

*First Church*  
**Ministries Directory**  
2017

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This directory of ministries at First Church is designed as an easy reference guide to groups of our church. The best way for you to embrace this active and vibrant community is to become involved in an area that is of interest to you. We offer many opportunities to participate, share your gifts, and make lifelong friends in the process. There may be changes between the date of publishing and your use of information that is here, so please confirm the dates and times of groups listed here before attending in case this information has been changed. This directory will be updated periodically.

The organization of the directory reflects the basic administrative structure of our church. Groups are organized under the following headings:

- Ministry Staff
- Administration
- Nurture
- Outreach
- Witness
- Worship Arts

#### CLERGY

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Will Cotton, [will@fumc-rr.org](mailto:will@fumc-rr.org)

Associate Pastor: Rev. Katie Meek, [katie@fumc-rr.org](mailto:katie@fumc-rr.org)

Associate Pastor: Rev. Dr. Beverly Jones, [beverly@fumc-rr.org](mailto:beverly@fumc-rr.org)

#### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30 am **Traditional / Contemporary** Service in the Sanctuary  
9:40 am **Crossroads** Praise Worship Service in the Family Life Center  
11:00 am **Traditional** Service in the Sanctuary

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday 9:40 am All Ages (see listing starting on Page 7)

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## **FIRST CHURCH MINISTRY STAFF**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Senior Pastor: Will Cotton, [will@fumc-rr.org](mailto:will@fumc-rr.org)

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Operations Manager: Cindy Thompson, [cindy@fumc-rr.org](mailto:cindy@fumc-rr.org)

Church Office Manager: Wanell Soslow, [wanell@fumc-rr.org](mailto:wanell@fumc-rr.org)

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Bookkeeper: Susan Alley, [susan@fumc-rr.org](mailto:susan@fumc-rr.org)

Director of Council Oak Preschool: Joy Lewis, [joy@fumc-rr.org](mailto:joy@fumc-rr.org)

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Director of Communication: Betty Robertson, [betty@fumc-rr.org](mailto:betty@fumc-rr.org)

### **NURTURE (Discipleship, Education and Congregational Care)**

Associate Pastor: Beverly Jones, [beverly@fumc-rr.org](mailto:beverly@fumc-rr.org)

Director of Children's Ministry: Jennifer Hall, [jennifer@fumc-rr.org](mailto:jennifer@fumc-rr.org)

Director of Youth Ministry: Jodi Marfell, [jodi@fumc-rr.org](mailto:jodi@fumc-rr.org)

### **OUTREACH (Mission and Service)**

Associate Pastor: Katie Meek, [katie@fumc-rr.org](mailto:katie@fumc-rr.org)

### **WITNESS (Evangelism and Worship)**

Associate Pastor: Katie Meek, [katie@fumc-rr.org](mailto:katie@fumc-rr.org)

### **WORSHIP ARTS**

Director of Music Ministry: Michael Rosensteel, [michael@fumc-rr.org](mailto:michael@fumc-rr.org)

Director of Handbell Ministry: Carla David, [carla@fumc-rr.org](mailto:carla@fumc-rr.org)

## ADMINISTRATION

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These groups help organize our church and guide us in living into our mission statement and calling as disciples. New members are nominated each fall through LeadFirst to serve beginning in the new year.

*The rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many Thanksgivings to God. – 2 Corinthians 9:12*

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### CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council provides leadership for all areas of church life including support for planning and implementation of programs of nurture, outreach, and witness as well as administration for the organization of the church.

Time: Fourth Tuesday (most months), 7:00pm

Location: Adkins Building 5, Room 127

Contact: Jim Ruth, pjru2@gmail.com

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees holds title and has oversight of all property belonging to the church in conformity with church, state and federal laws. They are responsible to ensure proper care and maintenance of church property and facilities.

Time: First Monday of each month, 7:00pm

Location: Adkins Building 5, Room 136

Contact: Lucretia Lehrmann, Lucretialehrmann@sbcglobal.net

### COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

The Communications Team works to create meaningful internal and external communications and publicity through the church website, bulletin boards, newsletters and other communication media.

Time: First Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm

Location: Adkins Building 5, Room 124

Contact: Brian Booth, brian@lonestarbooths.com

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee gives leadership to the financial aspects of church life including development of an annual budget and developing and implementing plans that will raise sufficient funds to support the budget approved by the Church Council.

Time: Third Tuesday of each month, 7:00pm

Location: Adkins Building 5, Room 124

Contact: Steve Hayman, shayman3@att.net

LEADFIRST (Committee on Nominations)

LEADFirst works to identify, develop and deploy spiritual leadership for the church through its administration and ministry structure, and to nurture leadership skills among church leaders to strengthen the ministries of First Church.

