

Ministries at Buffalo United Methodist Church

Ministry Description	Contact Person(s)	Phone
Church Leadership and Administration		
Leadership Team <i>Team of 12 staff and lay people that sets direction for the church and coordinates ministry teams</i>	Rita Varner-Otness, convener	763-682-5256
Lay Leaders <i>Church leaders who sit on Leadership Team and “take the pulse of the church”</i>	Darla O’Flanagan Larry Totten	763-675-3960 763-682-4023
Property Team <i>Building and grounds matters</i>	Rob Kortum, Chair	763-682-5621
Finance Team <i>Finance and stewardship</i>	Cindy Heap, Chair	763-477-6579
Church Treasurer <i>Lay person who pays the bills</i>	Bruce Schmidt	477-5856
Staff Parish Relations <i>Deals with staffing issues</i>	Ronda DCamp	763-682-6214
Website Manager <i>Designs and maintains church’s website</i>	Ronda DCamp	763-682-6214
Caring and Outreach		
Prayer Shawl Ministry <i>A group that knits or crochets shawls for people who might be homebound, in the hospital, grieving, or in a challenging situation.</i>	Arlene Nelson	763-682-2384
BeFriender Ministries <i>Team of trained lay people who offer a listening ear to people</i>	Sara Gaeth Erva Hance Diane Foyo Gretta Nelson	763-682-4964 763-682-4711 763-972-9923 763-682-4137
Prayer Circle <i>Phone circle praying upon request for your concerns</i>	Ione Anderson	763-682-3348
Grief Support Group <i>Monthly support group for people journeying through grief</i>	Gretta Nelson	763-682-4137
Meals Ministry <i>Volunteers who provide temporary meals for people experiencing illness, trauma, or temporary difficulties</i>	Mary Jane Lentsch	763-682-2157
Meals on Wheels <i>Delivering Meals for shut-ins each February & August</i>	Laurie Schroeder, staff	763-682-3538
Wesley Dinner <i>A meal served at Wesley UMC for less fortunate in Minneapolis four times each year</i>	Gail Babatz	763-684-0394
Habitat for Humanity <i>Building homes for families</i>	Dave Pramann	763-682-3529
Buffalo Food Shelf <i>Regular support given to the Buffalo food shelf</i>	Linda Sherman	763-682-2948
Common Hope Mission <i>Team supporting and building awareness of Common Hope Ministries in Guatemala.</i>	Georgia Docherty	320-963-6695
Prison Ministry <i>Leading worship at Lino Lakes Correctional Facility 4x</i>	Craig Lilja Laurie Schroeder,	682-1994 682-3538

<i>per year and other supporting ministry</i>	staff	
Discipleship and Education		
Joy Center <i>A safe, healthy environment for divorced or separated parents and children to spend quality time together.</i>	Mary Ann Peterson	763-295-4302
Sunday School <i>Sunday morning education classes for all ages</i>	Robin Anderson Glenda Vidmar	763-682-2396 763-682-4734
Senior High Youth <i>Comprehensive youth program, including fellowship on Wednesdays, worship & mission opportunities</i>	Jana & Mike Knutson	320-286-2074
Confirmation Classes <i>Learning about faith for 7th & 8th graders; includes mentors, fellowship, classroom and mission</i>	Ruth Ann Ramstad, Pastor Glenda Vidmar	763-682-3538 763-682-4734
Unidos en Cristo <i>Spiritual retreats for adults</i>	Darla O'Flanagan Kaye Pramann	675-3960 682-3529
Small Groups <i>A variety of small groups meet for book or Bible Study and discussion. Some meet short-term and others are ongoing. Resources are available to start a group at any time.</i>	Laurie Schroeder, staff	763-682-3538
Inviting, Hospitality and Worship		
Hospitality Team <i>Welcoming people to worship</i>	Duane Otness Craig Lilja	763-682-5256 763-682-1994
Ushering <i>Welcoming people and directing them into worship</i>	Dennis Daleiden (8:15) Bill Augustin (10:30)	497-3240 763-682-3982
Coffee Hospitality <i>Serving Sunday coffee fellowship hour</i>	Barb Sande	763-682-6739
Visual Design <i>Decorating our sanctuary and entryway by theme.</i>	Peggy Hill	763-682-3254
Chancel Choir <i>Traditional choir at 10:30 worship; Wednesday rehearsals</i>	Karen Argue	763-684-4302
Chancel Chimes <i>Handbell choir that plays at 10:30 worship every second Sunday of the month; Wednesday rehearsals</i>	Jill Starr	763-682-1235
Joyful Praise Team <i>Vocalists and band members committed to leading 8:15 contemporary worship; Wednesday rehearsals</i>	Laurie Schroeder	763-682-3538
Funeral Serving Committee <i>Serve funeral lunches</i>	Ruth Kalway Kathy Varner	763-682-3080 763-682-4992
Lazarus Ministries <i>Worship, fellowship and support for people in recovery or starting a new life following difficulty. Worship and dinner every fourth Sunday of the month.</i>	Traci Torgerson John Hagen	675-3903 763-684-1617

Fellowship		
United Methodist Women <i>Monthly fellowship, program and mission work planning meeting the second Thursday of the month at 1:30 pm</i>	Joanne Johnson	682-2920
United Methodist Men <i>Monthly fellowship, devotions and work project planning held every third Saturday at 7:45 am</i>	Jim Tool	684-1834
Diners Out <i>Dinner at Perkins every fourth Thursday of the month for singles, empty nesters or anyone interested</i>	Sara Gaeth	682-4964
Crafters Corner <i>Gathering every first Friday of the month from 5 pm- 10pm. Bring your favorite craft and enjoy fellowship.</i>	Jenny Weese Suzanne Smith	763-684-1124 763-354-4557

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If you have any corrections or additions to this list, please let the church staff know.