

MOUNTAIN VIEW
CHURCH

Senior Pastor

Mountain View Church is prayerfully seeking its next Senior Pastor.

Forest, Virginia
churchatmountainview.org

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHURCH

AT A GLANCE

MEMBERS

~300

WORSHIP

~200 each Sunday

STAFF

Full-Time: Senior Pastor, Administrative Assistant
Part-Time: Music Director (1), Youth Director (1),
Child Care (2), JAM Coordinators (2)

BUDGET

~\$400,000 annually

LOCATION

Forest, Virginia is located in west central Virginia, within sight of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Mountain View Church is situated on approximately twelve acres, with a main sanctuary that seats about 300, a Fellowship Hall, and a “Youth Cave” for its youth programs.

Four public schools are located within a three mile radius of the church, serving approximately 3,300 students.

Primarily an English speaking community.



THE OPPORTUNITY

SENIOR PASTOR

The Senior Pastor, as both the spiritual leader and chief administrative officer of the church, is charged with guiding the spiritual journey and growth of the church and its members, administering all ministries and programs of the church, and supervising all church staff.

Having recently disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church, Mountain View Church is positioned to minister to the growing Forest, VA community with Spirit-led, Biblically-based ministries, worship, programs, and activities. Mountain View Church is seeking a dynamic and enthusiastic Senior Pastor to lead us in this journey.

KEY ATTRIBUTES DESIRED in the SENIOR PASTOR

Personal Traits

- ◆ Has a passion for being a pastor and for sharing Christ with all persons
- ◆ Is energetic and shows drive and initiative
- ◆ Strong interpersonal skills, is approachable, is outgoing in nature, and demonstrates the ability to relate to all age groups
- ◆ Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively, leading and working with teams and volunteer groups

Theology and Cultural Issues

- ◆ Has a strong faith in God and Jesus Christ as God's Son and Savior and a passion for spreading the Gospel and furthering God's Kingdom
- ◆ Believes that the Bible is the inspired Word of God to mankind
- ◆ Holds to a conservative/traditional Biblical understanding of Scripture and the Christian faith, including on issues such as sexual immorality and gay marriage
- ◆ Affirms the view of marriage, gender, and identity consistently presented in the Bible

KEY ATTRIBUTES DESIRED (continued)

Preaching and Teaching

- ◆ Preaches from a Biblical foundation with Scriptural cross-references, applies sermons to modern day life, and speaks on a personal level
- ◆ Messages and sermons are rooted in the Scriptural teachings, using modern and creative approaches to delivering messages
- ◆ Demonstrates ability to speak extemporaneously
- ◆ Demonstrates an appreciation of the importance of all aspects of worship (e.g., preaching, teaching, music, prayer, etc.)

Administrative and Work-Related Skills

- ◆ Strong administrative and organizational skills, including planning, organizing, and directing the work of others (both paid staff and volunteers)
- ◆ Shows skill in pastoral care, including to those in need such as hospital visits, and a willingness to make pastoral care and visits a priority
- ◆ Demonstrates a willingness to get to know the congregation, including home visits

OUR CHURCH

Mountain View's Mission

Mountain View Church is working to help God transform:

- ◆ Seekers into Regular Attendees
- ◆ Regular Attendees into Worshipful Believers
- ◆ Worshipful Believers into Secure Disciples
- ◆ Secure Disciples into Faithful Servants.



OUR CHURCH (continued)

Mountain View's Vision

- ◆ Mountain View Church (MVC) is small enough to know you, but big enough to accomplish great works for Jesus Christ.
- ◆ We are a multi-generational family.
- ◆ We rely on and teach the wisdom that God has shared with his people over thousands of years, yet we provide worship services and fellowship activities that address the needs of the 21st century. MVC is a rock in the greater Forest area and in our society.
- ◆ We are passionate about the youth in our community. We volunteer our time and give of our other resources to ensure that they know Jesus Christ and that they learn the joy of serving Him and their fellow man.
- ◆ We treasure our elders, providing opportunities to live their faith and share their counsel; we ensure that they are cared for as they need assistance caring for themselves.
- ◆ We nurture young families. We provide mentoring for parents and Christian education for their children. We create fellowship activities especially for these families that allow them to quickly assimilate into our congregation.
- ◆ We help every member (new and old) find a place in our congregation including a small group. We look for small tasks for the hesitant and provide these individuals with structure and support. We provide more significant roles for the willing, continuing to train and support their growth; we teach how to serve. We trust the dedicated to run with major programs, continuing to support and allowing them to try new approaches. Each year we provide rotation to allow individuals rest from old responsibilities and rejuvenation with new ones.
- ◆ We are passionate about missions and are working to make it a primary focus of our church.