Time: Second Tuesday of each month, 7:00pm

Location: Adkins Building 5, Room 127

Contact: Rob Putney, rob.putney@sbcglobal.net

NURTURE LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Nurture Leadership Team identifies and supports opportunities for discipleship and congregational care ministries of the church including, children and youth ministries, adult education, fellowship ministries, congregational care and new member involvement.

Time: Second Tuesday of each Month, 7:00pm

Location: Adkins Building 5, Room 122

Contact: Robin Levins, robin@robandkriskris.com

OUTREACH LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Outreach Leadership Team works to expand the outreach and mission ministries of the church. This group relates to community and global mission through ministries such as Heart to Heart, Backpack Project, Kairos and the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Disaster Response.

Time: Third Thursday, 6:15 - 7:30pm

Location: Adkins Building 5, Room 136

Contact: Cheryl Glasgow, cherylglasgow@mac.com

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee works to encourage, strengthen, support and respect the pastors, staff and their families; promote unity in the church and confer on matters relating to the effectiveness of ministry. The Staff-Parish Relations Committee consults with the Bishop and District Superintendent regarding pastoral appointments.

Time: First Tuesday of each month, 7:00pm

Location: Adkins Building 5, Room 124

Contact: Brad Harwick, bradharwick@gmail.com

WITNESS LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Witness Leadership Team facilitates lay leadership in worship, expands the witness of First Church through special programs, hospitality to visitors and membership recruitment and Welcome Home.

Time: Second Tuesday, 7:00pm

Location: Adkins Building 5, Room 124

Contact: Rev. Katie Meek, Katie@fumc-rr.org

CHURCH OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

*RECEPTIONISTS/ASSISTANTS*

The church office is staffed with volunteer receptionists and assistants who provide hospitality and information at the front desk and assist with weekly office tasks and ministry support.

Time: 9:00am – 1:00pm, 1:00pm – 5:00pm, and as scheduled.

Location: Church Office, Adkins Building 5

Contact: Wanell Soslow, Church Office Manager, [wanell@fumc-rr.org](mailto:wanell@fumc-rr.org)

## NURTURE

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We believe that children are an important part of our church family and strive to provide them with opportunities to learn about God and to grow in faith and love.

*Jesus said to them: Let the children come to me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. – Mark 10:14*

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### *KIDS FOR CHRIST COUNCIL*

Kids for Christ (KFC) is the Children's Ministries leadership group that meets six times a year to plan and discuss the program needs for First Church's ministries with children birth to 5<sup>th</sup> grade and their families.

Time: Every other month.

Location: TBA prior to the meeting.

Contact: Jennifer Hall, 512-255-3336, x128, jennifer@fumc-rr.org  
Rhanda Schrank (chair), rhandaschrank@att.net

### *NURSERY (birth – 24 months)*

The nursery is available for all worship services.

Location: Building 2 (The Pods)

Contact: Gloria Perez 512-255-3336, x139, gloria@fumc-rr.org

### *TWO BY TWO (age 2 by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year)*

Fun activities during Sunday morning worship and Sunday school times.

Location: Building 2 (The Pods)

Contact: Gloria Perez 512-255-3336, x139, gloria@fumc-rr.org

### *BIBLE BUDDIES (ages 3-4 by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year)*

Children begin in the sanctuary for the Sunday worship service with their parents. At a designated time in the service children leave with the Bible Buddies volunteer for their class in Building 2 (The Pods). Check in registration is in the Sanctuary Foyer prior to the service.

Contact: Gloria Perez 512-255-3336, x139, gloria@fumc-rr.org

### *PRESCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL (ages 3-4 by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year)*

Age appropriate teaching and learning about Bible stories and Christian life. A portion of class time is designated for singing (i.e. The Treble Makers Choir).

Time: Sundays, 9:40 - 10:40am

Location: Building 2 (The Pods)

Contact: Gloria Perez 512-255-3336, x139, gloria@fumc-rr.org

*WALK OF FAITH SUNDAY SCHOOL (grades K-5)*

Children participate in a workshop rotation model for Sunday School to learn and grow in Christian faith. In this model, children study the same Bible lesson 4 to 5 consecutive weeks in a different classroom environment.

Time: Sundays, 9:40 - 10:40am

Location: Kindergarten meets in Building 2. Grades 1 – 5 meet in Adkins Building 5, rooms 202-218. Weekly room locations are available at the Andrews Visitor Center, online and on bulletin boards in Adkins Building 5.

Contact: Tammy Parks 512-255-3336, x115, tammy@fumc-rr.org

*J-TEAM (Jesus Team) FELLOWSHIP GROUP (grades 3 -5)*

J-Team is a monthly (during the school year) social opportunity, planned and facilitated by parents, for fellowship and fun with other kids from church.

Time: One Sunday per month from 2:00 – 4:00pm

Location: On or off campus: will be announced prior to the event.

Contact: Tammy Parks 512-255-3336, x115, tammy@fumc-rr.org

*VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL*

Week long fun activities designed to teach children entering Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade about the Christian faith. Two sessions are offered, children may attend either session.

