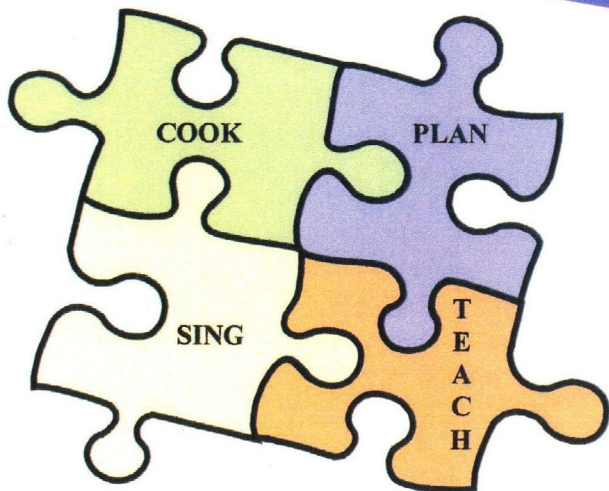
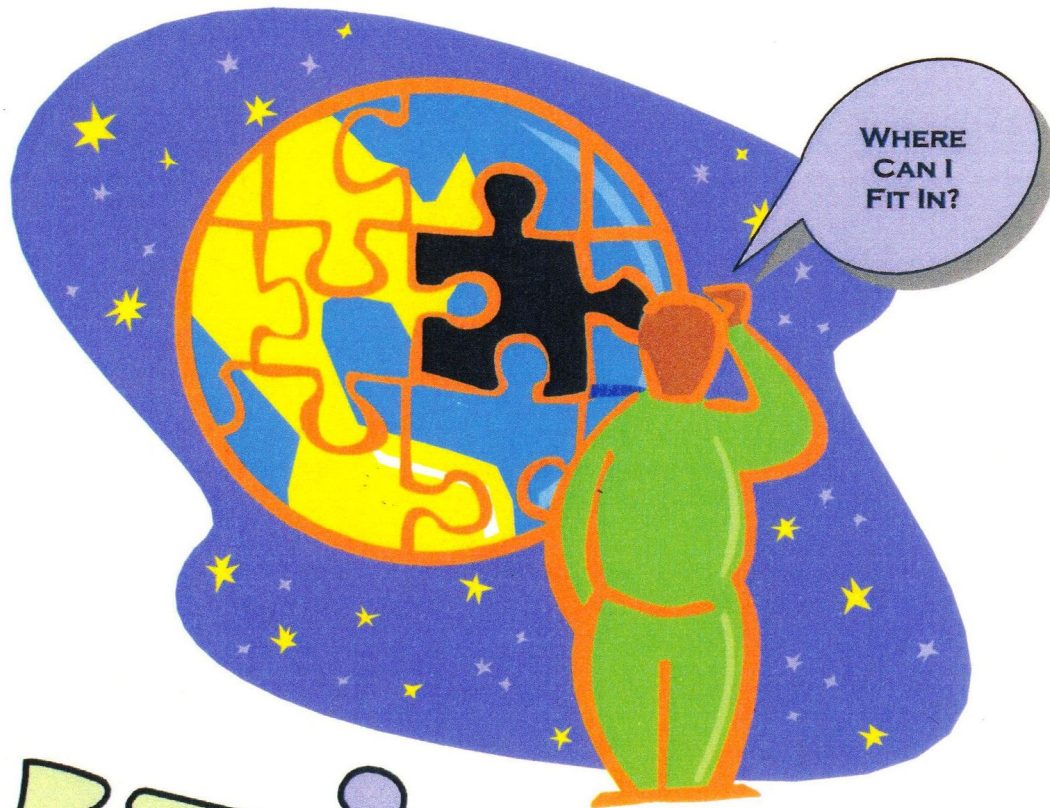


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**An Invitation for
Involvement at
Wimberley United
Methodist Church**

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Introduction

A church is many things to many people. It is a family, a community, a refuge, a learning center, a house of worship, a place of service - it is what we make it. Our church serves us, but we as the church also serve the greater community in the name of Christ.

As United Methodists, we pledge to support the ministries of the church through our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service, all to the glory of God. This booklet is designed to help all our people pledge their time and talents to the ministry of this church, both inside and outside our walls

Look over the ministry tasks listed here and pray about those that call your attention. When you are ready to make a commitment to serve, look for the form in the back of the booklet and fill it out according to the instructions. Once a year we will pledge our commitment-to-service during worship. At other times during the year, you can mail the form, put it in the offering plate at one of the services, or give it to the Church Secretary.

Should you make a choice, but do not get contacted right away, take heart. Some of the listed needs are seasonal, or only needed at other special times. Just because you are not immediately contacted, you are not forgotten. If you do not feel you can make a commitment at this time, please keep this booklet where you can find it and fill out the form when you feel called. Please be aware, however, that many of our members who are happily serving in various capacities were drafted before they heard the call.

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**Our mission is to invite, make and nurture disciples for
Jesus Christ through a community of love and encouragement.**

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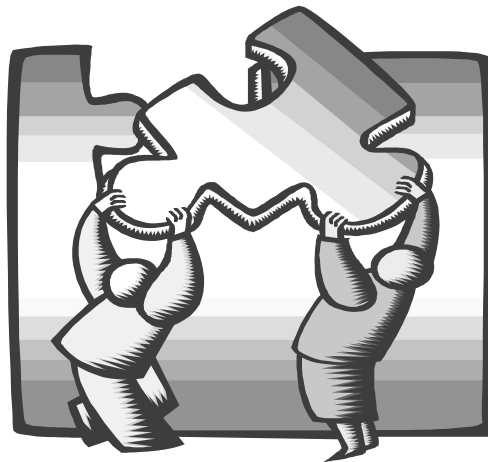
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Outreach to Community & World

Barnabas Connection

The Barnabas Connection offers information, support and encouragement to members of our community who are facing difficult challenges in their lives and need to access public services. This is accomplished primarily through a telephone information and referral service and secondly through a mentoring program through which volunteers come alongside those in need in a spirit of love and acceptance.

