



## **our mission.**

Living faith and loving life through Jesus Christ.

## **our vision.**

We strive to reach out to the community through:

A ministry of continuous spiritual growth

A ministry with children, youth and families in all their diversity

A ministry of music and the arts



# adult service opportunities

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## WELCOMING MINISTRY

Our mission is to provide radical hospitality to visitors as well as those who attend First Church.

**Welcoming Ministry Team Members** – meet once per month to establish, implement and maintain the goals for radical hospitality.

**Greeters** – smile, welcome, and provide information to visitors and congregants at various locations around the church campus.

**Fellowship Time Beverage Preparers & Subs**– prepare the coffee, tea, and lemonade prior to fellowship time for after the 9:00 am service as needed.

**Fellowship Time Servers** – serve coffee, tea, and lemonade after the 9:00 am service and clean-up after the social time.

**Courtyard Fellowship Time Set-up and Take-down volunteers** – set up and take down tables and chairs in the courtyard on mild Sunday mornings for the 10:00 am social time.

**Follow-up note writer** – write a short message to first-time visitors.

**Potluck Volunteers** – assist with setting up, serving, and cleaning up for potluck brunches after designated Sunday services.

## MISSION/OUTREACH MINISTRY

**Wesley's Wardrobe Clothing Closet** - Our mission is to provide clothing to men and women in need. There are outfits appropriate for work and school. We also have basic necessities like socks, undergarments, nightwear and casual clothes for anyone who needs them. We also have

**Wesley's Jr. Wardrobe** to provide clothing and shoes for children. Service opportunities include sorting and stacking clothing and assisting clients during hours the closets are open.

**iHelp Homeless Women's Program** – First Church is involved with a project along with six other churches in Mesa to provide a safe shelter for homeless women. Every Wednesday and every other Saturday, the women are brought to our church after an evening meal to spend the night in a safe, comfortable place. We would appreciate volunteers who have special talents to provide activities for the women such as cutting and styling hair, conducting a craft project, or leading a Bible study. Volunteers are also needed to wash sheets and towels weekly and blankets monthly.

**Love Knots** –meet quarterly on a Tuesday in the Family Life Center at 6:30 and prepare blankets for baptized babies, shut-ins and those who are ill or hospitalized. Volunteers tie knots, do minor sewing, help with shopping and can also help to deliver blankets. These blankets are cherished by those who receive them!

**Save the Family Partnership** – First UMC of Mesa has signed a three year partnership with Save the Family for the purpose of working together to end homelessness in Mesa. There are several large events throughout the year that require lots of volunteers and there are many places where individuals, families or small groups can step in to make a difference as well.

**Ukrainian Church Partnership** – First UMC also has a partnership with one of the Mission churches in Kyiv, Ukraine. The pastor, Yulia Starodubets, has visited the church and spent a weekend touring Mesa and the surrounding sights. She has a Facebook page that we follow. We support her ministry financially, as do other groups from around the country. Members are welcome to follow her on Facebook, share updates about our ministry and hers, and become part of the personal relationship that makes a true partnership blossom and grow.

**POWWOW** – stands for Produce On Wheels, With Out Waste. It is a food sharing ministry that works to keep usable food from ending up rotting in fields or sent to the trash piles, while also helping people afford more fresh fruits and vegetables.

The produce comes to us once a month (currently the third Saturday, November through June). Volunteers are needed early on Saturday morning to help set up the tables, to check in purchasers, set up accounts for new people, make change as needed, and to help keep the tables stocked with produce or bag smaller items for distribution. Some volunteers who can lift and carry up to 50 pounds would be most welcome, as well as folks who can assist others with getting their purchases to their vehicles.

**Ugly Quilt Group** -volunteers from within as well as outside of our church make sleeping bags for the homeless. This group meets on Thursday mornings 8:00 am – 1:00 pm in the Outreach Center, October - April.

## congregational care

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**Loving Care Volunteers**- serve funeral dinners and deliver other care to persons on an as needed basis.

**Hospital visitors** - visit members and friends of the congregation who are in the hospital. These volunteers will be utilized on an as needed basis with respect to the limits of their schedules.

**Homebound Communion** – volunteers deliver communion to those members that are homebound or in nursing homes.

**FUMC Homebound Volunteers** -visit homebound members of our congregation at least once per month to chat, listen, and pray with the members.

