

FAIRFIELD GLADE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WE ARE A ROMANS 12 CHURCH



A Commitment Guide for Our Church Family
October 2017

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Fairfield Glade UMC Annual Commitment Emphasis for 2018

The month of October will be dedicated to our fall commitment emphasis. Each year we set aside this time to remind ourselves of our promise to be faithful to God and to participate in the life and mission of His Church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. (Do you recognize these five areas from our church vows?) This year we will turn our attention to Romans Chapter 12 as the Lord guides and moves us into becoming more the church that God has in mind for us to be...and more the church that the world needs for us to be. It will be a joy for us to listen together to Romans Chapter 12 throughout the five Sundays of October.

As in past years, our church provides this Commitment Guide, which contains the variety of ways you can serve our Lord through our church. We would like each one of us to find at least one place of service in our church, and many of us will find more.

On Sunday, October 8, we will have a Ministry Fair in our Fellowship Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., where you can find information and people who can help you understand the ministry opportunities found in this Commitment Guide.

*Note: Many of us hold a practice of disciplined giving that involves an annual prayerful review of our financial giving to God's work and to the church. An opportunity to participate in this practice of disciplined giving is also offered with the "My Plan for Ministry—2018" Estimate of Giving Card.

Yours, in Christ

Reverend Jay Archer

**Help us get to know you better.
Please tell us a little something about yourself.
(one form per person)**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email Address: _____

I attend the: _____ 8:15 _____ 9:30 _____ 11:00 service (please mark one)

My Prior Experience: _____

My Special Skills/Talents: _____

My Spiritual Gifts: _____

Thank you for giving of your time and talent!

MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

**For more information about the various ministries at
Fairfield Glade United Methodist Church,
please contact the following:**

Team	Leader	Phone
Explore Ministry	Paulette Richardson	931-484-3473
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Worship Ministry Team

The Worship Ministry Team at Fairfield Glade United Methodist Church makes our worship services become lively opportunities for people to experience the divine presence of our Lord in a variety of ways.

Will Serve In 2018	For Which Service?	Worship Ministry Opportunities
_____	N/A	Worship Ministry Team —Participate on the team to shape our worship services and help coordinate our volunteers.
_____	N/A	Altar Guild —Work with others to see that our altar is set with the proper paraments, candles, etc. for each service.
_____	_____	Prepare Communion Elements —Work with others to set the communion table with elements for communion Sundays; either 8:15, 9:30, or 11:00.
_____	N/A	Re-supply the pew racks —Work with others to see that our pew racks are re-supplied each week with the proper items.
_____	_____	Serve as an Usher —Ushers are needed each Sunday to hand out bulletins, receive the offering, and serve communion. Usher teams serve at either 8:15, 9:30, or 11:00, and are given two months during the year to serve.
_____	Varies	Creative Arts —We welcome those who can bring gifts in drama, liturgical dance, or visual arts to our worship team.
_____	N/A	Seasonal Decorating —During the Christmas, Lenten, and other seasons, help is needed in decorating the church.
_____	N/A	Deliver CDs to the Homebound —Work with a team that ensures CD recordings of our worship service are sent each week to the homebound, by either mail or a visit.
_____	9:30	Prepare the Pavilion —Our Sacred Encounters Service meets in the Pavilion May thru October and we keep it tidy.
_____	_____	Lay Scripture Readers —Take a turn at reading scripture in each of our worship services.

Music Ministry Team

Music has been a vital part of worship for centuries and it still is today! Here at Fairfield Glade United Methodist Church, the Music Ministry team enhances our worship services by adding a variety of musical experiences to help us worship the Lord!

Do you like what you hear? Look below for areas where you can serve with us!

Will Serve In 2018

Music Ministry Opportunities

_____ **Sunrise Choir** (8:15 Service)—Lift your voice in praise by singing in a section suited to your voice. Sunday service, special services and Wednesday rehearsals. Music reading is suggested, but not mandatory.

_____ **Chancel Choir** (11:00 Service)—Sing with this smaller choir in a section suited to your voice. Sunday service, special services, and Wednesday rehearsals. Music reading is suggested, but not mandatory.

