

MEMBERSHIP VOWS

"...to support the church with my prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness."

PLEASE USE THIS BOOKLET TO GUIDE YOU TO COMPLETE
STEWARDSHIP

To help you, this booklet contains suggestions for your participation in all facets of your membership. Select from these opportunities to apply your God-given skills and talents to enhance your faith and help others. Mark the areas you are interested in on the enclosed Complete Stewardship Opportunities Checklist and return the form to the church. Please pray and choose some from each of the five areas:

PRAYERS

PRESENCE

GIFTS

SERVICE

WITNESS

Prayer

Prayer is everywhere in church - an important part of worship, an introduction to Bible study, and a way to communicate with God. It is also an important part of our lives every day.

1. Private

- a. At Meals-Join with the family before the main meal.
- b. Daily Prayer Time - Set aside a time for you and God to communicate.

2. Corporate

- a. Ministry of Prayer
 - i. Intercessory Prayer- Prayer requests received by the church office are emailed to Intercessors for daily prayer.
- b. Pray For/Write To Missionaries - Pray daily for our missionaries and write to them periodically.
- c. Join Weekly Prayer Sessions -
- d. Leading Offertory Prayer at Worship - Lead the offertory prayer at worship service once per quarter.

PRESENCE

Your presence helps build a community in which others might grow, but it is just as important for your own spiritual health. Plan to "get your batteries charged" at weekly worship or learn more about our Christian heritage at a Bible study. Learn about leading a Christian life in a Sunday School class, men's or women's groups, or by involvement in our many church activities. Come and learn from others.

1. Worship (Sunday mornings, 8:00, 10:30 am)-Traditional services with choir, organ, piano, and hymns are at 8:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Contemporary worship is at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. This service is led by our house worship band, and is a warm and welcoming place to experience authentic, passionate worship.
2. Sunday School (Sunday mornings, 9:15 – 10:15 am) -There are several to choose from; attend a class regularly.
3. Christian Study Classes (Wednesday evening, Thursday morning) -Join one of these to grow your faith and learn more about the Bible.
4. Children's Worship – Let your children join bible study at 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. in the Family Life Center, and "Kidtricity" (children's church) from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
5. Small Group Studies - (held at various times either in or out of the church)

GIFTS

**"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"
(Matthew 6:21)**

1. Planned Giving - Gifts planned for the future as part of your will or trust provide a lasting legacy for the benefit of others. If you wish to leave a legacy gift to LGUMC, a Finance team member can help direct you in the process you should follow.
2. Pledged Giving - The church greatly benefits from being able to plan programs and projects based upon your tithes and gifts pledged for weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annual giving. Please complete the enclosed financial giving pledge card.
 - a. Operating Budget - Includes worship, outreach, education, congregational care, and facilities support.
 - b. Reroofing of the sanctuary - We envision having to replace the shingles and portions of the roof underlayment within the next two years.
 - c. Air Conditioning Replacement - Many of our air conditioning units are over 21 years of age. While patching has kept many, but not all operational, newer units will extend our facility's life and provide increased energy efficiency.
 - b. Reserve Fund - Contributions go directly to cover our 5% (over \$150,000) insurance deductible in case of natural catastrophe.
3. Above and Beyond - Special offerings are collected on the fifth Sundays of the month for the Florida United Methodist Children's Home, and there is an annual offering for United Methodist Commission on Relief in conjunction with United Methodist Committee on Relief. Other giving opportunities are provided for special needs as they arise.
4. 2nd Mile Gifts - As you receive special blessings from the Lord, you are encouraged to share as you are able.
5. Non-LGUMC Donations - We ask congregants to permit us to pass-through your contributions to missions/ministries outside of the church. This gives LGUMC the ability to measure the generosity of our worshipers.

SERVICE

The opportunities are almost endless. At LGUMC, our service is our faith in action. It is the essence of who we are as a congregation. Inspired by Jesus' directive for us to be "salt and light" in the world, we offer "salty" service - the seasoning that gives people both inside and outside our church a taste of what life is like with Jesus.