Dates and times: June 12-16 and 19-23, 2017, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Location: Sanctuary and other buildings

Contact: Jennifer Hall, 512-255-3336 x128, jennifer@fumc-rr.org

*ALLELUIA CHORUS (grades K-5)*

Children's choir that sings several times a year in Sanctuary services. Children are introduced to music skills in a spirit of joy and praise.

Time: Sundays, 11:40am - 12:15pm

Location: Payne Cottage

Contact: Jennifer Harvill, jennifer.harvill@fumc-rr.org

*KIDS OF THE KINGDOM BELLS (grades 3-5)*

Bell choir where children learn and perform music with bells.

Time: Mondays, 4:00 - 5:00pm

Location: Family Life Center, East Rooms

Contact: Shari Sloane, shari@fumc-rr.org



**STUDENT MINISTRY**

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We believe youth are vital to our church and our world. We strive to encourage them and help them grow in their relationship with God, others and themselves.

*Let no one look down on you because you are young, but set an example in speech and in life, in love, in faith and in purity. – I Timothy 4:12*

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**YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is a group of parents, staff and volunteers who meet to discuss and guide the overall youth ministry at First Church.

Time: 4:00pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month

Location: Adkins Building 5, Room 222

Contact: Jodi Marfell, 512-255-3336, x 129, [jodi@fumc-rr.org](mailto:jodi@fumc-rr.org)

**MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL (grades 6-8)**

Age appropriate teaching and learning using topical studies and Bible studies.

Time: Sundays, 9:40 - 10:40am

Location: Adkins Building 5, Rooms 220, 225, 226

Contact: Jodi Marfell, 512-255-3336, x 129, [jodi@fumc-rr.org](mailto:jodi@fumc-rr.org)

**MIDDLE SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP/STUDY (grades 6-8)**

Students participate in different activities each month including off campus fellowship, in-depth Bible studies and opportunities for mission work.

Time: Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:00pm

Location: Adkins Building 5, Room 226/227, Youth Café and various off-site locations.

Contact: Jodi Marfell, 512-255-3336, x 129, [jodi@fumc-rr.org](mailto:jodi@fumc-rr.org)

**CONFIRMATION CLASS (grades 7-8)**

Students learn about what it means to be a Christian, key Biblical principles and the United Methodist Church. The Rite of Confirmation will be offered at the end of the course for those who choose to be confirmed.

Time: The class is offered in the spring with registration in the fall. Exact hours to be announced.

Location: To be announced.

Contact: Jodi Marfell, 512-255-3336, x129, [jodi@fumc-rr.org](mailto:jodi@fumc-rr.org)

**HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL (grades 9-12)**

Students participate in Bible study and topical studies.

Time: Sundays, 9:40 - 10:40am

Contact: Jodi Marfell, 512-255-3336, x 129, [jodi@fumc-rr.org](mailto:jodi@fumc-rr.org)

*FUSION (grades 6-12)*

Middle and High School fellowship through games, worship, small groups, scriptural based discussions, food and fun.

Time: Sundays, 6:00 - 8:00pm

Location: Family Life Center, Youth Café (2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Adkins Education Bldg. 5)

Contact: Jodi Marfell, 512-255-3336, x129, jodi@fumc-rr.org

*HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY (grades 9-12)*

Students study different topics each month, including the books of the Bible along with age appropriate studies.

Time: TBA

Location: Adkins Building 5, Room 222

Contact: Jodi Marfell, 412-255-3336, x129, Jodi@fumc-rr.org

*REVELATION RINGERS TINS (grades 6-8)*

Youth handbell group.

Time: Wednesdays, 5:00 - 6:00pm

Location: Family Life Center, East Room

Contact: Shari Sloane, shari@fumc-rr.org

*REVELATION RINGERS BRONZE (grades 9-12)*

Youth handbell group.

Location: North Suite Bell Room of the Sanctuary building.

Contact: Carla David, 512-255-3336 x122, carla@fumc-rr.org

*YOUTH CHOIR (grades 6-12)*

Youth Choir will sing in worship several times a year in the Sanctuary Services and at special events. The Youth Choir will learn music in multiple musical styles.

Time: Sundays, 5:00 – 6:00 pm (prior to Youth Group Fusion)

Location: Payne Cottage

Contact: Michael Rosensteel, michael@fumc-rr.org

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

*COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY AND DINNER (ages 18-30)*

Meal followed by a topical and scriptural based study and discussion.

Time: monthly

Location: various

Contact: Tanja LaNoue, 512-255-3336, x135, tanja@fumc-rr.org

**ADULT MINISTRY**

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Adult Ministries offers a wide array of opportunities for all ages to support learning, spiritual growth and fellowship.

*Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.  
– 2 Peter 3:19*

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*ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COUNCIL*

This group works to envision, develop and support Christian Education offerings for adults.