Call Volunteer

Description: Volunteers sign up to answer phone calls and direct callers in need to available resources. Training is required and provided and volunteers are given a note book that list social services. Client confidentiality is required.

Time: Minimum one eight-hour day on your home or cell phone. Volunteers choose the frequency of days in a month.

Transportation for Clients

Description: Callers often need transportation to various appointments for services in San Marcos, Wimberley, Austin, Seguin or San Antonio.

Time: Will vary due to location and length of appointment, 1 hour to 4 hours. Used on an as needed and available basis.

Professional Services

Description: Callers sometimes need assistance with legal, medical, and/or tax assistance. If you have professional expertise in these areas, please consider donating your services to Barnabas clients. An arrangement to your satisfaction can be made.

Time: To be determined.

Application Assistance

Description: One Saturday morning a month is provided to help needy families or individuals read and fill out forms for services.

Time: 3 hours on a Saturday morning as needed and available.

Back-to-School Fiesta

Description: Barnabas sponsors the Back-to-School Fiesta once a year, distributing school supplies to anyone who shows up. School supplies are donated by various entities and persons. Nurses assist the local health department in providing immunizations. Other volunteers assist with traffic flow, providing supplies, and keeping appropriate records.

Time: Two to six hours, one day a year.

Flu Shots

Description: Barnabas sponsors the Hays County Health Department coming to Wimberley to administer flu and pneumonia shots for eligible children and adults. Nurses and non-medical persons are needed to help. Nurses provide blood pressure checks for adults.

Time: Two to six hours, one day a year.

Word of Mouth Volunteers for Barnabas:

Description: All programs face the challenge of getting the right information to the right people. Church members are needed to help with this role; church members should know the Barnabas phone number or have Barnabas cards to hand out to those they come in contact with who are in need (at the beauty salon, grocery store, hardware store, neighborhood, schools, etc).

Time: A few minutes during daily conversations.

Missions

Our Missions Ministry reminds the congregation of the world-wide nature of the gospel and encourages specific mission concerns. It ensures that our church extends Christian compassion and helpfulness to those in need whether they be in Wimberley or abroad, through the United Methodist connection and other channels.

Missions Hoedown Fundraiser

Description: A once a year fundraiser. Help is needed with: items for the silent auction (calling on local businesses asking for their support by donating an item or advertising in the Hoedown booklet), decorating the Fellowship Hall, helping cook the meal to be sold, clean-up and other small jobs.

Time: Whatever you can give.

Mission Trips

Description: There are several mission trip opportunities. For instance, persons from our church have joined with others to travel to Honduras as missionaries. They have traveled far inland in Honduras to a rustic village to help in an organized effort.

Time: As announced. Varies depending on the trip – usually a few days to a week.

Day Laborers Breakfast

Description: Serve a hot breakfast for day laborers at the St. Mary's Catholic Church parking lot, in Wimberley, every third Saturday at 7:30 AM. Help with cooking, providing coffee and serving is always needed and welcomed.

Time: About one hour once a month.

Crisis Bread Basket

Description: Bring donated nonperishable food items any Sunday, especially on Communion Sundays (the first Sunday of the month). Place in the large basket in front of the font in the Sanctuary or in the Narthex.

Time: Whatever you can give.

Support for Mission Teams

Serving as prayer partners and gathering needed supplies

Early Response Team and Disaster Preparedness

Trainings offered by the conference and district of the UMC

Translation

For mission trips or Barnabas clients (i.e., Sign or Spanish)

Deer Creek Worship Service

Description: Deer Creek is a local rehabilitation and long-term care facility. Sunday afternoon (3:30 – 4:00 PM) worship is provided by area churches. Members are encouraged to attend to help with singing and to greet residents. WUMC dates are as announced.

Time: About 45 minutes each Sunday that you can attend

Parents Helping Parents

Ten weekly sessions of instruction and discussion for parents, grandparents, and anyone working with children. PHP is an education program based on the belief that parents are the first teachers and best advocates for their children. Open to the community and covers health and safety, child development, family management and personal growth.

Communications

Description: With guidance from the Education Director, assist in communicating and publicizing the PHP program to the church and community. Develop flyers. Publicize in local newspapers, church newsletter, schools, libraries.

Time: Whatever time you can give.

Facilitators

Description: Facilitators are trained by the Methodist Health Care Ministries personnel. Facilitators present the standardized written materials and promote discussion and learning opportunities.

Time: A ten-week program on Sunday evenings. One hour to present program plus set-up and preparation time.

Food

Description: Assist with providing or coordinating food for the Sunday evening ministries; a combined group of Parents Helping Parents, MnM Kids and the Youth which all meet on Sunday evenings in the Fellowship Hall.

Time: About one hour to help prepare the meal and clean the area after the meal. Can help just one or several evenings.

