



# The Mission and Ministry of First United Methodist Church of Pflugerville

Our Vision:

Having Fun Seeking & Sharing God Together

Our Mission:

Loving God and one another on a  
Journey of discipleship.



This manual can be found on our web site at [www.pflame.org](http://www.pflame.org)

## **The Ministry Groups of First United Methodist Church, Pflugerville**

The ministry of First United Methodist Church of Pflugerville is dynamic. As we publish this 2008 description of the various groups which do ministry at FUMC, Pflugerville, we know that in six weeks this description will have to be corrected and changed. That's the nature of ministry. It changes continually as the needs of our congregation and community change. Ministry can never be static.

Nevertheless, this descriptive book is a good place to start to learn about our church's ministry and to identify the persons who are ministry leaders. This book was written to help our members and visitors identify the ministries they want to join.

Included are four categories:

### **Spiritual Growth**

Under this heading are all those groups whose main mission is to help us connect to God in Jesus Christ and deepen our relationship with him. It includes our adult Bible studies, prayer groups, psychological counseling center, Emmaus reunion groups and our stewardship committee.

### **Mission & Outreach**

These groups are primarily dedicated to reaching beyond ourselves to serve the world in the name of Jesus Christ. We have included our Sunday School Greeter Corps because it was organized to minister to visitors on Sunday morning, as well as ministries like the Interfaith Hospitality Network, a mission program that takes us to another church to minister to homeless families.

### **Fellowship Groups**

These groups understand themselves to be engaged in both spiritual growth and mission and include our youth ministry programs, United Methodist Men, as well as our music ministry programs. Any program that is aimed at both nurture and outreach is in this category.

### **Administrative Ministry**

Finally, we must acknowledge that the ministry of the church does not happen automatically. Many groups provide oversight, resources and inspiration to all of the ministries of our church. The people who give of their time in this area are critical to the success of our whole ministry program. More people are always needed to participate in this area of ministry.

Thank you for your interest in the ministry of FUMC, Pflugerville. We hope this book will be helpful to you in finding your own ministry at FUMC.

Blessings,  
Pastor Monte Marshall



**Disciple Bible Study****Coordinators -**

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Disciple Bible Study is a small group program in which daily Bible reading is encouraged. The group meets once a week for two-hours to discuss the assigned reading from the previous week. Resources include a weekly video/lecture from a Biblical scholar, a course manual and workbook, the Bible and other reading materials. When completed, the student has a new grasp of the Biblical material and new insights into being a disciple. Disciple aims at transformation, not just information. It is a program of spiritual formation. Each class includes sharing of joys and concerns and the lifting of those in prayer. Disciple class members often become good friends. Disciple Bible Study will begin again in September 2008.

**Yoga**

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Kim is a personal fitness trainer who will lead you thru this one hour yoga class. This is a mental and physical exercise class aimed at producing spiritual enlightenment, while gaining flexibility, strength, coordination and reducing stress. All levels are welcome, Kim will help you modify the program to meet your needs. Class meets on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 in FLC upstairs.

**Children's Sunday School Program**

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First United Methodist Church of Pflugerville offers Sunday school classes for all children. Sunday school curriculum is designed for age and developmentally specific religious learning, so our classes are arranged according to age or grade level in school. We currently use the following curriculum: "Hands-On Bible" by Group Publishing for the toddler and preschool classes; "Live Big" by Cokesbury for K-3rd grades; and "Rock Solid" by Cokesbury for the 4th and 5th grades. Sunday school classes meet from 9:30-10:30. All children through 4th grade will remain in the classroom until picked up by a designated adult or older sibling.

**The Gospel Group**

Pastor Terry Dowdy                      251-2575                      pastor\_dowdy@sbcglobal.net

This group examines the scripture passage (usually a Gospel) that Pastor Terry will preach on for the next Sunday. We meet on Thursday mornings (except for 3rd Thursdays) from 10:00 to 11:00 in room 206.

