

Good Shepherd UCC Ministry Groups and Responsibilities

Church Council – Moderator, Lisa Mead

The Church Council shall specifically consider and formulate long-range goals for the Church. The Church Council shall consist of the Senior Pastor (Co-Pastors), Associate Pastor, Moderator, Moderator-Elect/Past Moderator, Treasurer, Clerk, Historian, two Members-at-Large (one of whom may be a youth member), and the Chair of each ministry or its designee. All members of Church Council shall be members of Good Shepherd United Church of Christ.

Deacons Ministry – Chair, Barb Eilers

The purpose of this Ministry is to help the congregation fulfill its covenant "*to joyfully share in worship*" and to minister to the needs of the congregational members. The deacons coordinate readers, assist with communion and offering, help with special worship services, and attend to the needs of the congregation.

Christian Education Ministry – Chair, Debra Buchanan

The purpose of this Ministry is to help the congregation to fulfill its covenant "*to study and practice the word of God*" by providing educational opportunities and programs for all ages.

Adult Classes

Include book studies, special series, and Sunday morning Intergenerational class facilitated by Bill Cole at 9am

Children's Classes

Ages 3yrs-5th grade meet following the Children's Word in worship September – May

Youth

Meet at least monthly for service, fellowship, and study.
Coordinators are Katherine Gleason and Karen Lundin.

Christian Fellowship Ministry – Contact, Kathy Boyer

The purpose of this Ministry is to help the congregation to fulfill its covenant "*to bind our lives together in trust and love as a family in Jesus Christ*" by building a loving community among the people of Good Shepherd United Church of Christ.

Christian Outreach Ministry – Contact, Lindsey Gregg-Kearns

The purpose of this Ministry is to help the church fulfill its covenant "*in celebrating God's love for all people and creation*" through the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Christian outreach offers hospitality to guests and works to make our presence viable in the community and online.

Stewardship Ministry – Chair, Gordon Welles

The purpose of this Ministry is to be stewards of all financial resources of the church and to assess the talents and available time of the members of the congregation.

Property Ministry – Chair, Dave Stonefield

The purpose of this Ministry is for the care, custody, and maintenance of the church buildings, their contents, grounds, and other property belonging to Good Shepherd United Church of Christ. The Ministry is also responsible for insuring compliance with the rules for use of church property established by the trustees.

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Social Ministry – Chair, Linda Velto

Social Ministries helps celebrate God's love for all people and creation by sponsoring activities in ministering to the needs of the local and world community. Our ministry is involved with choosing and prioritizing needs and determining how we can best respond with our time, talents and resources. Social Ministries makes our congregation aware of needs and encourages members and friends to get involved in addressing them. Social Ministries strives to encourage and train our congregation to get involved in mission opportunities, to provide education about social concerns and issues, and to be a model of racial and ethnic reconciliation.

The ministry either oversees or actively organizes the following activities:

1. *All Offerings*; including Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM), One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), Strengthen the Church, Neighbors in Need, and The Christmas Fund.
2. *The Caring Place*; we partner with Cary First to provide a meal to the residents
3. *ChildFund*; we collect monies annually to support our sponsored child, Yohanis.
4. *Dorcas Ministries*; we support this organization with donations and volunteers.
5. *Mission Trip* (every other year); this is organized by a separate sub-committee which reports to and falls under Social Ministries.
6. *Caring for Creation*: this is also sub-committee of Social Ministries that reports to Social Ministries.
7. *Cary CROP Walk for Hunger*

Adult Choir and Praise Team—Carla Gleason, Chris Alberti, Linda Velto

The Music Committee encourages all people to "make a joyful noise" in worship, to the best of their musical abilities. At each service, the Choir and Praise Team present anthems and support the congregational singing. Choir usually rehearses on Wednesday evenings each week, except for one Wednesday per month when the Praise Team rehearses. Both ensembles are open to all people who enjoy singing, without audition and regardless of ability to read music. Instrumentalists are also welcome to share their talents with the Praise Team.

Chorales and Special Music—Linda Velto

The Adult choir takes a hiatus during the summer months and on occasional Sundays throughout the year. The Music Committee arranges for Special Music offerings on the Choir's Sundays off, including Men's, Women's, and Children's Chorales. The Chorales rehearse on just two consecutive Sunday mornings before singing in worship. Participation in the Chorales is open to anyone in the church, regardless of membership in the regular Choir or Praise Team. Special Music offerings also provide opportunities for vocalists and instrumentalists of all ability levels to share their talents with solos, duets, and small ensembles.

Women's Fellowship- Contacts, Kathy Boyer and Carolyn Lundin

Meets monthly for fellowship and special projects

Men's Breakfast – Contact, Gordon Welles

A time of fellowship on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 9am most recently at Brigs at the Crossing.