

**New Members -- Pledging Our Talents to  
First United Methodist Church**

**Ames, Iowa**

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**WORSHIP**

- Sing in the Chancel choir
- Sing/Play instrument in the Saturday night band
- Ring in the Bell choir
- Perform special music, dance, drama
- Read in worship
- Operate the Sound/Video equipment
- Usher
- Serve as a Greeter at an Entrance door for worship
- Work on the Altar guild/worship arts ministry team
- Assist with Holy Communion
- Lead a Children's message during worship
- Provide food for special midweek worship event (s)

**ADULT PROGRAMMING**

- Attend an Adult Sunday school/ Wednesday night classs
- Play with the Monday Bridge group
- Attend Short term adult studies
- Attend Wonderful Wednesday Women
- Work with the Saturday monthly Prayer shawl ministry
- Play on the FUM softball team

## **YOUTH MINISTRIES**

Lead/ work with/ assist Middle School youth group weekly or monthly activities

Lead/ work with/assist Senior high youth group weekly or monthly ministries

## **CHILDREN AND FAMILY COUNCIL**

Teach/assist in the annual Vacation Bible School (summer)

Teach/assist in the Sunday school

Work in church nursery on Wednesday nights, at least once a month (September-May) .

## **MEMBER CARE & EVANGELISM (Welcoming and Marketing)**

Volunteer on the church's telephone and/or email Prayer Chain

Follow up with visitors/new residents

Call on homebound persons

Visit people in hospital

Send caring notes to people

Provide assistance with small projects around the house of a homebound person

Stephen Ministry

Host an in-home event

Mentor a new member

Provide/serve food for a funeral

Provide emergency meals

Take Holy Communion to homebound persons at least once a year

Assist with publicity and promotions

## **MISSION OUTREACH**

- Volunteer with our Food at First ministry
- Go on the Appalachia Service Project (ASP)
- Pack boxes with mission kits
- Assemble a mission kit during fall's Bishop's In-Gathering annual ministry.
- Sit at mission display for Alternative Gift Market at Christmastime
- Load and deliver Items to Bidwell-Riverside (Des Moines), food pantry, etc.
- Deliver Meals on Wheels as a volunteer
- Participate in the CROP Walk in the fall
- Go on a mission work trip (nationally or globally)

## **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

- Member of UMW
- Help with Holiday Fair in the fall
- Work with the Quilting group

## **UNITED METHODIST MEN**

- Member of UMM
- Willing to help with lawn mowing at the church
- Van driver (no special license needed---mostly on Sundays)

## **TRUSTEES (Property)**

- Special skills (circle): in electrical, plumbing, heating/AC, painting, carpentry,  
floor maintenance, minor repairs, help with snow removal
- Computer Technical work
- Landscape maintenance

**STEWARDSHIP/ COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

\_\_\_ Serve as a witnessing steward (giver)---

give a witness as to why you contribute time ,talent, & treasures to the church (written/verbal)

\_\_\_ Help with Stewardship mailings (stuffing envelopes for mailings)

\_\_\_ Assist with Planned Giving Program through the FUM Foundation

\_\_\_ Assist with Financial Reviews of church records

\_\_\_ Include FUM in your will

\_\_\_ Assist Financial Secretary as a volunteer

**STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

\_\_\_ Provide expertise/experience in field of HR (Human Resources)

\_\_\_ Assist in the church office as a volunteer with various duties

\_\_\_ Help update/maintain church web site

**CURRENT STANDING COMMITTEES**

(These are 3-year commitments and membership on the committee is through invitation by Lay Leadership-Nomination Committee, according to your gifts and talents.)

Child & Family Council

Youth Council

Adult Council

Worship

Missions/Outreach

Stewardship

History & Archives

Member Care and Witness

Welcoming and Marketing

Trustees

Memorials& Gifts

Foundation Board

Finance & Administration

Staff/Parish Relations Committee

Lay Leadership-Nominations

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_