

Stewardship Opportunities Descriptions Faith United Methodist Church 2008

*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God,
serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.*
- 1 Peter 4:10

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Introduction

Listed below are a number of service opportunities available through Faith United Methodist Church. Each opportunity provides a vehicle for you to continue to grow in your faith while serving others. We hope you find an opportunity that provides more meaning to your life and has potential to touch the lives of others in positive ways. Please indicate your interest on the Stewardship Opportunities Sheet (SOS) and return completed sheets to the church office.

*For we are workers,
created in Jesus Christ for good works,
which God prepared to be our way of life.*

- Ephesians 2:10

Committee Opportunities

Below are the committee opportunities available at Faith United Methodist Church. These groups plan and implement our ministry through administrative and program areas. If any of these are of interest to you, please indicate on the Stewardship Opportunities Sheet (SOS). Your name will be forwarded to the Nominating Committee. Your interest does not guarantee an appointment, but will be used as a resource by the committee. Most of these positions are annual positions and elected in January, but vacancies do occur mid-year. Most involve monthly meetings.

Administrative Council

Establishes our vision, goals and objectives, determines policy, receives reports and oversees our ministry, adopts budget. Meets monthly. Composed of many committee chairpersons and members at large.

Education

Promotes Christian education and faith formation for all ages through Sunday school, Confirmation, Vacation Bible School and other activities.

Evangelism

Responsible for outreach to visitors and the community.

Event Publicity

Responsible for submitting event news to local newspapers using templates. Currently a committee of one, but this can grow pending interest. Usually publicizes 10 to 12 events per year.

Finance

Administers procedures for receiving and disbursement of funds; prepares budget for approval by Administrative Board. Meets monthly.

Missions

Educates the congregation and provides opportunities for ministry on local, national and world level.

Music and Worship

Oversees worship with the intent to provide meaningful and varied experiences.

Nominating/Lay Leadership Committee

Prepares a slate of nominations for approval by the annual Charge Conference for committee/work area chairpersons and members.

Staff/Parish

Supports and oversees the pastoral and lay staff in their ministries; acts as a liaison between the staff and members of the church.

Stewardship

Promotes stewardship opportunities within the congregation. Implements fall stewardship drive. Two-year commitment.

Trustees

Responsible for the oversight and care of the church building and grounds, as well as all property owned by the church. Meets monthly.

Youth Council

Supports the Youth Director and youth program with ideas, feedback, planning and promoting faith information in our middle school and senior high youth. Meets quarterly. Youth and adults welcome!

*Whatever you do may seem insignificant,
but it is very important that you do it.*

- Mahatma Gandhi

Visitation Ministries Opportunities

Below are opportunities to assist the pastor in meeting the needs of new members, shut-ins and people who are hospitalized. If any of these are of interest to you, please indicate on the response form.

Hospital visits

Responsibilities: Visit people who are hospitalized in consultation with pastor.

Length of Commitment: 1 year

Time Commitment: 1 to 2 hours per month, as able

Meetings Required: None

Training Required: Provided by pastor

New member visits

Responsibilities: Visit new members in consultation with pastor.

Length of Commitment: 1 year

Time Commitment: 1 to 2 hours per month, as able

Meetings Required: None

Training Required: Provided by pastor

Visit shut-ins

Responsibilities: Visit shut-ins in consultation with pastor.

Length of Commitment: 1 year

Time Commitment: 1 to 2 hours per month, as able

Meetings Required: None

Training Required: Provided by pastor

*For where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there among them.*

- Matthew 18:20

Church Activities

There are many opportunities at Faith Church that enhances fellowship with congregation members and our community. If any of these are of interest to you, please indicate on the response form.

Adult fellowship

Responsibilities: To provide fellowship opportunities for adults in a variety of settings and groupings, especially intergenerational.

Length of Commitment: 1 year

Time Commitment: 1 to 2 hours per month, as able

Meetings Required: None

Training Required: None

Basket sale

Responsibilities: Assist in creating, wrapping and selling theme baskets for fundraisers.

Time Commitment: Minimum 1 hour, up to as much time as you wish

Meetings Required: None

Training Required: None

Car show

Responsibilities: Assist in set up, staffing booths and clean up for car show activities.

Time Commitment: Approximately 6 to 8 hours per year

Meetings Required: None

Training Required: None

Coffee and donuts

Responsibilities: Prepare, serve and cleanup coffee, milk and donuts for Sunday Fellowship.