Time: 4<sup>TH</sup> Monday of each month, 7:00pm

Location: TBA

Contact: Joe Grove, jgrove1942@hotmail.com

**ADULT: SUNDAY SCHOOL**

*CHRIST CENTERED CONVERSATIONS*

Adult small group for couples who come together to read and study the Bible and to build supportive Christ-centered relationships.

Time: Sundays, 9:40 - 10:40am

Location: Adkins Building 5, Room 119

Contact: Tom Manning, tjm3.roundrock@gmail.com

*FISH (Families in Service to Him)*

Class for couples with young children and babies who enjoy topical studies, mission and social events together.

Time: Sundays, 9:40 - 10:40am

Location: Adkins Building 5, Room 148

Contact: Dana and Josh Prewitt, danaprewitt@gmail.com

Caitlyn Kennedy, caitajones@gmail.com

*FRIENDS IN FAITH*

Class for couples with a wide age range of children who want to walk together as friends in the faith journey to build strong Christ-centered families while deepening faith through Bible study, service, support and fellowship.

Time: Sundays, 9:40 - 10:40am

Location: Adkins Building 5, Room 123

Contact: Mendy Barnett, mendybarnett72@gmail.com

*FRIENDS AND SEEKERS*

Class with couples roughly 25 years to 50+ seeking a relationship with Jesus to better understand God's role in their lives. Studies include Bible study, parenting and marriage on a rotating basis.

Time: Sundays, 9:40 - 10:40am

Location: Adkins Building 5, Room 232

Contact: Rob Putney, rob.putney@sbcglobal.net

*GOOD NEWS*

Class for adults 40 to 100 that focuses on the Bible and how it relates to contemporary issues. Primarily a lecture followed by class discussion.

Time: Sundays, 9:40 - 10:40am

Location: Adkins Building, Room 122

Contact: Myra Schomburg, mschomburgretired@gmail.com

*JOURNEY IN FAITH*

Class for adults and seniors who primarily study the Bible, with periodic seasonal or short term studies. This group hosts periodic fellowship activities, lunch gatherings, game nights and outings.

Time: Sundays, 9:40 - 10:40am

Location: Adkins Building 5, Room 127

Contact: Rich Thompson, rich.thompson@sbcglobal.net

*ONE IN THE SPIRIT*

Class for (mostly) single adults 50 and up who focus on the Bible and spiritual book studies with dynamic discussion including a wide variety of views and topics. The group goes to lunch together most Sundays and hosts other frequent social activities.

Time: Sundays, 9:40 - 10:40am

Location: Adkins Building 5, Room 124

Contact: Richard Berkley, RchBerkl@aol.com or Scott Whitlow, scottswitlow@att.net

*OPEN DOOR*

Class for adults 50 and up who discuss various topics including Bible studies, spiritual growth and discipleship, and current events.

Time: Sundays, 9:40 - 10:40am

Location: Adkins Building 5, Room 126

Contact: Carla Walrath, imcdbu@yahoo.com

*PATHS TO POSITIVE LIVING*

Adult class focusing on positive principles for life. Study series topics are publicized so persons can come for a specific study or become a regular member of the class.

Time: Sundays, 9:40 - 10:40am

Location: Adkins Building 5, Room 136

Contact: Debby Utley, debbyfaeu@gmail.com

*TREATY OAK*

Group of adults in their late 30's through early 60's that meets for leader-led Bible study and discussion.

Time: Sundays, 9:40 - 10:40am

Location: Adkins Building 5, Room 146

Contact: Brad Thorne, brad\_thorne@yahoo.com

**ADULT BIBLE STUDIES**

*BROWN BAG THEOLOGIANS*

Led by Rev. Katie Meek, this study and prayer group meets to study topics related to weekly Sunday sermons and also designates time to lift up prayer concerns of the church.

Time: Tuesdays, 12:30 - 1:30pm

Location: Adkins Building 5, Room 127

Contact: Katie Meek, katie@fumc-rr.org

*DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY*

Disciple Bible Study is a dynamic, in-depth program with short term and year-long Bible studies designed to deepen faith, increase Biblical knowledge, and develop Christian discipleship and leadership in the context of supportive Christian fellowship.

Time, Location and more detailed information are announced prior to registration.

Contact: Felicia House, felicia-house@austin.rr.com

Rae Frenette, rae@fumc-rr.org

*TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY*

Bible study utilizing Beth Moore and other curriculum.

Time: Tuesdays, 9:30am

Location: Adkins Building 5, Room 124

Contact: Denise Blomquist, mommystruck@gmail.com

*MEN'S WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY*

Meets every week for study and growth.

Time: Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:30pm

Location: Adkins Building 5, Room 124

Contact: Terry Wacker, wackertg@yahoo.com

*WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY*

Bible study utilizing Beth Moore and other curriculum.

