Sacred Tapestry

Mission

Our mission is to reach people in our community who would benefit from an alternative experience of Christianity. We do this mainly through hospitality and by offering a worship experience that is not bounded by traditional forms of expression that often have alienated people.

Description

Sacred Tapestry opened about a decade ago in a store front located in East Cobb. On one side is a Chiropracter's office. On the other side is a Fitness Center. That's the physical description. Existentially, the description is that of a warm, open, accepting, non-judgemental community that accepts EVERYONE. Our sanctuary is comfortable. A fountain is our Baptismal Font. Our Altar is between the font and the brunch table with which we start our Sunday experience. There are no hymns except those played by our keyboardist each week.

Unique Opportunities in Ministry

- strong presence in recovery community
- missionally focused
- emphasis on person centered relational ministry
- creative worship aimed at marginalized populations
- focus: children and youth
- arts and creativity friendly

Site Details

Outreach
- The Extension
- The Matthew Initiative
- Strong support of United Methodist Ministry and Mission
- Recovery Community
- Community Garden

Meeting the Five Areas of Ministry

Administration:
A strong emphasis on systems understanding and processes.

Liturgy (Worship and Preaching):
Floating participation including occasional preaching.
(Expressive arts including drama, liturgical dance, and spoken word are encouraged)

Mission and Outreach:
Youth especially being a presence to youth in community and local schools.
Pastoral Calling and Congregational Care:
Accompany Pastor from time to time on hospital visits/pastoral care emergencies. Teachable students with ability to self reflect will do well

Religious Education:
Hard questions are asked. How well does one know scripture and the cross referencing to cultural realities.

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| Weekly Schedule    | Sunday: 9:30 study  
                   | 10:30 Brunch followed by worship  
                   | (concurrent with children's activities)  
                   | 5pm Thrive (youth)  
                   | Wednesday: Ladies night out (various locations)  
                   | Community Garden: any time |
| Stipend?           | yes. That is part of the learning: the negotiation of such. Sacred Tapestry made the decision to support a student financially as compensation for efforts |
| Distance from Candler | 30mi. |
| Accessible to persons with disabilities? | It is accessible |
| Accessible via public transportation? | yes, but complicated |
| Can women be ordained? | yes |
| What role do women play in leadership? | Lay Leader  
                                       | Chair SPR  
                                       | Admin. Council participants  
                                       | mission leaders |

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Additional Comments:
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