

Clarion First UMC Ministry Interest Booklet 2016 – 2017

“Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.” Romans 12:4-6

(Updated 8-26-15)

Before you begin, pray. Ask God for how you can serve!

Then please place in offering plate or return to church office by **September 27, 2015**

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Cell phone: _____ Home phone: _____

If you are currently participating in one of these areas and want to continue, then please check the box! We still need you!

CHURCH COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES:

By checking a particular committee(s) you are *expressing your interest* to be considered for any openings that may be available. There may or may not be an opening on each of these committees.

___ **Audit Committee:** Conducts the annual Church audit.

___ **Church Historian(s):** Collects, maintains, and displays historical items of Clarion First UMC.

___ **Education Committee:** Meets monthly to plan and oversee youth, children, and adult Sunday school, Confirmation, Vacation Bible School, and other educational events and programs.

___ **Finance Committee:** Meets monthly to oversee the Church's finances, recommends an annual budget to the Administration Board, monitors the church's income and spending and makes recommendations.

___ **Lay Leader:** Provides spiritual support and prayer for the Church. As a member of the Administrative Board, this position helps the leaders focus on the larger goal of loving God and each other.

___ **Members at Large to the Administrative Board:** Attends monthly Administrative Board meetings and provides leadership for the direction of the Church.

___ **Memorial Committee:** Meets on an as-needed basis to monitor money that has been donated in memory of a deceased loved one and ensures the money is being spent according to the family's wishes.

___ **Nominations Committee:** Meets in the late summer to identify volunteers to serve on the various committees and make recommendations to the Administrative Board and Church Charge Conference.

___ **Outreach and Mission Committee:** Meets monthly to plan and oversee outreach and mission events that reach out in the name of Christ to our local community, State of Iowa, USA, and internationally.

___ **Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC):** Meets monthly to support and provide feedback to the Pastor and the church staff, completes annual reviews, and establishes staff policies for the church.

___ **Trustee Committee:** Meets monthly to plan and oversee the repair and maintenance of the Church building and parsonage. Responsible for all contracts entered into by the Church.

___ **Worship Committee:** Meets monthly to plan worship services and coordinate volunteers for worship. Works with the Pastor to provide the best worship experience possible.

___ **Youth Committee (New):** Meets monthly to plan and oversee the youth activities, weekly youth gatherings, and youth mission trips.

___ **Young Adults / Young Families Committee (New):** Meets monthly to plan events, education, and support for the young adults and young families in our congregation.

TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES:

___ **Church Library Coordinator (NEW):** Reviews the books and materials that are in the Church library, helps obtain new books, disposes of outdated materials, publicize available items in Church's library, and ensures the library is a comfortable place.

___ **Vacation Bible School Helpers:** Provides a week-long vacation Bible school in the summer. Please indicate below the specific area(s) you can support:

___ Plan and Coordinate ___ Crafts ___ Snacks ___ Adult Leader ___ Youth Leader
___ Recreation ___ Story Telling ___ Music ___ Setup and Take Down

___ **Sunday School Teachers:** Teaches Sunday school to various school age children and adults on Sunday mornings at 9:30. Please indicate the age level you would prefer to teach:

___ Nursery ___ 3 and 4 year olds ___ Pre K and Kindergarten ___ 1st & 2nd Grade
___ 3rd and 4th Grade ___ 5th and 6th Grade ___ 7th and 8th Grade
___ 9th through 12th Grade ___ Adult Class ___ Confirmation Class Adult Helper

___ **Sunday School Superintendents:** Part of the Education Committee. Provides support to the Sunday school teachers including gathering the attendance records and the Sunday school offering, plans mailings and updates to the parents, assists in providing resources and supplies to help out the Sunday school teacher on Sunday mornings, and decorates education wing hallway bulletin boards.

OFFICE HELP OPPORTUNITIES:

___ **Membership Secretary:** Works in late-summer to review the accuracy of membership rolls.

___ Folding Weekly Bulletins and/or Monthly Newsletters

___ Filling in when the Church Secretary is away (e.g. answering phones, filing, typing, etc.)

___ Keeping the flyers and magazines in the various racks updated

___ Keeping various announcement bulletin boards around the church updated and looking good.

YOUTH GROUP OPPORTUNITIES:

___ **Youth Group Helper:** Please indicate below the specific area(s) you can support:

___ Provide food for Dinner ___ Be a youth group teacher ___ Van driver for Youth Trips

___ Adult Helper (Need **Men** and Women) ___ Chaperone for Activities and Trips

___ Youth Prayer Partner (assigned a few names of our youth and prayers for them regularly)

PRAYER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:

___ **Prayer Chain:** This is a strictly confidential prayer chain that receives prayer requests for congregation members and people outside the church.

___ **Prayer Power Team (New):** Be part of a strictly confidential *covenant* prayer team that meets monthly to pray for the Pastor, the Church, and others. Prays before worship services for people to come to Christ and miracles to be performed. And works together as a group to strengthen each other's prayer life and the power of prayer in our Church.