Time: Wednesdays, 9:30am; Location: Adkins Building 5, Room 232/234

Wednesdays, 6:30pm; Location: Adkins Building 5, Room 232/234

Contact: Janet Reynolds, jreygma@gmail.com

## SHORT TERM ADULT STUDIES

Short term adult studies are regularly offered. Refer to the church website and/or the church newsletter *First Church Connections* found in the Sunday worship bulletin or available at the church office.

## ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

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Fellowship groups provide a great opportunity to deepen relationships that strengthen the life of faith.

*Therefore encourage one another and build up each other,  
as indeed you are doing. – 1 Thessalonians 5:11*

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### *THE BELLES*

Women's group of primarily of widows and caregivers for homebound spouses that provides friendship and opportunities for fellowship, lunch and social activities. All women in any circumstance are welcome.

Time: First Monday of each month.

Location: Published monthly to group members.

Contact: Janet Reynolds [jreygma@gmail.com](mailto:jreygma@gmail.com), Sandra Phippen, [hpippen@austin.rr.com](mailto:hpippen@austin.rr.com)  
Carol Edwards, [caedwards1608@sbcglobal.net](mailto:caedwards1608@sbcglobal.net)

### *BRIDGE CLUB*

Bridge players of all ages and levels are welcome. Players are not required to have a partner to play. There are two categories of participants: Regular, those who are called each month, and Subs, those who are called to complete the four needed at the Bridge table.

Time: Third Thursday of each Month at 7:00pm

Location: Adkins Building 5, Room 127

Contact: Maxine Carstedt, [maxinecarstedt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maxinecarstedt@sbcglobal.net)

### *FAMILY CAMP*

Families with children, couples and singles who gather at the HEB Foundation Camp near Leakey in the Texas Hill Country in January and July for fellowship, singing and worship.

Contact: Paul and Tina Pulley, [pwptcp-fumc@yahoo.com](mailto:pwptcp-fumc@yahoo.com)

*FIRST CHURCH MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM*

Men of all ages play slow pitch (underhand) softball at the McMaster Athletics Complex in Georgetown.

Contact: Mike Hahn-Conti, hahnman11@gmail.com

*J.O.Y. FELLOWSHIP*

Older adults who want to support each other's growth through education, communication and fellowship. Monthly fellowship lunches include programs on special topics and fellowship time.

Time: Third Thursday of most months, 11:45am - 1:30pm

Location: Adkins Building 5, Room 127

Contact: Ann Bell, annamaebell@suddenlink.net

*MOM: Ministry of Motherhood*

The Ministry of Motherhood provides a positive Christian atmosphere for sharing ideas, discussing the common delights and problems of raising a family, learning through group studies and serving the community.

Time: Fridays, 9:30 – 11:30am

Location: Adkins Building 5, Room 232-234

Contact: fumcmoms@yahoo.com; Lindsey Berggren, lindseygerow@gmail.com

Mel Holland, mel\_holland@ymail.com

*Mom LIFE*

Mothers of elementary age children and older who support, encourage and pray for each other.

Time: Second and Fourth Thursdays, 12:00pm (noon)

Location: Adkins Building 5, Room 123

Contact: Brandy Boggs, brandyboggs@austin.rr.com

*SUNDAY LADIES IN FAITH*

Women of all ages meet after church to pray, share, study the Bible and serve together.

Time: Second Sunday of each month, 12:00pm

Location: Adkins Building 5, Room 124

Contact: Judy Bowman, j\_bow@usa.net

*THE NETWORK (age: 25-40)*

The Network is a group of young professionals, women and men, married and single, who meet monthly for fellowship, mission and discussion.

Time: Second Thursday of each month, 7:00pm

Location: Announced monthly.

Contact: Rev. Katie Meek, katie@fumc-rr.org

*UNITED METHODIST MEN*

UMM gathers weekly for breakfast and provides opportunities for the men of the church to join together for food, fellowship and mission work.

Time: Wednesdays, 6:00am

Location: Family Life Center (FLC)

Contact: Steve McCord, mccords1006@yahoo.com

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

UMW is a community of women worshipping, sharing, praying, studying, and serving together.

Contact: Diane Brault, djbrault@aol.com

**DEBORAH CIRCLE**

Time: Third Tuesday of each month, 9:30am

Location: Adkins Building 5, Room 232-234

Contact: Janet Reynolds, jreygma@gmail.com

**LYDIA CIRCLE**

Time: Second Tuesday of each month, 7:00 pm

Location: Payne Cottage, rooms 5 and 6

Contact: Patti Ruth, pjruth1@gmail.com

**WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**

This group gathers for fellowship and book study discussions. Recent studies have included *Tangled Ashes* by Michele Phoenix and *Somerset* by Leila Meacham. All are welcome to bring a lunch, but it is not required.

