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Welcome

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are pleased to provide you with this 2019 edition of our First Church Directory. Consider it a great way to get in touch with First Church members and their businesses. Not only will you notice advertisements from sponsors (both inside and outside our congregation), you will also see a brief summary of our worship services and many ministries.

In a rapidly growing community and congregation, it can be difficult to stay connected. Keep this directory handy and may it be used to continue to “share the love of God through Jesus Christ.”

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Will Cotton".

Dr. Will Cotton, Senior Pastor

Worship Sunday Worship Services

8:30 am: Worship Service (Blend of Traditional and Contemporary Style of Worship), Sanctuary
9:40 am: CrossRoads Worship Service (Contemporary Style of Worship), Family Life Center
11 am: Worship Service (Traditional Style of Worship), Sanctuary

Worship at First Church in Round Rock is a time for all people, no matter their background, to experience the presence of God in their lives. Because each person is unique, we offer a variety of styles drawing on the talents of the congregation for readers, musicians, instrumentalists, vocalists and artists, both children and adult.

Sharing God's word in scripture and sermon is central to each service. Baptisms are included at any of the services, and sometimes at our Trinity Fountain between services. Holy Communion is commonly celebrated at all services on the first Sunday of the month.

Worship is also held on special occasions during the church year, particularly during Advent, Lent and Holy Week.

Nursery and toddler care is provided at all three morning services. There are additional educational and worship opportunities for children.



Staff

The First Church staff is committed to welcoming you to this family of faith, helping you find your connection to ministry and worship, and supporting you in time of need. We have a dedicated, talented and caring staff. Below is a list of our clergy, program directors and administrators. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have. We look forward to hearing from you!

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General Information

First United Methodist Church is located at 1004 North Mays, Round Rock, TX.
The church office is located in the Adkins Educational Building (Bldg. 5).

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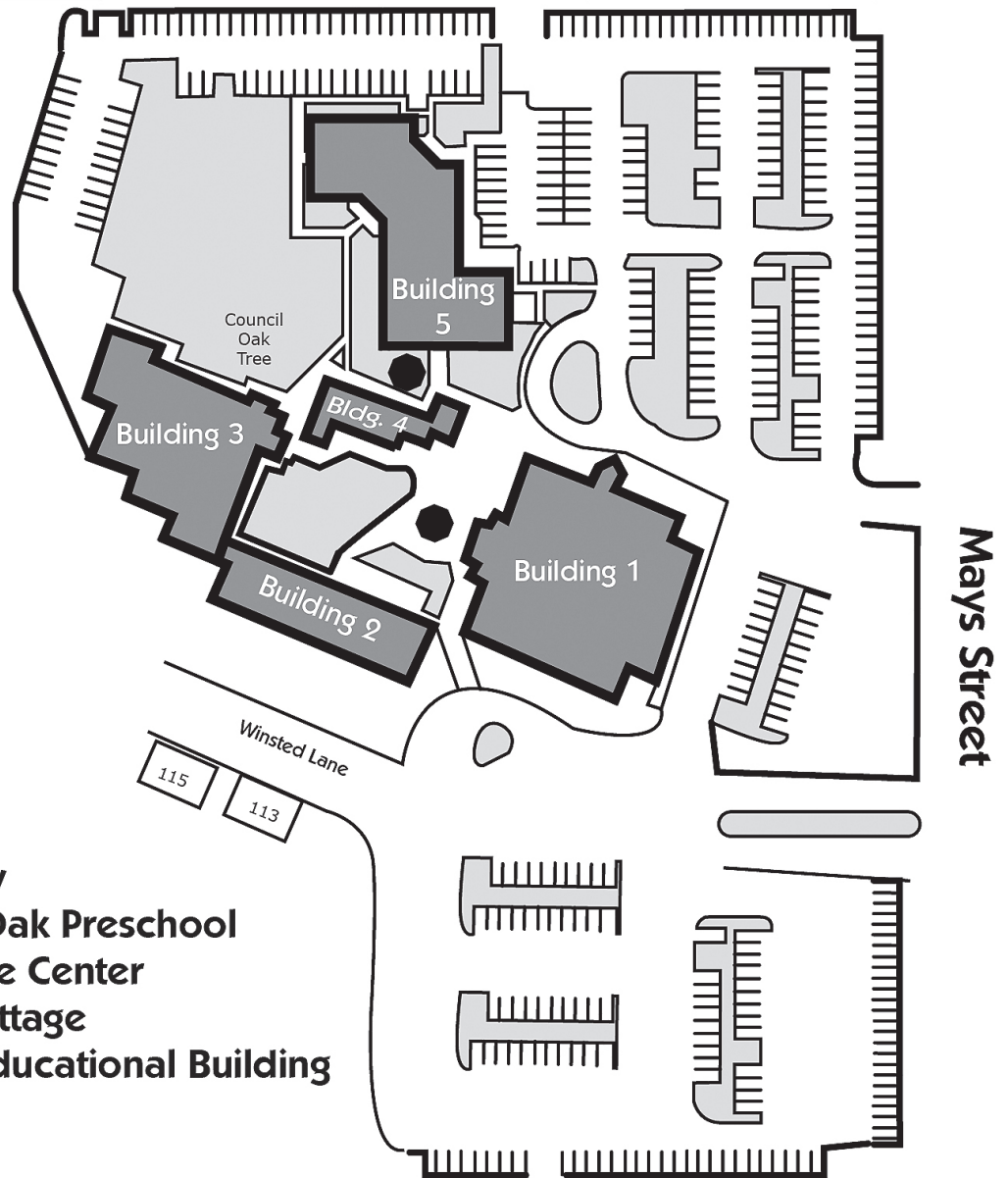
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- Building 1 - Sanctuary**
- Building 2 - Council Oak Preschool**
- Building 3 - Family Life Center**
- Building 4 - Payne Cottage**
- Building 5 - Adkins Educational Building**

