

Greensboro

First United Methodist Church



South Campus
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North Campus
202 West Broad Street

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Welcome New Members:

We are overjoyed that God has led you to make the Greensboro First United Methodist Church your church home! Together, we can work to carry out God's vision and purpose for our church. God's Spirit is alive and well, making for an exciting place to worship, fellowship and serve.

Enclosed in this packet is information you may find helpful to orient you to our church. There is a list of our officers and the positions they hold, plus information outlining our ministries already available to the community. There is a listing of church members and friends with their names and addresses. There is also information on the doctrine and beliefs of The United Methodist Church. We hope this packet will be useful to you.

On behalf of the staff and congregation, thanks again for following God's direction and becoming a part of this congregation of The United Methodist Church. We have a great opportunity to do the work of God's Kingdom here in this area, and we look forward to all you will bring in your talents and service to do the work.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

In Christ's Love,

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read 'Mike Morgan'.

Mike Morgan, Senior Pastor



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GREENSBORO FUMC CHURCH HISTORY

The Methodist Church as an organization in Greene County dates back to 1797, six years after the death of John Wesley, when Bishop Francis Asbury appointed 28 year old James Jenkins Pastor of the Washington Circuit. This circuit not only included Methodist churches in Greene County, but also Taliaferro, Wilkes, Lincoln, Elbert, Hart, Franklin, Madison and Oglethorpe counties.

During the early years in Greensboro, Methodists conducted worship services in the Presbyterian Church where Bishop Asbury preached in 1799. A log meeting house was built around 1799-1800 on Laurel Avenue. During 1825-1826, this log meeting house was replaced with a frame structure on the same site. The frame structure was later moved to a location on Broad Street just west of the current Broad Street Campus. In 1859, the frame structure was replaced with a brick building at a cost of approximately \$8,000. Because of increasing train traffic interrupting worship services, planning for a building at a new location was started in 1908. The present Broad Street Campus church was built in 1911 at a cost of approximately \$23,000 and expanded/renovated in 1959, 1973, and 1994. The Davis-Evans House, built in 1854, was presented for use as a parsonage in 1962. In 1997, the Davis-Evans House became the church office.

Down through the years, Greensboro First United Methodist Church has been led by well over 100 different pastors. Most served as pastor for less than two years. Our church has most recently been served by Reverend Richard Chewning, appointed pastor in 1997; Reverend Dr. Jay Hodges appointed pastor in January 2013; and currently, Reverend Mike Morgan, appointed pastor in June 2013.

In 2000, the Broad Street Campus Family Life Center was dedicated. Since its dedication, The Family Life Center has become a very popular meeting/event venue for congregational organizations as well as organizations in Greensboro and throughout Greene County.

In May 2008, construction commenced on a second church campus located on Carey Station Road. This 45,000 square foot facility, housing a sanctuary, offices, classrooms and fellowship hall conducted its initial worship service on November 1, 2009 with approximately 800 in attendance.

CAMPUS LOCATIONS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

“One Church Two Campuses Working Together”

OUR MISSION:

**To make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world**

OUR MAILING ADDRESS:

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WORSHIP SERVICE LOCATIONS AND TIMES

We offer two opportunities for worship on Sunday mornings. Come as you are. Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month. Combined worship services are held on the fifth Sundays in a month. Call the church office for location and times of fifth Sunday services.

