



"I'M PART OF THE MISSION."

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Growth Track Outline

Mission: Woods Chapel Church's Growth Track was created to help individuals in all different spots of their faith journey to discover and act on the spiritual gifts God created you to share. The Growth Track classes take place every 2-4th Sunday of the month to help you **Learn** about the relationship Jesus desires with you, **Discover** your spiritual gifts, **Identify** where God is calling you, and **Celebrate** the difference we here at Woods Chapel have the opportunity to make in the world being the light of Christ.

Class 1: Learn Your Mission: Jump in and learn about the relationship Jesus desires with you and how Woods Chapel is on a mission to make Christ known. Class 1 takes place on the second Sunday of every month at 9:00 AM in Room 306 and at woods chapelchurch.org.

Class 2: Discover Your Purpose: Discover how God designed you with unique gifts and skills that reveal your purpose in life and your best fit in ministry. Class 2 takes place on the third Sunday of every month at 9:00 AM in Room 306 and at woods chapelchurch.org.

Class 3: Identify Your Next Steps: Find out about the opportunities at Woods Chapel to live into your God-given gifts. Take your next steps in your faith by joining the church and finding your mission field. Class 3 takes place on the fourth Sunday of every month at 9:00 AM in Room 306.

Celebrate Your Decision: We, as a church, want to celebrate the choices and commitments you made to follow Christ and make him known in the world. Celebrate takes place when there is a fifth Sunday in the month in our worship service.

The Woods Chapel Story

In 1976, what is now known as Woods Chapel United Methodist Church was created. Twenty-three families started meeting in homes with a desire to reach more people in the Lee's Summit area. We Care started in the basement of the Pastor's home to fill a need for Christ-centered childcare in the area.

The group built their first building on Woods Chapel Road in Lee's Summit in 1977. As the surrounding neighborhoods started growing, so did Wood Chapel Church. Woods Chapel was dedicated to expanding outside of its church walls into the community and connecting people to Jesus, not only in Lee's Summit but around the world.

In 1998, the congregation outgrew its building on Woods Chapel and broke ground at our current Lakewood Way location while maintaining our name as Woods Chapel United Methodist Church. Prior to the Sanctuary being completed, the congregation met at University Health Hospital for worship and in the church's gym. During this time, the congregation continued to grow. In 2009, the Worship Center was added to be able to offer a whole new style of worship. Our Raytown Campus was added in 2014.

Today, our mission is to connect people to Jesus Christ by building a movement where all are included, accepted, and loved. We have seen many changes since our beginnings, but our mission remains the same. We invite you to see how exciting church can be and how important it is to share inclusion, acceptance, and love with the world.

Leadership at Woods Chapel

Woods Chapel's Single Board (Mission Council) has 15 members.

By The Book of Discipline (the governing book for all of the Methodist Church about structure and organization work), we have the following:

Council Chair

Lay Leader

Delegate to Annual Conference

2-3 Finance Representatives (we have 4)

2-3 Pastor Parish Relations Representatives (we have 3)

2-3 Trustee Representatives (we have 3)

The candidates are approved by church voting members during the Charge Conference, typically held in October or November, led by our District Superintendent.

Each board delegate serves a 3-year term.

Each year 5 board members roll off and are replaced by 5 new members.

Pastors are appointed by the Missouri Conference Bishop for 1-year terms. This takes place during the Annual Conference held in June.

Church Finances

At Woods Chapel, we believe in the practice of tithing. We recognize that giving 10% of our income is the Biblical standard for giving. We practice tithing because we know what we do as a church matters, and what we give as the church matters.

“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.”
Proverbs 3:9-10

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,' says the Lord Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.” Malachi 3:10

Giving is one of the central themes in the Bible. Jesus talked more about this subject than heaven, hell, or prayer. To understand what it means to be a Christ follower, we must also understand what it means to be a giver.

1. Tithe

The tithe, or “first fruits,” of our labor/income belongs to God. We find this practice all through God’s Word. Tithing, giving God the first 10% of our income to the local church, is the primary practical way we acknowledge that God is first (Proverbs 3:9-10)

2. Offerings

An offering is giving over and above the tithe. The Bible says that by giving generously, we are able to “take hold of the life that is truly life.” (1 Timothy 6:18-19)

3. The Gift of Giving

The gift of giving is a spiritual gift that God gives to some people (Romans 12:8). It is a Spirit-given capacity and desire to serve God by giving your material resources, far beyond the tithe, to further the work of God. Those who want to use their gift of giving to help accelerate the mission of Woods Chapel serve an important role in connecting people to Jesus Christ.