Sunset Dr.

Adult Ministry

The purpose of Adult Ministry at First Church is to provide opportunities for adults of all ages to grow in their relationship to God through education, fellowship and service to others.

Sunday School classes are offered for a wide range of ages and in various formats. Most classes meet downstairs in the Adkins Building 5 with two classes meeting in Room 232 and 234 upstairs. Each class decides on a course of study relevant to the needs of the group.

Bible Studies - Ongoing Bible studies include women's Bible study groups that meet on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and Wednesday evening. Disciple Bible Study offers a more in-depth study with long-term and short-term courses available.

Fellowship Groups

The Belles is a group of widows and caregivers for homebound spouses who meet for lunch and other social activities.

Bridge Group welcomes players of all ages. They meet on the second Saturday of each month.

Dinner groups meet monthly for fellowship and to share a meal.

Mom Life is a group of mothers of elementary age and older children that meets twice monthly.

MOM - Ministry of Motherhood is a group of mothers of young children meeting weekly.

JOY Senior Fellowship is a group of adults, 60 years and older, who plan educational programs, trips, lunches, game days and other activities for senior adults.

The Network is a group of young professionals. They meet monthly for fellowship, mission and fun at different locations in the area.

United Methodist Men invites all men of the church to join the UMM for breakfast at 6 am each Wednesday morning (and if you have time, dominos after). The men have fundraisers throughout the year to support other ministries in the church and community.

United Methodist Women is a community of women worshipping, sharing, praying, studying, working and serving. There are two circles. The Deborah Circle meets on the third Tuesday of each month, and the Lydia Circle meets the second Thursday evening of each month.

Women's Book Group meets monthly to discuss that month's choice.

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Young Adult Ministry

The mission of Young Adult Ministry at First Church Round Rock is to help young adults cultivate a relationship with Christ. If you are 18-30, in college or already in a career, there is a place for you! This group meets monthly for a Bible Study, fellowship, and food. We would love to have you join us!

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Student Ministry

The purpose of Student Ministry at First Church Round Rock is to build faith through Biblical teaching, to cultivate community, making students feel safe, loved and that they belong, and to develop students' gifts and talents, giving them ample leadership and service opportunities.

Sunday Night IGNITE is our weekly youth worship, fellowship, and small group opportunity. IGNITE meets each Sunday during the school year from 5:30-7:30pm. We worship, fellowship with one another, play games and enjoy a meal. Students are encouraged to get involved in IGNITE and bring friends along to share in the experience.

Sunday Morning SPARK is our Sunday School programming for students in grades 6-12. Classes meet upstairs in Bldg. 5 near the Youth Café and are divided by grade. Students study different topics as they relate to the Bible throughout the year and are encouraged to bring friends to experience Sunday School with them.