Time: First Tuesday of each month, 11:30am

Location: Adkins Building 5, Room 136

Contact: Carol Edwards, caedwards1608@sbcglobal.net

**CARE MINISTRY**

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Sharing the warmth of God's love and care with others is one of the joys of Christian discipleship. These groups offer the opportunity to do just that in a variety of ways that can fit your gifts and talents!

*Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. –Ephesians 4:32*

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**BEREAVEMENT MEALS MINISTRY**

This group coordinates a funeral/memorial meal or reception at the church for our families who have suffered the death of a loved one.

Location: Church premises

Contact: Lois Wheelis, rlwheelis@gmail.com and Eleanor Johnson



*CARE CALLERS*

A group of people who call each person on our printed prayer list to follow up. The group meets periodically to support each other and distribute the names and contact information.

Contact: Van Dickens, louisianavan@gmail.com

*CARING ANGELS (Homebound Ministry)*

Caring Angels was created as a means to care and nurture homebound persons, those in nursing homes and others by providing companionship, fellowship and a spiritual connection to those in need.

Time: Caring Angels arrange individual visitation times with persons desiring a caring angel visit.

Contact: Bea Adams, beaadams1@gmail.com

*STEPHEN MINISTRY (and Heroes Care)*

Stephen Ministry equips lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. Persons interested in being trained as a Stephen Minister or those desiring to set up a Stephen Ministry visit can contact Charlene Terrell, cwt44@sbcglobal.net

*GRIEF GROUP*

This is a small group that meets weekly for eight weeks to offer support and comfort to those grieving the loss of a loved one. It is offered on an as-needed basis.

Time: Offered two to three times per year.

Contact: Rev. Dr. Beverly Jones, beverly@fumc-rr.org

*PARENTS AND LOVED ONES OF LGBT PERSONS*

A support group for parents and loved ones of those who have identified themselves as lesbian, gay, bi or transgender. This is not a group for those wanting to debate the issues or advocate for one or the other side of the issue. It is designed to offer space where people are free to deal with their struggles of faith, parenting, and caring for others.

Contact: Rev. Katie Meek, katie@fumc-rr.org

## PRAYER MINISTRY

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Prayer is an essential ministry of any church. At First Church we seek to support each other through prayer. There are a number of opportunities for prayer, including those listed here.

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God and the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus  
—Philippians 4:6-7*

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### *PRAYER LIST*

Names of persons to keep in our prayers are submitted and printed weekly in the *Connections* newsletter under the title “Let Us Pray Together”. There you will find names of persons in our church family, our ministry candidates, extended family and those who have lost a loved one by death. Prayer requests can be made using the Prayer Request Form online or by contacting the Church Office Manager Wanell Soslow, 512-255-3336 or wanell@fumc-rr.org

### *PRAYER CHAIN*

The First Church Email Prayer Chain offers the opportunity to pray immediately for the needs of others. All prayer requests are confidential and will not be shared with others. Email prayer requests are sent out at the rate that they are received. To join the Prayer Chain or request prayers for yourself or others, please send a request to prayerchain@fumc-rr.org.

### *PRAYER LABYRINTH*

The Prayer Labyrinth is located just south of the Sanctuary adjacent to the Garden of the Saints Columbarium. The Prayer Labyrinth is a pathway that invites walking prayer, meditation and rest in the Lord. For more information on praying the Labyrinth or this ministry, contact Rev. Dr. Beverly Jones at beverly@fumc-rr.org.

### *PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY*

This ministry provides hand knitted shawls to bring care and comfort to persons in the hospital. Contact: Christiana Dahlberg Gilmore, cdgilmore@sbcglobal.net

## OUTREACH

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We are called to be God's hands and feet, meeting the needs of the world in all their different forms and places. Reaching out in service in mission not only deepens our love for our neighbors, but for God as well.

*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. – Matthew 25:35*

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### *OUTREACH LEADERSHIP TEAM*

Works to expand the outreach and mission ministries of the church. This group relates to community and global mission through ministries such as Heart to Heart, Backpack Project, Kairos and the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Disaster Response.

Time: Third Thursday, 6:15 - 7:30pm

Location: Adkins Building #5, Room 136

Contact: Cheryl Glasgow, cherylglasgow@mac.com

### *FIRST CHURCH CRAFTERS*

Share the joy of faith, service and friendship while working on a variety of handcrafts and service projects.

Time: Tuesday (except the 3rd), 9:30am

Location: 115 Winsted House

Contact: Diane Brault, djbrault@aol.com

Carie Watson, bwatson001@hotmail.com

### *HEART TO HEART QUILTERS*

Follow the example of Jesus to "comfort the afflicted" by sewing and providing quilts to children with catastrophic illnesses or in difficult social situations (loss of parent, sibling, etc.).

