

HOW WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO HELP OUR CHURCH MOVE TO A FAITH FILLED FUTURE?

Please check at least one ministry area, sign and return this form to the church office.

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY AND FELLOWSHIP

Volunteers in ministries of hospitality and fellowship should enjoy people; be comfortable meeting/greeting people whom they do not know; be able to introduce visitors to others in the church family; and be familiar with our church facilities and programs. They should be persons who are comfortable reaching out to new and unfamiliar groups and individuals and inviting them into relationship with God and community. Ministry in this area includes but is not limited to:

- Providing opportunities to reach out to people with the good news of Jesus Christ and welcome them with genuine Christian hospitality so that they may develop a relationship with God and live as Christian disciples.
- Serving as greeters or ushers and staffing of the hospitality desk.
- Preparing and serving meals where food is part of a celebration or memorial (Wednesday night suppers, Sunday morning breakfast, weddings, anniversaries, funerals, special events).
- Using your gifts and talents in music, art, drama and dance for special events that include fun, fellowship and reaching out to those without a church home.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT: CHILDREN & YOUTH

Volunteers in ministries of education and spiritual development of children and youth should be able to communicate with them, enjoy being present with them, be non judgmental, flexible, have the gift of patience and a passion for helping our church family fulfill the vow we make at baptism. Some may have the gift of teaching by transforming information into life changing knowledge and helping children and youth internalize and retain the knowledge and learning they received. Ministry in this area includes but is not limited to:

- Planning and advocating for the children and youth of our congregation and neighborhood.
- Teaching Sunday school, serving as confirmation mentors, accompanying youth on mission trips and providing adult supervision and guidance in activities for children and youth.

MINISTRY OF PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT: YOUNG ADULT & ADULT

Volunteers in ministries of personal and spiritual development for young adults and adults should be able to “think out of the box”, be aware of what it means to live a Christian life on a daily basis (at work, at play, in our families). Some might be planners and some might be implementers of educational programs and events. Others might have the gift of teaching by transforming data and information into life changing knowledge and helping adults of all ages internalize and retain the knowledge and learning they receive. Ministry in this area provides a wide range of activity which includes but is not limited to:

- Planning and implementing opportunities for young adults and adults to be “life long learners” in their spiritual journey. This might include Bible study groups and special sessions on current events.
- Opportunities to be part of groups that provide both study and fellowship (United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women Circles, S.A.G.E.S).

MINISTRY OF OUTREACH AND NURTURE

Volunteers in ministries of outreach and nurture should be able to form personal relationships that help people feel good about themselves, build confidence and not grow discouraged in their physical and faith journey. They should be persons who are generous, compassionate, non-judgmental and comfortable with diverse racial,

social and economic lifestyles. Ministry in this area includes a wide range of service opportunities which include but are not limited to:

- Providing support and caring ministries within our church family.
- Participating in prayer ministry.
- Enhancing the physical health of church members.
- Participating in mission outreach events that give attention to local and larger community ministries of faith sharing, compassion, justice and advocacy. Canteen Suppers, serving at the Banquet, international & national volunteer in mission trips, Habitat for Humanity home building are some examples.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

Volunteers in ministries of music and worship should be persons of deep faith who are visionary and forward thinking while also appreciating tradition. They should have some understanding of the meaning of worship. They should be committed to providing music and worship experiences that are spiritually energizing, invitational to commitment to Jesus Christ and encourage one to grow in faith. They should appreciate worship that reflects the diverse nature of the church family and those we seek to serve. Ministry in this area includes service opportunities which include but are not limited to:

- Participating in choirs, instrumental and vocal groups.
- Serving as liturgists.
- Visioning new possibilities that provide opportunities to praise God and respond to God's grace.
- Assisting in serving communion.
- Participating in new and innovative worship opportunities which may be identified by the Music and Worship Ministry Team.

MINISTRY OF ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Volunteers in ministries of administration and support services should be leaders who can look where we are going rather than where we are at any given time. They should be persons who are able to motivate others to work together in ways that help them achieve more together than any could on their own. They should be persons who are able to organize people and resources for greater efficiency, effectiveness and success. They should be servants willing to work on behalf of the Kingdom of God made visible on earth rather than for personal edification. They should understand that no task is greater or lesser than another but all is done to the Glory of God. Ministry in this area includes a wide variety of service opportunities which include but are not limited to:

- Serving on program and administrative boards.
- Assisting in the care of our building & grounds.
- Providing media, technology services and library services.
- Maintaining the history of our church and caring for archival materials.

I HAVE CHECKED THE MINISTRY AREA(S) IN WHICH I CAN BEST USE MY TALENTS AND ABILITIES FOR SERVICE IN GOD'S MISSION THROUGH FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME WHEN THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE IN THE AREA(S) WHICH I HAVE INDICATED.

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