Wednesday WILDFIRE - High School- is a Bible study opportunity offered to students in 9-12th grades who are interested in delving deeper into Scripture. It is for a small group of students who are interested in committing to being there each week and reading the Bible throughout the week. It is offered September-May.

Wednesday WILDFIRE - Middle School - is a Bible study opportunity offered to students in 6-8th grades, led by high school mentors. It is offered September-December.

Confirmation is a traditional Methodist rite of passage open to all students 7th grade and above. The Confirmation journey runs from January through April and prepares students to make their own public profession of faith. For our 7th and 8th grade students, Confirmation experience includes an opening retreat, field trips to a synagogue and a Catholic Church, weekly classes and mission work. For our older students, the Confirmation journey looks a little bit different. These students still experience visits to a synagogue and Catholic Church, as well as mission work, but instead of weekly classes, these students meet with a mentor. All confirmation students participate in a special baptism/communion service.

Fall Mission Trip is a weekend mission trip open to all students in grades 6-12. The location and projects change each year as we respond to the needs of the community around us. It is a weekend full of service, worship and fellowship.

DNow (Disciple Now) is one incredible weekend that happens each February. It brings together middle school and high school students and includes Bible study, worship rallies, mission, recreation and fun! Students are divided by gender and grade and stay at a host home of a member of this church. Each group is led by college students as they study, play, work and fellowship together.

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Summer Mission Trips are offered each summer for both high school and middle school students. The high school trip is out of state trip offered for students that have completed 8th grade through high school graduates. The middle school trip, eligible for students that have completed 6th-8th grade, is an opportunity to serve within the state of Texas. Mission work usually includes building wheelchair ramps, scraping and painting homes, and other minor home repairs. Both trips allow students an opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world, while building community among their peers.

Camp Eagle Nestled in the limestone cliffs along the spring-fed Nueces River, Camp Eagle is a high adventure camp that includes hiking, swimming, rock-climbing, a zip-line and much more. Weaving spiritual themes into outdoor adventure, Camp Eagle strives to make a huge spiritual impact on students. This year the Middle School students will attend camp in August and our High School students will attend in July.

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Children's Ministry

The mission of Children's Ministry at First United Methodist Church Round Rock is to welcome, love and nurture all children ages birth through fifth grade and their families. We believe that a child's family and the church are partners in each child's spiritual growth. We at First Church take seriously our role in nurturing our children's lives with the love of God so that all may become disciples of Jesus Christ.

Sunday School is offered to all children ages 2-10 during the 9:40-10:40 am hour on Sunday mornings. Walk of Faith, located upstairs in the Adkins Education Building, is our adaptation of the Workshop Rotation Model, which enhances the Sunday School experience for children in 1st through 5th grades. Walk of Faith is designed so that children learn the same scripture and Bible story over a one month period in a different classroom or environment each week. The classroom rotation schedule can be found online or on the bulletin boards in the Walk of Faith hallway. Kindergarten children also experience four to five different workshop lessons each rotation. Their classes meet each Sunday in Building 2, Suite A. The children are assigned to either room 2 or 3 determined by the child's first initial of their last name.

Bible Buddies is a program designed for children ages 3 & 4 (by September 1st of the current school year). At the 8:30 and 11:00 am worship services, children participating in Bible Buddies begin the service in the sanctuary with their parent(s). At a designated time, the children leave with the Bible Buddies teacher and go to Bldg. 2 for the remainder of the worship service. At Bible Buddies, the children hear a Bible story and do a craft, activity or play games that relate to the Bible story. Parents pick up the children in Bldg. 2-B following the 8:30 am service and in Suite A following the 11:00 am service.

Two by Two is a program created for children who turn 2 before September 1 of the current school year. Parents take their child to Bldg. 2B-3, prior to the worship service. Two by Two has paid childcare staff who serve as the teachers. A Bible story, activity, and snack are part of the one-hour schedule. Two by Two is offered at 8:30, 9:40 and 11:00 am.

Nursery Care is located in Building 2, Suite C, Rooms 1-3. The nursery is open 15 minutes prior to the beginning of each service (8:30 am, 9:40 am, & 11:00 am) and remains open until 15 minutes after the end of the service. Our nursery is divided into three rooms: Infants, Young Toddlers, and 2 year olds. Our staff is there each Sunday to greet and assist you in finding the appropriate room for your child. Each nursery/childcare room is staffed with two members of our paid childcare team. We do not use pagers in the nursery. We ask that parents leave their cell phone numbers and location in case we need to locate you. If you are going to be in worship, please silence your phone, but keep it in sight so you are available if we are trying to call or text you.