OUR CHURCH (continued)

Our Areas of Emphasis

The leadership and congregation at Mountain View have identified the following areas to focus upon in the next 1 – 3 years, as we continue to be God’s “light on a hill” in the Forest community.

Teaching, Preaching, and Worship

- ◆ Providing opportunities for spiritual development and growth
- ◆ Providing meaningful and Spirit-filled worship.

Young Families

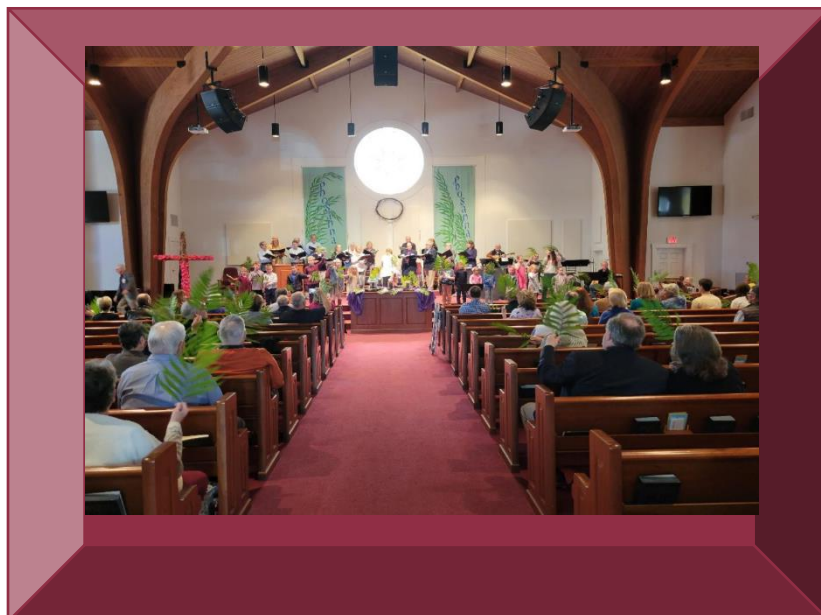
- ◆ Providing Christ’s love and support to young adults rearing Godly children.
- ◆ Providing a Christ-centered church home to the large number of families in the Forest, VA area, and growing their number in our congregation

Children and Youth

- ◆ Providing Christian education, activities, and support to the youth in our area.

Pastoral Care

- ◆ Providing loving support to those in the congregation with both physical and spiritual needs



OUR CHURCH (continued)

Our History

In 1990 Forest United Methodist Church (UMC) and the Lynchburg UMC District began to explore expansion and relocation to meet the growing needs of the Forest, VA community. The Lynchburg District purchased an eight-acre tract of land in Forest and in January 1993 the New Church in Mission was established. After outgrowing meeting facilities in a local dance studio ballroom and rented community office space, ground breaking of the church facility that stands today on that eight-acre tract of land took place on June 2, 1996. Mountain View United Methodist Church was chartered as a local church by the Virginia Annual Conference in January 1997. Resulting from successful growth, a facility expansion was made in June 2003 for the existing sanctuary and additional classrooms. In April 2012, the construction of the Youth Cave was completed. The church purchased an additional four acres of contiguous property for future expansion in 2019.

In March 2022, Mountain View began activities to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. By August 2022, Mountain View Church was incorporated as a Virginian Nonprofit Religious Corporation. In December 2022, disaffiliation from the UMC was completed.

OUR MINISTRIES

- ◆ **Jesus And Me (JAM)** – providing children’s (preschool – 5th grade) Biblical teaching during the Sunday worship hour
- ◆ **Youth** – fellowship, Bible study, and missions activities for middle and high school students
- ◆ **Adult Bible Studies and Small Groups** – Several women’s, men’s, and couples midweek Bible studies
- ◆ **Music** – adult chancel choir and worship Praise Team and Band
- ◆ **Various Small Group Ministries** – Blessing Blankets, Yarn Ministry, “From These Hands”
- ◆ **An Active Missions Team!** – providing hands-on missions outreach to local organizations and non-profits such as World Help, Bedford Christmas Station, and Lynchburg Daily Bread.
- ◆ **Knight’s Club** – a Christian-focused after school program and summer camp

THE SELECTION PROCESS

- ◆ Identifying, screening, and interviewing qualified candidates is the task of a Pastor Search Committee made up of five Mountain View Church members.
- ◆ Final candidates may be invited to preach as a guest preacher.
- ◆ The final selection of our Senior Pastor is the responsibility of the Mountain View Church Board, with input from the congregation. The hiring and onboarding process will be administered by the Board's Staff Parish Relations Committee.

CONTACT INFORMATION

- ◆ Resumes should be submitted to: pastorformv@yahoo.com.
- ◆ Questions about this opportunity and the selection process should be sent to this same email address.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

ABOUT MOUNTAIN VIEW CHURCH

Visit our Website at: www.churchatmountainview.org