9:00 AM South Campus at 4741 Carey Station Road

Coffee and conversation prior to service at 8:30 AM

Children's Church in Room 118/119

Nursery provided for children birth to age four in Room 122

11:00 AM North Campus at 202 West Broad Street

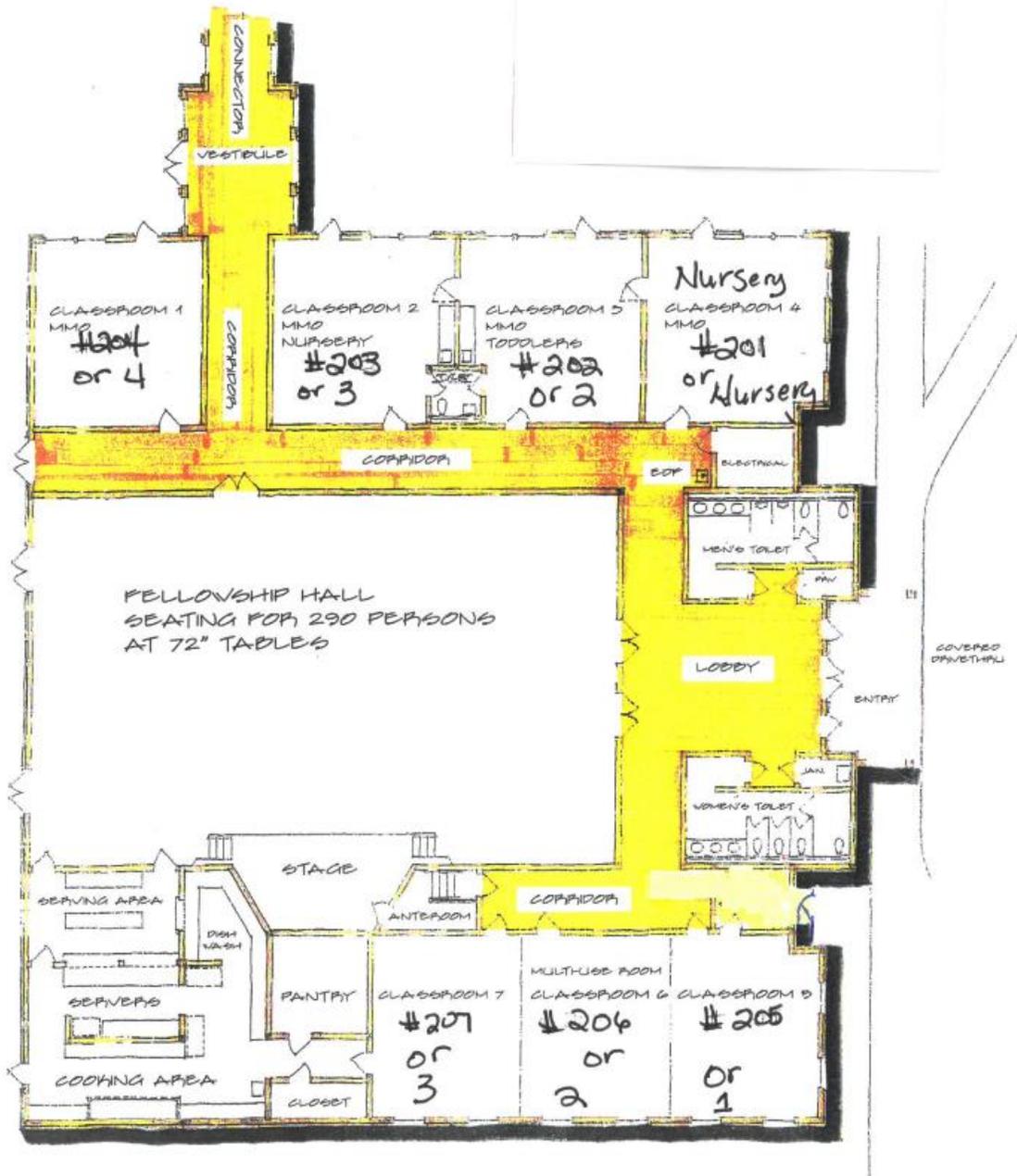
Coffee and conversation prior to service at 10:30 AM

Children's Church in Room 202

Nursery provided for children birth to age four in Room 201

CAMPUS MAPS

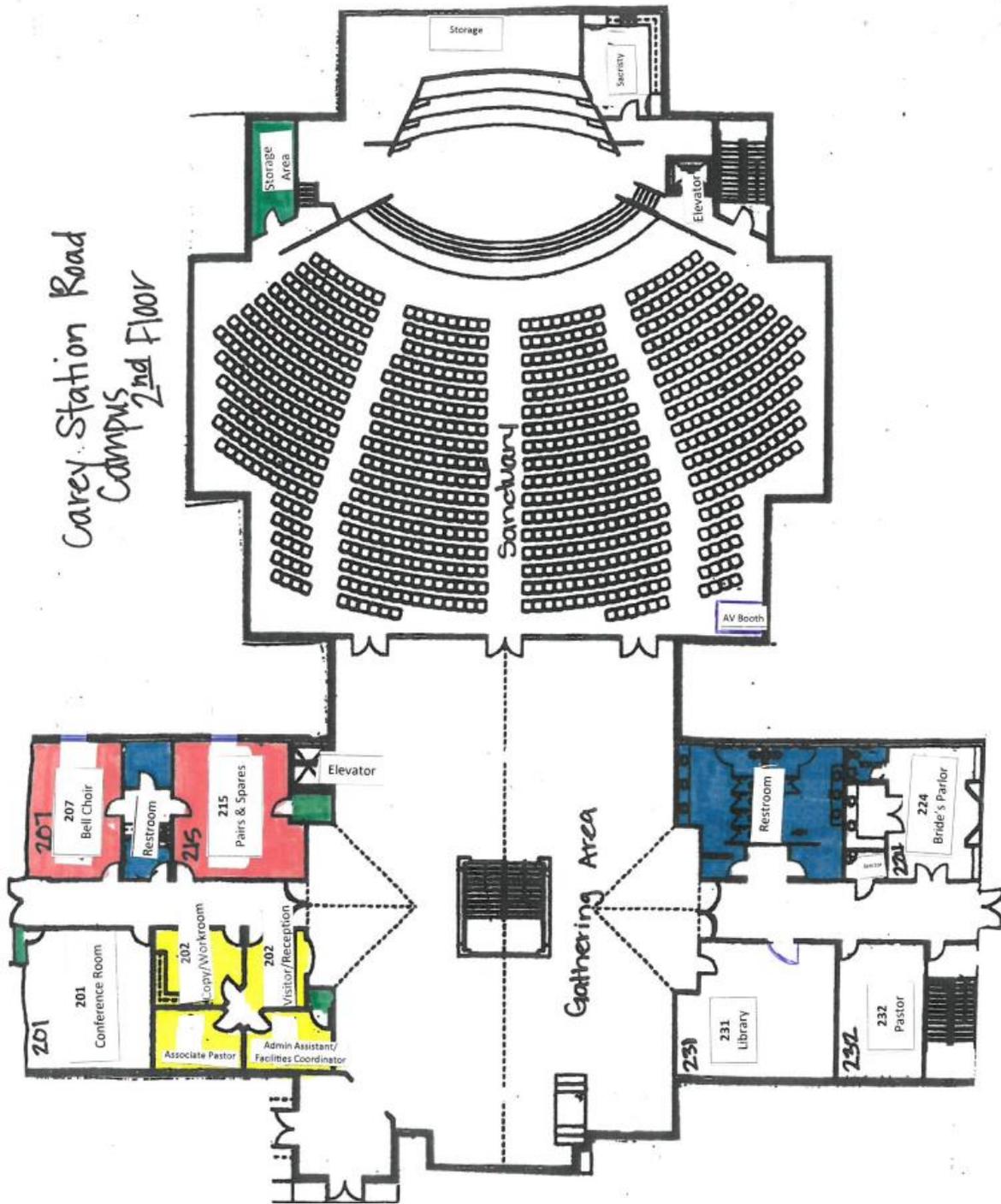
North Campus at Broad Street Family Life Center Fellowship Hall, Sunday School, Nursery