Traditional Worship

9. Acolyte Coordinator - Schedule and assist acolytes during weekly worship services and special events.
10. Usher Coordinator - Schedule usher training and facilitate assignment of volunteers among the head ushers.
11. Usher - Welcome and seat worshippers, distribute bulletins, receive the offering, distribute Communion, and attend to special needs. Usher teams serve for one month each quarter.
12. Sanctuary Care - Prepare the sanctuary for worship by restocking the pew racks and attendance books. Tidy pews after first service. Serve once every two months.
13. Special Decorations- Assist in decorating the sanctuary for special services such as Easter, Christmas, and Pentecost. Help make banners or special decorations.
14. Media or Sound System Operator – Our modern equipment provides an integral part of worship each week. Serve on a rotating basis as a member of the Audio/Visual (A/V) team, controlling the sound, video, and streaming broadcasts. Training is provided.
15. Webcast Operator - Operate the audio and video recording for 8:00 a.m. service. Training is available.
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17. Greeters
 18. Greeter - Welcome worshippers at the front doors as they arrive.
 19. Greeter Coordinator - From a list of volunteers, schedule people to be greeters at Sunday morning worship.
 20. Visitor Assimilation
 21. Visitor Friends-Call or meet with frequent visitors to help them find places to become involved in LGUMC.
 22. Visitor Friends Coordinator - From a list of volunteers, schedule Visitor Friends on a rotating basis.
23. Nursery Volunteers: Providing a second set of eyes and hands within the nursery during Sunday School and services.

Contemporary Worship

1. Usher - Welcome worshipers, distribute bulletins, receive the offering, distribute Communion, and attend to special needs, as well as help break down the worship space. Ushers help ensure the service runs smoothly.
2. Worship Space Design Team - Responsible for the visual representation and creative expression during our worship.
3. Directed by the service leaders, the design team supports building the stage design and seasonal decorative elements.
4. A/V Team - This important ministry supports worship on a weekly basis by crafting and implementing the worship experience through the on-screen computer visuals (songs, liturgy, videos, etc.), the lighting design, and the engineering of audio support. Training is available, as well as a technology mentor to assist team members.
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Administration

1. Church Office Volunteer - Help in the church office. Coordinate your schedule with your availability and the office workload.
 - a. Computer Data Entry
 - b. Front Desk/Telephones
 - c. Fold Bulletins
 - e. Call Absentee Members
 - f. Call committee members with meeting reminders

Communications

1. Website-The website is our "Window for the World" so others can easily become familiar with our missions and programs. Join this team if you have a facility with desktop computing.
2. Social Media – Familiar with the terms “Facebook”, “Twitter”, and “SnapChat”? You may be the perfect person to keep our message in front of those outside the church.
3. Newsletter – Coordinate input and develop monthly newsletter for church.

Music

1. Chancel Choir-Sings at 8:00 a.m. traditional worship service, October through May. The choir's presentation of classical, contemporary, gospel and modern works enhances worship. The choir also presents seasonal concerts. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. No audition is required. Performs during traditional worship service and special events (example: Easter and Christmas Cantatas).
2. Let Go Praise Team – Performs during the 10:30 a. m. contemporary worship services and special events (example: Easter and Christmas Cantatas).
3. . They rehearse each Tuesday evening.
2. Soloist (Vocal or Instrumental/Ensemble Member/Actor -Contact the music director to find

out about individual and group musical opportunities.

3. Friends of Music Ministry Volunteer (music skills not required)

- a. Music Office Assistant - Serve 1 day/week.
- b. Concert Series Assistance - Opportunities include ushering at concerts, setup and clean up for concerts, 3-5 times per year.

Finance Committee

1. Serve on Finance Committee which oversees the expenditure of funds within the church.

Stewardship

1. Planned Giving Team Member-The Planned Giving Committee is charged with two responsibilities. One is informing and educating the congregation about opportunities for providing legacy gifts in context with their estate planning, by arranging a schedule of educational seminars and workshops, developing and publishing educational information and materials, and acknowledging legacy gifts. The second is the management of endowments and legacy gifts to best serve the mission of the church.
2. Stewardship Committee Team Member - The stewardship committee helps inform the congregation about how they can fulfill their vows by using their gifts and talents to support the church's mission and goals. Annually, the stewardship committee develops and publishes this pamphlet and the stewardship brochure. If you have experience in marketing communications or the technology used in marketing communications, we have opportunities for your participation on this committee

Staff Parrish Pastor Relations Committee

Develops and oversees human relations functions for the church.

Trustees

1. Property Maintenance

- a. Carpentry- Put up shelving, help with building drama sets, other minor carpentry.
- b. Repairs- Help with miscellaneous repair jobs.
- c. Painting- Prepare areas for paint; paint as needed.
- d. Building Closing-Turn off all A/C and lights and lock all doors after Sunday worship. Serve for a month on a rotating basis.
- e. Planting Beds (weed and trim) - Trim and shape bushes, weed planting beds. Saturday cleanups are scheduled twice each year.
- f. Responsible for proposals to upgrade/replace properties on the campus.
- g. Review and approve non-church use of the LGUMC facilities.
- h. Oversee and manage such items as lawn care.
- i. Oversee and analyze utilities use, identifying ways and means to minimize adverse environmental impacts.