Length of Commitment: Varies

Time Commitment: 1 to 1.5 hours per time

Meetings Required: None

Training Required: Available from Linda Cox

Counters

Responsibilities: Count and verify offering totals.

Length of Commitment: Sundays, for one or more months per year

Time Commitment: 1 to 1.5 hours per Sunday

Meetings Required: None

Training Required: Available from the Finance Committee

Craft group

Responsibilities: Enjoy fellowship and create crafts to sell at UMW Soup & Salad Luncheon.

Length of Commitment: As often as you wish

Time Commitment: 10 am to 2 pm each Monday, as able

Meetings Required: None

Training Required: None

Drama Team

Responsibilities: Participate in various dramatic presentations and skits for worship and education.

Length of Commitment: 1 or more events

Time Commitment: 1 to several hours, depending on event

Meetings Required: Rehearsals, as needed

Training Required: Some acting or interest in performing

Garage Sale

Responsibilities: Plan, mark items, set up, clean up and help at annual church sale.

Length of Commitment: 1 event

Time Commitment: 1 to several hours, depending upon your availability

Meetings Required: None

Training Required: None

Grass Cutting

Responsibilities: Help maintain lawn by cutting grass.

Length of Commitment: 1 Saturday or weekday, depending upon your schedule

Time Commitment: Approximately 4 to 6 hours per time

Meetings Required: None

Training Required: Use of a tractor mower and of a weed whip. Tips available from Jim Ward.

Hanging of the Greens

Responsibilities: Help decorate the church for Advent.

Length of Commitment: 1 Saturday for decorating, 1 Saturday for removal

Time Commitment: 2 to 4 hours per time

Meetings Required: None

Training Required: None

Lenten suppers

Responsibilities: Plan, cook and serve a Wednesday night supper during Lent.

Length of Commitment: 1 Wednesday

Time Commitment: 2 to 4 hours per time

Meetings Required: None

Training Required: None

Men's Breakfast

Responsibilities: Attend and participate in Saturday breakfast fellowship.

Length of Commitment: As desired

Time Commitment: Meets every other Saturday morning at 8 am

Meetings Required: None

Training Required: None

Mobile Meals (Meals on Wheels)

Responsibilities: Deliver meals to homebound people in our community.

Length of Commitment: 1 year

Time Commitment: 1 to 2 hours once or twice a month

Meetings Required: None

Training Required: Provided by Mobile Meals

Nametag organizer

Responsibilities: Straighten nametags prior to Sunday worship.

Length of Commitment: One or more months per year

Time Commitment: 1 hour per week after Sunday worship and before the next Sunday's worship

Meetings Required: None

Training Required: None

Office Volunteer

Responsibilities: Help with bulletins, Faith in Action, projects and mailings by collating, stuffing envelopes and labeling.

Length of Commitment: 1 year

Time Commitment: 1 to 2 hours per month, as able

Meetings Required: None

Training Required: Provided by staff

Prayer Chain

Responsibilities: Contact next person on prayer chain upon receiving a call, pray for the request. Telephone and e-mail prayer chains are available.

Length of Commitment: Your choice

Time Commitment: As needed

Meetings Required: None

Training Required: Instructions from Prayer Chain Coordinator

Softball league

Teams will be formed based on participation and availability. All skill levels are welcome.

United Methodist Women (UMW)

A community of women organized to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; develop a creative, supportive fellowship; to expand concepts of mission. UMW supports many mission projects and the global mission of the UMC. Coordinators and volunteers are needed for activities.

Web page upkeep

Responsibilities: Update web site to include Faith in Action news, Youth page, etc.

Length of Commitment: 1 year

Time Commitment: 2 to 3 hours per month

Meetings Required: None

Training Required: Ability to use Microsoft Publisher, a PDF file converter, and up load software

Youth fundraisers

Responsibilities: Assist youth in fundraising activities.

Length of Commitment: 1 year

Time Commitment: 2 to 3 hours per activity

Meetings Required: None

Training Required: None

Youth Group

Responsibilities: Participate in youth fellowship activities.

Length of Commitment: Your choice

Time Commitment: 2 to 3 hours per activity

Meetings Required: May be asked to attend a Youth Council meeting

Training Required: None

*Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,
In all the ways you can, in all the places you can,
To all the people you can, as long as ever you can.*

- John Wesley

Worship Participation

Help enhance worship by participating in the activities listed below. If any of these are of interest to you, please indicate on the response form.

Bell Choir

Responsibilities: Play handbells for rehearsals and scheduled performances.