South Campus at Carey Station Road First Floor Fellowship Hall, Preschool, Sunday School, Nursery



South Campus at Carey Station Road Second Floor Sanctuary, Offices, Library, Sunday School, Conference Room



GREENSBORO FUMC STAFF

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WHAT WE BELIEVE

OUR COMMON HERITAGE AS CHRISTIANS

As United Methodists, we share a common heritage of faith with Christians of every age and nation. This heritage is grounded in the biblical witness to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, which is the source and measure of all valid Christian teaching.

With Christians of other denominations we confess belief in the triune God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. At the heart of the gospel of salvation is God's incarnation in Jesus of Nazareth. Scripture witnesses to the redeeming love of God in Jesus' life and teachings, his atoning death, his resurrection, his sovereign presence in history, his triumph over the powers of evil and death, and his promised return. Because God truly loves us in spite of our willful sin, God judges us, summons us to repentance, pardons us, receives us by that grace given to us in Jesus Christ, and gives us hope of life eternal. Through faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, reconciled to God, and transformed as people of the new covenant.

We United Methodists understand ourselves to be part of Christ's universal church. We are incorporated into this world-wide community of faith by Baptism, receiving the promise of the Holy Spirit that re-creates and transforms us. Through the regular celebration of Holy Communion, we participate in the risen presence of Jesus Christ and are thereby nourished for faithful discipleship.

OUR DISTINCTIVE HERITAGE AS UNITED METHODISTS

John Wesley (1703-1791), founder of the Methodist movement, combined belief in grace, justification, assurance, and sanctification in a powerful manner to create distinctive emphases for living the full Christian life. The underlying energy of our Wesleyan theological heritage stems from an emphasis upon "practical divinity," the implementation of genuine Christianity in the lives of believers.

Grace pervades our understanding of Christian faith and life. By grace we mean the undeserved, unmerited, and loving action of God in human existence through the ever-present Holy Spirit.

Prevenient Grace - We acknowledge God's prevenient grace, the divine love that surrounds all humanity and precedes any and all of our conscious impulses. This grace prompts our first wish to please God, our first glimmer of understanding concerning God's will, and our first hint of conviction of having sinned against God. God's grace also awakens in us an earnest longing for deliverance from sin and death, and moves us toward repentance and faith.

Justifying Grace - We believe God reaches out to the repentant believer with accepting and pardoning love. In justification we are, through faith, forgiven our sin and restored to God's favor. This righting of relationships by God through Christ calls forth our faith and trust as we experience regeneration, by which we are made new creatures in Christ. Our Wesleyan theology also embraces the scriptural promise that we can expect to receive assurance of our salvation as the Spirit "bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God."

Sanctifying Grace - We hold that the wonder of God's acceptance and pardon does not end God's saving work, which continues to nurture our growth in grace. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are enabled to increase in the knowledge and love of God and God and in love for our neighbor.

New birth is the first step in this process of sanctification. Sanctifying grace draws us toward the gift of Christian perfection, which Wesley described as a heart "habitually filled with the love of God and neighbor."

Faith and Good Works - We see God's grace and human activity working together in the relationship of faith and good works. God's grace calls forth human response and discipline. While faith is the only response essential for salvation, Wesley believed that salvation evidences itself in works of piety and mercy.

Mission and Service - We insist that personal salvation always involves Christian mission and service to the world. By joining heart and hand, we assert that personal religion, evangelical witness, and Christian social action are reciprocal and mutually reinforcing.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The United Methodist Church, a fellowship of believers, is a part of the Church Universal. Therefore all persons, without regard to race, color, national origin, or economic condition, shall be eligible to attend its worship services, to participate in its programs, and, when they take the appropriate vows, to be admitted into its membership in any local church in the connection.