Susanna's Kitchen

This is a secular music program in a smoke-free, alcohol-free, coffee-house venue. The community is invited. It is held the third Thursdays 7:30 PM, September to May, in the church Fellowship Hall. They have various genres such as Blues, Rock, and Jazz. Proceeds benefit the artists and local missions.

Poster & Signage

Description: Hang up advertising posters around town before the concert and then collect them after the concert.

Time: About one hour to hang and one hour to collect posters per concert.

Food/Drink Serving and Orders

Description: Assist in the kitchen to cut up and serve pies, heat and serve tamales, and make coffee and serve it. Also, need volunteers to put the sodas and water in the refrigerator and cooler and serve them to customers. Usually need one or two persons to take orders and accept money for food items.

Time: During the concert plus preparation and clean-up time.

Set-up

Description: Assist with setting up tables and chairs in the Fellowship Hall a night or two before the concert. Put out the temporary parking and advertising signs and then collect them after the concert is over.

Time: Whatever time you can give.

Ticket & CD Sales

Description: Assist with ticket and CD sales. There are usually two persons working the ticket tables at the entrance to the Fellowship Hall and concert who sell tickets for the concert and sell the musicians CDs if applicable.

Time: Prior to each concert as people are arriving, then during and after the concert.

Clean-up

Description: After the concert is over, assist with cleaning the dishes and silverware, load and run the dishwasher, clean the coffee pots, unload the cooler and refrigerator of extra drinks and put them in the storage closet, wipe off all the kitchen counters, sweep all the floors, dump the garbage, and lock up.

Time: Whatever time you can give.

Sound System Operations

Description: Assist with sound system operations. Need persons who could serve as back-up sound system operators and who are willing to take shifts with the existing sound people.

Time: On-call. Varies when needed and according to the volunteer's availability.

Make Tablecloths

Description: Need people to make new colorful, eclectic and casual style table cloths which are used to cover the tables for the concerts.

Time: Whatever needed to sew a tablecloth.

Kairos

Kairos is a prison ministry based on the Emmaus movement. Kairos operates in both men's and women's units. It is unique in that it is the only ministry that is allowed to send food into the unit. Its aim is to form a Christian community inside the unit whose members stay out of prison - as contributing Christian members of society - once they are released.

Kairos Inside Team

Description: Attend five team-building meetings over a period of two to three months, and spend 3-1/2 days inside a prison unit as part of a Kairos team. Attend at least one prayer and share or second Saturday program a month for a period of twelve months after the three day event.

Time: One or two days a month until the 3-1/2 day event, then a five-day commitment (Wed. through Sun.) for the three-day program. One day per month for a year after that.

Kairos Outside Team

Description: Support the inside team by preparing meals (at the Gatesville UMC) and snack items, writing letters, giving prayer support, etc., and attending the closing ceremony inside the unit.

Time: Same as Inside Team without the monthly time commitment.

Bake Kairos Cookies

Description: One of the trademarks of the Kairos program is the Kairos cookie. Each inmate in the unit is given a dozen Kairos cookies twice a year. Approximately 5,000 dozen cookies are baked and distributed during each three-day program. You do not have to be a team member to bake cookies.

Time: How long does it take you to bake a batch of cookies?

Write letters

Description: There are forty-two inmate candidates who attend each Kairos three-day weekend. Each one of those candidates gets a sack of uplifting letters which are expressions of God's love for the individual.

Time: As required to hand-write a maximum of forty-two letters.

Evangelism Ministry

Our Evangelism ministry welcomes visitors, assists in new member programs, reawakens inactive members, and provides a climate of openness for spiritual growth and witness

Contact Visitors

Description: Help send out "We Invite You to Worship with Us" postcards to new residents. Or assist with making calls and following-up with new and/or repeat visitors, including making doorstep visits to deliver Visitor Bags.

Time: 1-1½ hours per month.

Contact Missing &/or Homebound Members

Description: Help send out "You are missed" postcards for absent or homebound members.

Time: 1 – 1½ hours per month.

Visitor Bags

Description: Assist in preparing Visitor Bags for home delivery.

Time: 1 – ½ hours per month.

Welcome Packets

Description: Assist in preparing Welcome Packets placed in the narthex.

Time: 1 – 1½ hours per month.

Greeter

Description: Serve as a greeter at each church entrance door for either the 8:30 or 11:00 church service. Greeters stand at foyer doors and in the parking lot and welcome worshipers as they enter.

Time: 1 hour and 20 minutes

Number of people needed: 4 people each Sunday (2 at each service)

Track Attendance

Description: Assist the Evangelism Committee in the identification and on-going tracking of each visitor and their status. A cumulative list is distributed each week to keep the Pastor and the committee advised of this status and reflects every service's new or repeat visitors that attend. Computer skills are required. Once visitors are identified, this info is passed to members of the Evangelism Committee for follow-up.

Time: Enter attendance every Monday into Church Windows program (will be taught how to do). Takes 2 hour per week maximum.

Home-For-Christmas Program

Description: Christmas Eve is one of a few dates when newcomers are most likely to attend worship for the first time. It's important for us to make sure they know their way here and to be ready to receive them. Need persons to serve on the Home-for-Christmas Task Force to publicize Christmas Eve services, solicit names to invite from members and other sources, coordinate hospitality, and conduct a prayer vigil to support the outreach.

Time: Time varies depending on task.

Worship Ministry

Our Worship ministry includes all aspects of our worship life – both in worship services and the “behind the scenes” preparation.

Usher

Description: Distribute bulletins, welcome and seat worshipers, distribute attendance pads, collect prayer cards and offering. Ushers are also needed for special services such as funerals and seasonal programs of worship.

