County Line UMC, Acworth, GA

Mission

The mission of County Line UMC is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We seek to accomplish this by extending God's love in and to the community while living, loving, and growing in Christ.

Description

County Line UMC is located in the northwest corner of Cobb county. The community has changed significantly in the 145 years that County Line UMC has existed. Farmlands have been converted to subdivisions, and corner stores have been replaced by a large array of retail stores. This congregation continues to reach out to those who are in need of assistance, and most guests report on the warm hospitality that they received when visiting. While we are a small church in comparison to the mega-churches surrounding us, we are large enough to provide activities and events that smaller churches are unable to offer.

Unique Opportunities in Ministry

County Line UMC has a Preschool/Mother's Morning Out program that have nearly a 100 kids enrolled. Add to that figure nearly 75 Boys Scouts and Cub Scouts and you will discover a tremendous pool of families that the church has struggled in trying to make relationships. Figuring out how to connect to these families is our greatest challenge.

Site Details

Outreach

We are currently using Matthew 25:31-40 as our mission focus. So, this year we are searching for ways to help combat hunger. We collect food for the MUST ministries food bank. We save our change to give to organizations like St. Andrews ministries. Also, we will have a STOP HUNGER NOW packaging event in the late Spring or early Summer. We also have a large team of Emergency Responding Team members, and we annually visit the Red Bird Missionary Conference in order to assist their ministry to the poor.

Meeting the Five Areas of Ministry

Administration:
1. Oversight of Youth and Children's activities
2. County Line UMC is recovering from a bad appointment 8 years ago, so there is a lot that could be learned about trust issues and handling conflict.

Liturgy (Worship and Preaching):
A candidate would be allowed to assist and and lead various parts of our worship service, including baptisms and holy communion. The worship style of County Line UMC is primarily traditional. Opportunities to preach can be arranged for the candidate.
Mission and Outreach:
Opportunity to help the church continue to reach out to those who are in need. Also, we are looking to expand our mission focus to other countries by the sending of mission teams. Finally, we want to maintain our ERT training in case there is an emergency that requires work teams.

Pastoral Calling and Congregational Care:
County Line UMC has a great group of ladies that visit our shut-ins. Opportunities to join them on Tuesdays would be available to the student. We do not have a visitation team for worship guests, so there is an opportunity to build visitation teams. I am a member of the North Georgia Conference's Board of Ordained Ministry, and I will be glad to help the student prepare for provisional status within our conference.

Religious Education:
We do not have many bible study groups that meet routinely, so the opportunity to lead a study is definitely available to the student. Also, we have a rather weak Sunday School program.

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<td>Worship Attendance</td>
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<td>Worship Times</td>
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<td>Weekly Schedule</td>
<td>SUNDAYS - 8:45am &amp; 11:00am - Worship services 10:00am - 10:50am - Sunday School 4:00pm - Youth MONDAYS - 7:00pm - Typical Committees Meeting 7:00pm - Boy Scout Troop 350 WEDNESDAYS - 7:30pm - Choir practice</td>
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<td>Stipend?</td>
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<td>Distance from Candler</td>
<td>36.8 miles (About a hour)</td>
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<td>Accessible to persons with disabilities?</td>
<td>No. While we do have a wheelchair ramp for the main building, the other buildings do not. Also, we do not have handicap accessible restrooms in most of our 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>County Line UMC strives to be a very inclusive church. Women are in key leadership positions on many of the committees and ministry teams.</td>
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