**Prayer Team** - is comprised of members who are committed to praying daily for the church, pastors, programs, and mission of the church. Open to anyone, prayer requests are sent electronically to prayer chain members who pray for the needs.

# music & worship ministries

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**Chancel Choir** –members meet from September-May with practices on Wednesday nights at 7pm. Members perform most Sunday mornings and at special services.

**Bell Choir** - members practice on Wednesday evenings at 5:45 pm in the Adult Lounge from September-June. They perform monthly. Knowledge of music is required.

**Worship Team Members** - assist the pastoral staff in planning weekly and special worship. They also work to create a worshipful and thoughtful worship setting.

**Ushers** - serve in worship by helping people find seats, collecting the offering, counting attendance and other miscellaneous duties at Sunday morning and special services. Times and services vary and scheduling is flexible.

**Liturgists** - read from scripture and/or written worship resources as part of the Sunday and special worship services. Multiple volunteers will be utilized and scheduled on an as needed basis.

**Communion Assistants** – involves prep once per month and set-up and clean-up the first Sunday of the month, Christmas Eve and special events.

**Communion Servers**-assist in serving communion at the first Sunday services of each month, Christmas Eve and special events.

**Altar Flowers volunteers** - are on call to place flowers on the altar at 8:30am on Sundays when needed, assist on special occasions such as before Mother's Day and Father's Day and to substitute for the coordinator as necessary.

**Sanctuary Christmas Decorations** - need approximately 20 volunteers to set up Christmas decorations the Sunday after Thanksgiving and take down the decorations and greens in early January.

# youth & children's ministries

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**Vacation Bible School Volunteers** – assist in a variety of ways in helping to plan and staff our annual Vacation Bible School.

**Trunk-or-Treat** – assist by decorating/set up, decorating car trunk and handing out candy, taking 30 minute shifts for face painting, crafts, food booths or bounce house and clean up.

**First Kids Experience** – volunteer working with our pre-K to 6<sup>th</sup> grade children in our children's church that takes place during the 9 am worship service.

**Supervised Kid's Time** – supervise children during adult Sunday School Hour 10:30 – 11:30 am.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Youth Support** - consider donating time to a youth mission opportunity. Local mission outreach one Saturday per month; as a chaperone.

**Parking Assistants** - youth and parents are needed to help charge for parking on weekends and evenings. The funds help us reach our mission trip scholarship funds each year.



# connectional opportunities

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## **Adult Connection Opportunities**

Wednesday 10 am Bible study  
United Methodist Women – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

## **Sunday School Classes**

Searchers – Room 1  
Disciples – Assembly Room  
Serendipity 2.0 – Room 2  
S.A.L.T. (Seekers After Life's Truths) – Room 5

## **Social Activities**

Senior Cards - Noon on Tuesday  
Vietnam Vets – Chapter 101  
Peaceful Quilters or Stained Glass – Wednesday evening

## **Youth Service Opportunities**

**Ushers** - duties include participating in guiding the congregation during communion, offering, and seating people as needed.

**Youth Connection Opportunities:** Open to those in grades 6-12

**Youth Sunday School** – meets in the Family Life Center from 10:30-11:30 am.

**Youth Group** – meets 5-7 pm, Sundays, in the Family Life Center

## **Children's Service Opportunities**

**Acolytes** - duties include lighting the altar candles, thus symbolizing the presence of Christ in our worship, and extinguishing the candles at the end of the service to carry God's light out into the world. Children 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to serve.

## **Children's Connection Opportunities**

First Kids Experience & Supervised Kid's Time  
Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Vacation Bible School in summer



## about us

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First Church Mesa reaches out and serves the community through its various missions. From infants to the elderly, the First Church family enjoys giving back. We value a Christian community dedicated to seek out and meet the needs of others through understanding and compassion inherent in Christ's commandment *"Love one another as I have loved you."*

First United Methodist Church has served Mesa and the East Valley for over 125 years and is designated by the City of Mesa as a historic landmark. We offer spiritual growth; a relaxed, friendly atmosphere in a beautiful setting; Sunday School for all ages; exceptional music; and opportunities to put your faith into action.

Whoever you are, wherever you are from – you are always welcome.

## contact us

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