping in a newly renovated building with no overhead expenses and rent already paid for the next 10 years?
- Partnering with a Seventh Day Adventist Congregation to serve the community with things like a community garden and walking trail?
- Serving 120+ families twice a month with a food pantry and clothing closet?
- Reaching out to the community to determine their needs and identify additional ways to be of service?
- Working 20 hours a week with full benefits and salary above the minimum requirement?

If any of these things sound interesting to you, continue to read.

Vandalia Presbyterian Church is a small, unified group of senior citizens who love the Lord and strive to love their neighbors as themselves. We believe in helping others by being the hands and feet of Jesus in this world. We believe that the Holy Spirit led us to sell our building to the East Market Street Seventh Day Adventist Congregation (EMS SDA) last year, with the condition we would continue to have use of the building for our worship and mission services.

As a result of this sale, we have developed a wonderful friendship and working relationship with members of their congregation through their assistance in every step of this challenging transition, including their hands on support of our Food Pantry ministry. We held a joint Christmas Eve Service that was amazing and are excited about the possibilities of planning additional worship together.

The EMS SDA are in the final stages of renovating the building, increasing parking and landscaping the grounds. In addition to our current partnership, we are discussing additional ways that we can work together to serve the community.

We are seeking a minister with a positive and uplifting personality who shares the vision to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we attempt to serve Him and our community. We are looking for a minister whose sermons are clear, biblically based, and relevant to the world we live in. We would like a minister that would:

- Conduct worship service each Sunday from 11:00 – 12:00 (minus 4 paid vacation days), Easter Sunrise Service, and Christmas Eve Service.
- Visit members of the congregation, especially during times of sickness and death.
- Conduct weddings and funerals.
- Serve as moderator of session meetings.
- Assist the session and the Mission Coordinator in planning, organizing, and carrying out programs of nurture, fellowship, service, and stewardship
- Assist the session and the Mission Coordinator in developing an outreach program encouraging congregational growth.
- Work with the leadership of the EMS SDA Church to encourage a partnership of service to the community.

The members of Vandalia are very excited to begin a new chapter in the life of the church. Due to the sale of the building, we are able to offer a good salary as well as full benefits.

So, if you would like to find out more about this unique opportunity and think you might be interested in getting in the boat with us and allowing the Holy Spirit to be our guide, please contact Lynn Gardner, clerk of session and Mission Coordinator at [gardner4146@bellsouth.com](mailto:gardner4146@bellsouth.com) or call 336-339-6685.