Mission

Having a congregation that is filled with the love of God to the point where it not only spreads throughout the congregation, but overflows into the community around it.

Description

Located equidistant of four cities: Stockbridge, McDonough, Conyers and Lithonia, we serve a diverse community with two services on Sunday: Classic Worship (traditional) and Coffee House Worship (a blend of -spiritual secular- and contemporary worship music with attendees at small tables in a 70’s coffee house style setting).

Unique Opportunities in Ministry

The Coffee House Service allows a student the opportunity to develop their musical and worship leading skills in an innovative setting; where worship is framed in the experiences of every day life: to see God in every corner of life, to find wisdom even amidst the chaos, to search both secular and Christian music, listening for the voice of God in it all. This is -church in a different setting”--no pews, no pulpit, few rituals, no standing, sitting and kneeling at specified times, only an earnest desire to experience God with us-Emmanuel-at each service. The Coffee House is truly unique!

The student will be responsible for leading the musicians and singers, and organizing the music each week for rehearsal, and for leading the worship band on Sunday morning.

Site Details

Outreach
We provide free meals to neighborhood children at our Wednesday fellowship suppers and to community servants (i.e. fire and police workers) as well. We contribute to local charities. We host a Girl Scouts troupe. Our facilities are donated for use for numerous community activities.

Meeting the Five Areas of Ministry

Administration:
Students can attend and participate in all leadership committee meetings, and be a part of any ongoing projects.

Liturgy (Worship and Preaching):
Students can participate in leading worship on a regular basis at both services. Students can preach up to four times a year, if they so desire.

Mission and Outreach:
Students can assist setting up a community food bank, one of our new projects.

Pastoral Calling and Congregational Care:
Students can participate in congregational care visitations of the pastor, and hopefully eventually do it on their own.

**Religious Education:**
Students can lead a special group study of 4-5 weeks during the year and participate as a Sunday school teacher, if they so choose.

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<td>Location Type</td>
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<td>Worship Attendance</td>
<td>120</td>
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<td>Worship Times</td>
<td>Sunday morning: Coffee House worship - 10 am, Classic worship - 11 am</td>
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<td>Weekly Schedule</td>
<td>Wednesday evening fellowship dinners, Sunday school classes, special group studies, senior’s luncheons and trips, United Methodist Men’s and Women’s groups, community Easter egg hunt and Trunk of Treats night (Halloween).</td>
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<td>Stipend?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Distance from Candler</td>
<td>23 miles</td>
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<td>Accessible to persons with disabilities?</td>
<td>Yes. We have access ramps to all exterior doors on each building, and fully accessible restrooms in all buildings.</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>Our Worship Leader is a woman; 10 of our 12 committee chairpersons are women; and approximately 60% of our leadership committee members are women.</td>
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