

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR 2025 ADULT PLEDGE CARD

Below are details about the many service opportunities at First United Methodist Church where we encourage you to sign up to serve.

AGE-LEVEL MINISTRIES

NURSERY/CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- Sunday Morning Nursery** - assist in nursery (once per month)
- Sunday School Volunteer** - lead or assist small group in Bible stories, lessons, and games (curriculum provided)
- J.A.M. Time Volunteer** - interact and play with children and assist with worship and snacks (8:30-10 a.m. Sunday)
- J.A.M. Time Check-In Desk** - greet and assist parents with check-in
- Sunday Night Volunteer** - assist with Bible stories, music, hands-on activities, and games
- Wednesday Night Volunteer** - assist with Bible stories, music, hands-on activities, and games
- Greeter** - welcome and direct children to appropriate areas
- Parents Time Out** - help interact/play with children
- Third Grade Prayer Partner** - mentor and pray for a third grader
- Vacation Bible School** - help prepare, plan, and decorate; help with music, snacks, crafts, games, or leading a group of children

TWEEN'S MINISTRY

- Sunday School Teacher** - lead/teach Sunday School (curriculum provided)
- Sunday School Helper** - provide crowd control, assist leader with activities
- Sunday Night Fellowship Helper** - provide crowd control, assist leader with activities
- Wednesday Night Bible Study Helper** - provide crowd control, assist leader with activities
- Wednesday Night Bible Study Leader** - lead Bible study (curriculum provided)
- Tween's Vacation Bible School** - assist with mission projects, crafts and games

YOUTH MINISTRY

- Sunday School Volunteer** - assist in leading/teaching Sunday School (curriculum provided)
- Sunday Evening Meals** - provide meal for youth
- Sunday Night Youth Volunteer** - assist with youth fellowship and worship
- Wednesday Small Group Leader** - lead small groups (curriculum provided)
- Trip Chaperone** - serve on youth retreats and mission trips

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY

- Serving Events** - help with Harbor Serve Day(s) and athletic team meals
- Small Group Leader** - lead small groups (curriculum may be provided)
- Sunday School Teacher** - lead Sunday School on Sunday at 10 a.m. (curriculum may be provided)

WEEKDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- Bus Driver** - transport children on field trips, particularly during summer.
- Classroom Assistant** - read a story, lead songs, be an extra set of hands
- Teacher Treats** - help set up a meal or snack for staff
- Weekday Chapel Storyteller** - present preselected stories to 3 & 4 year-olds during Weekday Ministry Chapel service (Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.)

ADDITIONAL SERVICE AREAS

ADMINISTRATION

- Book Nook** - organize and maintain reading materials for 1-2 hours per month
- Bus Driver** - drive for events and trips
- Data Entry** - input attendance
- Receptionist** - answer phones in the front office
- Work Room Volunteer** - assists with various tasks including using the copier/printer, folding machine, binders, etc. (training provided)

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

- Grounds Care/Maintenance** - assist with the upkeep and beautification of the grounds, such as pressure washing, tree trimming, etc.

COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY

- Communications Assistant** - assist with publication preparations, sound checks, event/Sunday setup, etc.
- Content Team** - help with the creation of videos, graphics, or appear in video projects (training provided)
- Photographer/Videographer** - photograph/video church events for publications and other media (training provided)
- Social Media Ambassador** - engage with church posts, and share events, videos, etc., on your own social media channels periodically to raise awareness and tell the church's story
- Tech Assistant** - assist with cameras, sound, slides, and other production needs (training provided)