Length of Commitment: 9 months (September through May)

Time Commitment: Rehearsal (1 hour per week) and performances

Meetings Required: Weekly rehearsal

Training Required: Ability to read music.

Children's Message

Responsibilities: Share God's word with children through a three to five minute message at Sunday worship service in consultation with pastor.

Length of Commitment: 1 or more Sundays

Time Commitment: 1 hour per Sunday

Meetings Required: None

Training Required: None

Choir - Adult

Responsibilities: Sing for rehearsals, worship and special music events. No auditions.

Length of Commitment: 1 year

Time Commitment: Wednesday rehearsal (7 to 8:30 pm), usually sing three Sundays per month (September - May), one Sunday per month (summer)

Choir - Children

Responsibilities: Sing with choir for rehearsal, worship and special musical events.

Length of Commitment: 9 months (September through May)

Time Commitment: Rehearsal (1 hour per week) and performances

Communion Steward

Responsibilities: Assist pastor with distributing communion elements. Purchase, set up grape juice and bread, clean up.

Length of Commitment: 1 Sunday per year

Time Commitment: 2 hour (prep time before service, service participation, clean up after service)

Meetings Required: None

Training Required: Minimal

Greeter

Responsibilities: Greet church attendees at door prior to worship. **Note:** all members are encouraged to be “unofficial” greeters to help Faith remain a welcoming church. Please consider yourself an unofficial greeter every Sunday as you reach out to others with a smile, a handshake or a friendly greeting.

Length of Commitment: 1 to 2 Sundays per year (or more)

Time Commitment: 40 minutes, 8:30 to 9:10 am

Meetings Required: None

Training Required: None

Instrumentalist

Responsibilities: Play an instrument in an ensemble or as a soloist.

Length of Commitment: Periodic

Time Commitment: As needed for event

Meetings Required: Rehearse with organist and/or ensemble

Training Required: Musical ability to play instrument, read music

Lay Reader

Responsibilities: Read Sunday scripture texts and lead unison prayer.

Length of Commitment: Choose one or more Sundays throughout the year.

Time Commitment: 1 hour per Sunday plus preparation

Meetings Required: None

Training Required: Use of microphone

Nursery attendant

Responsibilities: Volunteer in nursery to care/nurture young children during Sunday worship.

Length of Commitment: 1 month or more per year.

Time Commitment: 1 hour per Sunday

Training Required: Provided by the Education Committee

Sound System Operator

Responsibilities: Operate sound for worship services and other events.

Length of Commitment: 1 year

Time Commitment: 1.5 hours per Sunday, 1 to 2 times per month.

Meetings Required: None

Training Required: Training provided by Steve Larsen

Usher

Responsibilities: Seat people, hand out bulletins, collect offering, and assist with communion.

Length of Commitment: Choose one or more months throughout the year.

Time Commitment: 1.5 hours per service (8:45 to 10:15 am)

Meetings Required: None

Training Required: Minimal

Welcome Center attendant

Responsibilities: Staff Welcome Center. Welcome and assist worshipers. Be familiar with literature and other handouts in order to answer questions.

Length of Commitment: 1 Sunday per month preferred, or as able

Time Commitment: 40 minutes, 8:30 to 9:10 am

Meetings Required: None

Training Required: Minimal

Transportation provider

Responsibilities: Offer transportation to/from church worship and/or church functions.

Length of Commitment: As available.

Time Commitment: Dependent upon need and volunteer's schedule.

Meetings Required: None

Training Required: Minimal

Now the gifts He gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers; to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.

- Ephesians 4: 11-12

Opportunities in Christian Education

As United Methodists, our mission as a Christian fellowship of all ages is to grow spiritually, to reach out, to care for and nurture others, and to share the Gospel and the job of God's love with all. We are committed to providing ongoing Christian education opportunities for our members and our community at large. Sharing one's faith through fellowship with others continues to be a rewarding and fulfilling way to grow in your faith journey. If any of these are of interest to you, please indicate on the response form.

Elementary Sunday School

Let us help in laying a foundation of faith in your children's lives to equip them for living in today's times. Our dedicated teachers share their faith with the children along with a curriculum where learning is accomplished through a variety of means including possible use of a computer lab and other media. Elementary Sunday School begins following the Children's Time in our worship (approximately 9:15 am for the next 45 to 55 minutes).

Responsibilities: Work with a broadly graded grouping of students (age three through kindergarten, grades 1 through 3, grades 4 through 6) using curriculum provided to teach the class assigned.

