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Stewardship 2024 Opportunities Booklet

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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 available.

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 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 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 and wash pots, pans and dishes. Meals only served during the school year; work on a rotating schedule.

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 – (Monthly on 3rd Wednesday, except July & August, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.) 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.

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 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.

Contemporary Worship, Sunday 9:30 a.m.

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

Communion Steward – Prepare communion elements on Saturday before communion Sunday, complete the set up for communion in Family Life Center on Sunday morning before the service, and put all items away after service.

Hospitality – Welcome and seat worshipers; attend to any special needs. Give church and Sunday school information to new visitors.

Prayer Team – Be present at the worship service prayer station, to offer prayer with individuals who have a need.

Vocalists and Instrumentalists – Be a part of the vocal and instrumental portion of the worship service.

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

Church Support & Administration

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

Community Christian Preschool Playground Maintenance – Check, repair, do touchup painting and clean the equipment as needed. Spread wood chips as required.

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 computer data entry, reception, bulletin 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 and choir.

Disaster Planning and Response for the Church

- Pre-Disaster Volunteer – If you have experience in planning for or responding to a disaster, please indicate your interest in being considered for serving on this committee.
- Storm Cleanup – Assist in restoring the church property following a storm.

Landscaping – Trim and shape shrubbery; weed the planting beds. Saturday cleanups are scheduled several times each year.

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

Parking Lot Hospitality Cart Driver – Cart drivers transport people to and from their parked cars for all 3 Sunday services.

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 our paid staff in caring for children 3 years and younger during Sunday worship, Wednesday evening programs, and special events.

Snack and Meals Team – (Sunday nights and/or Wednesdays, 2:00-5:00 p.m.) Volunteers provide snacks and meals on a rotation schedule for Sunday night programs and/or prepare and serve snacks during Wonderful Wednesdays.

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

Tutoring – (Wednesdays, 2:00-3:15 p.m.) Provide one-on-one tutoring for students in K–2nd grade in the reading and math.
Vacation Bible School – Help with registration, the snack crew, decorating, or volunteer in other ways.

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

Wonderful Wednesdays (during school year, Wednesdays 2:00-5:00 p.m.)

- Hall Monitor – Help keep the program running smoothly by assisting with early checkout and keeping the halls safe. Or be a substitute when needed.

- Teacher – Teach children through a variety of fun activities such as art, crafts, photography, yoga, sign language, dance, games, or more! Or be a substitute when needed.

Youth (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

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 9:00 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.

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.

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.

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.
- Donate 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.

Adult Handbell & Tone Chime Choir – Accompany worship services at various times during the year. Rehearsals are Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. A general knowledge of music is helpful, but not necessary.

Chancel Choir – Sing Sundays at 11:00 AM 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 & Movement – During Wednesday GROW night time, the leader teaches movement to music expressing God's rhythm. Class begins at 6:30 p.m.

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.

Matthew's Hands – (2nd and 4th Mondays, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.) This free, spiritual mental health support group is for people living with a mental health problem and for people having a loved one with a mental health problem. The confidential group is open to the community and offers prayers, encouragement and friendship. Meets in the church library.

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

Prime Time Senior Singles – (Fridays, 5:00 p.m.) Join this group for fun and fellowship if you are a single senior. Meets in the Fellowship Hall.

Respite Care – This program is for those living with cognitive disorders including Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease, and is to provide caregivers a break, once a week for 4 hours. Volunteers encourage individuals to enjoy planned activities and the faith-based component. Training provided.

United Women in Faith (UWF) – (Monthly, 1st Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. except 1st Saturday in May and December) Our UWF full unit meets monthly with the exception of June, July and August. We support, advocate for and empower women, youth and children. All women are welcome to attend.

Technology Support

Contemporary service – Help with audio, video and lighting for the 9:30 service.

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

Traditional Worship, Sunday 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 – Prepare communion elements on Saturday before communion Sunday, complete the set up for communion in sanctuary on Sunday before both services, and put all items away after services.

Donuts & Coffee 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 worshippers 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 a.m. 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.

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This is Your Community, United!