

2019

Connection Opportunities Survey



Ministry Descriptions

Use these brief descriptions of some of the Main Street UMC committees, ministry groups, and programs, where **YOUR HELP** is needed to make them a success.

This guide is most helpful when selecting new ministry areas on your 2019 Connection Survey.

Church Council Committees

Be part of the groups that help move the church toward the fulfillment of our mission and vision statements. As a member of these committees, you will be involved in the development of the committees objectives. Church Council committees meet bi-monthly. These committees or groups include:

Annual Conference Delegate

As a delegate you'll need to become informed about the issues that will be discussed and voted on at Annual Conference and attend Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska the third week of June.

Lay Leadership Committee

Members of this committee intentionally become familiar with as many people in the congregation as possible; discovering their gifts, skills, interests, knowledge, and commitment. Members also recognize the gifts needed to function effectively in each committee.

Board of Trustees Committee

This committee is responsible for the purchase, sale, mortgage, encumbrance, construction, repairing, remodeling and maintenance of any and all property of the local church including the parsonage. It is also responsible for setting the policies for use of all church facilities and equipment.

Finance Committee

The finance committee receives and compiles the budgets from all committees that need to be included in the church budget. This committee also submits the compiled budget to the Church Council with recommendations for official action. It also develops and implements the annual stewardship campaign to seek commitments to underwrite the ensuing year's budget.

Church Council Board Members at Large

Listen to the needs and concerns of the church and serve as representatives of the general membership in making decisions concerning the life and program of the church.

Outreach Committee

This committee sponsors many of the outreach projects that the church is involved in. These projects include Kids First, Hands Together Day, our annual Community Picnic, Crisis Control Collections and Fundraisers, and many others.

Parsonage Committee

The parsonage committee surveys the parsonage annually through a personal visit and makes a list of all needs, including repairs and improvements. In consulting with the Senior Pastor, they attempt to resolve each need or concern as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Member Care Committee

This committee focuses on the care and nurturing of the congregation of Main Street. A few of the sub-committees that fall under Member Care are Prayer Shawl, After Hospital Care, and Bereavement.

Other committees that you can become involved in are: Building, Cemetery, Children's Council, Endowment, Welcoming, and Worship.

Children's Ministry

Children's Choirs

Angel Choir (3-6 year olds) Great for young beginning singers!

Cherub & Carol Choir (2nd-5th grade) Fun with music for elementary singers. Helpers needed

Kids Connect Worship Volunteer (*formally Children's Ministry Volunteer*)

We need an extra set of hands during our 11:00 worship service to support our Nursery and Kids Connect Workers. You could be asked to step in and help with the cradle nursery, toddler room, or young elementary age kids during their 11:00 worship service activities.

Kids First Elementary School Tutoring Program

This tutoring program, in corporation with First Baptist Church on Oakhurst, helps children from Kernersville Elementary School that need some extra one-on-one attention.

No experience is necessary, just join our Main Street volunteers on Thursday night to help.

Moments with Children

If you are a great storyteller or just enjoy talking with young children, you can help during our 8:45am or 11:00am worship services by putting the Pastor's sermon into words our kids can understand. For more information please see Katie Riddle.

Kids Connect Mentors (*formally Children's Sunday School Teacher*)

Beginning in the Fall of 2018, the children's program will be adopting a new, exciting, and very interactive Sunday School curriculum that places a strong focus on children being in a relationship with strong, Christian influences. We would like to assemble four-member teams for each class. By becoming a Children's Sunday School Teacher, you will be playing a huge role in the lives our children, therefore, we are seeking people who are truly called to this ministry.

Church and Community Meals

Bethany Café

On the THIRD SATURDAY of each month Main Street UMC offers a free meal to those in need in our community. Volunteers are needed to help cook, deliver meals to shut-ins, setup, cleanup, and serve.

Community Christmas Brunch

This Community Christmas Brunch is a ministry to help those in need in our community. This free "brunch style" meal is designed for those who may be alone for the holidays or for those who may not have the funds to provide a meal for their family. This community meal's success depends on the number of volunteers we have and is not guaranteed if we don't have volunteers and donations available to have it run smoothly.

Community Picnic

Every Summer, Main Street hosts a Community Picnic at 4th of July Park for those in need in our community. We offer good food, fun games, great fellowship, and a wonderful time of helping those around us.

Community Thanksgiving Meal

This Community Thanksgiving Meal is another chance to help those who are in need have a free Thanksgiving meal and also give those who may be alone for the holidays a chance to be with others. This is a potluck meal and we ask for donations of your time, side dishes and desserts to share in order to make this meal a success.

Lenten Lunches

During the 6-weeks of Lent, Main Street offers a soup and sandwich style lunch for those who join us for the Mid-Week Lenten services. This lunch begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on the Wednesday before Easter. Volunteers are needed to cook, serve, and clean up after the meal.

Mid-Week Connect Meal Volunteers

Every Wednesday night at 5:45pm, we offer a family style meal at the church. We are always looking for volunteers to help prepare the meal on Tuesday afternoons and help serve and cleanup on Wednesday evenings.

Never Forget Veterans Ministry

The Never Forget Veterans Ministry of Main Street takes time to remember the sacrifice and service of the military veterans in our community. Volunteers are needed to help setup, clean up, and serve our veterans at an annual meal honoring them for their service.

Discipleship & Fellowship

First Time Visitor Welcoming Team

Join the team that takes a moment on Sunday afternoon to visit with our First-Time Visitors. Take these visitors a gift and be a welcoming face to those who come to Main Street for the first time.

