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John Wesley United Methodist Church Ministry Opportunities

There are many opportunities to serve in the ministries of John Wesley United Methodist Church. Several are included in this guide. You are invited to share the total package of your gifts. We look forward to working together as we make disciples of Jesus Christ, for the transformation of the world for Christ.

Acolyte Ministry

The acolyte ministry is comprised of children and youth members who serve on the weekly worship leadership team. Through regular training, they help set the tone for worship, by bringing the altar lights and worship elements in the service.

Altar Guild Ministry

This ministry prepares the pulpit area for worship by providing the appropriate paraments, cloths and other worship elements as instructed by the Pastor. These visuals help worshipers make connections with the sacraments, seasons, and celebrations of the church.

Angel Tree Ministry

Through our partnership with Prison Fellowship, we bring joy to children whose moms and or dads are in prison. Members select an Angel from our Christmas tree and gifts are shared at the designated time.

Bereavement "Sunshine" Ministry

Bereavement ministry is designed as a loving and caring outreach to members and their families during their time of illness and grief. This ministry also assists with planning the family meal and fellowship following the funeral.

Beyond Fitness Ministry

Healthy fun and fellowship is shared currently through Boot Camp (cardio, strength training, core workout) and Line Dancing—movement done as a group to popular music. This ministry functions under the **Health and Wellness Ministry**.

Bible Study

Two classes weekly are offered to develop and strengthen the biblical education of the congregation. The Living Word bible study on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. and the Wednesday evening class at 6:30 p.m.

Children's Ministry

Ministry with children is designed to include children in the life of the church, and provide opportunities for spiritual growth and development, mission and service, fellowship and discipleship, in a safe environment. All ministries with children serve under this heading.

Christian Education Ministry

Christian Education ministry coordinates Sunday school, educational classes, bible study and training for teachers; it also expands teaching and learning opportunities for the congregation and community through the Black History celebration, Christmas and Easter programs and Vacation Bible School.



Confirmation Preparation

Young people ages 10—17 meet for a specified time (10-12 weeks) to explore membership in The United Methodist Church, what it means, who we are and what we believe. Leads to being formally confirmed as members of the church.

Congregational Care/Family Ministry

This ministry cares for members of the congregation who are new, existing, inconsistent, sick and shut-in, bereaved, and have special needs. Through regular contact—personal visits, direct mail, phone calls, email and other electronic media—members are consistently nurtured and embraced. This ministry also coordinates and implements programs, classes and activities that strengthen and enhance the quality of life for families.

Council on Ministries

Representatives from work areas of the church review ministry activities of the total church. The council monitors the strategic plan of the church and makes sure it fulfills its mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ. This twofold function includes both leadership and management.

Education/Library Ministry

This ministry is a supportive and encouraging ministry to prospective and enrolled students in institutions of higher learning as well as seminaries. They coordinate and disburse scholarships for qualified church members who attend these institutions. They also acknowledge and honor the achievements of graduates.

Finance Ministry

The ministry of finance is charged with the responsibility for developing and implementing plans to raise sufficient income to meet the budget adopted by the church. It shall administer the funds received according to instruction from the administrative board/council.

Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts at John Wesley work to empower girls and to help teach values such as honesty, courage, compassion, character, confidence and citizenship. They serve the community including those who are in need.

Greeter Ministry

The ministry of greeting provides warm hospitality as worshippers enter the house of the Lord. This ministry helps make the people of God feel welcomed and loved as they are prepared for a spiritual worship experience. They serve in partnership with the Usher Ministry.

Health and Wellness Ministry

Work with others to plan ministry that emphasizes health, wholeness and a stronger physical, mental and spiritual self. Health fairs, special cause related campaigns and **Beyond Fitness** are several ministries that function under Health and Wellness.



History Ministry

The church historian records and maintains the historical events of the church. The historian documents the life of the church and shares it throughout the year in ways that help inform the congregation of our heritage as a church.

Homecoming Ministry

The team coordinates this major celebration of the church anniversary through fundraising activities including the All States Tea, special member offerings, bible study and a worship celebration and dinner which occurs in October. Apostles are assigned books of the Bible and lead their disciple teams through events to help reach their financial goals. Special bible study sessions help teams gain spiritual insight and strength around a specific theme.

Lay Leadership

This ministry identifies, develops, deploys, and evaluates Christian spiritual leaders who serve from their strengths and gifts. They are presented and confirmed by the annual Charge Conference This ministry is a key to the life and vitality of the congregation. It is chaired by the Senior Pastor of the church.

Lay Speakers Ministry

Lay members of the church receive specific training to develop skills in witnessing to the Christian faith through spoken communication, church and community leadership, and care-giving ministries. They are active in member visitation, worship leadership, lay speaking for worship and special services, and outreach.

Liturgical Dance Ministry

The liturgical dance ministry is in development for the future. It is planned to provide opportunities for learning and using dance and movement to inspire praise and enhance worship in a variety of settings. Classes for children, youth and adults are under consideration.

