

## WHAT THE VARIOUS MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH REALLY DO...

### **PROGRAM TEAMS**

**REACH TEAM** is responsible for **worship planning** and member development (*discipleship*). This group is charged with developing meaningful worship experiences and faith-building opportunities. It's a good place for persons with creative worship ideas, out-of-the-box thinking, and commitment to intentionally welcoming diverse populations. Meets in odd months (January, March, May, September and November) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7:15pm except in July.

**PREPARE TEAM** is responsible for the **educational ministry** of the church. This group is charged with developing our Sunday School and overseeing learning experiences for persons of all ages. It's a good place for persons with a deep commitment to children, a love of learning, and creative/innovative ideas for teaching others about the love of God. Meets in odd months on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7:15pm except in July.

**NURTURE TEAM** is responsible for **member care**. This group is charged with helping members in crisis find meals and other kinds of support, writing notes to people who haven't been around in a while, visiting the elderly/shut-ins, and overseeing our ministry of hospitality. This is a good place for persons who have a deeply compassionate nature, love to meet new people, and treasure time spent in one-on-one interactions. Meets in odd months on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 6:00pm except in July.

**SEND TEAM** is responsible for **outreach, and connecting to our community**. This group is charged with overseeing our mission program, both locally and globally, and empowering individuals to grow in grace through community service and action. This is a good place for persons committed to taking the church outside of our building, and for those who enjoy hands-on opportunities to do good. Meets in odd months on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7:15pm except in July.

**Chancel Choir:** Sings Sunday Morning Service 9:30am, rehearses Thursdays 7:30-8:30pm – not meeting right now due to covid-a9

**Bell Choir:** Plays Sunday Morning Service 5-6 times per year, rehearses Thursdays 6:00-7:30pm

## **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES**

**Trustees Committee** is responsible for building and grounds maintenance. This group is charged with ensuring that building remains and safe and healthy place to carry out worship and ministry. This is a good place for persons who enjoy hands-on work, and for “detail” people who are good at organization/administrative work. One does not have to be an expert in carpentry / building / plumbing / etc. Trustees meet monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00pm except in July/August.

**Finance Committee** is responsible for overseeing the financial health of the congregation. This group is charged with proposing a budget for each fiscal year and overseeing the funding of that budget once approved by the Administrative Board. This is a good place for those with skills and interest in finances, investing, and fund-raising. The Finance Committee meets monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00pm except in July/August.

**Staff/Parish Relations Committee** is responsible for hiring and overseeing our staff. This group functions as the personnel committee. This is a good place for those with skills in working with people, handling confidential information with sensitivity, and evaluating changing needs of the church to help guide and empower the staff. Paperwork required by the conference must be completed every autumn. Staff/Parish Relations Committee meets quarterly (4 times a year) at the discretion of the pastor and chairperson.

**Administrative Board** is responsible for administering the overall program and finances of the church. They are charged with coordinating the calendar, making legal decisions, visioning for the congregation’s future, and approving the budget and all significant expenditures during the course of the year. This is a good place for those committed to shaping the oversall direction of ministry in the church. They meet quarterly, usually on the third Monday in September, December, March, and June.

**Memorials Committee** is responsible for receiving and dispersing memorial gifts made to the church in memory of loved ones. This group is charged with keeping records of gifts received, sending thanks, communicating with families, dispersing those gifts to worthwhile projects, and administering the memorial garden and memorial tree on the wall in the Narthex. This is a good place for those who enjoy detail work, and for those who value opportunities to honor those who’ve died and relate to their families. They meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdsay of each month at 9:00am except in July/August.

**Nominations / Lay Leadership** is responsible for organizing the laity of the congregation and empowering individuals to find good avenues for service to the church that utilize and compliment their own natural gifts and abilities. They are charged with setting our slate of officers and committee members each year. This is a good place for those who enjoy working with people and who have a talent for helping others see and develop their leadership abilities. They meet 3-4 times in August, September, and January to organize, make phone calls, and prepare the slate of officers and committee members for Charge Conference.

**Charge Conference** is a meeting held once a year. It is called and overseen by the District Superintendent for the purpose of celebrating accomplishments, planning for the future, and ensuring the health of the church's ministry. ANYONE is welcome to attend Charge Conference. This year, it was held Sunday, October 7, 2018.

**Note: UMC policy is that YOUTH representation is welcome on committees, choirs, and bands – one need not be 18 to volunteer your time!!!**