



St. John's Ministries

Places to connect, to grow and to serve

At St. John's, more than 30 active ministries serve the needs of our congregation, as well as those outside our walls in the broader community and beyond. Our ministries are shaped and sustained by the following *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*. To learn more about our many ministries and how you can become involved, contact the individuals listed below or Toni Denton in the church office at 865-523-3330 or toni@sjlcknox.org.

RADICAL GENEROSITY

Genesis Team – Provides support and recognition to new members. Clarke Hinkle: clarke.hinkle@hotmail.com

Tender Loving Cooking (TLC) – Teams of church members who coordinate and provide meals and receptions for the many events at the church. Nancy Maland: nkmaland@hotmail.com

Caregiving Ministries:

Baby Shower Ministry – A team dedicated to helping first-time parents welcome their new little ones into the family of Christ.

Marcia Power: bowerpower@gmail.com;
Ruthie Kuhlman: ruthieskuhlman@gmail.com

Friends of St. John's – A small group which provides a caring ministry to those in the church who are homebound, ill or bereaved.

Pastor Amy Figg: amy@sjlcknox.org

Lay Eucharistic Ministry – Eucharistic ministers are trained to take communion to those who are unable to attend church.

Pastor Steve: steve@sjlc.knox.org

Prayer Shawl Ministry – A group of "prayer partners" who knit or crochet shawls for people going through tough times.

Tracie Lefler: bob.lefler@yahoo.com

Stephen Ministries – A faith-based ministry to provide caregivers for those experiencing difficulties.

Pat Krogmann: boomboomgolpck@hotmail.com

PASSIONATE WORSHIP

Worship Services:

St. John's many opportunities for worship include Sunday services (at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.); Wednesday evening services during Advent and Lent.; Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services during Holy Week; Christmas Eve services; three services on Easter Sunday (7 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.); Highways and Byways neighborhood worship service (2nd, 3rd and 4th Thursdays at 6 P.M., August - May); and Tyson House Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry worship on UT's campus at 6:04 p.m. during the academic year.

Worship Support:

Volunteers are always needed for these important worship support services: Altar Guild, Adult and Children's Choirs, Crucifer, Acolyte, Ushers, Greeters, Communion Presenters, Communion Assistants, Lectors and audio-visual support.

Altar Guild - Prepare the sanctuary for worship, set communion

Jackie Tucker: jvtucker51@gmail.com

Choirs - Support worship with musical expressions

Deborah Sousa: sousa@esknoxville.org

Ushers - Welcome members and visitors and support worship

Megan Venable: meganemilyvenable@gmail.com

Acolyte, Crucifer, Greeters, Lectors, Presenters, Communion Assistants: Assist pastors in worship

Rita Schwartz: ritaschwartz33@gmail.com

Audio Visual: Assist in worship with audio and visual support

Chris Clay: chris@sjlcknox.org

Celebration Services:

Include baptisms, weddings, Celebration of Life and funeral services, Services of Remembrance, Ordinations, and the Homeless Memorial.

INTENTIONAL FAITH FORMATION

Sunday Morning Faith Formation:

St. John's offers faith formation programs for all ages, from the youngest to the oldest

Youth and Family Ministries:

Family Ministry (Infants through Elementary):

Pastor Amy Figg: amy@sjlcknox.org

Youth Ministry (Middle School and High School):

Isaac Taylor: littleswimmerboy@gmail.com

Confirmation Classes, AFFIRM Youth Camp, First Communion Classes, and youth ministry activities from September to May round out a calendar of faith formation programming.

WOW (Win Our World) Urban Ministry:

Angie Hamstead: amhamstead@gmail.com

WOW hosts some 250 young people from the southeast and other parts of the country during June and July.

INTENTIONAL FAITH FORMATION (cont.)

Katie's Sisters:

This women's ministry provides opportunities for the women of the church to gather for fellowship and enrichment.