## **Missions and Outreach**

**Chair - Emmett Eary**

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As disciples of Christ, the committee facilitates the organization, communication and coordination of missions through our church community. Within our church we support: Food Pantry, Nursing Home Ministries, Interfaith Hospitality, Angel Tree, Bountiful Sunday, Blue Jean Sunday and Souper Bowl Sunday. Outside our church we support: Boy and Girl Scout Groups, Kids Night Out, Meals on Wheels and Crop Walk.

### **Interfaith Hospitality Network, coordinated by Paul Taylor, 252-9131**

- This outreach ministry works with St. Mark's UMC, 601 W. Braker Lane, Austin, TX, to house the homeless families. Volunteers provide meals and hospitality.

### **Meals on Wheels, coordinated by John & Pat LaSalle, 670-7761**

- Meals on Wheels is a ministry to older and/or disabled adults. Hot mid-day meals are delivered by volunteers in their own cars.

### **Food Pantry, coordinated by Paula Harnsberger, 524-8123 - Joan Tyson, 252-7481 - Kay Walker, 252-9601**

- This Outreach program provides food to those who are in need. Food items are purchased from the Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB) as well as donations by the congregation. The pantry is open on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 to Noon in the FLC and the Servant Angels help to distribute.

### **Missions of Mercy, coordinated by Marlene Eck, 252-3613**

- Missions of Mercy is designed to help homeless adults on the streets. Items such as food, toiletries, socks, etc are compiled into a 1 gallon zip-lock bag and are distributed by good Samaritans to people living on the streets.

### **Kids In Need, coordinated by Paula Harnsberger, 524-8123**

- This Outreach program provides food to our homeless school-age children who don't have food to eat on the weekends. We purchase or receive donations of non-perishable food items to fit in a gallon zip-lock bag. These are then distributed to schools in need and the bags are placed in the children's backpacks to take home on Fridays.

### **Caregivers of Pflugerville (Faith in Action) by Carolyn Eary, 251-2145 & Quincy Morris, 990-8911**

- Faith in Action Caregivers - Pflugerville is an ecumenical collaboration of churches in the Pflugerville area that provides complimentary rides, friendly visits, and minor household repairs for senior citizens to allow them to maintain their independent living status. Members of the congregation are encouraged and invited to serve as volunteers in this outreach ministry.

### **CROP Walk**

- CROP Walk is neighbors walking together to take a stand against hunger in our world. Together we raise awareness and funds for international relief and development, as well as local hunger-fighting. Walkers encourage friends, neighbors, colleagues, merchants and places of worship to donate dollars to support their participation in walks of up to 10 km. Participants, many with readily identifiable red and white signs, range in age from babies in strollers to seniors—and even the occasional jogger. Half the proceeds are distributed to local food pantries in Pflugerville.

### **Angel Tree - Tony & Margaret Pazik, 670-3370 - Happy Brymer, 989-1496**

- Angel Tree is a ministry that reaches out to the children of inmates and their families with the love of Christ. At Christmastime, volunteers from our church purchase and deliver gifts to the children of inmates in their parent's name. Each gift delivery also presents an opportunity to share the love and hope of Christ with each family. Through Angel Tree, these children feel a parent's love, despite their absence.

## **Sunday School Greeters Corp**

**Coordinators**

The Greeters Corp helps visitors and members locate Sunday School classes and provides welcoming smiles, kind words, and helpful attitudes to all. Our goal is to have greeters in place each Sunday from 9:15-9:45. This easy and important opportunity for service to our church and to Christ is open to all members.

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## Music Ministry

FUMC of Pflugerville has a wonderful variety of musical groups. There is something for all ages and every musical background. Here is a short description of our various groups and contact information for each.

### Chancel Choir Director

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#### Chancel Choir

- This ensemble provides musical leadership for the 10:45 worship service at First UMC of Pflugerville. This includes singing introits and anthems, and presenting cantatas and music for special services at different times throughout the year. Chancel Choir is an ensemble made up of individuals who hold a desire to worship our Creator and minister to His people through song. You do not have to be able to sight-read music. Just know that we don't leave anyone behind. This group is patient and accepting to all who wish to take part. If you enjoy singing the hymns on Sunday morning, this is the place for you! If you think you might be interested, simply email Philip Smith or call the church office for more information.

