Mountain Park UMC

Mission

Our mission is to Gather to worship, learn, fellowship, and support each other; Grow in our knowledge and love of Christ; and Go into the world to love, serve, and share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The reason Mountain Park UMC exists is to make God's love real to all the world. We strive to become a more fruitful congregation as we serve God in the community where we have been planted and welcome all who share our vision for a community of faith in the Mountain Park Community!

Description

Mountain Park UMC begins each week with three worship services and strong attendance at Sunday School for all ages. This church is comprised of a strong family of believers who are actively engaged in local and international mission, bible study, discipleship, seasonal small groups, Stephen Ministry, UMW, and UMM. We have a vibrant music program with choirs and ensembles for everyone ages 3 to 99. Our building serves as a community hub for scouts, AA and school graduations. This outlines just the highlights of the many areas of engagement and ministry of this church.

Unique Opportunities in Ministry

We have ministry opportunities that engage with people of all age groups - from our Children's Ministries and Youth Ministry to our Adult Sunday School classes and discipleship groups. In addition, we have active men and women's ministries that support the church and serve the community. We have an excellent Stephen Ministry team* that is an extension of our congregational care system here at Mountain Park UMC. Lastly, we have great opportunities for both serving and working with lay leaders in all three worship services on Sunday mornings.

*Stephen Ministry is the one-to-one lay caring ministry that takes place within a congregation. Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers--called Stephen Ministers--to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

Site Details

Outreach

Over the years Mountain Park UMC has had the opportunity to start and continues to support many community, regional, and international mission projects. The Lilburn Cooperative Ministry started on our property and continues to grow and serve the needs of the community with a food bank, financial assistance, and counseling. Lily's Cloak, a thrift store, is another way the Lilburn Co-op serves the community. Another mission emphasis on an international basis is the Mountain Park Academy, a school for children in Kenya, started by the members of Mountain Park UMC. Our congregation sponsors many of the children who attend the Academy and sends a mission team to Kenya on a regular basis.

Mountain Park UMC is also very active through its Women, Men, Youth and Children in many other mission-oriented projects, including short-term mission projects to Honduras and Costa Rica supporting poor communities, Trinity Soup Kitchen - a downtown Atlanta homeless shelter, and Family Promise-
housing for temporarily homeless families in our area, to name a few. Whether it is to collect school supplies, book bags, stuffed Easter baskets for DFACS and Lilburn Co-op, provide meals for the Gwinnett Children's Home, or join others in the building of a Habitat House - we seek to show and be Christ to others.

Meeting the Five Areas of Ministry

Administration:
- Attend Staff and Administrative meetings
- Assist in recruiting and managing volunteers
- Assisting in designing and publishing church-related literature and documents
- Learn ACS church administration software

Liturgy (Worship and Preaching):
Liturgist for 8:30 or 11 a.m. Traditional services; lead Prayers of the People for 11 a.m. Contemporary service
Preach at one or all three Sunday morning services and preach at occasional, special mid-week services (i.e. Holy Week or Christmas Eve services)

Mission and Outreach:
- Lilburn Co-op - a Christian ministry serving the needs of individuals and families in the Lilburn, Stone Mountain (Gwinnett County) and parts of Tucker (Gwinnett County) areas, as well as the members of all of our supporting churches. We utilize communi

Pastoral Calling and Congregational Care:
- Praying and following up with prayer concerns
- Scheduling visitations with hospitalized congregants
- Scheduling visitations with congregants in retirement communities, nursing homes, or are home-bound
- Stephen Ministry liaison with Stephen Ministr

Religious Education:
- Assisting with Children Ministry programing and teaching
- Assisting with Youth programming and teaching
- Leading an Adult Discipleship group and/or Sunday School class

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<td>Worship Attendance</td>
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<td>8:30 a.m. (Traditional), 11 a.m. (Traditional), 11 a.m. (Contemporary)</td>
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| Weekly Schedule      | - Three weekly Sunday morning worship services.  
                        - Youth Choir Sunday evening 4 p.m.  
                        - Youth Group Supper and Worship, Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m  
                        - AA Meeting Sunday Evening at 7:00 p.m.  
                        - Varied Bible Studies meeting weekly  
                        - United Methodist Menâ  |
| Stipend?             | No               |
Distance from Candler: 15 miles and approximately 25 minutes driving.

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<td>Accessible to persons with disabilities?</td>
<td>Yes, including a dedicated Sunday School class for adults with cognitive disabilities.</td>
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<td>Accessible via public transportation?</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Can women be ordained?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>What role do women play in leadership?</td>
<td>We have several women staff people, also our Lay Leader and Church Council co-chair are both women. Women serve as the committee chair of Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Evangelism, Traditional Worship, and Contemporary Worship.</td>
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