Length of Commitment: one academic year (September through May)

Time Commitment: 1.5 hours per week on site (8:45 to 10:15 am) plus preparation time

Meetings Required: Teacher information meetings occasionally

Training Required: Teacher training, Safe Church

Children's Summer Sunday School

Responsibilities: Work with a broadly graded grouping of students (ages three through grades 6 using curriculum provided to teach the class assigned.

Length of Commitment: 1 or more Sundays a summer

Time Commitment: 1.5 hours per week on site (8:45 to 10:15 am) plus preparation time

Meetings Required: None

Training Required: Minimal

Vacation Bible School

Responsibilities: Leaders and helpers are needed.

Length of Commitment: 1 week in summer

Time Commitment: 3 to 4 hours per day

Meeting Required: Limited planning meetings

Training Required: Provided by Education Commission

Confirmation Class (7th and 8th Grades)

The middle school curriculum resource reflects the United Methodist's commitment to invitational teaching. We teach in a way that seeks to help youth respond to the invitation to accept Christ as Lord and Savior and live as Christ's disciples in the church and in the world. This group also seeks to build community with each other and their church family. This class meets at 6:30 pm two Wednesdays per month.

Senior High Youth Group (9th through 12th Grades)

The goal of our Senior High Youth Group is to bring the Bible to the world of today's youth. We hope to help youth connect their lives with their faith by challenging them to connect with other Christians, grow in their faith, discover their ministry, and honor God with their life. This group meets at 6:30 pm two Wednesdays a month.

Confirmation Class and Senior High Group Leaders

Responsibilities: Teach for the school year.

Length of Commitment: September through May

Time Commitment: 2 hours per week

Meetings Required: Youth Council meetings (meets quarterly)

Training Required: Teacher Training

Adult Sunday School:

Adult Forum

A "forum" for learning about our world and bringing our faith to bear on the issues that affects us all. Meets Sunday at 10:30 am September to May.

Serendipity

A study group which uses the Serendipity Bible as its "textbook" with other resources added from time to time as the group determines. Meets Sunday at 10:30 am September to May.

Adult Summer Sunday School

A group that uses video/DVD resources as the study material and a discussion format for learning. Meets Sunday at 10:30 am during the summer (although probably not all). Check the bulletin and Faith in Action for meeting dates.

Small group studies

Our Small Group ministry features a variety of groups. Some focus on learning together, some on a shared interest or activity, but all seek to build faith by creating a place where authentic Christian friendships can be formed. Small Groups usually start up in the fall. Watch the Faith in Action and bulletin (worship folder) for opportunities.

Disciple Bible Study

Join a life-changing journey through God's word, in which you will be *formed*, not just informed. Disciple meets for 32 to 34 weeks in 2-hour sessions. Disciple I (Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study) covers about two-thirds of the Bible's text. Disciple II (Into the Word Into the World) studies Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts. Disciple III (Under the Tree of Life) concentrates on the writings in the Old Testament (Ruth, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Lamentations, and Daniel) and the New Testament writings of the Gospel of John, 1, 2, and 3 John, James, Jude, and Revelation. Disciple IV (Remember Who You Are) deals with the major and minor prophets (with the exception of Daniel) and the 13 letters traditionally attributed to Paul with the historical context provided by readings from Deuteronomy through Chronicles.

Women's Book Club

Enjoy lively discussion of a wide variety of books. Meets third Thursday of each month at 6 pm.

Faith study/Bible Study

Short-term (4 to 8 weeks) studies on issues of faith and/or a book of the Bible and/or a theme of the Bible. Meets in late afternoon or evening as scheduled. Watch the bulletin and Faith In Action for the schedule.

Youth Sunday Discussion Groups

Youth grades 7 through 12 are welcome to join us on Sunday mornings at 11:30 a.m. (currently meeting at Caribou Coffee) to discuss anything from recently read books, current events, questions about the Bible and faith, or how to live out our faith in the "real world." It's a great place to "touch base" with others in the group in a casual atmosphere!

Young adults and/or couples

Opportunities can be created based on interest.

Seniors

Opportunities can be created based on interest.

*"So, we are to use our different gifts in accordance with the grace that
God has given us.*

*If our gift is to speak God's message,
we should do it according to the faith that we have;
if it is to serve, we should serve;
if it is to teach, we should teach;
if it is to encourage others, we should do so.
Whoever shares with others should do it generously;
whoever has authority should work hard;
whoever shows kindness to others should do it cheerfully."
- Romans 12:6-8 (Good News Bible)*

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

- 2 Corinthians 9:8

*Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;
and there are varieties of activities,
but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.*

1 Corinthians 12:4-6