

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church Adult Mission Opportunities

Spirit Singers: The Spirit Singers are still looking for new members to join us. It is our hope that we can continue to bring the blessing of music to the traditional service. It is a labor of love and a gift to the God who made us. Come – share your talent and lift your song of praise to Him.

SOAR: SOAR (Seniors Off And Running) was born in August of 1999 when the Family Ministries Committee began to look for ways to provide a senior adult ministry at Wesley in order to help the more "seasoned" members of our congregation (55 and over) stay connected in meaningful ways to the church and the community.

Family Ministries: Duties: To build and strengthen unity of the church body into a close interactive people of God by encouraging members to grow closer to one another and thus grow closer to God.

From shared joyful observances of Christian holidays, meals, celebrations and recognition of milestones to the comforting reassurance in times of bereavement, Family Ministry encourages God's people to relate to one another with care, concern and compassion as if they are truly family.

Worship Committee: The Worship Committee seeks to make each worship experience the best it can be. It is made up of members of both services so we can better coordinate those services. Most of all, we try to make each worship service be meaningful so all in attendance can worship our Lord.

Nurture Committee: This committee consist of Caring Ministries, Prayers & Squares, and Card Ministry.

1. Caring Ministry: The Caring Committee goal is to love our church family and being there to share in their joys and sadness. Visiting with the shut-ins. Taking food to the sick, new babies and families of the ones we have lost.
2. Prayers & Squares: We are Chapter 1100 of Prayers and Squares International. Prayers and Squares is an interfaith outreach ministry that combines the gift of a hand-tied quilt with the gift of prayer for someone in need. The essence of this ministry is in the prayers offered for the recipient; it is not about the quilts.
3. Card Ministry: Each church member receives a birthday card from their "Wesley Church Family". The first Sunday of each month members with birthdays receive recognition and a birthday blessing from Cheryl. The last Sunday of each month members who have wedding anniversaries receive recognition and an anniversary blessing from Cheryl. I also try to make a large "wedding" cupcake for each couple.

Horizons Praise Band: The Horizons Worship service centers around alternative worship, interactive demonstrations of faith and learning, and teaching based on an open and challenging dialogue.

United Methodist Men: The purpose of United Methodist Men is to support spiritual growth among men, helping men to mature as disciples as they encourage spiritual formation in others.

United Methodist Women: The Wesley Memorial United Methodist Women meet the first Sunday of each month at 12:15 in the Fellowship Hall. There is also a circle that meets on the first Monday of the month at 6:00. Each year their fundraising efforts include their annual bazaar the second Saturday in October, as well as homemade pies at Thanksgiving and a Valentine's candy sale. The money raised goes to support local, district, national, and worldwide missions.

Outreach Ministry:

1. Santa's Helpers: an annual toy giveaway serving the families of the Good Shepherd Mission, annually giving away toys to between 500-750 children
2. Journey Through Bethlehem: a weekend of bringing Bethlehem to life and allowing participants to visit the manger the first weekend of December in partnership with a number of other local churches
3. Change the World Weekend: Wesley's annual mission weekend with mission opportunities for everyone
4. Red Cross Shelter: Wesley is a Red Cross Shelter and has been called upon to open from time to time
5. Technology Program: Wesley is working to roll out a program to provide access to technology and possibly mentoring/tutoring and other programs to the local community.
6. 12 Step Groups: Wesley hosts many of the 12 step groups meeting in Walker County, providing a space for people to fight their addictions.
7. Church and Society and Social Justice Ministries: In modeling the broader United Methodist Church and the emphasis on social holiness and living out the UMC Social Principles, Wesley is active in making sure to not just be in mission, but to work for justice for those in need of help.
8. Support for local ministries: Wesley collects a monthly communion rail offering to benefit various mission and ministry projects and has an annual collection of items to benefit causes. We also have liaisons to help us figure out how to support the following local organizations: Gibbs Pre-School, Chamber of Commerce, SAAFE House, Hospitality House, CASA, COME Center, Good Shepherd Mission.

Age Level Ministry: The age level committee is charged with providing opportunities for growth in knowledge of our God, His son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. This is done in Sunday School Classes, special events for the children (ie. Vacation Bible School.) and special studies offered during the year.