



United Methodist Church

Stewardship 2026
Opportunities Booklet

COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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This booklet contains brief descriptions of Community United Methodist Church's ministry opportunities. Our voluntary stewardship efforts allow us to follow God's call to serve the larger community around us as well as our fellow church members. Please prayerfully consider where God wants you to offer your time and talents.

Adult Education Ministries

GROW Night Leader – (Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15 p.m.) Facilitate a small group that encourages open discussion and understanding of the Scriptures. Small group facilitator training is available.

Library Team – Help with the church's lending library; assist with shelving books and library organization.

Sunday School Teacher – You may teach a weekly lesson or rotate with other class members, on Sundays at 9:30 or 11:00 a.m.. Small group facilitator training is available.

Care Ministries

Food Ministry

- Bereavement Committee – This committee provides receptions on the church campus, following a funeral or memorial service, per the family's request. Volunteer teams work on a rotating basis.
- Prospective New Member Committee – Classes for prospective new members are held 3 - 4 times per year and a reception/light lunch is provided. Volunteers develop the menus and provide the food for these events, which are held after the 11:00 a.m. service.
- Wednesday Night Dinners – Order meals, set tables, greet people, prepare drinks, serve food, bus tables, schedule volunteers, volunteer assignments, order supplies, oversee kitchen, count money, clean up after dinner & more! Meals are served during the school year, when GROW night classes are held.

Prayer Chain Management – Assist in collecting prayer requests and submitting them to the church office for final review and distribution; volunteers are trained in the procedures.

Prayer Shawl and Yarn Lovers Ministry – This group makes prayer shawls, which are delivered to folks with a need for extra support in time of loss or illness, as well as other items for missions.

Prayer Warriors – (via Zoom, 3:00 p.m. Friday) This group meets online to lift prayers to God for healing, praise, and thanksgiving.

Respite Care – This program is for those living with cognitive disorders including Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease. It provides caregivers a break on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.. Volunteers encourage individuals to enjoy planned activities & a faith-based component. Training is provided.

Stephen Ministry – Do you have a heart for people who may be hurting, worried or stressed about a personal situation, and would like to help by listening and praying with them? Join the Stephen Ministry team and receive training and continuing education.

Visitation Team - Call on members who are shut-ins or homebound, in hospitals, nursing, or rehabilitation centers. A typical commitment includes sending a note, making a phone call or personal visit on a monthly basis.

Church Support & Administration

Advertising Liaison with Local Media – Work with local newspapers to offer articles about CUMC events.

Church History Committee – Assist the church in keeping accurate records of its current life and work. Periodically, update the history of the church; and, as needed, publish items to inform the membership of our rich heritage.

Church Office Support – Help in the church office with hospitality, phone calls, computer data entry, reception, folding, or other duties as needed.

Church Property Maintenance and Repair – Help with carpentry, miscellaneous repairs and painting, as needed on the church campus.

Church Vehicle Driver – Volunteers must be 21 years or older and have a Commercial Driver's License; also requires a new driver form and a background check. Approved drivers take the church bus on activity trips for adults, children, youth, choir, etc..

Disaster Planning – If you have experience in planning for or responding to a disaster, please indicate your interest in being considered for serving on this committee.

- Disaster Planning - Storm Preparedness - Assist in preparing the church property before a storm.
- Disaster Planning - Post Storm Cleanup – Assist in restoring the church property following a storm.

Landscaping – Trim and shape shrubbery; weed the planting beds.

Staff Parish Relations Committee – This committee is responsible for hiring to fill open staff positions, for setting salaries, and for evaluating staff/pastoral performance. In addition, we are liaisons between the congregation and the staff if any issues come up. If you have any interest in serving in this capacity, please speak directly to Pastor Kelly to be considered for a position.

Trustees – If you have experience in building maintenance and would like to be considered to serve on the Board of Trustees, please indicate your interest, and you will be considered for nomination when positions are available. Volunteers must be voted on at Charge Conference in the fall. Please note that a Trustee serves for a 3-year term.

