

Recipient of the 2022 Allan S. Meck Award for Excellence in Pastoral Ministry

The Reverend Sara Hertzog

Reverend Sara Hertzog has served as the pastor of Maiden creek Church, Blandon, PA, for the past 16 years. Maiden creek Church is a federated UCC/ELCA church. Since her call to Maiden creek Church, this faith community has doubled in size and ministries. Youth programs have been introduced, including leadership training for youth. Several youth members have served as delegates to the General Synod. Most recently, the church completed a quarter-million-dollar addition, which includes an elevator and ADA accessible bathrooms. The three-year capital campaign generated \$800,000, even though the last year of the campaign the building was closed due to the pandemic.

Pastor Sara received a Master of Divinity in 2006 from Lancaster Theological Seminary where she has served as an adjunct professor. In addition, she has served as a consultant to shared ministry churches as Committee on Ministry chair of the Covenant Association, facilitator of a Community of Practice, and mentor to field education students, members in discernment, and licensed pastors.

Pastor Sara lives in Richmond Township with her husband Gary. They have two children, Beth Harbolic, a history teacher, and Nathan, co-owner of Weaknecht Archery. Pastor Sara enjoys knitting, golfing, traveling, and spending time with her four grandchildren.