J-Team is a fellowship opportunity for children in 3rd-5th grades. J-Team meets once a month during the school year on Sunday afternoon. J-Team is held on campus and/or offsite, depending on what the parent volunteers plan for that month.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is offered twice each summer for ages 5-10. Children are immersed in a theme and learn about the love of Jesus, while rotating through six stations daily. We also have a VBS program for preschool age children of volunteers. All participants have the opportunity to give to a local and an international mission each year. Ten year old VBS participants have their own program which is more mission focused. Participants travel into the community to serve three days during the week.

Children's Ministry also offers various fun opportunities in the summer, both morning and evening, to keep children in fellowship with their church family.

Resurrection Celebration is a Palm Sunday event in which we host a *walk through Holy Week* for children and their families. Volunteers are dressed in costume and are in character to allow children and their families to experience the sequence of events in the final week of the life of Jesus. Families can attend the event before, during, or after Sunday School.

Camp BIG (Believe In God) Church is a special program, held every fall, for incoming kindergarten students and their parents. Children and their parents meet with a pastor in the sanctuary to talk about the next step in a child's faith journey. Participants also learn about a new type of Sunday School class they will experience.

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At Council Oak Preschool, our philosophy is that children learn best through play. Our curriculum emphasizes a "hands-on" approach to learning in a warm and nurturing environment. Our days are filled with fun activities that foster the social and academic development of each child.

We offer classes for children ages 18 months through 5 years. Our purpose is to develop an enthusiastic attitude toward learning. It is our desire that we help each child become aware of God's love, and in so doing, help them know what a special person he or she is through that love.

Council Oak Preschool is licensed by the Texas Department of Health and Human Services and follows the minimum standards as set forth by the state of Texas at all times. All staff members are certified in CPR/First Aid, Child Abuse Prevention Training along with an additional 24 hours of continuing education each year.

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Music Ministry

The goal of our Music Ministry is to enable all persons to experience the presence of God through congregational singing and the inspiration of choral and instrumental music. Those who actively participate in the choral and instrumental ensembles will find that Music Ministry also provides opportunities for spiritual growth, Christian fellowship and the development of musical skills. The Music Ministry of First Church includes choirs for all ages. Participation is open to all who are willing to invest their time and talents in this ministry.

Adult Choirs

Chancel Choir is an adult choir which leads worship at the 11 am Sunday service using a variety of song styles including contemporary works, hymn anthems, traditional sacred music, and a cappella choral settings. Members are joined by HeartSong several times a year to form a *Choral Union* for festival Sundays. Members of the Chancel Choir have the opportunity to perform solos, duets, or small groups in worship. *Rehearsal*: Wednesdays from 7:15 pm to 8:45 pm in the South Suite Choir Room.

HeartSong is a vocal ensemble of adults, specializing in sacred music in contemporary as well as traditional styles, leads praise at the 8:30 am service. Members of the HeartSong have the opportunity to perform solos, duets, or small groups in worship. *Rehearsal*: Wednesdays from 5:45 pm to 7 pm in the South Suite Choir Room.

First Church Men's Chorus is a chorus of men comprised of any man in the congregation who enjoys singing but can only commit to 5 or 6 rehearsals. The Men's Chorus generally sings on one designated Sunday.

Orchestra

The First Church Orchestra is a chamber orchestra of instrumentalists who play at the 11 am worship service. They accompany the hymns, play orchestrations for offertory and prelude, and present major works with the Choral Union two or three times a year. Members of the orchestra also perform solos, duets, or in small groups in worship. **Rehearsal**: Tuesdays from 8 to 9 pm in the Choir Room.

Ensembles, both vocal and instrumental, form several times a year to provide music for services and different events.

CrossRoads Worship Band

The Crossroads Worship Band, led by Brian Batch, has multiple voices and instruments. With a full sound, it is both upbeat and contemplative. At any given Crossroads worship service, you will join in with contemporary worship songs, secular songs that speak spiritual truths, and original songs written by band members. The band normally uses multiple voices, piano, acoustic and electric guitar, bass, violin, and drums. On occasion, we welcome additional instruments and musicians as well. Because we are so close to Austin's music scene, we count ourselves wildly blessed by both the musical talent and the spiritual leadership in our worship bands.