Family Ministries

Children's Sunday School – Serve as a teacher or assistant for children ages 4 years through 6th grade during the Sunday 9:30 a.m. service.

Connect Preteens (4th, 5th and 6th grades) – (Sunday nights and/or Wednesday nights) Assist with playing games, planning activities, and facilitating small groups.

Nursery Volunteer – Assist in caring for children 3 years and younger during Sunday worship, Wednesday evening programs, and special events.

Snack and Meals Team – (Sunday nights) - Volunteers provide snacks and meals for family, youth & children's events.

Special Events – Help plan, lead, or assist in one-time events such as Easter Egg Hunt, Glow Night, Christmas in July, and/or children's parties.

Tutoring – Provide one-on-one tutoring for students in 1st and/or 2nd grade, in reading and math.

Wednesday Night Kids Club – (Wednesdays, 6:15-7:30 p.m.) Assist the head teacher in preparing and implementing the Kids Club curriculum.

Youth Group (7th – 12th grades) – (Sunday nights and/or Wednesday nights) Assist with set-up, lead games, facilitate small group discussion, and help with program planning for Sunday nights and/or Wednesday nights.

Financial Faith Ministry

Audit Team - Provide an internal audit of the church's financial records once a year.

Finance Committee – If you have a financial background, please indicate your interest in being considered to serve on this committee, which monitors the current budget revenues and expenses, and recommends a budget for next year based upon current needs.

Offering Counters – Beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Monday mornings, volunteers total up the offerings collected in Sunday services and record the donations.

Planned Giving Committee – This committee educates the congregation about providing legacy gifts in context with their estate planning.

Stewardship Committee – Working with the pastors, the committee develops the stewardship campaign materials for each upcoming year. Please indicate your interest in being considered to serve on this committee.

Local Outreach Ministries

Angel Tree Committee – This committee organizes Christmas gift wishes from students at Fruitland Park Elementary School. Through the generosity of our CUMC congregation, those specific wishes are filled, with the unwrapped gifts then being distributed to families, prior to the Christmas break.

Community Partnership – Work with community churches, businesses, and leaders, by participating in community events and projects to keep the church connected to the community and the community connected to the church. The committee meets on the 2nd Monday of each month and there are opportunities to volunteer for individual events as well.

Food Pantry – The pantry operates on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00–3:00 p.m., when food is packed and distributed to our clients. We welcome volunteers' interest but please note that this popular ministry can experience limited availability for volunteer slots.

Operation Homebound – Deliver meals to homebound folks in the Fruitland Park area who may or may not be members of our congregation, in cooperation with a multi-church mission based at North Lake Presbyterian. Typical schedule is 4 or 5 days per month on alternate months, making 6–12 stops or deliveries.

Pumpkin Patch – The annual pumpkin patch sale on church grounds raises money for youth/children's ministries. Volunteers are needed to unload pumpkins, be a cashier, and set up and clean up.

Trunk-or-Treat

- Donate Treats – Bring Halloween candy/treats to be offered during the event.
- Host a Trunk – Park your car in the church lot; decorate the trunk and pass out treats to neighborhood children.

Missions Ministries

Cuba Mission Trip – Visit, worship, and fellowship with members of our sister church in Cuba. Each year one or two 1-week trips are planned.

Missions Committee – Plan, support and participate in the missions and projects of our church's outreach.

Music Ministry in Traditional Worship & Other Opportunities

Actors for Community Characters – Readers, theatre, and skits enhance our worship experience, through tableau representations of the scripture or by using a formal script. No prior acting experience necessary.

Handbell & Tone Chime Choir – Accompany worship services at various times during the year. Rehearsals are Thursdays at 4:45 p.m. A general knowledge of music is helpful, but not necessary.

Chancel Choir – Sing Sundays at 11:00 a.m. worship services and for seasonal concerts. No audition is required. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m..