_____ **Praise Choir** (9:30 Service)—This is a new group that will sing once a month in the Sacred Encounters service and in the traditional services, as needed. You may also be invited to participate in special events.

_____ **Handbell Choir**—We try to ring once a month in worship services. Wednesday rehearsals. Music reading is suggested, but not mandatory.

_____ **Handbell Ensemble**—We try to ring twice a month in worship services. Wednesday rehearsals. Music reading and ringing experience is mandatory.

_____ **Handbell Substitute**—Filling in for ringers when they are absent. Music reading and ringing experience is mandatory.

_____ **Special Music** (Instrumental or Vocal)—You must be a competent player/singer and audition with the Music Director to participate.

Media Ministry Team

The Media Ministry Team at Fairfield Glade United Methodist Church provides audio, projection, lighting, and other support for worship, memorial services, and special church events.

Will Serve In 2018	For Which Service?	Media Ministry Opportunities
		<u>Audio / CD Production</u>
_____	_____	Sunday Audio —Assist with audio for Traditional Sunday Services, including recording and producing CDs for distribution. Training required.
_____	N/A	Memorial Service Audio —Assist with audio for Memorial Services, including recording and producing CDs for distribution, if requested. Training required.
_____	9:30	Sacred Encounters Audio —Assist with the set-up and take-down of musical equipment. Participate in sound checks. Provide feedback to the sound technician as to sound quality during the service. Friday evening rehearsals and Sunday morning service.
_____	N/A	Special Events Audio —Assist with audio for Special Events, including recording and producing CDs for distribution, if requested. Training required.
		<u>Projection / Lighting</u>
_____	_____	Sunday Projection/Lighting —Assist with Sunday projection during your selected worship service. Generally this would be once a month, or on an as-needed basis. Cue sheets are provided. Training required.
_____	N/A	Special Events Projection/Lighting —Assist with projection during special events and services. This would be on an as-needed basis. Cue sheets are provided. Training required.

Hospitality Ministry Team

“Don’t forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it.”

Hebrews 13:2

At Fairfield Glade United Methodist Church we practice hospitality by inviting, welcoming, and connecting persons to God and one another.

Will Serve In 2018	For Which Service?	Invite, Welcome, and Connect Opportunities
_____	_____	Greeter —Welcoming and greeting members and guests to Sunday morning worship before the service.
_____	_____	Mugger —Call on first-time guests with coffee mugs and a gift bag on Sunday afternoons.
_____	_____	Neighborhood Connection Facilitator —“Care Connection” becomes a “Neighborhood Connection” as we transform to an easier format for 2018. It’s the same concept, and you can stay as you are if you wish, but leaders will assume an easier roll of Facilitator with monthly support coming from the Director of Assimilation. Facilitators are needed in each neighborhood. Help the church stay connected through this important ministry so no one is missed when the church might be needed most.
_____	N/A	Sunday Fellowship Café —Before 8:15 service, help is needed to make coffee and put out goodie trays, which will have been made up the day before and placed in the refrigerator. After 11:00 service, help with clean-up of coffee pots and restock any leftover cookies.

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Connectional Opportunities

5th Sunday Dinner—Work with our Events Coordinator on one, or all, of the 5th Sunday Dinners, with decorating, setting tables, serving food, etc. Several volunteers are needed.

Ice Cream Social—Work with our Events Coordinator on this fun summer event and help us reach out and welcome the community to our church for hot dogs and ice cream sundaes. This request is for help with shopping, setting up and keeping up with food stations, drink stations, registration, etc.

Christmas Dinner—Work with our Events Coordinator to help plan, organize, decorate, and sign up volunteers, so this can become a joyful celebration for all. Of all our events, this is the most appreciated, and a true blessing to be a part of.

Dinner for Six, Seven, or Eight—Another important connectional ministry is our dinner groups. We need four to six people to work together to help promote sign-ups and organize into quarterly dinner groups of six, seven, or eight people. It’s a great service opportunity for a few friends to take on together. Past organizers will help you get started, or set your own course to keep these popular mixers going.

Game Night—Help organize and lead monthly game nights in Fellowship Hall. Everything you need is provided; the fun happens by itself.