Children's Choirs

Alleluia Chorus is our children's choir for those in kindergarten through 5th grade. The children sing several times each year in the sanctuary services. In the Alleluia Chorus, children learn musical skills, the joy of singing and the joy of praising God through music. *Rehearsal*: Sunday morning during the 11 am service. Children will join their parents in worship until just before the sermon (around 11:40 am) and then go to Adkins Educational Building, Room 234 for rehearsal until 12:15 pm.

Treble Makers is the choir for our youngest singers. Children who are 3 or 4 years old (as of September 1 of the current school year) rehearse during a segment of Sunday School on Sunday mornings. Through singing and movement Treble Makers learn about the love of God and His importance in their lives.

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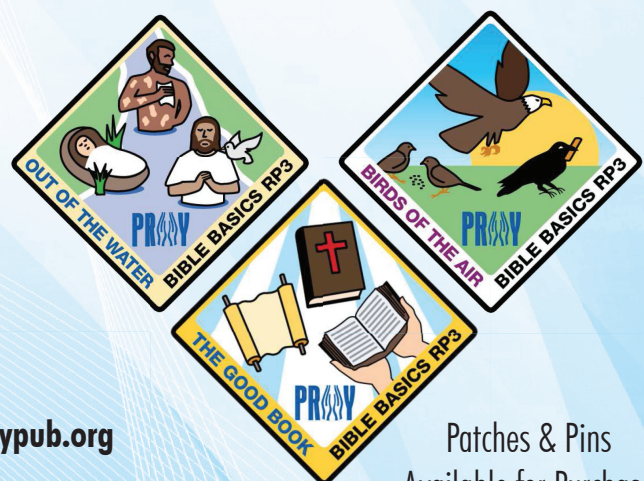
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The Handbell Ministry of First United Methodist Church, Round Rock has one mission...to ring to God's glory. This mission is carried out in our own congregation's worship services, through regularly planned benefit concerts and as we travel. There are opportunities for everyone to ring at First Church!

There are classes for those who have never rung. For those who have rung elsewhere, there are opportunities to join. And there are active teams of adults, children and youth. The Handbell Ministry's motto is "Hands to Work...Hearts to God."

Adult Handbells

Handbell Rookie Training Camps are short-term classes offered as demand dictates to all adults and high school students desiring to learn the basics of ringing handbells. Class times are determined by the director and those enrolled and may meet over a weekend, or on a scheduled evening, afternoon, or morning. There must be 7 interested participants for a class to make. These ringers do not perform. This class is simply a way for those who have never rung to experience it or for those who have rung before to dust off skills.

Ring of Joy is a daytime group which meets weekly on Monday mornings from 8:45-9:45 am. This team is an ideal entry point into the Handbell Ministry. Music is fairly easy and performance is limited. Music readers can probably join Ring of Joy without taking a rookie class. Childcare is provided if reserved.

Jubilation is 5-octave Handbell team which meets weekly on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:15 pm and is comprised of adult ringers of varying experience. Jubilation performs regularly throughout each worship arts season and is involved in both major benefit concerts, Ring Noel and POPS. It also enjoys outreach.

Council Oak Bells is the most advanced of our adult teams, Council Oak Bells is a team of advanced ringers who rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7-9 pm. This team performs regularly throughout each worship arts season and is involved in both major benefit concerts, Ring Noel and POPS. This team also enjoys outreach.

Youth Handbells Students in grades 6-12

Revelation Ringers is used to describe youth ringers. Youth bell teams meet weekly during the school year on Wednesday evenings from 5-6 pm. Students might be separated by age or could be formed into only one team. Revelation Ringer Ensemble ringers are advanced high school ringers; the Revelation Ringers middle school ringers with less experience. Teams are formed each year into different groups depending upon numbers and experience.

Children's Chimes and Bells Children in grades 3-5

Children's Chime Camps are offered each summer for any child entering grades 3-5 who has never before rung handheld instruments. Children are taught the 3 R's: Rhythm, Reading and Ringing. Children's Chime Camps are offered twice each summer in July and August. For three mornings, experienced directors teach students the basics of ringing. The camps are concluded with a show-off and pizza party for family and friends!