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

- Baked Blessings Ministry** - bake and freeze casseroles or soup for those with new babies, those released from hospital, or those who are sick
- We Care Meal Team** - prepare a dish to feed a family for a funeral meal as needed
- Acute Care Visit/Delivery** - visit members in the hospital or deliver meal or flowers to those released from hospital as needed
- Make Phone Calls and Follow Ups** - provide care through calling ministry to homebound members or those who have been on the prayer list
- Visit Homebound/Nursing Homes** - offer care visit to members who are homebound or in nursing facilities (could include delivering communion)
- Flower Ministry Arranger/Deliverer** - arrange altar flowers into smaller vases and/or deliver those arrangements to homes (Mondays)
- Note Cards** - write and send notes to those on the prayer list (materials provided)
- Prayer Shawls/Blankets** - knit, quilt, or crochet prayer shawls/baby blankets at home (instructors and yarn available upon request)
- Support Group Facilitator** - host specialized group care around grief, divorce, cancer, or other

FOOD SERVICE MINISTRY

- Hospitality and Special Events** - assist with serving food, serve as a greeter, or assist in setting up and breaking down events
- Wednesday Night Supper** - assist in serving the meal or serve as a cashier (once per month)

RECREATION MINISTRY

- Class/Program Instructor** - facilitate a class or recreational activity
- Coach** - coach flag football or church basketball
- Recreational Camps** - serve during summer sports camps or other camp activities throughout the year

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ADDITIONAL MINISTRY AREAS

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HOSPITALITY

- Coffee & Refreshments** - assist serving refreshments between worship services
- Golf Carts** - help people who need to get around the church campus
- Greeter** - greet guests at worship and special events
- Parking Lot Greeter** - greet guests, offer assistance in parking areas
- Welcome Desk Volunteer** - give directions and information to guests
- Usher** - assist in seating service attendees or receiving offering during worship

OUTREACH MINISTRY

- Adopt-A-School** - help with special events at FUMC's adopted schools: Girard, DCS Head Start, Slingluff
- Back to School Bash** - organize school supplies, pack backpacks and help distribute to local school children
- Blood Donor** - donate at least twice a year at blood drives
- Bread of Life** - help with packing food bags to distribute to food insecure local school children
- Christmas with the Harbor** - participate in shopping, gift wrapping, and serving Christmas dinner for families in need
- Church Party** - help serve food, play games, or drive a bus for special needs children (Tuesday evenings during the school year)
- Disaster Response Team** - serve others with clean up and/or repairs following catastrophic events
- Helping Hands** - help those in need of minor repair work at their homes
- In Christ's Name** - assist team with interviews and helps people in need (Monday mornings)
- Meals on Wheels** - deliver meals to elderly (once per week)
- Mission Experiences** - go on cross-cultural mission experiences to provide construction, medical assistance, evangelism, prayer, etc.
- Recreational Missions** - help host recreational outreach events
- Rise Against Hunger** - participate in meal packing events for food insecure people around the world
- Santa for Seniors** - pack food bags during the holiday season for senior adults in the Wiregrass area
- Treat Trolley** - serve snacks and gift baskets to local teachers

WORSHIP PERFORMING ARTS

- Acts of Praise/Special Music** - perform in worship and special services
- Instrumentalists** - perform in worship services or special events
- Chancel Choir** - serve as a continuous or seasonal choir member
- Westminster Handbells** - rehearse and perform in the adult handbell choir (ability to read music is helpful)
- Music Library Volunteer** - catalogue sheet music into a computer database and/or organize, label, and file sheet music in the physical library
- Cherub Chanters Volunteer** - (4p-1st grade) adult volunteers for rehearsals/performances
- Children's Chimes Volunteer** - (K-4th grade) adult volunteers for rehearsals/performances
- Wesley's Warblers Volunteer** - (2nd-4th grade) adult volunteers for rehearsals/performances
- Tween Worship Arts Volunteer** - (5th-6th grade) adult volunteers for rehearsals/performances
- Worship Arts Camp Volunteer** - (1st-6th grade) adult and teen volunteers for July 7-11, 2025
- Robe Steward** - help clean, steam, and care for adult and children's choir robes