Golf Scramble—We are planning a Golf Scramble for September 2018 and have already made initial contact with the course. We need volunteers to work with the pros, help with sign-ups, pairings, goodie bags, and other event planning. It doesn’t matter what your handicap is as long as you have “some drive” to score a successful event.

Mutual Care Ministry Team

Our Mutual Care Ministry Team helps us love each other well by providing care and support through which we express Christian love for others. We honor our Lord when people look at our church and see how well we care for each other.

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Mutual Care Opportunities

Barnabas Ministry—Once a month, Barnabas Ministers take Holy Communion to our homebound members.

Bereavement—Volunteers provide refreshments for family and friends after Memorial Services.

Email Prayer Chain—Everyone is welcome to join the email prayer chain and to pray for the requests we receive. To join, simply provide us with you name and email address.

Friendly Visitors Ministry—Volunteers provide relief to caregivers who then have the free time they need to run errands, take care of business, and have some private time to themselves.

Prayer Ministry Group—This group meets once a week in our Chapel to pray and grow in the practice of prayer.

GraceNotes Ministry—Writers send a note of encouragement to members who are dealing with illness or the death of a loved one.

Home Maintenance Helpers—Volunteers offer assistance to those in our church community who are physically unable to complete minor household repairs.

Transportation—Volunteers provide transportation for members who have no other way to get to medical appointments and/or to attend church services.

Grief Group—Volunteers work with our Grief Group leaders to facilitate the ministry, particularly during the Surviving the Holidays course and the end of the year picnic for our grief group participants.

Explore Ministry Team

Our Explore Ministry Team expands opportunities for disciples to engage the Bible, our Wesleyan heritage, theological understanding, practical applications for Christian living, and the faith-enriched conversations with each other that move us to grow in love of God and love of neighbor.

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Explore Ministry Opportunities

Lead a **Home Study, Short Bible Study, or Sunday School Class**

Participate in **Home Study**—This is a small adult bible study that meets weekly in the homes of the participants.

Participate in **Disciple Bible Class**—This is a 32-week, in-depth bible study that meets for 2 1/2 hours weekly.

Assist with **Library**—Keep books organized, assist people with finding books of interest.

Assist with **Women's Special Events**, such as the planning and implementing of the 1-day Spring Renewal, or the 3-day Fall Retreat.

Assist with **Men's Retreat**—Help with planning and implementation, or serve as a session leader.

Participate in **Spiritual Gifts Study**—This study helps you discern your own spiritual gifts and how to use them for God's glory.

Sew **Children's Worship Bags**—We prepare simple cloth bags, which we fill with Christian crafts and gifts. The bags are given to children who attend worship or the Nursery.

Assist with meal preparation for **Wednesday Night Live**—Courses are taught by pastors and lay persons, after which a meal is offered for those who wish to participate.

Participate in **United Methodist Women**

Participate in **United Methodist Men**

Servant Ministry Team

The Servant Ministry Team oversees the charitable giving, locally and abroad, and becomes the hands and feet of Jesus, providing opportunities for our disciples to participate in mission trips, engage in service projects, join with others in local missions, and serve wherever God is calling us.

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Servant Ministry Opportunities

Work with **Crafters for Missions**—On Tuesday mornings, this group gathers to work on crafts. Proceeds from the sale of the crafts are used to support missions.

Baskets for Neighbors (Thanksgiving/Christmas) Baskets—These food baskets are organized, packed and delivered to those in need.

Teddy Bears—Help count and prepare stuffed animals to be given to children in the hospital or during other difficult times.

Operation Christmas Child (shoe boxes)—Once the filled shoeboxes are brought to the church, sort, organize, and prepare them for delivery to the distribution center.

Mitten Tree—Hand-made and store-bought hats, scarves, and mittens are collected and delivered to local schools for children in need.

Crab Orchard and Pine View Elementary Christmas Parties—Sponsored by our church for first graders in our local schools, volunteers are needed to play bingo, read Christmas stories, serve snacks, and help kids visit Santa.

Participate in **Mission Trips**—both locally and/or to visit areas in need.

School Partners Program—Become a reading mentor in local schools, or help collect, sort, and distribute school supplies.

Foundational Ministries

In support of the many care and outreach ministries of our church are people who work to strengthen the foundational aspects for our ongoing ministries and programs.