Heritage Club

This small group of adults go on monthly outings and meals for a great time of fellowship and fun. Activities include: going to The Farmer's Market, Daniel Boone Inn in Boone, going to the Fruitcake Factory during the Holidays, and a potluck lunch with special entertainment in the fellowship hall. All adults are welcome!

Homebound, Assisted Living, and Nursing Home Visits

Join this small group who takes a few moments every month to visit a member of our church family at their home, at assisted living, or at the nursing home. These visits are very important and help show the older members of our church that they are not forgotten.

UMW—United Methodist Women

When you join a UMW Circle (women's small group) you will have joined a group of women that love Jesus, who support the ministries of Main Street, and our community. They strive to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand the mission of the church.

UMM — United Methodist Men

The UMM meet every Thursday in the fellowship hall for breakfast and a short devotion. They sponsor several events in the church and provide a place where men can grow in their faith and relationship with each other.

Member Care

After Hospital Care Team

This team calls members of Main Street when they return home from the hospital and offers them support and a prayer. Member of this team must have email access and be on the prayer chain.

Bereavement Meal Team

This group offers a meal in the event of the death of a church member, spouse, child, or parent. With this ministry you will be assigned a group to coordinate and work with.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The members of this ministry knit or crochet prayer shawls that will be given to babies at their baptism, persons who are sick, and High School Graduates.

Stephen Ministry

A ministry of lay persons who are trained and supported to give confidential, one-on-one Christian care-giving to persons in the congregation or community who are going through troubled times. Extensive training is required.

Music

The Chancel Chorale (Adult Choir)

This choir provides music for the 8:30am service. They meet every Monday evening from 7:00-8:30pm. Their musical selections range from traditional spirituals to contemporary music.

The Chancel Choir (Adult Choir)

This choir provides music for the 11:00am worship service and rehearses each Wednesday from 7:30-9:00pm. Musical selections include a variety of styles within a traditional service.

Blackwell Singers

Adult Mixed Ensemble, for more experienced singers.

Handbell Choir

Learn to ring handbells! Music reading ability is a plus.

Jubilee Praise Team

Singers and musicians are needed and invited to join the Jubilee Praise Team. The Praise and Worship music is modern and contemporary.

Singing Kirkman

Adult Men's Ensemble, for men who love to sing!

Special Music

Share your musical talents in worship!

Other Ways to Serve

Campus Greeters/Sunday Safety Usher

Volunteers for this ministry will be responsible for walking around campus showing visitors where to go, how to get there, and making sure the buildings are secure.

CareNet Greeter

CareNet provides confidential, compassionate, faith-based counseling for men, women and children of any faith or no faith. Just come and be a friendly face to greet people arriving for counseling.

Library Volunteer

As a library volunteer you will be assisting in maintaining and organizing the library.

Office Volunteer

Office volunteers are needed on a weekly basis to assist in various ways such as: answering the telephone, taking messages, and helping in the preparation of bulk mailings and bulletins.

Photographer for Church Events

Be on a team that will go to a variety of events and the church to take pictures of what's going on. These photos will be used on the church website, social media, and other publications. After the events, we ask that all photos be emailed to the church office for use.

Seamstress

If you can sew, we need you. We need your help repairing and mending choir robes and robes for the acolytes.

Transportation Ministry

Sometimes our church members need help getting to doctor's appointments or even around town. As a member of this ministry you will be called when someone is looking for a ride. This low-stress ministry is as needed only.

Wedding/Church Hostess

As a Church Hostess, your job will be to help brides and their wedding parties at the wedding. Training is necessary and you'll be paid for your time by the wedding party.

Technology and Creative Arts

Drama/Reader

Skits, dramatic readings, and more is what is needed in this ministry area.

Sound/Video Technicians

This group works to ensure that sound and video recording systems run smoothly and are operated correctly during all three worship services. Expert training is provided.

Visual Arts

Can you make signs, banners, costumes, and/or sets? Then we need your help!

Worship

Altar Guild Member

The Altar Guild makes sure everything in the chancel area of the church is in proper order for each worship service. Members are responsible for altar flowers, altar candles, changing paraments, and other duties.

Greeters

Greeters extend a welcome to members and visitors and distribute bulletins upon their arrival for worship.

Oasis Speaker

At Oasis, our mid-week service, a member of our congregation is the speaker. Speakers usually are asked to prepare a short 5 devotion on something uplifting and inspiring as a welcome respite from the craziness of the week. No experience necessary.

Pastor's Prayer Partner

As a members of this group you will pray with the pastors on Sunday at 8:00am before we begin our day of worship.

Youth and College Ministries

Alpha & Omega Youth Choir

Youth 6th thru 12th grades are invited to join us on this musical mission!

Church Mouse

This is a secret pal program for church members and college students. Each student will be secretly adopted by a church member who sends a card to the student each month during the school year. In May the "mouse" will reveal his/her identity to the assigned student.

Confirmation Leader

These people rotate teaching the Confirmation Class in the fall and spring during the Sunday school hour. Curriculum is provided.

Faith Partner

A Faith Partner works with a confirmand (8th grade youth) through their confirmation journey. A Faith Partner shares his or her faith with the confirmand and helps the confirmand to grow in his or her own faith.

Youth Connect Class Teachers (*formally Sunday School*)

Youth Connect Class Teachers facilitate either the middle high or senior high Sunday school class on Sunday mornings. You will help youth connect with the Bible and each other. Curriculum is provided.

Youth Praise Band

Musicians and singers (6th-12th grade) are invited to join the Youth Praise Band on Sundays at 3pm for weekly band practice. This group of talented teens participate in worship at our contemporary service at different times throughout the year.