Time: Thursdays, 9:30am - 12:00pm

Location: 115 Winsted House

Contact: Norma Creel, nc78681@sbcglobal.net

### *BACKPACK PROJECT*

FUMC supports the Wells Branch and Bluebonnet Elementary campuses, providing food to 100+ students at risk of weekend hunger. First Church is an ecumenical partner of the non-profit Back Pack Coalition.

Time: Wednesday through Friday every week

Location: Varies, Email Kathy for more information

Contact: Kathy Ford, kathyford03@yahoo.com

*TWIN OAKS CAFÉ*

First Church ministry groups host the Twin Oaks Café that serves breakfast burritos, donuts, juice, coffee etc. each Sunday morning at Payne Cottage. The proceeds go toward missional ministries of each group.

Time: Sunday mornings, 8:30 – 11:00am

Location: Payne Cottage

Contact for groups desiring to be scheduled to host: Cheryl Glasgow, [cherylglasgow@mac.com](mailto:cherylglasgow@mac.com)

*PRISON MINISTRY*

Prison Ministry at First Church takes two forms. The first is service through *Kairos*, a spiritual retreat weekend for prisoners and part of the Emmaus Ministry family. Interested persons can participate by signing up to serve on a team or by providing support (baking cookies or making placemats). The second is New Life in Christ, a correspondence program with local inmates.

Contact: Cheryl Glasgow, [cherylglasgow@mac.com](mailto:cherylglasgow@mac.com)

*SERVING HEARTS*

Serving Hearts is a serving opportunity, specifically including young children. Serving Hearts meets several times each month for our youngest children to learn about serving others and use their hands to create something for someone within their community.

Contact: Tammy Parks 512-255-3336, x115, [tammy@fumc-rr.org](mailto:tammy@fumc-rr.org)

*EDUCATION CONNECTION*

First Church partners with area churches to fight illiteracy and school dropout by reading to elementary school students in Round Rock ISD. Volunteers give 30 minutes every week to read one-on-one. First Church sponsors Berkman Elementary, but volunteers can read at the school of their choice.

Contact: Terri Bowden, 512-964-5411, [terri.l.bowden@gmail.com](mailto:terri.l.bowden@gmail.com)

*MISSION PANAMA*

First Church partners with United Methodist missionaries Rev. David and Cindy Ceballos to plant a church and do medical mission in Santiago, Panama. The partnership includes annual mission service trips and financial support.

Contact: Rev. Katie Meek, [katie@fumc-rr.org](mailto:katie@fumc-rr.org)

*MILITARY AND FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK*

The Military and First Responder Network (MFRN) is committed to ministry to and with members of the military (active and veteran) and first responders (police, fire, EMS) and their families. This ministry is inclusive of those who are and are not members of our church, persons in transition and partnerships with other organizations inside and outside the church.

Time: First Tuesday of the month at 7pm

Place: Adkins Building 5, Room 122

Contact: Doyle Young, [drpeyoung@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drpeyoung@sbcglobal.net)

*ROUND ROCK HELPERS*

Round Rock Helpers (RR Helpers) is a group of retired persons who serve seniors inside the church and beyond the church who need assistance with minor home repairs. As a seniors helping seniors ministry, this group provides the opportunity for fellowship and ministry for this in the group as well as needed services for others.

Time: Fridays 8:30am

Location: Payne Cottage Building 4, West Gathering Room

Contact: Fred Clark, fred.clark2712@gmail.com

## WITNESS

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These ministries witness to the love of God through worship, welcome and sharing our faith and the church's story.

*I will tell of God's wonderful deeds! -Psalm 9:1*

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### *ANDREW MINISTRY VISITOR MINISTRY*

Trained lay people whose goal is to introduce guests and new members to the life at FUMC.

Time: Sundays, 8:15am - 12:15pm

Location: Andrew Ministry Desks, Sanctuary and Family Life Center Foyers

Contact: Nancy Stevenson or Belen Thorne, fumcandrewmin@gmail.com

### *WELCOME HOME*

An event for people considering membership to share a meal, hear messages from the pastors and have questions answered.

Time: Sundays, 12:15 pm several times a year

Location: Family Life Center

Contact: Rev. Katie Meek, katie@fumc-rr.org

### *WORSHIP GREETERS*

Provide a warm and welcome "hello" and "goodbye" as members and visitors enter and leave worship.

Time: Sunday mornings, 20 minutes before services and 10 minutes after services.

Location: Sanctuary or Family Life Center

Contact: Terri Bowden, terri.l.bowden@gmail.com

### *WORSHIP USHERS*

Volunteers who make sure worship runs smoothly by handing out bulletins, answering questions, helping people find seats, setting up and cleaning up before and after services and assisting worship leaders as required.

Time: Sundays, 8:15am - 12:15pm

Location: Sanctuary, Family Life Center

Contact: Rev. Katie Meek, katie@fumc-rr.org

### *WORSHIP SCRIPTURE READERS*

Lay people who volunteer to read the Scripture at each worship service.

