

Reverend Joseph Hackett

Joe has been a minister since 2017. He was a minister in both Congregational and United Church of Christ churches in Wisconsin and Iowa. Since March 2023, he has been interim Senior Minister at Galesburg Covenant Church in Galesburg, Illinois.

Joe entered the seminary as a second career after 30 years as a fire fighter/EMT in the Milwaukee area. After attending Wartburg Theological Seminary and University of Dubuque Theological Seminary he completed coursework equivalent to a Master of Divinity.

Within the last three years he attended ministerial workshops through the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC) and in 2021 he participated in the NACCC Ministers Convocation. He is not currently ordained but has expressed willingness to be ordained as a Congregational Minister.

In addition to his ministerial involvement, he has strong community and volunteer experience and interest. He has spent over 40 years as a volunteer with the Boy Scouts, serving as a scout master, camp staff, cub scout leader, district commissioner council camping committee, Order of the Arrow Lodge advisor, National camping school section director and much more. He is a 12-year member of Lions Clubs International, serving various administrative functions as club secretary, club president, zone chair, and vice district governor. He has several experiences involving church and community including schools, youth organizations, clubs and ministerial groups.

Joe is married. His wife Chris is a Laboratory Information Tech Analyst for a healthcare system in Eastern Michigan. She works from home. They have 3 adult children, two of which live in Wisconsin fairly near Rochester. Joe and his wife are interested in living in the parsonage and becoming active community members.