THE MEANING OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

When persons unite with a local United Methodist church, they profess their faith in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son, and in the Holy Spirit. They covenant together with God and with the members of the local church to keep the vows which are a part of the order of confirmation and reception into the church.

1. To confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and pledge their allegiance to his kingdom.
2. To receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.
3. To promise according to the grace given them to live a Christian life and always remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church.
4. And to be loyal to The United Methodist Church and uphold it by their prayers, their presence, their gifts, service and their witness.
5. Faithful membership in the local church is essential for personal growth and for developing an increased sensitivity to the will and grace of God. As members involve themselves in private and public prayer, worship, the Sacraments, study, Christian action, systematic giving, and holy discipline, they grow in their appreciation of Christ, understanding of God at work in history and the natural order, and an understanding of themselves.
6. Faithful participation in the corporate life of the congregation is an obligation of the Christian to follow members of the Body of Christ. A member is bound in sacred covenant to shoulder the burdens, share the risks, and celebrate the joys of fellow members. A Christian is called to speak the truth in love, always ready to confront conflict in the spirit of forgiveness and reconciliation. A member of The United Methodist Church is to be a servant of Christ on mission in the local and worldwide community.

THE MISSION OF GREENSBORO FUMC:

**TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST
FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD.**

What is a Disciple?

A Disciple is one who models and teaches Christians the precepts of the Bible, prayer, doctrine, relationships, Christian living, service, and worship.

Becoming a Disciple encompasses more than just asking Christ in, and goes far beyond baptism. Our conversion, our acceptance of Christ as Savior, our election, is the beginning, the entrance, into the faith and Christian life. It is not the only act of being a Christian. It would be like joining a club, but never venturing into the club. Baptism is initiation and public dedication. It is to be the door through which we go in our walk of faith, as is also our profession and testimony of our faith publicly. It does not stop here. It starts here!

The Church is called to make Disciples

“Then Jesus came to them and said, all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28: 18-20).

Humbleness is characterized by the willingness to grow in Christ and receive learning and experience growth. Peter tells us we ought to be humble toward one another so that we can know the grace of God and not be in opposition to God. Then secondly, he says, we had better be humble, not only toward one another, but toward God. This is so straightforward. This is so essential to be a blessed church, to be a growing church, not in numbers but in discipleship.

How do we go about making Disciples?

God does not ask us to seek converts. He simply asks us to do discipleship. Discipleship is modeling and teaching Christians the precepts of the Bible - mainly prayer, doctrine, Christian living, and worship. Yes, we are to evangelize, but that is not our main mission and call! When we evangelize, we must realize that it is the role of the Holy Spirit to bring people into an intimate relationship with God. This is an act of divine intervention and grace. He uses us as the tools, but He is the means! We are to care, and share with others His love and character. We obey and reach, but we cannot lead people anywhere. He is the one who leads.

This leads us to our role, which is to model to the convert, the Christ-like character, encouraging others to surrender themselves to Jesus Christ (Gal. 2: 20-21). However this is only the beginning! Jesus is the author and the finisher of our faith. Surrender is the process in which we grow toward Him and His will. Surrender is making Christ Lord of all of our life. We have to get rid of our perceptions, reckless ideas, faulty thinking, and other such things that are barriers to our growth, so that we can make room for Him. Jesus authors our faith and teaches us how to run the race according to God's will, His glory, His worship, and His purpose. Thus, we gain a deeper intimacy with our Lord as our Commander and Friend, as our God and our King, as our Love, and our reason for being. In His purposes, we find real contentment, joy, and fulfillment.

Three main areas or principles of discipleship:

1. Relationships

We are called to build a network of relationships so we can build one another up in the faith through friendship and mentoring.

2. Teaching

We are called as a church to teach one another, all Christians at all ages and levels, how to live the Christian life.

3. Service

We are called to put our faith into practice. Service is how we live our lives and model His character on a daily basis to those around us.

The programs and activities in which we invite you to become involved are designed to help you grow as a Disciple of Jesus Christ. May God bless and guide us both in this endeavor!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - Infant to 5th Grade

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School classes meet every Sunday from 10:15 - 11:15 AM at the South Campus.

South Campus: Nursery: birth – preschool in Room 122

Sunday School: K - 5th grade in Room 136

North Campus: Nursery: birth- preschool in Room 201 in Family Life Center

SPECIAL SUNDAY CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church, for kindergarten to 5th grade, meets every Sunday during the 9:00 and 11:00 AM worship services. A specially-designed worship service is provided at the South Campus service (9:00 AM) in Room 118/119 and at the North Campus service (11:00 AM) in Room 202.

NURSERY

Nursery is provided at both campuses for birth to children four years old - South Campus, from 9:00 - 11:15 AM (Room 122) and North Campus, from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Room 201).

KINGDOM KIDS

Kingdom Kids, for children age 3 years to 5th grade, meets Sunday nights from 5:00 -7:00 PM during the school year (September through May) at the South Campus on Carey Station Road. Kingdom Kids is a special time of worship, fellowship, and spiritual enrichment for children that functions alongside Youth group and adult Bible studies on Sunday nights. Snack supper is provided.

