

2016 Time and Talent Survey

Each year the Stewardship Committee updates its inventory of the talents and interests of our members. This allows the various committees and organizations to better match our members with opportunities to get involved with God's work. As I'm sure you know, there are a great many committees and activities around our church that would greatly benefit from your assistance and expertise. The following is a list of church committees with a brief description of what they do, followed by a list of personal areas of expertise where you may feel you have a special talent, skill or interest.

Committees:

Trustees: These are folks that maintain the church building and execute improvements.

Staff-Parish: Our Human Resources department involved in the filling and evaluating of all paid staff positions.

Lay Leadership: This group is most interested in your time and talents wishes, since this is the committee that will fill all other committees with those that best fit the interests and skills.

Finance: This is the group that decides what the church can afford and what has to be put on hold. They balance the books, count the offering and pay the bills.

Communications: Everything that goes on in a church needs to be reliably explained to the congregation for their comments, participation and contributions.

Congregational Care: A vibrant church needs to keep up with the needs of the congregation. It may mean phone calls, cards or visits. Or, it may mean following up on a member who has a special need.

Education: Sets the overall theme of our Christian education and shows tangible gratitude to those who teach at every level.

Evangelism: Organizes a wide variety of efforts to better Bethany's outreach to spread God's love and Word.

Missions: Finds outreach opportunities and organizes participation in Tangible examples of sharing God's love.

Technology: A committee to allow Bethany to make the best uses of increasingly important and diverse technological tools.

There are others as well whose name reflects the important tasks they fulfill. Health and Welfare; History; Hospitality; Stewardship; Librarian; Worship; and Wedding Committees.

There is a committee for every talent, skill and interest. Below is a list of talents that, while they may not line up perfectly with a given committee, are nonetheless important to successful ministries, event, campaigns and projects. Some of these may not be so much a talent as an area of service. Please circle all that apply to you and please don't be modest.

Audio/Visual technician or controller	Sunday School teacher
Scouts	Legal
Children – teacher – Vacation Bible School	Website development
Food preparation	Worship service preparation
United Methodist Men's/Women's groups	Fundraising – ideas and execution
Music – singing/playing an instrument	Art
Photography	Carpentry
Nursery worker	Gardening/landscape
Office volunteer	Painting
Video preparation	Plumbing
Scripture reading	Electrical
Senior Activities	Other _____

Thank you in advance for taking the time to thoughtfully consider the opportunities where you would most enjoy sharing your *Time and Talents*.

This year we would also like to hear from you as to those things that bring you joy or concern about our church, our community, and your life personally. Our hope is that this may inform our programming and ministry outreach. Please hand that questionnaire in separately if you would like your answers to remain anonymous.

Thanks again for sharing your thoughts and interests.

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