MUSIC AND DRAMA MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:

Please indicate below the specific area(s) you can support:

- Choir Singer Praise Band Singer Vocal Solos/Duets/Trios for Special Music
 Cantata Singer Dramas Drummer Pianist Organist
 Keyboardist Guitar (indicate the type of guitar you play): _____
 Other Instrument (indicate the type of instrument you play): _____

MISSION, OUTREACH, AND EVANGELISM OPPORTUNITIES:

- Visitation Team (New):** Makes regular visits to our members in nursing homes and those who physically cannot make it to worship service on a regular basis. Training provided.
- Follow-up Team (New):** Contacts people who have not attended worship for several weeks to see if they need any help or have any concerns.
- New Visitor Follow-Up Team (New):** Goes out and visits with new visitors to our Church.
- One-Day Local Mission Trips:** Please indicate if you might be interested in going on local mission trips to area food banks, homeless shelters, disaster recovery efforts, etc.
- Longer Mission Trips:** Please indicate if you might be interested in going on a longer mission trip:
 I might be interested in going on a longer mission trip in the USA.
 I might be interested in going on a longer mission trip outside of the USA.
- Meadows Driver (New):** Pickup and return residents from The Meadows on Sunday mornings.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- United Methodist Women:** United Methodist Women meet at various times and are very active with many initiatives around the church. There are several Circles that one can join. UMW also serves the Fall Chicken and Biscuit Dinner.
- United Methodist Men:** Meets twice monthly on Saturdays for breakfast, devotion, and fellowship.

SPECIAL EVENT OPPORTUNITIES:

- Funeral Luncheon Server**
- Special Event Helper:** Helps with setting up, serving, and cleaning up after one-time special events.
- Holiday Decorations:** Setting up and taking down holiday Church decorations.
- Volunteer Janitor (New):** Helps clean the church when the regular janitor is on vacation.

FINANCE AND BOOKKEEPING OPPORTUNITIES:

- Offering Money Counters:** Helps with the accounting of the weekly offering on Monday mornings and must remain confidential. This is always done with a minimum of two persons.
- Treasurer:** Pays church bills and produces financial reports for the Finance Committee and Church Council. Provides insight into the overall financial health of the Church.
- Finance Secretary:** Prepares donation statements, inputs financial information into the computer, makes deposits at the bank, and provides general record keeping.

WORSHIP SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES:

- ___ **Lay Liturgists:** Reads the first part of the worship service information during the Traditional Service.
- ___ **New People Partners (New):** Watches for new people to our worship service and makes them feel welcome, answers any questions, and introduces them to the Pastor.
- ___ **Nursery Care Providers:** Provides nursery care during Sunday worship services, Wednesday evening activities, and on other special occasions.
- ___ **Communion Stewards:** Prepares the Communion Elements before the service beings and helps with the serving of communion.
- ___ **Soundboard Volunteers:** Runs the sound system on Sunday mornings (training is provided).
- ___ **Projection Volunteers:** Please indicate which area(s) you can support (training is provided):
 ___ Design the Slides ___ Run the Slides: Indicate Which Service You Attend: _____
- ___ **Video Camera:** Records the Worship services on a video camera and makes copies (training provided).
- ___ **Greeters:** Greets and provides the bulletin to people as they arrive for Sunday worship.
- ___ **Offering Ushers:** Lights altar candles before service and extinguishes these after the service, hands out bulletins, collects the offering on Sunday mornings and places the offering in the drop-safe after the worship service, counts attendance and fills out record card, picks up attendance sheets.
- ___ **Contemporary Service Prayer Partners (New):** Come forward during the 11:00 Contemporary Service opening song and pray for those who want to come forward and receive prayer.

BUILDING AND SYSTEM SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES:

Please indicate below the specific area(s) you would be willing to support on short-term or as-needed basis:

- ___ Interior Design & Decoration ___ Repair Cracks in Ceiling and Walls ___ Simple Electrical Work
- ___ Carpet & Tile Installation ___ Simple Plumbing ___ Simple Cement Work
- ___ Simple Appliance Repair ___ Simple A/C Repair ___ Simple Furnace Repair
- ___ Wood Working ___ Garden Work ___ Small Engine Repair
- ___ Painting ___ Pickup Truck or Trailer for Hauling ___ General Construction
- ___ Light Bulb Replacement ___ Carpet Cleaning ___ Carpet Repair
- ___ Hanging pictures ___ Small Masonry Repair ___ Small Roof Repair
- ___ Audio and visual repair ___ Simple Welding ___ Computer Repair and Maintenance
- ___ Cleaning out closets and storage areas ___ Trim Tree Branches
- ___ Other: _____

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES:

If you feel God is calling you to start a new ministry area not mentioned above, please write down the information below and/or contact Pastor Mike!