There is nothing wrong with sitting in on a rehearsal or two just to see what it's like! Rehearsals are held on Wednesday evening from 7:00 P.m. to 8:30 p.m. This ensemble is open to all adults and youth (ages 16 and up). We hope you'll join us in this growing ministry at First UMC, Pflugerville.

#### Cherub Choir, Director, Vicky Gregory, 577-9035

- This group is for pre-school aged children, toddlers through kindergarten. Rehearsals are held during the Sunday School hour as part of the Sunday School curriculum. Your child is invited to join the group in occasional presentations in the worship services held on Sunday mornings. Contact Vicky Gregory for more information about this musical opportunity.

#### Praise Power, Director, Gayland & Karen Moore, 251-1076

- This group is open to all children in grades one through five. Praise Power rehearsals are held every Sunday evening from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the choir room. We meet to share with each other, have snacks and enjoy singing songs of God. This group presents music in Sunday morning worship several times throughout the year. We end the year with a fun outdoor event!

### Worship Leader/Praise Band Director

Randy Nettles

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#### Creekside Gathering Band

- This tight group of musicians plays in worship each week as the music for our new "Creekside Gathering" service at 11:00 am on Sundays in the Family Life Center. The group consists of dedicated regulars with several back-up musicians who can fill-in when needed. Music selections will be from current Praise, Worship & Christian-Rock music heard in the Contemporary Christian Music industry, and on radio stations like KLOVE (92.1 FM) and Power FM (106.7). Practice is from 6:30-8:45 on Thursdays in the Family Life Center.

#### Praise Bands

- These groups of contemporary Christian musicians are music leadership for the 8:15 worship service each Sunday. The groups consist of both regulars and drop-in members. There are two Praise Bands leading worship on alternating Sundays. These groups are always looking for new people who want to share their musical talents and spiritual gifts in worship. Music in this service ranges from Contemporary Praise & Worship music and Hymns, to Emmaus-style songs. Rehearsals are Tuesdays at 7:30 & Wednesdays at 6:30.

#### From the Dust

- This is a youth praise band that performs in worship, at UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) meetings, and at various youth functions around our district. This talented group consists of youth in 8th –12th grade and specializes in contemporary Christian music. Rehearsals are held on Sunday afternoons from 3:15-4:45.

#### Pflaming Glory, Led by, Clark Meier, 251-8837

- This is a more serious and concert-oriented praise band which is sponsored by the church. This band takes the Word into the world by playing at town festivals, restaurants and fund-raisers. The group is always looking for new venues.

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## **I Forgot Bunch**

Coordinators - George Tolleson 251-4669 gtsci@flash.net  
John LaSalle 670-7761 plasalle@sbcglobal.net

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This is a group of retirees who gather on the 3rd Thursday of each month for fellowship and day trips. They attend different places, exhibits or events using the church van, or they stay at church for food, fun, and fellowship. Singles and couples are welcome. We accept donations for gas for the church vans.

## **Servant Angels**

Led by Donna Baldwin 836-5009

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This ministry serves our stay at home members. They share Bible study as well as help various committees as events arise. They meet on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 to Noon in the FLC.

## **United Methodist Men's Fellowship (UMM)**

President-Steve O'Neal 243-8844 fishfinder511@yahoo.com

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The United Methodist Men is a group of Christ-centered men supporting men in our walk of faith, service, church and community. We're committed to share the love of Christ through our actions, pfun, pfood and pfellowship. All men are welcome to join out casual, open-door gatherings. We meet the 3rd Saturday of each month at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast. "Ordinary guys doing extraordinary stuff through Jesus Christ."

## **Stephen Ministry**

Chair-Kathy Shaw 989-3866 kathyshaw@swbell.net

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Stephen Ministers (SM) are carefully recruited, selected, trained, commissioned and supervised lay persons. SM provide spiritual and emotional care to adults undergoing life's challenges or difficulties. They are not pastors or clinical specialists; they are volunteers trained for lay care giving. Our Stephen Ministers receive 50 hours of training and are supervised by trained Stephen Leaders. The Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry; the care receivers' identity and circumstances remain private.