Instrumentalist – Instrumentalists accompany the choirs and ensembles. Brass, woodwind, percussion and stringed instruments are needed.

Praise Team - Participate in supporting contemporary worship - vocalists and/or instrumentalists.

Substitute Pianist/Organist – Fill in when our regular accompanists are absent. This is a compensated position. Attendance is needed at rehearsals, as well as both traditional Sunday services.

Personal Connection Adult Ministries

Harvest of Hope Community Garden – Located on our Food Pantry property are 24 (4'x8') raised planting beds which are available upon request to community residents/church members to plant and grow for their own family's use. Our goal is to foster relationships between members and our neighbors, as we build community together.

Interest Groups – Whether you are looking for some friends to play golf or watch sports, discuss science topics, do a craft, or meet up for a doggie date — there are many folks here at church with common interests. Finding or forming a group with your interests is a great chance to become closer together through our commonalities. Church leaders will help launch groups.

Life Groups – Life groups are gatherings around the dinner table or breakfast diner to share, and carry each other through the highs and lows of life. These small groups are generally 6-10 people of a similar life stage that gather 1-2 times a month all through the year. Small gatherings for mutual support have deep roots in our Wesleyan tradition of accountability and social holiness. Church leaders will help launch groups.

Men's Prayer Breakfast – (7:45 a.m. Tuesdays) Held as part of the United Methodist Men's meeting, all men are welcome to join this group in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast, fellowship, and prayer.

United Women in Faith (UWF) – The Unit is made up of 3 Circles (Friends 2nd Wednesday, Rebekah 2nd Tuesday & Sarah 3rd Thursday of each month). The Unit meetings are the 1st Tuesday of each month September-May at 10 am in Fellowship Hall. We support, advocate for and empower women, youth and children. All women are welcome.

Technology Support

Contemporary Service – Help with audio, video or lighting for 9:30 service.

Traditional Services – For 8:00 and/or 11:00 services, help manage the sanctuary sound system or toggle the screen slides; run videocast from audio-visual booth for the 11:00 service only.

Contemporary Worship, Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Coffee & Donuts Host – Help set up coffee and donuts to provide a fellowship opportunity for worshipers.

Communion Steward – Duties may include: Preparing and setting up elements and cleaning up after each service.

Greeter/Usher – Welcome and seat worshipers, distribute bulletins, and attend to special needs.

Welcome Table – Host the Welcome Table. Greet visitors and answer questions they might have about ministry opportunities.

Worship Design Team – Directed by the service leaders, the design team supports building the stage design and seasonal decorative elements.

Traditional Services 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Altar Guild – Prepare the altar for worship, maintain the paraments, cross, and offering plates.

Communion Steward – Duties may include: Preparing and setting up elements and cleaning up after each service.

Coffee & Donuts Host – Be a regular or substitute host to set up and serve coffee and donuts on Sunday mornings, in the Fellowship Hall after the 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. services.

Greeter – Welcome worshipers at the front doors as they arrive, for 8:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. Sunday worship.

Liturgist – Read the scripture lesson, planned by the pastors, at Sunday worship services 8:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.

Offertory Prayer – Give the offertory prayer at either 8:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. Sunday worship service.

Sanctuary Care – Prepare the sanctuary for worship by restocking the pew racks and attendance pads.

Special Decorations – Assist in decorating the sanctuary for special services such as Easter, Christmas, and Pentecost. Make special decorations as needed.

Usher – Welcome and seat worshipers, distribute bulletins, receive the offering, and attend to special needs. Usher teams serve for one month each quarter at Sunday worship at 8:00 or 11:00 a.m..

Welcome Table – Host the Welcome Table before and after 8:00 or 11:00 a.m. services. Greet visitors, answer questions and encourage them to sign the guest book.

Worship Services & Special Events -

Parking Lot Hospitality Cart Driver – Cart drivers transport people to and from their parked cars for services and/or special events.



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