2. Disaster Planning and Response

- a. Committee Member - Serve on the team to plan and manage the disaster preparation and response activities. Update the Disaster and Emergency Preparedness Plan. Approximately 4 meetings per year.
 - b. Pre-Disaster Volunteer - Assist in preparing the church in advance of an impending disaster.
 - c. Storm Cleanup - Assist in restoring the church property following a storm.
 - d. House Evacuee(s) - Prior to or after a disaster, there may be a need for "at risk" church members to evacuate their homes. Volunteer to open your home for a short time.
 - e. First Responder - If you have current certification, please register your name and which service you usually attend so the head usher can alert you to an emergency
3. Vehicle Drivers - Drivers take the church van on trips for children, youth, choir and many other activities.

Age Level Ministries

Children

1. Playground maintenance for the "A Little Bit of Heaven Child Enrichment Center" - Check, repair, and clean the equipment as needed. Spread mulch as required.
2. Sunday School and Children's Church - Serve as a teacher or assistant for children ages 4 years through 5th grade during the 9:30 and 10.30 a.m. services.
3. Grant Research - Research availability of federal, state, or private grants to support our school and outreach programs. Experience in grant research and proposals helpful.
4. Nursery Volunteer - Assist our paid staff in caring for children

Youth

Have a desire to work with youth.

Adult

1. Sunday School Teacher - You may teach a weekly lesson or rotate with other class members.
2. Class or Small Group Leader - Lead a class or a group of people geared toward a specific age group, topic, or life placement. You will work in conjunction with a pastor who will provide the resources and empower you to facilitate the conversation among the participants.

Support Areas

Congregational Care

1. Visitation Team Member-Volunteers call on members in hospitals, nursing and rehabilitation centers, shut-ins, and homebound, offering encouragement, company, prayer, and a lot of listening. A typical commitment is two visits per month and a couple of phone calls. Provide communion one per month.
 2. Visitation Team Coordinator – schedules visitation teams
3. Neighborhood Missions- Provide assistance to people in our community who need help in any of the following ways (3-4 hours per month; transportation to be provided around our local area only):
 - a. Give a ride to the doctor or church.
 - b. Do some washing or ironing.
 - c. Repair a faucet or toilet.
 - d. Sew a hem or make minor sewing repairs.
 - e. Sit with a spouse to give a loved one a break.
 - f. Run an errand.
 - g. Do minor repairs.
3. United Methodist Men (2nd Saturday, 8:30 a.m.) - All men are welcome to join this group for breakfast, fellowship, and prayer.
4. United Methodist Women - All ladies of the church are invited to join this vibrant group that meets three times a year as a Unit in the Family Life Center. Smaller groups, known as Circles, also meet monthly at various times and locations. The UMW focuses on spiritual growth, fellowship, and especially on mission work pertaining to women, children, and youth.
5. Walk to Emmaus - Sign up for this 3-day "short course in Christianity," to give you the tools and focus to live out your faith daily, and to be prepared as God calls for leadership in the local church. Periodic group/alumni meetings are required.
6. Food Service
 - A. Sunday Morning Coffee and Snacks - Be a regular or substitute volunteer to set up coffee and pastries on Sunday mornings once each month. Fellowship times are before and between services.
 - B. Sunday Donuts and Coffee Coordinator-Schedule volunteers (usually one Sunday/month) from a list.
 - C. Memorial Service Support - Help the UMW set up for and serve refreshments after a funeral or memorial service. Volunteer to bring a dish to serve a designated number of people; help clean up afterwards.
 - D. Fifth Sunday Dinner Coordinator – Arrange volunteers to host fifth Sunday lunches each quarter, as well as Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.
 - E. Crew for Fifth Sunday Dinner – Volunteer as part of a crew to setup and tear down for the quarterly dinners.

Missions

1. Committee Member - Committee members plan and support the missions and projects of our church's outreach; meet 4 or 5 times per year (followed by food!).
2. Food Pantry - Our food pantry is stocked by donations of cash and goods. Volunteers are needed to help stock the pantry, fill grocery bags for recipients, and greet those in need from 9:30 a.m. through 11:30 a.m. on Thursdays. Extra help is needed for the Thanksgiving and Christmas basket programs.
3. Community Christmas Outreach - Our Christmas Community Angel Tree brightens the lives of children who may not be remembered at Christmastime. Serving from mid-November through Christmas, volunteers may assist with packaging and distribution of donated gifts.
4. Mission Trip Team Member (Cuba) - Visit, worship, and fellowship with members of our sister church in Cuba. One or two 1-week trips.
5. Mission Work Team Member - Travel with the team to repair homes damaged by natural disasters or to respond to special needs, such as building wheelchair ramps. Projects may be local or completed on a 3-5 day trip.