## **Storytelling Guild**

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Together we learn and dramatize the scripture lessons that provide the basis for our weekly Sunday morning worship. As we learn the scriptures and storytelling techniques, we serve the congregation as Biblical storytellers in worship as well as other settings. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday from noon to 1:00 in the Sanctuary.

## **Creekside Gathering Design Team**

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Persons who attend the "Creekside Gathering" worship service meet every second Sunday afternoon, 3:15-4:30 to plan special worship experiences, music, A/V, mission, and hospitality for the Creekside Gathering.

## **Youth Program**

Director - Amy Howell 251-2575 Amy\_Howell@sbcglobal.net

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The Youth Program is for grades 6 through 12. We offer teenagers the opportunities to grow deeper in their relationship with Christ through worship, fellowship, service, evangelism, and discipleship. Our main event is UMYF on Sundays from 5 to 7 pm. We also host mid-week opportunities and special events throughout the year.

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## Other Small Group Opportunities

Look for seasonal small group studies, including Confirmation for Sixth Graders, Lenten Bible Studies in the Spring, and Vacation Bible School in the summer for elementary school children.

## Walking in the Way of the Word Groups

A face-to-face meeting of approximately 4-10 people joining together for 1) fellowship, 2) mutual care, 3) study, 4) worship, 5) accountability and 6) service, with meetings convening two or more times in a typical month.

Although each group will have a primary emphasis such as building community, growing in discipleship, support of various life situations, or service, all groups will incorporate the six basic elements noted above.

### ***Building Community Groups***

**Contact Carolyn Sill, 252-9061 or 422-9061 or [csill@swbell.net](mailto:csill@swbell.net)**

- A group of women all ages who desire to build relationships with one another, reach out to their neighbors, and strengthen their faith in God.
- **Target Audience:** Women of any age, stage or status
- **Meeting Dates:** Every Tuesday evening
- **Meeting Time:** 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- **Meeting Place:** Homes of group members.
- **Child Care:** Notify Carolyn Sill if child care is needed

### ***Support Groups***

**Contact Donn & Dortha German, 989-8040 or [dfgerman@att.net](mailto:dfgerman@att.net)**

- Marriage communications involving learning and practicing communications skills that will lead to deepening closeness and understanding in marriage relationships. Support other married couples as we share our life experiences, fun, fellowship and faith.
- **Target Audience:** Married couples with both partners willing to learn and practice new skills that will improve good relationships to be great relationships.
- **Meeting Dates and Times:** As determined by the group.
- **Meeting Place:** Meetings will be held at Dortha & Donn German's home, 19417 Sea Island Dr., Pflugerville.

**Single Mom's Thriving, Contact Melissa Wade-Meyer, 251-5477 or 484-5929 or [meyerm@sbcglobal.net](mailto:meyerm@sbcglobal.net)**

- This group focuses on building friendships; caring for one another; learning life skills from each other and outside sources; exploring financial, career and educational opportunities; discovering and developing each person's strengths and talents; and growing spiritually. There will be a potluck meal for moms and children at each meeting, and childcare will be provided at no charge.
- **Target Audience:** Single Moms
- **Start-up Date:** Thursday, April 8, 2010
- **Meeting Dates and Times:** Thursdays, 6-8 p.m.
- **Meeting Place:** PFUMC Room 113 & 108 for children.

### ***Living the Questions***

**Contact Pastor Terry Dowdy 251-2575 or 913-2445 or [pastor\\_dowdy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pastor_dowdy@sbcglobal.net)**

Provides a safe environment where people have support in asking the questions they've always wanted to ask but have been afraid to voice for fear of being thought a heretic. The curriculum called Living the Questions includes a manual and videos developed and presented by a number of prominent Christian scholars and church leaders.

**Target Audience:** Adults seeking to explore what a meaningful faith can look like in today's world.

**Meeting Information:**

- **Afternoon Group:** 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m. in Cry Room at the church.
- **Evening Group:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m. homes of group members.