Time: During service. A schedule will be provided.

Communion Steward

Description: Provide bread and set-up/cleanup for communion at 8:30, 11:00, or other special services. Bread recipe is provided.

Time: Time for baking, 15 minutes prior and post service 2-3 times per year. Schedule provided.

Communion Server

Description: Assist the Pastor as a communion server during the 8:30 or 11:00 worship services or during other special services.

Time: During service. Schedule and instructions provided.

Liturgist

Description: Read scriptures at 8:30 or 11:00 worship services 2-3 times per year. Readers are also needed for other services, especially during Holy Week. Schedule and instructions provided.

Time: Attend worship service for one hour.

Lay Speaker

Description: Certified Lay Speakers provide special sermons or other presentations as requested by the Pastor, our church, other groups or other congregations. Training is provided by the Austin District, and speakers are certified annually.

Time: Attend required Lay Speaker Certification Program. Then time needed to prepare and present program.

Acolyte Coordinator

Description: Provide acolyte training and create schedules. This program gives our children opportunities to serve in the church.

Time: One year commitment.

Altar Guild

Description: Change wall hangings, candles, paraments and decorations. Volunteers make banners, decorations, and other crafts for sanctuary and other areas. Understand different seasons of the church year and corresponding altar vestments.

Time: Varies depending on the liturgical calendar, could be weekly or twice a month. Time to make decorations, banners or crafts varies by project.

Sound System Operator

Description: Tuning sound system and adjusting microphones on altar and at pulpit from the booth control center.

Time: One hour per Sunday and at special services.

Children's Materials

Description: Help prepare and maintain children's materials, clip boards and bags for worship service. Materials provided.

Time: Schedule will be provided. Less than one hour per week.

Readings for Advent Candle Lighting

Description: Provide readings for the lighting of the Advent candles, during the worship service.

Time: Only a few minutes to preview the reading and to present it.

Advent or Lent Devotional Booklet

Description: Write or prepare devotional material for booklet for Advent or Lent.

Time: Whatever you wish to give.

Adult Music Ministry

Our adult choirs are organized to aid in the proclamation of the Gospel through the art of music. They gather regularly to learn more about music and faith through music and to share their lives through their talents.

Sanctuary Choirs

Description: Sing in either the 8:30 or 11:00 AM Worship service. Choir provides music for worship services and special occasions.

Time: 1 hour practice each Wednesday evening and one hour church service each Sunday.

Music for Special Programs

Description: Perform special individual or group music for church services and programs.

Time: Practice and perform as needed.

Substitute for Regular Organist/Pianist

Description: Practice and perform as needed. Fill in when regular organist/pianist is ill or unable to attend.

Time: Depends on selection. Practice and participate as needed.

Instrumental Solo or Accompanist

Description: Play and perform an instrumental solo or accompaniment for worship services or special programs.

Time: Practice and perform as needed.

Vocal Solo

Description: Sing and perform solo for worship services or special programs.

Time: Practice and perform as needed for the selection.

Children's Ministries

The children's ministry includes numerous programs to provide age appropriate, spiritually enriching opportunities and activities for children to grow in discipleship. We welcome you to join the many opportunities to minister to the children in our community. *"Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these."* then Jesus took the children in His arms, placed His hands on each of them, and blessed them. Mark 1:13-16

Bulletin Board Coordinator

Description: Assist Education Director in designing and decorating children's bulletin boards.

Time: Depending on the liturgical season, 1-1½ hours per month.

Children's Choir Director

Description: Help to plan and facilitate music opportunities for children (ages will vary).

Time: Held on Sunday evenings 5-7 PM as scheduled during the year, and divided into age groups.

Children's Choir Accompanist

Description: Assist Children's Choir Director with rehearsals and performances as needed.

Time: Choir practice every week for 1-½ hour plus preparation time. More time required for special program practice.

Godly Play Storytellers (Teachers)

Description: Storytellers are trained to facilitate this style of Bible teaching in worship centers (for children ages 3 to 7 years).

Time: Usually a September to May school-year commitment with 1-½ hours each Sunday. Attend training program (3 day class). The Education Director provides a schedule and teachers with two storytellers per class, the time to serve is usually 2-3 hours per month.

Godly Play Greeters (Helpers)

Description: Greeters are trained for this style of teaching and worship.

Time: Usually a September to May school-year commitment with 1-½ hours each Sunday. Training program provided by church Education Director. The Education Director provides a schedule and persons usually serve 2-3 hours per month.

MnM Kids

Description: Share responsibilities to help plan curriculum and assist with weekly missions (Sept-May).

Time: 5-7:00 PM every Sunday evenings as scheduled and occasional planning meetings.

Meals and Snacks

Description: Help to plan and/or prepare meals and snacks for seasonal programs.

Time: Whatever time you can give.

Mother's Day Out Program

Description: Assist MDO Director with special events and projects (Aug-May).

Time: Varies depending on the project. Any time you can give would be helpful.

Nursery Caregivers

Description: Provide hugging and rocking in the nursery.

Time: 1-4 hours each Sunday morning (whatever you can give).

Nursery Teachers

Description: Teachers are trained to present the Early Christian Awareness curriculum (for ages 6 months to 2 years).

Time: September to May school year commitment. ½ hour each Sunday. Will rotate schedules if two or more teachers are available.

Elementary Teachers for Older Children

Description: Teachers prepare and present lessons from assigned curriculum (for grades 3, 4, 5).