Media Ministry

The media ministry regulates sound for a pleasant worship and program experience. Worship services, programs and designated events are recorded for audio and DVD.

Membership Ministry

The membership ministry maintains the records of church membership, generates statistical reports, documents new member information, provides training and supports the transition of persons into membership of the church.

Missions and Outreach Ministry

This ministry identifies the needs of the community and engages the congregation in mission opportunities that seek to address these needs. Currently these efforts include Hungry Hank, Second Harvest Food Bank, Back-to-School Ministry, and emergency family needs. In addition, we participate in the Room-in-the-Inn ministry coordinated by our United Methodist Men.

Music Ministry

Music Ministry at John Wesley United Methodist Church provides opportunities for persons to use their gifts in praise and worship through music. Currently there are opportunities in the Youth Choir (ages six to 17), the John Wesley Gospel Chorus and two praise teams.

Nursery Ministry

The Nursery ministry provides care during worship, and other designated times, in a safe environment, to children six months to five years old. Age appropriate learning tools are incorporated in playtime. Safe Sanctuary guidelines are implemented.

Room in the Inn Ministry

The Room in the Inn ministry is coordinated by the United Methodist Men to assist homeless men with safe overnight housing during the winter season. John Wesley's program provides two hot meals on site as well as a take away snack. The program begins in November and ends in late March or early April.

Safety Ministry

A ministry that implements the Safe Sanctuary policy related to monitoring children and youth during ministry activities. Program provides forums to assist families with safety for children and at risk groups.

Senior Adult Ministry

This is an exciting, active fellowship ministry for persons in their senior years. Participants enjoy a wide variety of fellowship outings places, breakfast and lunch gatherings, seasonal parties, and the annual December event, and much more.

Staff Parish Relations Ministry

The staff parish relations ministry serves a key role in working with the Senior Pastor in establishing the focus of the staff, in relation to the ministry of the church. By advocating for the pastor and staff and helping to interpret their roles and ministries, the Staff Parish Relations Ministry supports and nurtures the whole congregation.

Sunday School

Based on the teachings of Jesus, Christian Education coordinates Sunday School classes for all ages, as part of the educational ministry of the church. The Breakfast Ministry coordinates, prepares and provides Sunday breakfast prior to classes.

Transportation Ministry

The transportation ministry provides transportation to those who desire to attend Sunday school, worship services, bible study and or other church activities, on Sundays and throughout the week.

Trustee Ministry

Trustees are entrusted with the title of all church property and serve as overseers. They plan for and execute the purchase, maintenance, expansion, repair and replacement equipment, and are responsible for the up keep and maintenance of all physical church property and its contents, insurance, and memorial gifts. They develop plans, under the guidance of the Pastor, to raise funds for ongoing ministry and growth of the church.



United Methodist Women (UMW)

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the Church.

United Methodist Men (UMM)

United Methodist Men are an organized body that promotes discipleship, spiritual growth and faith development, personal witness and evangelism, mission and ministry. Through monthly meetings and fellowship they work to strengthen an understanding of the role of Christian men in the life of the church.

United Methodist Youth Ministry (UMYF)

John Wesley's youth ministry is a fun-filled, mission-centered and spiritually enriched opportunity for ages 13 to 18, to lead fundraisers, serve in various ministries of the church, and participate in a variety of district, conference and community events, including Warmth in Winter and the Southeastern Jurisdictional BMCR Harambee.

Usher Ministry

The Usher ministry helps set a tone of hospitality as they extend special care to help ensure the worship service runs smoothly. They also collect the offering and provide assistance to the pulpit leadership, the choir and music ministry and others as needed. We offer opportunities are available to serve on the junior or senior usher board.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a week-long program of bible study, music, crafts and activities designed around a central biblical theme for all ages. VBS is an annual event with classes and activities for all ages.

Worship Ministry

The worship ministry works together to support the senior pastor in developing reverent worship services that are powerful, inspirational, and spiritually enriching.

Young Adult Ministry

The young adult ministry serves in various ways in the church and community. The primary emphasis is on working together in new ways that incorporate the leadership gifts of all members, through workshops, outreach, peer support and nurturing engagement.

Young Christian Leadership Academy

Training for children and youth, in preparation as leaders in worship and other settings; includes understanding the order of worship, protocol, Christian symbols, prayer, voice and diction, stewardship and more.

Young Gentlemen's Ministry

Ministry for boys, ages 6-18, from the church and community, designed to aid in the transformation of boys into young gentlemen. Through various teaching and fellowship opportunities, this ministry focuses on attire, public speaking, respect and character Odevelopment, social etiquette, academic enhancement, and good citizenship.



"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

I Peter 4:10 NIV





Contact the Pastor about ministry areas where you wish to share your gifts.



Make your commitment to God to serve today! Let's do this!