RESPITE CARE MINISTRY

- Caregiver Delivery Team** - deliver meals, cards, and flowers to caregivers in need
- Respite After Hours Helper** - meet weekday afternoons to prepare crafting supplies and projects for program use
- Respite Care Outreach** - visit our homebound participants and families who are no longer able to attend our program
- Respite Garden** - assist with seasonal planting and maintenance of our Respite Care Garden
- Respite Volunteer/Care Partner** - assist Respite friends with activities, meals and games (Monday - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.)
- Rosemary House Volunteer** - offer fellowship and support to caregivers, provide information regarding resources in our community
- Share Special Talents/Gifts** - provide devotions, lead exercises, share musical talents, special skills, or hobbies
- Special Event Helper** - help with set up and take down for workshop and volunteer events

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Easter Egg Hunt** - assist families with children as they hunt eggs in Walton Garden, the playground, and church lawn
- Cross Raising** - help raise a cross on the church lawn in honor of the resurrection of Jesus Christ
- Stations of the Cross** - assist youth as they perform a moving 14-scene depiction of Jesus Christ on the day of His crucifixion
- Blessing of the Backpacks** - help as students and their families gather to bless their gear for the new school year
- Lessons and Carols** - this is a special holiday service which includes scripture lessons and carol singing with our entire worship arts family
- Hanging of the Greens** - participate in this special event as we decorate God's house with the Chrismon Tree, wreaths, garlands, candles, and more
- Promise of Christmas** - donate winter items including food, blankets, and clothing for The Harbor
- Church Clean-up Day** - assist with beautification and clean-up of the church buildings

THE HARBOR

- Bible Study/Small Group Leader** - lead and facilitate small groups in relationship and spiritual growth
- Children's Ministry** - assist with Bible lessons, games, activities, and supervising children (Wednesdays & Saturdays, 6 p.m.-7 p.m.)
- Grow at The Harbor** - provide gardening, harvesting, planting, and other care needs weekly
- Intercessory Prayer Teams** - pray from home or at The Harbor (Fridays, 6 p.m.)
- Mentor** - develop one-on-one spiritual and life mentoring (one hour per week), based on mentor's schedule
- Provide and Serve Meals** - families, groups or individuals serve/minister (Saturday mornings and evenings, and Wednesday evenings)
- Saturday Morning Community Day** - assist with clothing, hygiene, groceries, showers, laundry, prayer teams, children's teams, garden teams, and serving meal, (Saturdays, 7:30-10:30 a.m.)
- Street Ministry** - distribute essential items, offer prayer and fellowship with community members in need (Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays, (times may vary)
- Wednesday Serving Day** - prepare and sort clothing, hygiene items and/or food pantry, etc. (Wednesdays, 7:30-10:30 a.m.)
- Worship** - participate in worship, prayer teams, and serving the meal (Wednesday and Saturday, 5:30-7 p.m.)

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

SANCTUARY

- Acolyte/Server Team** - assist with coordination of acolytes and servers
- Altar Preparation** - prepare altar for Sunday morning worship (communion, flower arrangement, paraments, etc.)
- Audio/Video Operators** - operate cameras and/or sound equipment (training provided)
- Flower Team** - arrange flowers for sanctuary services as needed or when not provided by a florist
- Holy Communion Server** - help serve Communion in Sanctuary worship
- Usher** - assist in seating service attendees or receiving offering during worship

THE BRIDGE

- Audio/Video Operators** - operate cameras and/or sound equipment (training provided)
- Flower Team** - arrange flowers for Bridge services as needed or when not provided by a florist
- Holy Communion Server** - help serve Communion in The Bridge worship
- Instrumentalists** - perform during worship
- Usher** - assist in seating service attendees or receiving offering during worship

OTHER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

- Wherever the Church Needs Me** - Can't decide what to do? Sign up here and be prepared to serve wherever the church needs you.
- New Ministry Idea** - Sensing God calling you to a new ministry? We want to help you get started making new disciples for Jesus Christ!