Time: September to May school year commitment. 1-½ hours each Sunday plus preparation time. Prep time usually takes 30 minutes but the curriculum is self-contained and will guide even without prep time.

Pageant Volunteers for Christmas and Easter Celebrations

Description: Volunteers can be a part of planning and/or helping with the events (i.e., stage props, music, costumes).

Time: Varies from a few hours to 10, depending on the project you are interested in volunteering for.

Prayer Partners

Description: Serve on this team to coordinate adult prayer partners with children of all ages, or serve as a prayer partner.

Time: Pray daily for your partnering child. Two or three 30-45 minute gatherings at church.

Substitute Teachers

Duties: Serve as a substitute teacher when the needs arise, (for grades 3 through 5).

Time: 1-½ hours on Sunday mornings plus preparation time (if planned substitution in advance). Last minute is okay! If there is no time to prepare, the curriculum is self-contained and will carry you through.

Summer Sunday School Teachers

Description: Teachers prepare and present lessons from assigned curriculum (for children going into Kindergarten, and grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).

Time: 1-½ hours on Sunday mornings plus preparation time. Prep time is about 30 minutes each Sunday. You may sign up for one or more Sundays.

Vacation Bible School Co-director

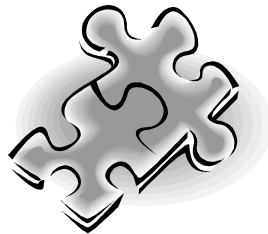
Description: Share responsibility of planning and facilitating VBS (for ages 3 years to 5th grade). Work closely with the Education Director.

Time: One week during VBS plus many rewarding hours of coordination and planning.

Vacation Bible School Team

Description: Specific duties will be posted in May and June, for VBS in July. Five days of fellowship and Bible-related activities for children. Need a desire to teach, nurture and experience fellowship with children.

Time: Five half days (4 hours) in July plus preparation time. Also, there are many other jobs that range from one to more hours depending on the volunteers availability. Any time would be appreciated.



Youth Ministries

The WUMC youth program is designed for youth in grades six through twelve. We offer a variety of activities for youth to help them grow closer to God.

Youth Sunday School Teacher

Description: Serve as a committed teacher who teaches through Bible study, prayer, mentorship and example. We can always use more adults who would like to share their walk of faith with the youth through teaching for a Sunday, month, year, etc. Of course breakfast snacks are always appreciated and any/all donations are appreciated. We meet each Sunday morning at 9:45 AM in the youth room.

Time: One hour each Sunday morning plus preparation time.

MYF Volunteer

Description: Serve as a sponsor who participates in activities, provides transportation, and cooks for dinner. We share dinner, games, program, and Christ Candle together. Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF) meets each Sunday evening from 5 – 7 PM.

Time: Varies, as needed for the activity.

Youth Band Volunteer

Description: Musically talented volunteers are needed to help an active group of young musicians who meet Sunday afternoons at 4 PM. They have played and sung for Youth Sundays and are currently sharing music at the late worship service on the fourth Sunday of each month.

Time: One hour on Sunday afternoons. More practice time if preparing for a special program.

U.M. ARMY-SWTX Volunteer

Description: Adult and college volunteers are needed to serve throughout the week for U.M. ARMY – Southwest Texas. This is our high school mission opportunity and takes place one week each summer. All youth who have completed ninth grade are invited to join us to be Christ's hands and feet in the world by helping those who are unable to help themselves through service. Jobs include painting, sheet-rocking, wheelchair ramp construction, roofing, etc.

Time: One week each summer.

R.O.T.C. (Reaching Others Through Christ) Volunteer

Description: Volunteer to serve, work and guide the Youth. R.O.T.C. is our Junior High mission opportunity. This is a work week with our younger youth in which they go into communities throughout Texas and build wheelchair ramps for those in need.

Time: Once a week a year.

Prayer Partners

Description: These are another group of special people in the lives of our youth. These adults make a commitment to pray for our youth each and every day.

Time: Pray daily for youth. One or two 30-45 minute gatherings at church.

Confirmation Mentors

Description: Serve as a mentor in the life of a youth during the Confirmation program. Confirmation class is offered every other year and is a preparation class for youth to help them make the decision to become a full member of the church. This is a three-month long commitment, but creates relationships that last lifetimes. Share your walk of faith with our confirmands.

Time: Every Sunday for three months, plus a weekend retreat, and a few hours in evenings to meet with the confirmand for social activity or extra assignments.

Membership Care

Meals for Bereaved Families

Description: With guidance from the Loving Concerns Committee - prepare meals, organize food preparations, freezer replenishment, and delivery of meals during crisis situations. Also includes preparing the Fellowship Hall for funeral receptions and serving food, drink and snacks.

Time: Can be just preparing one dish or more depending on volunteer's availability.

Hospital & Nursing Home Visitation

Description: Provide care, support and concern for members who are sick or infirmed.

Time: As needed.

Send Cards

Description: Send cards during times of illness or loss of loved ones. List provided by Chairperson for Loving Concerns Committee. Postage paid by Church.

Time: Whatever you can give.

Homebound Visitation

Description: Visit those confined at home. Volunteers assure those confined of the Church's love and continued support for them.

Time: Whatever you can give.

Prayer Team

Description: Our email prayer team receives prayer concerns and prays daily or more often as they are led. Often it is the whole church praying as the need is made known. Skills needed are compassion, sensitivity and a willingness to spend time in prayer. Confidentiality and belief in the power of prayer are essential.