YOUTH MINISTRY - Grades 6 - 12

Our Youth Ministry exists to mature students in their faith walk that they might be the light of Truth that glorifies Jesus Christ in the world. We provide relevant worship and Bible study opportunities along with fellowship and outreach events to engage the youth culture in our area.

WEEKLY EVENTS

“REVELATION” United Methodist Youth Fellowship

Sundays from 5:00 -7:00 PM (during the school year), 6th - 12th grade students meet in the youth room at our Carey Station Campus, Room 108. Christ focused, youth relevant fellowship, activities, worship, and Bible study make Revelation a prime touchpoint for youth discipleship. Snack supper is provided.

Youth Sunday School

South Campus - Sunday mornings at 10:15 AM in Youth Room 155/156.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation class is for youth in grades 6 - 12 who desire to study the foundational principles of being a Christian and a United Methodist.

Confirmation Sunday allows youth to join the church as a full-professing member and to be baptized if they have not already been.

ACTIVITIES

We offer exciting opportunities to get youth engaged in Christian lifestyle; impacting our culture through retreats, missions' events, and other activities throughout the year. It's our goal to choose activities that build relationships, mature us spiritually, impact our culture, and honor our Lord Jesus Christ.

MUSIC MINISTRY

We welcome all new members to participate in any or all of the following:

CANTATAS

Our church presents both Easter and Christmas cantatas. Cantata participation is open to the public. Anyone can participate in the cantata.

Rehearsals are held Wednesday evenings in the South Campus on Carey Station Road choir room during the cantata rehearsal season.

CHURCH CHOIR

Church choir performs all styles of worship music. Choir members may choose to sing in worship at South Campus on Carey Station Road or North Campus on Broad Street or at both locations on Sunday mornings.

Rehearsals are held Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the South Campus on Carey Station Road choir room.

ADULT HANDBELL CHOIR

Our bell choir rings five octaves of Malmark Handbells.

Rehearsals are held Wednesday evenings (September - May) from 5:30 - 6:30 PM in the South Campus on Carey Station handbell room. Interested persons are encouraged to attend rehearsal.

SMALL GROUPS AND SOLOISTS

We welcome all who are willing to share their gifts and talents with the congregation.

For more information contact:

Roger Hanson

Interim Director of Music Ministries

706-453-7064

rhanson@fumcgreensboro.org

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Times:

North Campus on Broad Street - 10:00 AM

South Campus on Carey Station Road - 10:15 AM

PAIRS AND SPARES CLASS

Location: South Campus, Room 215

Class Makeup: Couples and Singles

Curriculum: Various Resources

Contact: Kay Whitaker, kaywhitaker@aol.com

EASTER CLASS

Location: South Campus, Room 103/104

Class Makeup: Couples and Singles

Curriculum: Various Resources

Contact: Chris Manners, cmanners@aol.com

FAITH IN ACTION CLASS

Location: South Campus, Room 107; North Campus, Family Life Center, Room 205

Class Makeup: Couples and Singles

Curriculum: Various Resources

Contact: South Campus – Ann Maddox, maddoxta@aol.com

North Campus – Tom Turner, thmstur@bellsouth.net

LOCAL MISSION AND OUTREACH

First United Methodist Church of Greensboro enjoys a rich tradition of finding practical ways to share the love of Christ locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Jana Roper 706-453-6027
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ATLAS Ministry

Rob Mitchell 706-453-0581
rmitchell@atlasministryinc.org

Circle of Love Women's Shelter

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Greene County Habitat for Humanity

Mike Meredith 706-467-9142
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Greene County Christian Outreach Thrift Store

Pat Lamb 706-453-0328
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Greene County Christmas Stocking Fund

Mike Meredith 706-467-9182
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Kairos Prison Ministry

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Dianne Gibson 706-318-4812
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Nursing Home Ministries

Nancy Hunter 706-454-1403
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Walk to Emmaus

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Jane Lang 706-817-9357
janelang1@me.com

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AND BECOME INVOLVED

Spiritual Formation

Purpose/role of this ministry area: Spiritual Formation is the “making” of our mission, “Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Key events/activities sponsored by this ministry area:

A sampling of the activities in Spiritual Formation include:

- Small group meetings
- Bible study
- Emmaus groups
- Prayer groups
- Fellowship
- Family Ministry

Meeting times for this ministry area:

The Spiritual Formation Committee meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 5:15 p.m. at either the Broad Street or the Carey Station Road campus.

Meeting times for the activities vary. Sunday bulletins are a good source for announcements for these and other small group functions.

This ministry area is looking for people with the following qualities/talents/interests:

A commitment to discipleship. Each area may have specific needs that would be listed in their activities.

If interested in serving with this ministry area, please contact:

Susan Young
Spiritual Formation Committee Chairperson
770-330-7510
ssyoung75@gmail.com

Congregational Care

Purpose/role of this ministry area: To demonstrate the love of God and our church to members and family of our congregations who are in assisted living, home care, or those having difficulties.

