Buford First UMC

Mission


Description

We are an 850 member church, with traditional worship, an average of 300 plus in worship. Our congregation has all ages and has a heart for missions and are very involved in our community and international. We provide sack lunches for underserved children in our community each Saturday and provide other resources. We have a community garden for those in need. All persons are welcome in our church.

Unique Opportunities in Ministry

We are in the process of building a new Christian LIfe Center and renovation of the historic 1926 sanctuary. We are in the heart of a small downtown which has recently been revitalized. Working at our church would be a great time to experience that process and be involved with the building program. Preaching and teaching opportunities are also available. The student would be given a great opportunity to work with youth ministry. The pastor works closely with the local school board and city council, serving as the volunteer chaplain for commission meetings. The student would have the chance to work with the pastor and learn about community and church dynamics.

Site Details

Outreach
We serve children and families with meals on Saturdays. We take groups to feed homeless women at Grace UMC in Atlanta. We have mission trips to the Bahamas to work in All Saints Camp for persons dealing with HIV and AIDS.

Meeting the Five Areas of Ministry

Administration:
The student will be given opportunities to participate in the church committee work: Finance, Trustees, and Building Committee, and would be invited to help with Evangelism and youth ministry.

Liturgy (Worship and Preaching):
The student will be given the opportunity to serve as liturgist and when possible help with worship planning. The student will be given preaching opportunities.

Mission and Outreach:
The student will be given the opportunity to serve on mission projects throughout the year.
Pastoral Calling and Congregational Care:
The student will be given the opportunity to assist in hospital visitation and home visits.

Religious Education:
The student will be given opportunity to teach Sunday School and other Bible studies if needed.

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<th>Denomination</th>
<th>United Methodist</th>
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<td>Location Type</td>
<td>Suburban</td>
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<td>Worship Attendance</td>
<td>300</td>
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<td>Worship Times</td>
<td>8:40 and 10:55 am</td>
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<td>Weekly Schedule</td>
<td>We have weekly worship, once a month community supper and the Homeless women and children shelter are our guests. We have Sunday Disciple Bible Study, Sunday School, children's programming Sunday afternoons, youth on Sunday and Wednesdays, Sack Kids Hunger takes place each Saturday. We have numerous mission trips throughout the year.</td>
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<td>Stipend?</td>
<td>A stipend is negotiable depending on the student and budget. We will be limited with funds until 2016.</td>
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<td>Distance from Candler</td>
<td>30 miles</td>
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<td>Accessible to persons with disabilities?</td>
<td>Our church is limited with facilities for accessibility at this time, but the new building will allow for accessibility.</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>Our denomination ordains women.</td>
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<td>What role do women play in leadership?</td>
<td>We have a great gender balance in our church. The senior pastor is female and the majority of our staff are female. Our Church Board chair is female as is our Trustees Chair.</td>
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Additional Comments:
I am the Senior Pastor of the church in my 5th appointment year and have participated with many students over the years in previous churches. I am a M.Div. graduate from Candler with a D.Min. from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. My focus was on church leadership excellence. I also serve in as a volunteer in the Annual Conference in Finance, and Personnel. I welcome the opportunity to work with students.