Kids of the Kingdom Chimes meets weekly on Monday afternoons from 3:45-4:45 pm in the Family Life Center during the school year. Students who chime are beginners. They perform once in the fall and twice in the spring and present two recitals each year.

Kids of the Kingdom Bells meets on Monday afternoons from 4:45-5:45 pm during the school year. Bell ringers are students who have had at least one year of chime experience. They perform once in the fall and twice in the spring and are also involved in two recitals each year.

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Churchwide/ Community Programs


Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat is a fun family event hosted jointly by Children's and Student Ministries in late October. All are encouraged to come in costume! Children can participate in various fun festival activities and games as well as "trick or treat" through decorated trunks, receiving candy at each trunk!

Great Day of Service is a 1-day church wide mission event which happens each spring. We offer many different types of mission work in the Round Rock, Austin and Georgetown areas. Appropriate for individuals, families, all ages...children to senior adults.

Welcoming Ministry

It is estimated that first-time visitors make a decision about whether or not they will return to a church within the first 7 minutes. According to Barna Research, 40% of visitors make up their mind about a church before they even see the pastor. Within two minutes of the beginning of a service visitors have formed an opinion about whether the congregation is friendly.

Welcoming Ministry is thus an integral part of the work of Christ, making sure that all people experience the welcoming grace of God from the very beginning. First Church seeks to offer Jesus' welcome in many different ways. We welcome new people to become involved in our Welcoming Ministry.



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Greeters

The greeter's mission is to reflect the love of Christ by being welcoming, hospitable, and gracious to those who enter our church home. Greeters do the simple and powerful work of offering a friendly smile, handshake, and welcome at the worship service entry doors of the Sanctuary or Family Life Center. Greeters serve one Sunday per month at the worship service of their choosing.

Andrew Ministers

The Andrew Minister's mission is to reflect the love of Christ by helping guests and new members find a connection through nurture, fellowship, service, and support. Andrew Ministers are available at the Visitor's Desk in the Sanctuary or Family Life Center before and after worship services. They are the first contact for visitors seeking guidance on where to go and how to get involved by offering introductions, helping people sign up for activities, and escorting new people to the nursery or Sunday School classes on Sunday morning. Andrew Ministers serve once per month.

Ushers

The Usher's mission is to share the love of Christ by assisting to make the worship experience consistently excellent and offering a hospitable welcome to those who enter our church home. Ushers offer assistance before, during, and after worship services in order to ensure that the worship services run smoothly and visitors know what to do during worship. This includes bulletin distribution, taking up the offering, guiding worshipers during communion, and tidying up the worship space. Ushers serve once per month at the service of their choosing.

Worship Service Participation

The welcoming ministry of the church extends to participation in the worship service including those who prepare and serve communion, read scripture, prepare bulletins, and process sign-in sheets.

Welcome Home

Welcome Home is an event for those considering joining as members of First Church. It is an informal meal and conversation with First Church pastors about membership: membership expectations, how the church is meant to help us live out our faith, our church's story, and other topics guided by a Q&A. It is also a wonderful way to meet others who are exploring as well. Near the end of the session, there is a short joining ceremony for those who decide to become a member. Welcome Home is offered 4-5 times throughout the year.

Staff Contact for Welcoming Ministry:

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Caring Ministry

Bereavement Meals Ministry coordinates a funeral/memorial meal or reception for families who have suffered the death of a loved one.

Caring Angels is a ministry dedicated to those who are homebound or in nursing homes. Each year the Caring Angels sew and stuff Christmas Stockings to be delivered to the homebound and those in nursing homes. Throughout the year, this group provides companionship and a spiritual connection to those in need.

The Brown Bag Theologians, led by Rev. David Johnson, is a study and prayer group which meets weekly to discuss topics related to the Sunday sermons and to lift up prayer concerns of the church family.

Stephen Ministry equips lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals who are experiencing difficult times.

Staff Contact for Caring Ministry

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Mission & Outreach Ministry**Mission Statement**

"The Villages-bearing Christ's love as members of the global village."

What is The Villages?

The Villages is a strategic vision for church-wide Outreach and Mission—local, regional, and global. We believe that long-term intentional missional relationship and development leads to deeper transformation. By focusing our efforts and resources on fewer intentionally selected "Villages", we believe that our impact increases and our own discipleship grows. We are looking for a lasting impact and long-term relationships so that together, with Jesus as our source, we might bear fruit that endures many generations.