Some of our Foundational Ministries are maintained by volunteers; others by nomination and election at our charge conference.

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In 2018**

Foundational Ministries Opportunities that Require Volunteers

Counters—Teams are assigned two months of the year to count and properly register the Sunday Offerings. Counting occurs on Sunday, after each service. Regular and substitute counters are needed.

Office Volunteer—From time-to-time we need help in the office, either answering the phone, assisting with special projects, or performing other administrative tasks.

Columbarium Committee—This committee needs volunteers to continue its grace-filled and proper service to those families in need of the Columbarium, and to take care of our Columbarium grounds.

Memorial Garden Committee—This committee needs volunteers to continue its grace-filled and proper service to those families in need of the Memorial Garden, and to take care of our Memorial Garden grounds.

Landscape Volunteer—Volunteers are assigned the responsibility for maintaining the landscape needs (but not the mowing) of small areas of our church grounds.

Publicity Committee—Volunteers are needed to serve with the Publicity Committee in growing the visibility of our Fairfield Glade United Methodist Church and its ministries in our community.

Scholarship Selection Committee—This team is responsible for setting policy, securing and reviewing applications for scholarships, and selecting recipients.

Foundational Ministries

Below are Foundational Ministry committees, the members of which are nominated by our Lay Leadership Committee, and elected at our annual charge conference. The Lay Leadership Committee needs to know who may be interested in serving on these committees.

Interested In Serving For 2018

Trustees—This team serves as Christian stewards of the property God has entrusted to the congregation. This includes supervising, maintaining, and developing both the property and facility. Our Trustees also ensure that all legal requirements related to the property are satisfied. Trustees typically have these spiritual gifts: servanthood, helping, discernment, leadership, administration, and giving.

Finance Committee—This team proposes a budget; then raises, manages, and distributes the financial resources of the congregation to support and strengthen the mission and ministry of the church. These leaders typically have spiritual gifts such as giving, faith, wisdom, administration, discernment, helping, leadership, encouragement, and teaching.

Staff-Parish Relations Committee—This committee works to maintain a good relationship between pastor, staff, and church. It works with staff personnel policies, procedures, and job descriptions, and with the hiring of staff as needed. Individuals on this committee typically have these spiritual gifts: encouragement, wisdom, discernment, administration, shepherding, helping, servanthood, and leadership.

Permanent Endowment Fund Committee—This team administrates, promotes, and sets policy for our Permanent Endowment Fund. They also determine how the interest will be spent, in accordance with policy. Individuals on this committee typically have these spiritual gifts: giving, faith, wisdom, administration, discernment, helping, and leadership.

A WORD ABOUT FINANCIAL GIVING FOR MEMBERS OF FAIRFIELD GLADE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9: 6-7

Most of us find that setting financial giving goals helps with our discipline of giving to the church. During our Fall Commitment emphasis you will also receive a financial giving card that will encourage you to set a giving goal or Estimate of Giving for Fairfield Glade United Methodist Church.

It is a good spiritual discipline to yearly assess what our goals for financial giving to our church need to be. This practice helps our giving be guided by God, intentional, and proportionate to our income and our faith.

I have found tithing (setting a financial goal of giving 10% to our Lord's work, most of which goes to the church) to be an excellent practice for Christine's and my giving.

When you receive your Estimate of Giving Card, please prayerfully consider your goal for giving and fill out the Estimate of Giving Card accordingly.

Yours, in Christ

Reverend Jay Archer

Fairfield Glade United Methodist Church

Sunday, October 29, 2017
WE LOVE OUR CHURCH SUNDAY

We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son, Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:3

We have been blessed at Fairfield Glade United Methodist Church with a people who seek to walk together with our Lord into His life of joy, love, and service. On this last Sunday of our Fall Commitment Emphasis, we encourage you to bring your completed Commitment Guide (one per person) and your *Estimate of Giving Card (one per family) to church as an expression of your love for our Lord and our church. If you cannot be with us on Sunday, October 29, please bring your commitments to the church office no later than Wednesday, November 8, 2017.

*Many of us will use the Estimate of Giving Card as a way to help us be intentional in setting goals for giving that are proportional to our faith and our income.

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