Many people love to give to God and want to feel confident in the organization to which they give. At Woods Chapel, we want people to understand they are giving to God through the church, not to the church. As we openly share the honesty, integrity, and spiritual values that guide the financial practices of Woods Chapel, we believe people can focus on what God is calling them to give and trust that Christ is leading our church to steward it well.

CLASS 1:
LEARN
YOUR MISSION



Mission of Woods Chapel Church

Connecting people to Jesus Christ by building a movement where all are included, accepted, and loved.

Have a question? Text 816-688-3353 anytime, and we would be happy to chat via text or set up a time to sit down and answer any questions you have. You can also email Emily Scott at emilys@woods chapelchurch.org.



Our Hope for You

“I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Christ better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which God has called you, the riches of God’s glorious inheritance in God’s holy people.” Ephesians 1:17-18

“I ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing God personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is God is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life God has for followers.” Ephesians 1:17-19

Our greatest hope is that you _____.

Matthew 5:16 says, “Let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your God in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

Right beneath the surface of your life is a _____ that is ready to shine and make a _____ in this world.

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” Psalm 119:105

United Methodist Church

If we had to summarize being United Methodist into one word, it would be _____.

1. We believe we should focus on _____ instead of _____.
2. It is because of grace that we see _____ in our lives.
3. It is because of grace that we are to see _____ and serve others.

Scan this QR code to learn more about grace.



Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.** And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:16-20

Finding Your Community at Woods Chapel

Connect throughout the week with one of our _____

“Whenever two or three of you come together in My name, I am there with you.”

Matthew 18:20

Check out our Small Groups!



What is one small group you are interested in trying? _____

DNA of Woods Chapel Church

INCLUDED ACCEPTED LOVED

Included

We want to be widely known as the church that is _____ people.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the day approaching."
Hebrew 10:24-25

We are _____ of the good news.

"So we are messengers for Christ. God is using us to call people." 2 Corinthians 5:20

Church should not only be accessible but _____ for everyone.

"Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

Accepted

As a church, we strive for _____, not _____.

“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”

Ephesians 4: 3

Communion

Part of the way we showcase this unity is with communion. Communion is a time in service where we celebrate Jesus’ death and resurrection for us by sharing a meal of bread and juice together.

“When he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” 1 Corinthians 11:24

We believe in an _____ table.

It is our job to make a _____ table.

Typically, here at Woods Chapel, we celebrate communion together on the _____ of every month.

Loved

“For God so loved the world that God gave God’s only Son, so that everyone who believes in that Child may not perish but may have eternal life.” John 3:16

“We love because God first loved us.” 1 John 4:19

“No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and God’s love is made complete in us.” 1 John 4:12

We strive to not only be a friendly church, but a church focused on _____ hospitality.

This is what it means to be loved: for people to be so ready to love you that you don’t even know you _____ that love yet.

You are a _____ builder.

Next Steps

1. Join Us for Class Two: Discover Your Purpose

Discover Your Purpose will be offered on the 3rd Sunday of the month in person at 9:00 AM in Room 306, or anytime on our website. Be sure to check out the Spiritual Gift Assessment prior to joining that class.

2. Start Considering Church Membership

Membership at Woods Chapel is not about adding your name to a roster. It's about connecting with the people and the vision of the church. We would love for you to be a part of it. There will be an opportunity to join at our final class, Identify Your Next Steps, which is offered in person every 4th Sunday of the month at 9:00 AM in Room 306. Membership paperwork is on page 33.

3. Join a Small Group

Browse our online Small Groups Directory at woods Chapel Church.org/groups. Once you find a few groups that interest you, contact the leaders to learn more and make plans to check them out in person.



CLASS 2:
DISCOVER
YOUR PURPOSE

Three Promises

“We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.” Romans 12:6

Your spiritual gifts are an indicator of where God wants to use you in ministry.

Three promises God provides us about our spiritual gifts:

1. God will provide you with _____ to be successful in your purpose.

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10

2. Your purpose will bring _____ to your life and others.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declared the Lord. “Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

3. You will make an _____ in others.

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10



Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts



How to Take the Spiritual Gifts Assessment

Step 1: Respond to the spiritual gifts statements on pages 20-21 by writing the number that indicates how each statement describes you in the blanks on page 22.

- 1 - Almost Never
- 2 - Sometimes
- 3 - Almost Always

Allow yourself six minutes to answer all questions before moving on to other steps.

Step 2: Add each line on page 22 from left to right and place the totaled number in the total column.

Step 3: Identify your three highest totaled numbers with the corresponding letter and the spiritual gift it represents (listed on the pages following the assessment).

Step 4: Read about your gifts.