Time: Takes only a few minutes to pass on requests if you know of a concern that needs prayer, either by email or phone. Amount of prayer time is personal for each individual.

Ministry to Ministers

Description: Pray with the pastors and worship leaders prior to each Sunday service

Time: 15 minutes before a service.

Intercessory Prayer Team

Description: Volunteers with a heart for intercessory prayer come to the Prayer Chapel each Thursday at 4 PM, retrieve prayer requests, and pray for a list of specific needs. They also use this time for attending to the broader prayer ministry of the church, including: updating the list of prayer needs/requests, placing prayer materials (green prayer request cards and “drops” for the Well Ministry) in sanctuary pews, and preparing “buckets” of encouraging words to send out. The list of prayer needs for the month is left on the Chapel Altar.

Time: They are there from 4 to 5:30 most Thursdays. Intercessory prayer takes place at home daily. Prayer team members take responsibility for this time.

Prayer Shawls

Description: Shawls (each one unique and prayed over as it is made) are knitted or crocheted by volunteers and given to folks who have a special need to be surrounded and enfolded by the love of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. Volunteers are available to help teach anyone who would like to learn to knit or crochet.

Time: Whatever you can give.

Well of Living Water Ministry

Description: We draw from Him, the unending Well. This is a ministry to share the Living Water of Christ with others. “Drops” of encouragement are collected from the Well located in the Sanctuary, put into a small bucket and delivered to a person in need. The Church Family writes encouraging words (scriptures, words of a hymn, etc) on the drops and returns them to the Well. Some help needed to deliver buckets.

Time: Whatever you can give.

Church Fellowship

Assist Congregational Life Committee in hosting lunches and other events to foster fellowship. This includes 5th Sunday pot-luck lunches after church and other special affairs.

Set-up and Decorate Tables

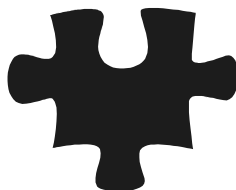
Description: Set-up tables and chairs for activities planned by Congregational Life Committee. Decorate tables according to the event theme. A flair of creativity is helpful.

Time: Varies depending on the event but any help you can give would be helpful.

Prepare or Serve Food

Description: Assist Congregational Life Committee to organize, prepare, and serve meals for various functions: 5th Sunday pot-luck lunches, and other special affairs.

Time: Varies depending on the event but any help is appreciated.



Adult Ministries

United Methodist Women

Description: A group of women in each UM congregation organized for global mission. WUMC has two Circles: Ruth Circle meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, September through May at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Mary-Martha meets on the 4th Thursday of every month in a member's home at 7 PM. Both Circles have a monthly program which encompasses mission education, spiritual growth, and social action, with continuing focus on the needs of women, children, and youth. A few of the outreach projects are the Linus Quilt Project, Seniors Birthday Parties, Women's Shelter, and Down Home Ranch.

United Methodist Men

Description: The United Methodist Men (UMM) participate in the global mission of the church and supports many of the church's local programs and service projects. They meet for a breakfast each 4th Saturday at 8AM. The men enjoy a program and time for fellowship.

Emmaus

Description: A Walk to Emmaus is a 3-1/2 day spiritual renewal weekend where presentations and discussions are led by laity and clergy and focus on God's grace in the Christian community and in the world. If you are interested in attending a Walk, talk to someone who has attended or to the Local Emmaus Lay Director. Local meetings are held at WUMC alternating the first Tuesdays each month with other Hays Praise Emmaus Community churches.

Women's Retreat

Description: A one or two day annual retreat in the Spring for the women of our church and their friends. This is a time for women to rest, pray and connect with each other. Contact the Education Director for details.

Adult Studies and Group Leader

Description: Lead a Bible study or small group. Have offered such programs as Disciple I, II, and III, Companions in Christ, Beth Moore, Max Lucado, and more.

Time: Length of study and preparation time

Senior Games

Description: Seniors meet at 2 PM on the second Wednesdays each month at the church. Join others for fun play. The entire community is invited. Bring a snack to share.

Sunday School Classes

Description: Adult Sunday School Classes offer opportunities for Christian formation and discipleship. Class members study, socialize and do mission projects together. It's a great way to get to know others in the church. Several classes are available for all ages and interests. Class information is available on the narthex bulletin board and in the green welcome packets.

Time: Classes meet at 9:45 AM. Please come.

Men's Fellowship

Gather to discuss issues of faith, discipleship, and secular struggles in today's world. "Steak Break" held several times a year.

Administrative

Church Mouse

Description: Serve in the Church office to receive callers, answer the telephone and provide general information about the church and its current activities. Route and direct calls to the appropriate staff members. Greet and assist people coming to the church office. Do copying, stuffing, mailing and other routine office functions.

Time: Volunteers work 3-4 hours, Monday through Friday as scheduled by the Church Secretary.

Communications

Co-Editor for Church Newsletter

Description: Gather articles from all contributors each month. Proof, and submit to layout. Creative writing and grammar skills a definite plus. Submit articles to the Editor to be included in the Church Newsletter.

Time: 5 hours per month.

Folding Committee for Church Newsletter

Description: Usually four volunteers who prepare the newsletters for bulk mail-out. They assist in addressing and mailing the monthly Newsletter.

Time: About 2 hours once a month.

Prepare Bulletin Boards

Description: Prepare bulletin boards to advise congregation of important dates and times in an attractive manner. Design display on bulletin board in keeping with the particular church season and keep updated.

Time: One to two hours per month.