Key events/activities sponsored by this ministry area: Congregational Care Committee supports and ministers to both members of our congregation as well as our community. The K-9 Angel Ministry visits local schools, medical centers and care facilities. A “buddy” program provides visits, calls, and cards to individuals in home care and assisted living. The Prayer Shawl Ministry knits and crochets shawls, blankets, and robes to give to persons within the church and community. Congregational Care Committee has an extensive card ministry and outreach program to those dealing with illness, surgery and other special needs. This committee also offers a Comforters Support Group for Alzheimer’s care givers, takes monthly communion to homebound members, and participates in group prayer for all in need.

Meeting times for this ministry area: Congregational Care meets the 4th Monday of each month from 9:30 - 11:00 AM at South Campus on Carey Station Road.

This ministry area is looking for people with the following qualities/talents/interests: We welcome anyone desiring to share care and compassion for and with our church family; persons possessing a willingness to make calls and/or mail cards to members; individuals interested in assisting with our Veterans outreach; and those interested in providing communion. Confidentiality of medical information and respect for privacy are necessary.

If interested in serving with this ministry area, please contact:

Associate Pastor Hugh Hendrickson
706-453-7064

Bereavement Meal/Reception Committee

Purpose/role of this ministry area: During the loss of a loved one, our Bereavement Committee offers support and love to family and friends in the form of a light meal or reception.

Key events/activities sponsored by this ministry area: We bake, cook, and/or set up tables as needed for a bereavement meal or reception.

Meeting times for this ministry area: We do not meet on a regular basis. We are on call and respond when needed.

This ministry area is looking for people with the following qualities/talents/interests: We welcome all persons interested in sharing kind, generous hearts, comfort, and support to families experiencing loss.

If interested in serving with this ministry area, please contact:

Peggy Borchelt
Bereavement Meal/Reception Committee Chairperson
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dpborchelt@aol.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Purpose/role of this ministry area: The Prayer Shawl group members either knit or crochet prayer shawls, lap robes, and blankets. These items are placed at each campus for church members to give to people who have lost a loved one, have a major illness or injury, or are undergoing a hardship. The purpose is to share God's love in a tangible way. We also try to keep a few white baptismal blankets for babies to receive at the time of their baptism.

Key events/activities sponsored by this ministry area: The Prayer Shawl Ministry is a sub-group of Congregational Care Committee. Two members of the prayer shawl ministry serve on Congregational Care as well. Prayer Shawl Ministry holds bi-monthly gatherings to knit/crochet blankets together as a group. Blessing of the shawls and blankets through prayer occurs at regular meetings. Prayer Shawl group actively promotes sharing of blankets and shawls.

Meeting times for this ministry area: Several members meet regularly on the first and third Monday of each month from 2:00 - 4:00 PM in the Bride's Parlor at South Campus on Carey Station Road. These are fellowship, not business meetings, and other members choose to make their projects at home and bring them to church to share instead. Still others are involved through yarn and monetary donations and through taking shawls to those in need.

This ministry area is looking for people with the following qualities/talents/interests: Anyone who loves to knit or crochet or who wants to learn how is welcome to attend our Monday sessions. We have yarn and there are plenty of people who will share their skills with those who want to learn. The important thing to remember is that prayer is crucial when working on a project.

If interested in serving with this ministry area, please contact:

Libba Holmes
Prayer Shawl Ministry Coordinator
678-231-1151
iamlibbam@bellsouth.net

Evangelism Committee

Purpose/role of this ministry area: The Evangelism Committee's primary purpose is to:

- Reach out to our community to let others know about Greensboro FUMC, including information about our worship services, Bible Study/Sunday School classes, children's and youth activities, etc.
- Welcome visitors who attend Greensboro FUMC through (1) manning the Welcome Desk and having committee members "looking to greet" visitors at both campuses; (2) providing home baked bread to first time visitors; (3) sending hand written notes to first time visitors.
- Encourage repeat visitors to make Greensboro FUMC their church home through baptism, profession of faith, and/or transfer of membership.
- Assimilate new members into Greensboro FUMC through our shepherding program.

Key events/activities sponsored by this ministry area: We host approximately four "Meet the Pastor" sessions annually whereby we invite repeat visitors interested in joining the church to attend, meet our pastoral staff, and have an opportunity to ask questions regarding the church. These receptions are held in conjunction with "New Member Sundays".

We also conduct several community outreach activities throughout the year, including having a presence at Lake Oconee Homebuilder's Association Event and Greensboro Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting.

Meeting times for this ministry area: We meet quarterly, on the first Wednesday of the month, at 3:30 PM.

This ministry area is looking for people with the following qualities/talents/interests: We are looking for members who are hospitable, welcoming, creative thinking, and who want to grow our congregation.

If interested in serving with this ministry area, please contact:

Kim Scherer
Evangelism Committee Chairperson
925-337-7143
kim.scherer57@gmail.com

Shepherding Ministry

Purpose/role of this ministry area: To create a welcoming, memorable, informative and supportive first year experience for all Greensboro First United Methodist Church new members as they join our congregation. To accomplish this purpose, members of the church serve as Shepherds and are the heart of our ministry. Member Shepherds give of their time and service to support our new members in their first year with us by:

- Helping the new members begin to foster relationships and connections with others in the congregation
- Educate and inform the new members as to the many opportunities available at Greensboro First United Methodist Church, based on their unique and individual needs and interests.
- Support the new member's exploration and journey with the church by being available to answer questions and proactively inform new members as to the many ministries and avenues of participation available.

