

**FAIRFIELD GLADE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**A SIMPLE FOUNDATION  
FOR  
CHRISTIAN LIVING**



**Commitment Guide  
October 2018**

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## **We Walk in the Word and into the World with Our Lord**

### **A SIMPLE FOUNDATION FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING**

Our Annual Commitment Emphasis

*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,  
which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10*

Giving of ourselves to God through the offering of our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness is what we do as Christ's people (do you recognize these five areas from our church vows?). This is the way of life we chose when we said "yes" to Jesus.

During our Annual Commitment Emphasis at Fairfield Glade United Methodist Church, we present many church ministry and service options through which someone might want to "live out" his/her commitment to Christ and love for God and others. These opportunities are presented in this Commitment Booklet. We ask that you peruse this Commitment Booklet during the month of October and mark those ministry and service areas where you can give of yourself to the Lord and our church. Return the Commitment Booklet by October 28, 2018.

For those of us who use a discipline of giving that includes making giving goals for the church, an Estimate of Giving Card will also be given for your use during the month of October.

The Spirit of the Lord and our growing faith and love give evidence of the vibrant Church life we share at Fairfield Glade United Methodist Church. In giving ourselves, we honor what the Lord is doing among us.

*May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us  
and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope,  
encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.*

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Yours, in Christ  
Reverend Jay Archer

## **A Word about the Preaching Theme in October**

### **A SIMPLE FOUNDATION FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING**

We live in a world with many choices and many complexities. We can find ourselves confused as to how to live for Christ, and yet our Lord calls us to *“live a life worthy of the Lord.”* To help us, we each need to find a simple foundation for Christian living from which God can shape us into disciples who *“please him in every way, bearing fruit in every good work, and growing in the knowledge of God.”* Colossians 1:10

The sermon titles for the preaching series are:

September 30

A Simple Foundation for Christian Living: We Know God!

October 7

A Simple Foundation for Christian Living: We Stick with Jesus!

October 14

A Simple Foundation for Christian Living: We Care for Each Other!

October 21

A Simple Foundation for Christian Living: We Love Everybody!

October 28

A Simple Foundation for Christian Living: We Give Joyful Thanks!

What do you think needs to be in your Simple Foundation for Christian Living?

## 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
Foundational Ministries	Jay Archer	931-484-3473
Hospitality Ministry	Norm Anderson	931-484-3473
Media Ministry	Rodgers Spencer—Audio/CD Joyce Stackhouse—Video/Projection	931-200-5064 931-484-3473
Music Ministry	Marty Gibson	931-484-3473
Mutual Care Ministry	Magdalena Horstkotte Moses Han	931-210-6759 931-484-3473
Servant Ministry	Paulette Richardson	931-484-3473
Worship Ministry	Moses Han	931-484-3473

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**Mission Initiatives**

**United Methodist Women** is the largest denominational faith organization for women, with about 800,000 members, whose mission is fostering spiritual growth, developing leaders, and advocating for justice. Meets monthly in Fellowship Hall. Contact Karen Saunders (707-7810) for more information.

**United Methodist Men** involves men in a growing relationship to Jesus Christ and his church and provides resources and support for programs of evangelism, stewardship, and the needs of men. Meets Monday mornings for breakfast in Fellowship Hall. Contact Don Kenne (484-9040) for more information.

## 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.

### Will Serve In 2019

### 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 one-day Spring Renewal, or the three-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.

## 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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### **Foundational Ministries Opportunities that Require Volunteers**

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**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.

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**Office Volunteer**—Occasionally we need help in the main office, e.g., answering the phone, welcoming visitors, or assisting with special projects.

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**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.

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**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.

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

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**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.

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

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## 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, as it does its work in October and throughout the year.

### Interested In Serving\*

**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**Permanent Endowment Fund Committee**—This team administrates, promotes, and sets policy for our Permanent Endowment Fund. It also determines 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.

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\*For future consideration by the nominating committee.

## 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 2019	For Which Service?	Invite, Welcome, and Connect Opportunities
_____	_____	<b>Greeter</b> —Sunday mornings for a specific month, to greet members and guests as they arrive to <i>your</i> Sunday morning worship hour.
_____	_____	<b>Mugger</b> —One Sunday each month (same every month), to call on first-time guests from <i>your</i> service, with coffee mugs and gift bag.
_____	N/A	<b>Neighborhood Connection Facilitator</b> —New and easier format with less responsibility. No “Leaders,” just Facilitators. Help will also come from the Director of Assimilation, so no one person will have to carry the load to stay in touch. Current Care Connection leaders are encouraged to transfer to this easier format. This is an important ministry to help the church stay connected, so no one is missed when the church might be needed the most. <i>Questions? Call Norm Anderson.</i>
_____	N/A	<b>Computer Entry Helper</b> —Choose your day and time to help the Director of Assimilation with Neighborhood Connection information.
_____	8:15	<b>Sunday Fellowship Café</b> 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.
_____	11:00	After 11:00 service, help with clean-up of coffee pots and restock any leftover cookies. New or re-new volunteers.

