Oak Grove United Methodist Church

Mission

Oak Grove seeks to create life changing communities through Jesus Christ.

Description

Oak Grove UMC is a healthy, community-based UMC located in Decatur, just a few minutes from Emory’s campus. We offer a full range of church programming with emphasis on three areas of ministry: invitation, discipleship, and service.

Unique Opportunities in Ministry

We are particularly interested in students who would like to focus on the area of Youth Ministry, as we have a large, active, and vibrant ministry with middle and high school students. It is an excellent opportunity to witness a well-organized and run program that offers great spiritual depth and many opportunities to invite youth into a life of service. We are also interested in students who would like to focus on the contemporary worship life of a very traditional church in a very traditional community. Our contemporary service is growing rapidly, and it is attracting a diverse group of folks. There is much to witness and participate in as this service grows and changes—a great opportunity for any student pursuing ordained, local church ministry.

Site Details

Outreach

We ask our congregation to commit to serving the local/domestic community at least once per year through one of our many opportunities with local food pantries, schools, feeding missions, etc. We ask our congregation to commit to serving once every 5 years as they are able on an international mission opportunity, such as a work trip to Honduras, Haiti, Costa Rica, or Liberia.

Meeting the Five Areas of Ministry

Administration:

Students will have the opportunity to witness the work of the Finance Committee, who oversees a $2.5 million dollar budget, the Church Council, Stewardship ministries, and other administrative teams and committees who do the administrative work of the church.

Liturgy (Worship and Preaching):

Students will participate in worship leadership in both traditional and contemporary worship; students will help plan for both styles of worship. Students will have the opportunity to preach and assist at Wednesday Eucharist.
Mission and Outreach:
Students will have the opportunity to help plan mission projects, work on education pieces for the congregation about service and specific locations where the church is sending teams, and participate in local projects often, with leadership roles available.

Pastoral Calling and Congregational Care:
Students will visit alongside pastors and on their own as we have many members in long-term care and frequently have members in the hospitals around Atlanta.

Religious Education:
There will be many opportunities to design and teach adult Sunday school classes, short-term small groups, youth confirmation sessions, and help the Discipleship Team plan annual discipleship opportunities for the whole congregation.

Denomination | United Methodist
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Location Type | Suburban
Worship Attendance | 920
Worship Times | Sundays: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship; 9:35 a.m. Contemporary Worship; Wednesdays: 5:00 p.m. Holy Communion
Weekly Schedule | Worship - 8:30 a.m.(Traditional), 9:35 a.m.(Contemporary), and 11:00 a.m. (Traditional). Weekly Eucharist on Wednesdays, 5 p.m. Midweek Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. with dinner and programs, including Children-s Choirs, small groups, and large-group programs.
Stipend? | No.
Distance from Candler | 7 miles
Accessible to persons with disabilities? | Yes. There are accessible entrances to our main building and our Preschool and Youth Ministry buildings, and there is a small elevator between the 2 floors of our education wing.
Accessible via public transportation? | The closest MARTA bus stop is a 15-minute walk from the church.
Can women be ordained? | Yes.
What role do women play in leadership? | Currently, three of the 5 pastors on staff are women who are ordained elders in the UMC.

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Additional Comments:
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