

Are You Being Called to Ministry?

THE **SUNDAY MORNING HOSPITALITY MINISTRY** is looking for people to fill the following important roles:

- **Kitchen & Good Smells** (9:00- 11:30 am) Serve coffee before and after service & spread welcoming smells around the church before worship.
- **Welcoming & Engaging** (9:30-11:30 am) Greet and welcome visitors, walk around handing out bulletins and reconnect with newcomers after worship.

Can I use the church for my meeting?

Need a space for an event or upcoming meeting? We are happy to help! The MUCC building is available for church meetings and community groups to use. All you need to do is fill out a Building Use form. Find one: in the church office, by the mission & service bulletin board, or online at mcfarlanducc.org/forms

How do I make a ministry idea happen?

At McFarland UCC, the work of the church gets done through ministry teams. We believe in finding ways to say "yes." If you have an idea for a ministry that fits our church's mission, values, and direction, here are the steps you can take:

- Contact the church office and ask for a *Ministry Outline* (or download from mcfarlanducc.org/forms)
- Put together a team of at least 3 people and flesh out your idea. We encourage you to consider different generations, skill sets, and newcomers/long-time friends. Even the youngest and oldest people in our community can have a role.
- Turn the ministry outline in to the church office. A simple idea usually gets a quick go-ahead; more complicated ideas might need to wait for the next Servant Leadership Team (SaLT) meeting.

Ministry teams make these things happen: Easter Egg Hunt, Community Garden, McFarland Valentine's Date Night, Dinner Church, Shared Table Community Meal, Special Needs Ministry, Sunday Morning Hospitality and more!

March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
			ASHES TO GO McFarland House Café – all Day Family Weds in Lent 6 pm / Ash Weds Worship (evening)			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Mission Report: from Listening & Witnessing Trip to Washington DC – in 10 am worship Coffee Chat on Islam, after Worship			PK Community Office Hrs 3:30-5:00 Family Weds in Lent 6 – 7:30 Music Lessons \$			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Servant Leadership Team (after worship) MESSY CHURCH 4:30-6:30			PK Community Office Hrs 3:30-5:00 Family Weds in Lent 6 – 7:30 Music Lessons \$			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Birthday Blessing for March Birthdays in 10 am worship DINNER CHURCH 5:30 PM			PK Community Office Hrs 3:30-5:00 Family Weds in Lent 6 – 7:30 Music Lessons \$			
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			Family Weds in Lent 6 – 7:30 Music Lessons \$			

Please keep in mind – this calendar is updated on a frequent basis. The latest information can always be found at mcfarlanducc.org/calendar. Please help us make building use go smoothly for everyone! Take the time to check the calendar before scheduling a meeting, and get a completed building use form to the church office. Items marked \$ or listed in unbolded text are outside users, not official church-sponsored events.

Upcoming Events

ASHES TO GO: (March 1st) Pastor Kerri will be at the McFarland House Café from 7 am to 4:30 pm to offer ashes and prayer for anyone interested (including friends).

FAMILY WEDNESDAYS in LENT: (March 1-April 2, 6-7:30 pm every Wednesday) Dinner, a time of learning suitable for all ages, and faithful conversation about claiming some of our most important faith words – freedom, hospitality, justice, truth, and love. Please sign up online or at the mission & service bulletin board so we know how many people to prepare meals for.

MISSION REPORT: LISTENING & WITNESSING TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC: (March 5 in 10 am worship) Kristin Gorton, Joan Jacobsen and Maddie Loss, who joined 50 other people of faith from the UCC in Wisconsin on a trip to Washington DC in January to witness to our Gospel values on inauguration weekend, will report back on their experience.

COFFEE CHAT ON ISLAM: (March 5 after worship) Becca Parker invites anyone interested in joining her for a conversation about Islam to join her during coffee hour. She's learned about Islam in her world geography classes and AP World History, and enjoys talking about world religions.

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY: 'BUCKY & LENA 2': (March 12 in 10 am worship) Representatives of the McFarland Food Pantry – and members of the cast of Bucky & Lena Get Hitched 2' will join us to celebrate a fourth successful year of the Valentine's Date Night Ministry.

MESSY CHURCH: (March 12th) 4:30–6:30 pm. This is an experience for all generations – blended worship, learning, and fellowship. Join us for bible storytelling, hands-on learning, dinner, honest prayer and heartfelt song. The theme this month is *LOST*– we'll be reflecting on three parables of lost things from Luke 15.

DINNER CHURCH: (March 19th) Good food, spiritual conversation and a chance to build relationships with your neighbors. Arrive between 3:15 and 5:15 pm if you are able to help with meal prep and setup. Dinner and worship will begin at 5:30, and we should be done by around 7:30 pm. As with all McFarland UCC activities, this is cross+generational – all ages are welcome at the table.

Holy Week & Easter at MUCC

Lent is a 40 day journey toward Easter. We invite you to save these dates on your household calendar as the culmination of the holy season:

PALM SUNDAY, April 9th † **MAUNDY THURSDAY** April 13th

GOOD FRIDAY, April 14th † **EASTER SUNDAY:** (April 16th)

If you are willing to be part of a creative team to help make these days meaningful and memorable, please speak with Pastor Kerri.

Engaged Disciple Challenge

Our goal for this year is growing a congregation of **Engaged Disciples**. We're asking each person active in our congregation to make an investment in two areas of our ministry. *In addition to* whatever ministries capture your heart or help you grow in faith, we urge you to choose one of the two high priority ministries from each of the following areas:

OUTWARD-FACING MISSION	SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> Sundaes on Thursdays	<input type="checkbox"/> Messy Church (<i>as a participant</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/> Messy Church (<i>as a minister</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Wednesdays in Lent

Your commitment to outward-facing service is a 4 hour commitment *some time* in 2017, which will help anchor one of these high priority ministries. It might be at a Messy Church, or in preparation for one; it might be AT a Sundaes on Thursdays event this summer, or as part of our coordination and planning team.

Your commitment to spiritual development helps YOU grow in Christian faith and it nurtures the cross+generational community we are building here at MUCC. Both of the opportunities listed are meant for people of all generations to learn and grow together. Family Wednesdays will run March 1-April 12 during and after dinner. Messy Church is the 2nd Sunday of the month from Sept-April. We invite you to pray, fill out the card in your bulletin, and return it in the offering baskets, to join our 2017 covenant!

