Briarcliff UMC

Mission

Briarcliff's mission is to help people love God more deeply, connect with others more authentically and serve the world more willingly.

Description

Briarcliff is a church seeking to welcome and embrace all people without regard to race, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation. We are a somewhat older congregation filled with thoughtful and committed individuals who are seeking new ways to grow.

Unique Opportunities in Ministry

Opportunity to work with a clergy couple. We share space with a DeKalb County charter school with an emphasis in bilingual education; Because the church is seeking to revitalize there is much opportunity for creativity. Pastors and staff are very collegial and supportive.

Site Details

Outreach
Contribute 2 America feeding program, 12 step groups, Appalachia Service Project; Trinity Community Ministries; NET Food pantry.

Meeting the Five Areas of Ministry

Administration:
There is great flexibility here. We have recently adopted a new streamlined leadership model and will be working to establish new policies and procedures. It would be a great opportunity to gain experience in financial management and leading the stewardship campaign.

Liturgy (Worship and Preaching):
Opportunities to serve as liturgist, to plan and execute special services, to assist in worship planning At least 2 preaching opportunities; one fall and one spring. More is negotiable.

Mission and Outreach:
We are looking to expand in this area so in addition to existing opportunities with Trinity and C2A, we'd like to explore new options which would mean working with laity to plan, co-ordinate and execute.

Pastoral Calling and Congregational Care:
Hospital and homebound visitation. Pastors are available for mentoring.

Religious Education:
Primarily with adults although we are working to establish an intergenerational model that includes our children.
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<th>United Methodists</th>
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<td>Location Type</td>
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<td>Worship Attendance</td>
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<td>Worship Times</td>
<td>11:00 a.m.</td>
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<td>Weekly Schedule</td>
<td>We have weekly choir and handbell rehearsals on Wednesday evening; Sunday School is at 9:30. Other groups such as our women's book group, older adult group and UMW meet monthly sometimes in the evening or on Sundays.</td>
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<td>Stipend?</td>
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<td>Distance from Candler</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>Pastoral and lay. All committees are inclusive</td>
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**Contact**

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