Key events/activities sponsored by this ministry area: As part of the Evangelism Committee, the Shepherding Ministry participates and helps support New Member Receptions and New Member Sundays, which occur 3-4 times per year. Shepherds primarily spend their time focusing on their new member families whom they are supporting.

Meeting times for this ministry area: The Shepherding Ministry meets quarterly to review new member results, Shepherd and New Member survey data, recommended next steps, and to discuss new member events.

This ministry area is looking for people with the following qualities/talents/interests: We are always seeking current members to serve as Shepherds for our new member families! Shepherds serve as a representative of the church and ideally have the following qualifications:

- A genuine caring and responsible approach
- Willingness to serve as an involved leader for new members
- A good listener and communicator to best meet the needs of new members
- One who enjoys helping others in their journey with Greensboro FUMC
- One who is inspired to help us "Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

If interested in serving with this ministry area, please contact:

Vinece Pastor
Shepherding Ministry Coordinator
240-750-5657
vjpastor@gmail.com

Missions Committee

Purpose/role of this ministry area: The Mission Committee strives to be Jesus's helping hands here (locally), there (statewide), and everywhere (internationally).

Key events/activities sponsored by this ministry area: Mission Committee participates and/or sponsors the following events: UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief), Annual Garage Sale, respond to needs brought to the church's attention – needs may be local and in the community within the church family and/or disaster where UMCOR assistance is requested as well as traveling to support and assist missionaries home and abroad.

Meeting times for this ministry area: Missions Committee meets the second Tuesday of every month at 9:00 AM at South Campus on Carey Station Road.

This ministry area is looking for people with the following qualities/talents/interests: We welcome the support and participation of everyone in the church. All talents can be used. There is a place or opportunity for every member to be a helping hand. Persons with "handy man skills" are always needed not only to assist with projects, but also to teach others skills.

If interested in serving with this ministry area, please contact:

Harvey Brown
Missions Committee Chairperson
hrabbit36@yahoo.com

United Methodist Men

Purpose/role of this ministry area: United Methodist Men's group role is to promote fellowship among the men of the church as well as those in the community.

Key events/activities sponsored by this ministry area: United Methodist Men host a monthly breakfast featuring a speaker sharing about various topics of interests, local opportunities and/or needs in the community. United Methodist Men also assist when called upon for such events as the Easter morning breakfast and other mission opportunities.

Meeting times for this ministry area: United Methodist Men meet for a monthly breakfast on the second Thursday of every month at 8:00 AM. Monthly meetings alternate between the South Campus on Carey Station Road and North Campus on Broad Street.

This ministry area is looking for people with the following qualities/talents/interests: We welcome any male member of the congregation to join us for the monthly breakfast and speaker. Feel free to invite your friends in the community as well for food, fellowship, and enrichment.

If interested in serving with this ministry area, please contact:

Associate Pastor Hugh Hendrickson
706-453-7064

Chandler Circle

Purpose/role of this ministry area: Chandler Circle is one of two women's circle groups at Greensboro FUMC. Our primary mission is fostering fellowship, developing spiritual life, and creating opportunities to serve the church and supporting our wider community.

Key events/activities sponsored by this ministry area: The Chandler Circle has financially supported many areas of the church, such as the library, the preschool, and our children's and youth ministries. Additionally, Chandler Circle has financially contributed to organizations in the community such as American Cancer Society (supporting the Greensboro FUMC Relay for Life team), ATLAS Ministries, Circle of Love, First Call Pregnancy Center, Greene County Christmas Stocking Fund and Greene County Habitat for Humanity.

Meeting times for this ministry area: Chandler meets the third Tuesday of the month, September through May at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall at South Campus on Carey Station Road. Child care is provided and RSVPs are not required. At each of the monthly meetings, we begin with a light dinner that is prepared by our hostesses (women rotate and sign up to hostess; usually 3-4 women each month). Our meal is followed by a program, which will vary greatly, but is built around a "theme" that we have chosen for a given year. Following the program is a short business session highlighting church announcements, sign-ups for activities, updates on fundraising projects, and discussion of how best to donate funds. In December, in lieu of a regular meeting, we usually have a Christmas party at a Circle sister's home, and in May, we have a similar "end of year" party.

This ministry area is looking for people with the following qualities/talents/interests: Chandler Circle welcomes all women, whether members of Greensboro FUMC or just visiting our church, or friends of women of our church.

If interested in serving with this ministry area, please contact:

Jenny Bonner
President of Chandler Circle
706-347-8439
kentandjenny.com

Nelson Circle

Purpose/role of this ministry area: Nelson Circle is one of two women's groups at Greensboro FUMC. Nelson Circle desires to promote fellowship and a sense of community among the women of the church seeking to bridge a gap between the two campuses.