Time: Sundays, during all worship services

Location: Sanctuary

Contact: Rev. Katie Meek, katie@fumc-rr.org

*COMMUNION ASSISTANTS*

People who volunteer to assist in serving Communion during worship services once a month.

Time: 1st Sundays, during all worship services; Every Saturday at Revive

Location: Sanctuary, Family Life Center

Contact: Rev. Katie Meek, [katie@fumc-rr.org](mailto:katie@fumc-rr.org)

*WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY*

Volunteers and staff who work the audio/visual equipment during all worship services and special events, including creating slide shows and making everything run smoothly. People with strong experience in audio/visual technology are encouraged to volunteer.

Contact: Tricia Gossett, [tricia@fumc-rr.org](mailto:tricia@fumc-rr.org).

## WORSHIP ARTS

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Because we believe once size doesn't fit all, we offer three worship services each weekend in addition to these opportunities for involvement.

*O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! -Psalm 95:1*

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### *CHANCEL CHOIR*

Leads worship at 11:00am Sunday services using a variety of styles including contemporary works, hymn anthems, traditional sacred music and acapella choral settings.

Time: Wednesdays, 7:15 - 8:45pm

Location: South Suite Choir Room of the Sanctuary

Contact: Michael Rosensteel, music@fumc-rr.org

### *HEARTSONG*

A vocal ensemble that leads music and praise at 8:30am Sunday services specializing in sacred music in contemporary and traditional styles.

Time: Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:00pm

Location: South Suite Choir Room of the Sanctuary

Contact: Michael Rosensteel, music@fumc-rr.org

### *COUNCIL OAK BELLS*

This is an advanced, 5-octave group of experienced handbell ringers who ring upper level techniques and difficult music.

Time: Thursdays, 7:00 - 9:00pm

Location: North Suite Bell Room of Sanctuary

Contact: Carla David, carla@fumc-rr.org

### *JUBILATION BELL TEAM*

This is a 5-octave team of ringers with varying levels of experience using upper level techniques.

Time: Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:45pm

Location: North Suite Bell Room of the Sanctuary

Contact: Carla David, carla@fumc-rr.org

### *RING OF JOY*

Ring of Joy is a bell team for ringers of limited or no ringing experience who have minimal music reading skills.

Time: Tuesdays, 8:45 - 9:45pm

Location: North Suite Bell Room of the Sanctuary

Contact: Carla David, carla@fumc-rr.org



*HANDBELL ROOKIE CLASSES*

A short-term (4-6 weeks) class designed to teach music reading and ringing from the very beginning. No strings attached.

Time: Varies. Check the *First Church Connections* newsletter or contact Carla David.

Location: North Suite Bell Room of the Sanctuary

Contact: Carla David, [carla@fumc-rr.org](mailto:carla@fumc-rr.org)

*FIRST CHURCH ORCHESTRA*

Provides music support and performance at Sunday services (11am) and participates in other special music events.

Time: Thursdays, 8:00pm

Location: South Suite of the Sanctuary

Contact: Michael Rosensteel, [music@fumc-rr.org](mailto:music@fumc-rr.org)

**CHILDREN'S MUSIC PROGRAMS**

*ALLELUIA CHORUS (grades K-5)*

Children's Choir that sings several times a year in Sanctuary services. Children are introduced to music skills in a spirit of joy and praise.

Time: Sundays, 11:40am - 12:15pm

Location: Payne Cottage

Contact: Jennifer Harvill, [jennifer.harvill@fumc-rr.org](mailto:jennifer.harvill@fumc-rr.org)

*KIDS OF THE KINGDOM BELLS (grades 3-5)*

Bell choir where children learn and perform music with bells.

Time: Mondays, 4:00 - 5:00pm

Location: Family Life Center, East Room

Contact: Shari Sloane, [shari@fumc-rr.org](mailto:shari@fumc-rr.org)

**YOUTH MUSIC PROGRAMS**

*YOUTH CHOIR (grades 6-12)*

Youth Choir will sing in worship several times a year in the Sanctuary Services and at special events. The Youth Choir will learn music in multiple musical styles.

Time: Sundays, 5:00 – 6:00 pm (prior to Youth Group Fusion)

Location: Payne Cottage

Contact: Michael Rosensteel, [michael@fumc-rr.org](mailto:michael@fumc-rr.org)

*REVELATION RINGERS TINS (grades 6-8)*

Youth Handbell group

Time: Wednesdays, 5:00 - 6:00pm

Location: Family Life Center, East Room

Contact: Shari Sloane, [shari@fumc-rr.org](mailto:shari@fumc-rr.org)

*REVELATION RINGERS BRONZE (grades 9-12)*

Youth Handbell group

Time: Wednesdays, 5:00 - 6:00pm

Location: North Suite Bell Room of the Sanctuary

Contact: Carla David, 512-255-3336 x122, [carla@fumc-rr.org](mailto:carla@fumc-rr.org)

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