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## ***Growing in Discipleship***

**Contact Gene McConnell 989-9083 or 427-2346 or [gene.mcconnell@jicompanies.com](mailto:gene.mcconnell@jicompanies.com)**

- A group in which people can grow spiritually, know that each is loved, and learn how to comfortably share his or her faith with others.
- **Target Audience:** Mixed adults
- **Start-up Date:** Monday, February 8, 2010
- **Meeting Dates:** 2nd & 4th Mondays
- **Meeting Time:** 7-9 p.m.
- **Meeting Place:** To be determined

**The Joy Group, Contact Dori Jones © 512-656-8086 or [sweetlar@aol.com](mailto:sweetlar@aol.com)**

- A group of women seeking to enjoy and deepen their relationships with God and one another.
- **Target Audience:** Women
- **Start-up Date:** Friday, April 9, 2010
- **Meeting Dates:** once a week on Fridays
- **Meeting Times:** 10-11:30 a.m.
- **Meeting Place:** First meeting at Dori Jones' home, 19800 Spotted Owl Lane, Pflugerville

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## **Worship Committee**

### **Chair -**

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Within our church, the Worship Committee facilitates the worship experience for the congregation as a whole. The Worship Committee, working with the pastor, strives to create an orderly, worshipful atmosphere within all weekly services. Additionally, the planning and implementation of any seasonal or special services are coordinated with this group.

## **Youth Council**

Director - Amy Howell	251-2575	Amy_Howell@sbcglobal.net
Coordinator - Ken & Sallie Goach	252-0816	Srg330@sbcglobal.net

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Represents the youth in the Administrative Council meetings, encourages youth in developing their personal relationship with God by providing opportunities for nurture and growth. The Youth Council helps plan the mission trips, district/conference retreats and UMYF. They also encourage and support the youth to participate in community services, worship, organized fun, and to examine their relationship with God.

## **Adult Sunday School Program**

Co-Chair - Carol Peterson	251-5456	carolspeterson@sbcglobal.net
Co-Chair - Kathe LeBlanc	251-7120	Kathe.LeBlanc@swbell.net

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### **Adult Bible Study, Room 206, Led by members of class**

- Study and interpretation of the Bible and how it applies to our daily lives. We are studying Genesis.

### **Methodist Information Class, Room 102, Led by Emmett Eary, 251-2145**

- We explore Methodist history, beliefs, practices, spiritual gifts, and disciplines; how the church functions; and how to become involved in the church community. We welcome visitors, new members, established members and anyone who wants to know more about the Methodist Church.

### **Good News Bible Study, in Portable Classroom (P1), Led by Charley Judd, 989-6161**

- The Good News Sunday School class is an in depth study of the Bible. We read the Word, then have open discussions answering questions from class handouts. Come join us as we read the Good News!

### **Issues Class, Room 205, Led by Linda Miles, 252-8300**

- The Issues class looks for intersections of faith in the course of living our daily lives. Topics may relate to scriptural or topical study to current issues of books by Christian authors.

### **The Path Less Traveled, Room 306, Led by Pastor Terry Dowdy, 251-2575**

- This class deals with questions which arise from the biblical texts. Currently the course is on the Gospel of Mark and is titled "Mark's Jesus." We will also consider the passages from Matthew and Luke that parallel the Markan material. Class meets in the Cry room off the Sanctuary.

### **Parenting with God, Room 304, Led by Stattler & Laurel Mood 252-8582**

- An interactive parenting class that explores the relationships in children's lives - with God, with those outside the home and with parents. The study focuses on how to "parent with a plan" so we become the kind of parents God wants us to be. Topics are biblically based with the use of scripture and modern Christian parenting books.

### **No Strings Attached, Room P1, Led by Courtney Smith, 409-781-1061**

- Primarily designed for single and married 20 & 30 year olds who do not have children. Dealing with current events and relevant topics including biblical references, through discussion, Q&A, lecture and video clips.

## **Communications Committee**

Chair-Courtney Smith	409-781-1061	Courtney.Smith@cancer.org
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The Communications Committee plans, coordinates and oversees the internal and external communications of our church through various promotional efforts within the larger community. We have made a focus this year on communication through serving the community as well as advertising. Our mission is to get the word out about what God is doing through First UMC.

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