Posters & Signage for events

Description: Use creative and/or artistic abilities to create posters or flyers that will attract interest. Put them up and take them down around town. Help to visualize activities and ministries of the church.

Time: Depends on the project, usually 2-3 hours per month.

Webmaster

Description: Uploading current articles and design. Volunteer assures that the website is updated and working correctly.

Time: 2 hours per month ongoing – 10 hours first 2 months.

Computer Projector Operator

Description: Set-up and run projector for classes and events.

Time: Approximately 2 hours per month.

Computer Projector Power Point Designer

Description: Special projects, assembling power point presentations for different committees & classes.

Time: Approximately 3 hours per month.

Sound Engineer

Description: Be proficient in running sound board in the sanctuary & fellowship hall. Provides services for special programs and occasionally substitutes for the Worship Service Sound System Operator.

Time: 4 – 6 hours training, as needed there after.

Building & Grounds

Provide Specialized Technical Skills

Description: Tasks related to projects directed by the Trustee Committee. Providing specialized technical services such as air conditioning maintenance, plumbing, or electrical where trained technical skill are required.

Time: Depends on the project.

General Maintenance and/or Repairs

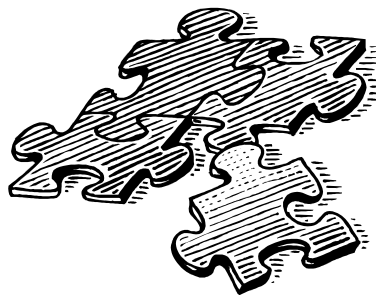
Description: Help with projects as needed for the church, grounds or parsonage. These projects are defined by the Trustees Committee. Tasks include yard work, electrical, painting, plumbing and carpentry.

Time: Depends on assigned task.

General Clean-ups on “Work Days”

Description: Help with special projects and general clean-up for church, grounds or parsonage on specific days Work Days designated by the Trustees.

Time: Depends on the project, any time is helpful.



Our Cafe Susanna ministry is held June, July and August each Summer. The program makes money for the building and kitchen funds while providing a family/home-town atmosphere to eat home cooked lunch, welcoming guests and promoting camaraderie among our church members. This is open to the surrounding communities.

Cafe Susanna Ministry

Lunch Cook

Description: Prepare an entree or side dish using recipes and ingredients that are provided. Cooking is done in your home and brought to church on Thursday morning. Four to six cooks are needed each week; you can cook for one week or for several weeks.

Time: 1-3 hours depending on the recipe.

Make a Dessert

Description: Make one or two pies or a cake for one or more lunches (you provide ingredients).

Time: 1-2 hours each time you make a dessert.

Lunch Worker

Description: Wait tables, serve food or wash dishes. Twenty volunteers are needed for each Thursday and you can volunteer for one week or for several.

Time: 2-4 hours per lunch worked.

Cafe Susanna Cookbooks

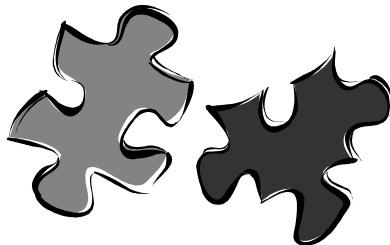
Description: Type recipes and print copies for “Cookbooks” sold at the lunches.

Time: Varies – several hours to initially type up the recipes for the year and then a few hours here and there to print copies. This job can be done by more than one volunteer.

Publicity

Description: Assist the publicity chairman to get out information about the lunches including printing menus, distributing posters and menus to local businesses, getting each week’s menus into the newspaper and the church bulletin, and taking pictures during some lunches.

Time: Variable depending on the job.



Our Market Days ministry provides a way for committees and other groups within the church to make money to support projects for their group and to distribute information about those projects.

Market Days Ministry

Be a member of the Baker's Dozen

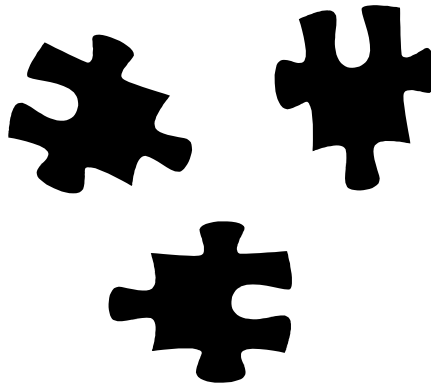
Description: Bake cookies, candies or sweet breads to sell at each of the nine Market Days (April through December) that are held in Wimberley each year.

Time: Approximately 1-5 hours per month for each of the nine Market Days months – time will depend on the items being baked.

Assist a Sponsor of Market Days

Description: Each month a different committee or group sponsors Market Days – each group needs volunteers to work at the booth selling the baked goods or to make baked goods to be sold.

Time: A shift of working at Market Days is usually 2 hours – the time to make a baked goods product will vary with the item (about 1-2 hours).



These are elected Lay Leadership positions. Church members and nonmembers may serve on many of these committees. Church Committees positions are nominated by the Lay Leadership Committee then approved at Annual Charge Conference. Most committee positions are for 3 years.

Committees of the Church

Church Council

The Church Council is made up of chairpersons of the various committees of the church in addition to elected positions of Chair, Vice Chair, Recording Secretary, and members at large. The council provides organizational and administrative support for the program and mission of the church. The Council meets monthly.

Adult Education and Formation Task Force

Members of this committee assist the pastors in planning the direction of adult programs, coordinating Sunday School classes, Bible studies and other special offerings.

