

Outreach Ministry

Outreach Ministry focuses on carrying God's Word and Work into the World. The Ministry includes

- **Outreach to attract and welcome new church members**
- **Fellowship that extends a special welcome to newcomers as well as members**
- **Care Programs to help those in need in our congregation and in the community**
- **Mission support and hands-on activities**
- **Social Action to address significant peace and justice issues**

Outreach is conducted through the following:

1. New Membership Outreach:

Purpose: To extend a welcome to all of God's children. Organizes sub-groups and recruits individuals who:

- Develop, encourage and coordinate programs to reach the un-churched and those seeking a church affiliation
- Work with CE to provide short term small group programs open to non-members as well as members
- Work with communications coordinator to publicize church activities to greater community
- Organize special efforts to publicize the unique opportunities at our church
- Assist Spiritual Growth Ministry in planning new member orientation.

2. Fellowship Outreach

Purpose: To offer Christian friendship to our members and our community. Organizes sub-groups and recruits individuals to serve on

Fellowship & Hospitality sub-committee to assure that the church has opportunities for fun, fellowship, and friendship. This ministry organizes morning coffees, purchases hospitality supplies, oversees maintenance of the kitchen and hospitality equipment, and hosts or assists in church wide fellowship activities that extend to non-members as well as members. Fellowship program includes events such as the Christmas Dinner, Oktoberfest, musical performances, and assistance with funerals and special occasions such as confirmation Sunday, farewells to longtime members and ordinations.

3. Care Outreach:

Purpose: To offer Christian care to our members and the wider community. Organizes sub-groups and recruits individuals to serve on

- Care Sub-committee to coordinate, evaluate, and provide general guidance to annual program of care ministries in our church including care circle phone tree, Helping Hands, Stephan Ministry, the Deacons Fund and other efforts that members may wish to develop such as Meals on Wheels. Reviews membership rolls and assesses needs of marginal members. Assists in publicizing and promoting the various care programs.

4. Mission Outreach:

Purpose: To promote engagement in mission activities in the greater community.

Participants:

- Review range of local, national and inter-national mission efforts and develops annual OCWM budget
- Plan church wide mission projects and help groups organize hands-on mission projects for youth, children, adults and families.

5. Social Action Outreach:

Purpose: To relate the Gospel to the social issues of the community, nation and world; to encourage individual and collective convictions and actions on these issues.

Participants organize

- Opportunities for members to learn and to express their concerns on issues of peace and justice
- Plan annual program to explore key areas of concern such as health care or conditions in the third world.