

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 & help the church smell warm & welcoming before worship (baking, simmering spices, etc).
- **Welcoming & Engaging** (9:30-11:30 am) Greet visitors, hand out bulletins and build connections 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?

We're always looking for creative ideas! 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 Planning Tool* (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:

Valentine's Date Night, Dinner Church, Messy Church...

and more! How will you use your gifts to BE THE CHURCH?

April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
			Family Weds in Lent 6 pm			Ecclesiastical Council for Kris Gorton 10am
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Community Garden Potluck 2 – 4pm			PK Community Office Hrs 3:30-5:00 Family Weds in Lent 6 – 7:30 Music Lessons \$	Servant Leadership Team 6pm		Visioning for Sundaes on Thurs 8-10am
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
PALM SUNDAY Worship 10am MESSY CHURCH 4:30-6:30			PK Community Office Hrs 3:30-5:00 Family Weds in Lent 6 – 7:30 Music Lessons \$	Maundy Thursday Dinner Church 6:15 pm		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Easter Breakfast 8:30 – 9:30am EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP 10am			PK Community Office Hrs 3:30-5:00 Faith Practices 6:30 Music Lessons \$			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Birthdays Blessings & Baptism of Andi Lynn Dernovsek 10am	Pastor Kerri will be on vacation from April 24-30. The church office will be open, and Melissa has contact information if you need pastoral support for an emergency.					
			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

FAMILY WEDNESDAYS in LENT: (March 1-April 5, 6-7:30 pm every Wednesday) Dinner, and faithful conversation about claiming some of our most important faith words. Please sign up online or at the mission & service bulletin board so we know how many people to prepare meals for. Our final two topics: *JUSTICE and POWER*.

ECCLESIASTICAL COUNCIL FOR KRISTIN GORTON: (April 1st) It is our great joy to share with you the news that Kristin Strand Gorton met her marks with the Southwest WI Association Division on Church & Ministry, and her Ecclesiastical Council has been scheduled for Saturday, April 1 at 10 am at MUCC. Come show your love and support.

PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION: (April 9th during 10am worship) You won't want to miss this lively service with palms for everyone!

MESSY CHURCH: (April 9th 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. Messy Church for April will help us prepare for Easter with a walk through the events of Holy Week.

MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER CHURCH: (April 13th) Good food, holy conversation and a chance to build relationships with your neighbors. At its most basic, Christian worship is this: gather the people, break the bread, and tell the stories. Arrive between 5:45 and 6:15 pm to help with meal prep and setup. Dinner and worship will begin at 6:15, and we should be done by around 8 pm. All ages are welcome at the table.

EASTER SUNDAY: (April 16th) Join us for a free Easter Breakfast, served 8:30-9:30 am, followed by service at 10 am, with new and traditional music throughout the service. Communion is open to all. Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS & BAPTISM: (April 23rd during 10am worship) Join us for a special Sunday as we bless those who have April birthdays and celebrate the baptism or Andi Lynn Dernovsek.

Faith Foundations – Sign Up Now!

FAITH PRACTICES: (Wednesdays beginning April 19th) This is the third of the Faith Foundations modules that we have been offering to help you learn, understand, and discuss the Christian faith. Faith Practices has 4, two hour sessions with an expectation of at-home work in between.

Learn and discuss: Individual Spirituality (including forms of prayer & personal devotional practices), Community Practices (including worship, hospitality, & witness), Christian Life in the World, the Practice of Discernment and choosing the Faith Practices that make sense for you. Participation in previous modules (Bible Boot Camp & Beliefs and Belonging) is not required. Please sign up online or at the mission/service bulletin board. This module is best suited for ages 13+, but if you need child care to make it possible for you to attend, please let us know.

Easter Flower Dedications



Donate Easter flowers in honor or memory of someone important to you. We've pre-ordered 10 plants:

5 DAFFODILS - \$15 5 TULIPS (*white*) - \$15

And NEW this year: "FAUX" LILIES! - \$15

We know many folks have allergies so we will be purchasing fabric lilies that will also be available for dedication. First come, first serve. You can drop your check in the offering basket or send it to the church - just memo it "Easter flowers" so we know where to apply the funds. Plants will decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday celebrations and dedications will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. You may take home your plant after worship.

Engaged Disciple Challenge

Want to know more? Speak with one of the members of our Servant Leadership Team (*you may hear us call that group 'SaLT'*): Rachel Saladis, Carolyn Bell, Dawn Algrim, Jason Chapman, Lisa Fernan, Bruce Fischer, Joan Jacobsen