Barnabas Connection

The Barnabas Connection offers information, support and encouragement to members of our community who are facing difficult challenges in their lives and need to access public services. This is accomplished primarily through a telephone information and referral service and secondly through a mentoring program through which volunteers come alongside those in need in a spirit of love and acceptance. The Committee meets once a month.

Cafe Susanna Committee

Our Cafe Susanna ministry makes money for the building and kitchen funds while providing a family/home-town atmosphere to eat home cooked lunch, welcoming guests and promoting camaraderie among our church members. Members organize all aspects of the “restaurant” business and coordinate volunteers for the lunches held every Thursday 11AM–1:00PM in June, July, and August. Time commitment is 20–40 hours per month during the summer and then an additional 20 hours in the non-summer months for meetings, decorating and cleaning.

Children’s Ministries

Members of this committee assist the Children’s Ministries Director in planning children’s Sunday School, the MnM Kids program, Vacation Bible School, and other programs, securing and supporting leaders in these ministries.

Church and Society

The UMC has a long history of commitment to social justice, dating back to the early 20th century. Members of this committee, new in 2008, work to educate the congregation on ways our faith informs our response to current social issues. Hopefully, awareness will lead to action, as we advocate for the needs of all people surrounding us in God’s world.

Areas of action will include: recycling, “going green,” hosting a sale of Fair Trade goods, and training in making effective phone and personal contact with state legislators on important issues.

Communications Committee

Our Communications Committee promotes awareness of the programs and ministries of WUMC and conference news affecting us through various media. The committee meets quarterly and often via email.

Congregational Life Committee

Purpose is to host lunches and other events to foster fellowship. This includes 5th Sunday pot-luck lunches after church, and other special affairs. They coordinate with other committees regarding special events and communicate events to the congregation. Meetings are once a month or as needed to plan an event.

Education Committee

Members of this committee assist the Education Director in planning the Sunday School class curriculum, implementing other special programs, and obtaining volunteers for all aspects of education ministries. They plan spiritually enriching Christian education for all adults and children.

Evangelism Committee

Our Evangelism ministry welcomes visitors, assists in new member programs, reawakens inactive members, and provides a climate of openness for spiritual growth and witness. Committee members attend monthly meetings and assist with special projects during the year. They rotate each week contacting visitors and also serve as church service greeters.

Finance Committee

This committee compiles annually a complete budget for the church. It is charged with developing and implementing plans that will raise sufficient income to meet the church budget. Members attend a meeting every other month or as needed.

Lay Leadership Committee

This committee fosters awareness of the role of the laity both within the congregation, community and the world. Members nominate a slate of candidates for Church Council and other committees, boards and programs, to be elected at the annual Charge Conference meeting, or to fill vacancies during the year. Approximately four 2 hour meetings during the year as scheduled by the Pastor.

Loving Concerns Committee

This committee serves our families who have experienced a death or serious illness. They provide notes, food preparation and Church funeral receptions. Committee meets as needed. Activities usually coordinated by phone or email.

Missions Committee

Our Missions ministry reminds the congregation of the world-wide nature of the gospel and encourages specific mission concerns. It ensures that our church extends Christian compassion and helpfulness to those in need whether they be here in Wimberley or abroad. The committee meets once a month.

Mother's Day Out Board

The Board provides organizational and administrative support for the MDO program and mission. The Board meets monthly. MDO is a day care program offered by our church, for ages one-five. The school term is Monday-Thursday, 8:30-2:30.

Staff/Parish Relations Committee (SPR)

The SPR Committee recommends staff positions needed and develops and approves written job descriptions for associate pastors and staff. SPR recommends compensation for staff to the Church Council. SPR provides open communication among the pastors, staff, and congregation. SPR supports pastors and other staff in setting priorities for the effective use of their gifts, skills, and time.

Susanna's Kitchen Committee

This is a secular music program in a smoke-free, alcohol-free coffee house setting. The community is invited. It is held the third Thursdays 7:30 PM , September to May, in the church Fellowship Hall. Proceeds benefit the artists and local missions. Committee meets as needed to plan, publicize and present concerts.

Board Of Trustees

This committee is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the church buildings and grounds. Board members meet for 1-2 hours each month.

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee coordinates all aspects of the worship service. The committee meets once a month.

Youth Council

Meets once a month and plans activities and programs for our youth. The youth council is made up of both adults and youth who are interested in the planning aspects of the youth program.

United Methodist Men (UMM)

UMM invite community leaders and others to speak at monthly breakfast meetings. They communicate regularly with Methodist men and coordinate with church needs and schedule. They seek opportunities for service.

United Methodist Women (UMW)

A group of women in each congregation organized for global mission. Its PURPOSE – “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.” WUMC has two Circles that meet monthly.

Stewardship

Gen 1:7 then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. Gen. 1:15 The LORD God took and put the man in the Garden of Eden to till it and keep it. God has given the Church two resources: the spiritual (breath) and financial assets (Garden) entrusted to our members. With these two elements we will promote the vision of our church, lay ministries and personal spiritual disciplines. We will grow financial support to our church; securing for those we serve, as well as for ourselves, the blessings of giving. Sharing Biblical stewardship goals, we follow our Lord Jesus who loves us where we are, but loves us too much to leave us where we are. This committee educates the congregation on the stewardship of God's gifts through prayers, presence, gifts and service. Coordinates the annual financial stewardship campaign and interprets to the church the ministry impact of funds given for the purposes of God's kingdom. Lifts up the spiritual discipline of giving and the blessings it brings.