Advent by Candlelight - an annual event to prepare our hearts for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Ruth Crowley: rnc@comcast.net

Ladies Luncheon Group - a quarterly gathering for fellowship at a local restaurant.

Sue Fischer: suefischer7@gmail.com

WINE (Women Inviting Narrative Exploration) - a monthly gathering for discussion of compelling videos or engaging books.

Kaye Bultemeier: kayebultemeier@gmail.com

Ongoing events - examples include care packages for college students and seminarians, Painting with a Twist which combines good food and creative expression, and a Spring Retreat.

Marcia Power: bowerpowerm@gmail.com

Banded Brothers:

This men's ministry provides opportunities for the men of the church to gather for fellowship and enrichment.

BEER (Brothers Engaging in Enriching Relationships) - a monthly gathering for drinks and conversation

Caleb Warren: calebwarren@comcast.net

Ongoing events - examples include book monthly book studies, text group for prayer concerns, and a Spring Retreat.

Caleb Warren: calebwarren@comcast.net

SAM (Senior Adult Ministry):

This group for God's older children meets monthly September through May for food, fellowship and interesting programs. The group's outreach includes giving grooming and cleaning items to the residents of Guy B. Love Towers.

Mary Cole: memecole@comcast.net

Via de Cristo:

Meaning "the way of Christ," this is a weekend retreat designed to strengthen the faith of Christian adults and bring them to a new awareness of living in God's grace.

Jon Efteland: jefteland@interlinkcorp.com

RISK-TAKING MISSION

St. John's outreach ministries focus on partnerships in which we are best able to extend the scope and reach of our work while not duplicating efforts.

Christmas Community Outreach: providing toys, clothes, and books to Christenberry Elementary families.

Marcia Power: bowerpowerm@gmail.com

Family Promise: An inter-faith hospitality network that supports families achieve sustainable independence.

Alice Garrison: garr001@comcast.net

Stephen Ministry: A caregiving ministry committed to distinctively Christian support through life's significant transitions.

Pat Krogmann: boomboomgolfpk@hotmail.com

Habitat for Humanity: An ecumenical ministry through which St. John's help build affordable housing.

Neil Fischer: neilfischer22@gmail.com

Kid's Hope USA: A national program through which members can engage in one-on-one relationships with students at Christenberry Elementary.

Thea Peterson: theapeterson@gmail.com

Knoxville Area Rescue Ministry (KARM): A neighborhood organization at which members participate in regular cooking and feeding ministries.

Stan Leib (Cooking Team): stan7533@outlook.net

Don McWilliams (Feeding Team): donkmcw@yahoo.com

Tyson House: A Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry at UT where Pastor John serves as Chaplain.

Pastor John: johntirro@mac.com

Volunteer Ministry Center (VMC): A neighborhood organization through which members support neighbors pursuing permanent housing.

Nancy Friedrich: nancy.o.friedrich@gmail.com

Fred Perkinson: FredP45069@aol.com

Bread Ministry: providing bread and fellowship with our neighbors at Minvilla.

Jim Friedrich: jim.friedrich1976@gmail.com

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

Mission Outreach Endowment Fund: insures the perpetual care of our building and helps fund future mission outreach projects.

Tom McGalliard: thomasmcgall@yahoo.com

Building Maintenance: provides upkeep and improvement for our church which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Darrell Murrell: cherm1818@gmail.com

Grounds and Landscaping: provides an active witness of God's presence in creation of our community.

Garry Menendez: menendez@utk.edu

Raising the Roof Capitol Campaign: oversees property improvements, benevolence, endowment, and debt reduction.

Kevin Kimzey: Kevinkimzey@bellsouth.net

Neil Fischer: neilfischer22@gmail.com

The Fund for Leaders in Mission: administers St. John's seminary student scholarship fund administered by the ELCA.

Stewardship education and communication is a year-long ministry with seasonal emphasis on our Plan of Ministry.