Key events/activities sponsored by this ministry area: Nelson Circle members host fund raising events such as yearly Pecan Sales, Tuesday Night Fellowship Suppers, and Trivia Nights to support both church needs and needs within the community. Most recently Nelson Circle has financially contributed to United Methodist Women Augusta District, Friends of Greene County Library Summer Reading Program, Circle of Love, ATLAS Ministries, Greene County Habitat for Humanity, Greene County Boys and Girls Club, Camp Glisson scholarship fund, FUMC Youth Groups, Community Care benevolence fund, games and bells for church school.

Meeting times for this ministry area: Nelson Circle meets the third Monday of each month from September through May in the Fellowship Hall of South Campus on Carey Station Road. Women gather from 9:30 -10:00 AM for light refreshments with a program and short business meeting following from 10:00 - 11:00 AM. The months of December and May (election of officers), Nelson Circle may meet for a lunch gathering at church or a local venue.

This ministry area is looking for people with the following qualities/talents/interests: We invite women with a spirit of volunteerism; those who possess a willingness to cook for members, church events, or fund raisers; and women with an interest in knowing/learning about events within our church, community and/or state.

If interested in serving with this ministry area, please contact:

Janet Maslayak
Nelson Circle President
706-473-0126
Janet.maslayak@plantationcable.net

Worship Committee

Purpose/role of this ministry area: Members of the Worship Committee meet to discuss and plan for all the worship celebrations of the church in order to enhance our focus on God during our worship times together as we grow and make new “disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world”.

Key events/activities sponsored by this ministry area: Worship Committee subgroups include vocal and bell choirs, Audio/Visual Team, and Altar Guild. Our Sunday worship follows the liturgical year and uses the pattern of “Word and Table”, as found in the beginning pages of our *United Methodist Hymnal*. This pattern has a structured flexibility “aimed at forming us into the Body of Christ in our service of God”. In addition to preparing for our existing services, the Worship Committee explores new opportunities for worship, including different worship times and styles.

Our choir presents two Cantatas each year during the Christmas and Easter seasons. In addition to weekly worship music, special events such as an evening of instruction and sharing with the composer of one of the Easter Cantatas and a ChoralFest culminating in a Sunday evening Gala Performance for the church and community have been sponsored by the Worship Committee.

Worship Committee also plans other special events that vary from year to year and we love entertaining new ideas! Some of the special events recently sponsored at FUMC include Holy Week Wednesday lunch and worship, Jesus in the Passover Seder Meal for families on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday evening Prayer Service, as well as three Easter services – Sunrise, regular 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM worship.

Meeting times for this ministry area: Worship Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 5:00 PM at South Campus on Carey Station Road.

This ministry area is looking for people with the following qualities/talents/interests: The website for Discipleship Ministries of the United Methodist Church suggests that the experience and skills needed for a worship leader is that he/she should show evidence of passion for worshiping God and helping others through music, liturgy, and in personal and community practices. Useful skills for persons serving on Worship Committee include the ability to listen to and communicate with people of all ages; an interest in a wide range of worship experiences; an interest in music and other worship-related arts; skills for researching worship issues; and sensitivity both to what makes worship effective and ways people relate to God.

Our choirs for both campuses and the bell choir welcome new members. Our Audio/visual Team would love to train those who have an interest in supporting audio and visual aspects of worship and events at the church. Our Altar Guild welcomes those who desire to help in the reverent preparation and set-up of our two sanctuaries for times of worship.

If interested in serving with this ministry area, please contact:

Karen Mitchell
Worship Committee Chairperson
706-347-1949
mitchell@plantationcable.net

Audio/Visual Team

Purpose/role of this ministry area: The A/V Team supports all the activities of our church requiring assistance with anything having to do with audio and/or visual technology. The A/V Team utilizes four primary sound systems, MediaShout software, as well as other audio/visual equipment to support worship services and other events conducted at FUMC South and North campuses.

Key events/activities sponsored by this ministry area: For Sunday morning worship services, we set up and test all microphones before church; run the sound systems during church; proof and display everything shown on the screens; and at the South Campus on Carey Station Road, we use remote-controlled HD video cameras to stream the service live on the internet and local cable channel. For other services such as cantatas, circle meetings, Tuesday night dinners, other meetings, weddings and funerals, we provide the specific audio/visual equipment and support needed. Additionally, the A/V Team Leader maintains the church's YouTube channel.

Meeting times for this ministry area: The A/V team members email the team leader with their availability to serve for the coming month. The A/V team leader prepares a monthly schedule for members to serve in worship/meetings/special events, etc. As a general rule, each team member is expected to volunteer at least a couple of times each month.

This ministry area is looking for people with the following qualities/talents/interests: The A/V team is always very interested in having new members join the team. No prior experience is necessary to join. On the job training for new members is offered at a pace which works for each individual. We have written procedures to assist new team members in either audio or video. We are looking for persons interested in working as a team, developing fun working relationships, and learning new things.

If interested in serving with this ministry area, please contact:

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A/V Team Leader
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2. Let's Go Fishing – UM Church Handbook
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