## Hospitality Ministry Team

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### Connectional Opportunities

**Help our Events Coordinator** with any of the following three events:

**5th Sunday Dinner**—Help with sign-ups Sunday mornings. Help with decorating, setting tables, serving food, etc.

**Ice Cream Social**—This fun Summer event helps us reach out and welcome the community to our church for hot dogs and ice cream sundaes. Help is needed with any one of the following: registration, shopping, setting up food/drink stations, etc.

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

**Hospitality Committee**—Work with a team to plan events for the calendar year, scheduling, and getting volunteers to carry out events.

**Dinner for Six, Seven, or Eight**—Another important connectional ministry is our dinner groups. We need four or five 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. It's basically just letting people in. Everything you need is provided; the fun happens by itself.

**Sports Events Committee (Pickleball, Tennis, Golf Scramble)**—We are *not* asking if you want to play. We *are* asking if you will help on a planning committee for one of these events:

**Pickleball** \_\_\_\_\_ **Tennis** \_\_\_\_\_ **Golf Scramble** \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 2019	For Which Service?	Media Ministry Opportunities
<u>Audio / CD Production</u>		
_____	_____	<b>Sunday Audio</b> —Assist with audio for Traditional Sunday Services, including recording and producing CDs for distribution. Training required.
_____	N/A	<b>Memorial Service Audio</b> —Assist with audio for Memorial Services, including recording and producing CDs for distribution, if requested. Training required.
_____	9:30	<b>Sacred Encounters Audio</b> —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	<b>Special Events Audio</b> —Assist with audio for special events, including recording and producing CDs for distribution, if requested. Training required.
<u>Projection / Lighting</u>		
_____	_____	<b>Sunday Projection/Lighting</b> —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	<b>Special Events Projection/Lighting</b> —Assist with projection during special events and services. This would be on an as-needed basis. Cue sheets are provided. Training required.

## 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 2019

### 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 small choir that will sing on a TBA basis in the Sacred Encounters service.

\_\_\_\_\_ **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 once 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.

## 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.

### Will Serve In 2019

### Mutual Care Opportunities

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

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**Bereavement**—Volunteers participate in the planning of receptions after memorial services to include, but not limited to: baking cookies, setting up Fellowship Hall, serving, cleaning up, and caring for bereavement linens. Volunteers may opt to bake cookies only.

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**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 your name and email address.

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**Friendly Visitors Ministry**—Friendly Visitors may provide companionship through visits and/or outings to alleviate loneliness and isolation. These **social** visits may also provide respite to the caregiver for much needed time to run errands, get a haircut, grocery shop, etc.

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

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

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

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

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

## 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.

### Will Serve In 2019

### 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.

## 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 2019	For Which Service?	Worship Ministry Opportunities
	N/A	<b>Worship Ministry Team</b> —Participate on the team to shape our worship services and help coordinate our volunteers.
	N/A	<b>Altar Guild</b> —Work with others to see that our altar is set with the proper paraments, candles, floral, etc. for each service.
	8:15 _____	<b>Prepare Communion Elements</b> —Work with others to order, setup the communion table with elements for communion Sundays, and clean afterwards; either 8:15, 9:30, or 11:00.
	9:30 _____	
	11:00 _____	
	N/A	<b>Re-supply the pew racks</b> —Work with others to see that our pew racks are re-supplied each week with the proper items.
	8:15 _____	<b>Serve as an Usher</b> —Ushers are needed each Sunday to hand out bulletins, receive the offering, <b>and serve communion</b> . Usher teams serve at either 8:15, 9:30, or 11:00, and are given two months during the year to serve.
	9:30 _____	
	11:00 _____	
	Varies	<b>Creative Arts</b> —We welcome those who can bring gifts in drama, liturgical dance, or visual arts to our worship team.
	N/A	<b>Seasonal Decorating</b> —During the Christmas, Lenten, and other seasons, help is needed in decorating the church.
	N/A	<b>Deliver CDs to the Homebound</b> —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	<b>Prepare the Pavilion</b> —Our Sacred Encounters Service meets in the Pavilion May thru October and we need help to keep it tidy.
	8:15 _____	<b>Lay Scripture Readers</b> —Take a turn at reading scripture in one of our three worship services.
	9:30 _____	
	11:00 _____	

## **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

### **Help Us Grow: Give Electronically**

Electronic gifts are fast and secure, and they reduce administrative costs, allowing more of every dollar to fund the important work we are called to do.

- Give anytime, anywhere to your favorite funds
- Schedule and manage recurring donations
- Make one-time donations to special appeals
- Pay for events, programs and other activities

If you would like to give electronically, visit our website at <http://ffgumc.org/give> or contact the church office at 931-484-3473 for assistance.

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### The Life that is Truly Life

*Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. 1 Timothy 6:18-19 (NIV)*

### The Wise and Foolish Builders

*Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete. Luke 6: 46-49 (NIV)*

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