What are Our Villages?

Greater Round Rock - Greater Round Rock includes all the ways that we serve within a 25-mile radius of Round Rock, Texas. Examples include the Community Assistance Fund, Christmas Angel Tree, Great Day of Service, Round Rock Helpers, Heart to Heart Quilters, First Church Crafters, First Church Backpack Ministry and many more.

Santiago, Panama - The mission and relationship building that we do in connection with the ministry of Mission Panama (United Methodist Volunteers in Mission) under the leadership of Missionaries Rev. David and Cindy Ceballos, in the areas of medical, church planting and environmental education and advocacy.

You the Body - You the Body represents two things:

Wherever you go in service, you are the Body of Christ in the world and all missions that we do as a church outside Greater Round Rock and Mission Panama. Examples include: drops of grace, Kairos Prison Ministry, Women's Mission Trips to Sager Brown, Student and Children's Ministry missions, Military First Responder Network, UMCOR and Disaster Response, and more.

Staff Contact for Caring Ministry

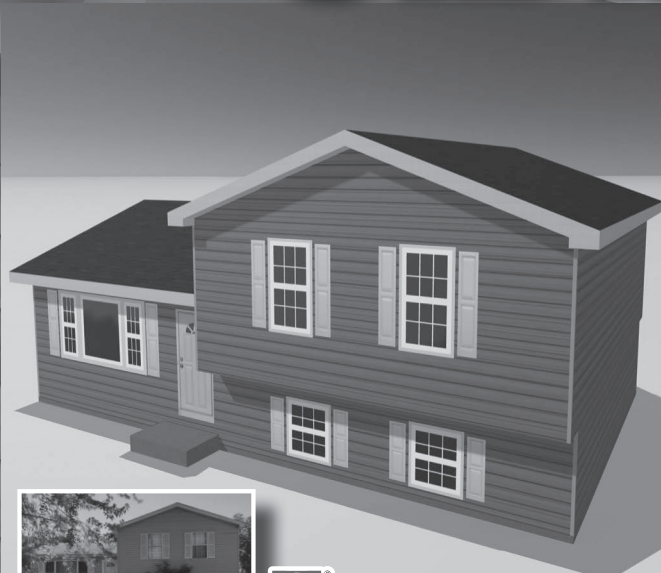
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Lay Leadership/LEADFirst

LEADFirst

Leadership Education and Development at First Church, or LEADFirst is charged with identifying, developing, training, and deploying Christian spiritual leadership within our congregational community. In conducting its work, the committee engages in biblical and theological reflections on the total ministry and mission of the church and tries to identify those persons who hold the spiritual gifts necessary, as well as showing the fruits of those gifts, in order that the leadership ranks of the congregation might be best served.

The committee is composed of nine persons who are full members of First Church who are elected to their positions at charge conference. The committee is led by our Lay Leader and the senior pastor. **2019 Lay Leader:** Leigh Hilliard.

Church Council

The church council is the group of elected leaders and staff members whose role is:

- To communicate and facilitate our vision,
- To make sure our ministries are developing to their greatest impact through strong partnership with congregation and staff,
- To resource our ministries with information and funding and
- To guide the church in meeting major opportunities or challenges.

Membership is comprised of the leaders of six administrative groups, an annual conference delegate, three pastors and four staff ministry directors. Church Council meetings are open and all are invited to attend.

2019 Chair: Steve McCord

Lay Delegates to Annual Conference:

Rich Thompson, Bill Canet and Paula Holmes

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is a body of nine elected members who serve three year terms. The committee oversees the submission of the yearly budget to the Church Council, is charged with developing and implementing plans that will raise sufficient income to meet that operational budget and then to administer the funds as directed by the instructions of the church council. All members of the Committee and its officers are bonded financial representatives for the congregation.

2019 Chair: TJ Gleeson

Staff Parish Relations Committee

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is one of the principal administrative committees of a United Methodist Church. The main duties of the committee relate to personnel and staffing, including setting priorities, establishing responsibilities, evaluating performance, overseeing matters pertaining to salaries, benefits, continuing education, and working with the District Superintendent and Bishop on clergy appointments.

Our SPR Committee consists of nine elected members who serve for three year terms and also includes our lay leaders and one representative lay delegate to Annual Conference.

2019 Chair: Lori Wright

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