Connect with a team that complements your personality, highest-rated spiritual gifts, and availability to serve.

1. I like organizing services and events.
2. I am interested in starting new churches.
3. I enjoy working with my hands.
4. I can tell when someone is insincere.
5. I pray for the people to follow Jesus daily.
6. Encouraging others is a high priority in my life.
7. Believing in God for our daily needs is important to me.
8. Influencing others for the Kingdom of God through finances is extremely important to me.
9. I look for opportunities to pray for the sick.
10. I enjoy doing little things that others typically do not enjoy.
11. I often have people over to my house.
12. Education is very important to me.
13. I tend to motivate others to get involved.
14. I hurt when I see others hurting.
15. I've devoted considerable time to mastering my voice and/or musical instrument.
16. Caring for the hurting is one of my highest priorities.
17. I get frustrated when people knowingly sin.
18. I like creating outlines of the Bible and doing studies.
19. I enjoy reading the book of Proverbs for its practical guidance.

20. I am passionate about managing details.
21. I enjoy sharing the Gospel with other people groups and nationalities.
22. I consider myself a craftsman or craftswoman.
23. I sense when situations are spiritually unhealthy.
24. I am greatly motivated by seeing people who don't know God gain a relationship.
25. I feel fulfilled when I help others see how God is working through them.
26. Asking God for a list of seemingly impossible things is exciting to me.
27. I find ways to give offerings above my tithe.
28. I enjoy spending a lot of time in prayer for other people.
29. I enjoy serving behind the scenes.
30. Creating a warm and welcoming environment is important to me.
31. Anytime I learn something new spiritually, my excitement for God grows a lot.
32. I prefer to take the lead whenever possible.
33. I come across as loving and caring.
34. I desire to serve the church through worship.
35. Checking up on people to see how they are doing gives me energy.

36. Talking to someone about a sin in their life that is harming them or other people is important to me.

37. People come to me to learn more about God and the Bible.

38. When I study scripture, I receive unique insights from God.

39. Creating a task list is easy and enjoyable for me.

40. I like to help start new ministry projects.

41. Building something with my hands is very satisfying to me.

42. I can pinpoint issues or problems quickly.

43. Sharing the Gospel with someone I do not know is exciting and natural for me.

44. I look for ways to encourage other people.

45. I trust that God has my back in every situation.

46. I want to make more money so that I can give more.

47. I am burdened to pray for situations affecting the world.

48. Helping others is one of my greatest motivations.

49. I tend to make total strangers feel at home.

50. I enjoy hearing passionate and clear preaching of God's Word.

51. I enjoy connecting, caring for, and coaching others.

52. I'm very sensitive to sad stories.

53. I gain my deepest satisfaction through leading others in vocal or instrumental worship.

54. I enjoy helping people who are going through a difficult time.

55. I do not get nervous about sharing difficult truths with others to help them understand God's direction for us.

56. I share Biblical truth with others to help them grow.

57. When faced with difficulty, I tend to make wise decisions.

1 Almost Never

2 Sometimes

3 Almost Always

Total

Gift

1. _____	20. _____	39. _____	_____	A. _____
2. _____	21. _____	40. _____	_____	B. _____
3. _____	22. _____	41. _____	_____	C. _____
4. _____	23. _____	42. _____	_____	D. _____
5. _____	24. _____	43. _____	_____	E. _____
6. _____	25. _____	44. _____	_____	F. _____
7. _____	26. _____	45. _____	_____	G. _____
8. _____	27. _____	46. _____	_____	H. _____
9. _____	28. _____	47. _____	_____	I. _____
10. _____	29. _____	48. _____	_____	J. _____
11. _____	30. _____	49. _____	_____	K. _____
12. _____	31. _____	50. _____	_____	L. _____
13. _____	32. _____	51. _____	_____	M. _____
14. _____	33. _____	52. _____	_____	N. _____
15. _____	34. _____	53. _____	_____	O. _____
16. _____	35. _____	54. _____	_____	P. _____
17. _____	36. _____	55. _____	_____	Q. _____
18. _____	37. _____	56. _____	_____	R. _____
19. _____	38. _____	57. _____	_____	S. _____



Using Your Spiritual Gifts

Congratulations on discovering your spiritual gifts! God uniquely created you and gave you these gifts for a reason. Now that you've identified how God has gifted you, your next step is to learn how you can use those gifts for the purpose God has for you.

On the following pages, you can learn about your spiritual gifts and find out more about how you can use your gifts to serve God and others as part of a team.



A. Administration

The gift of administration is the divine strength or ability to organize multiple tasks and groups of people to accomplish these tasks.

Luke 14:28-30; Acts 6:1-7; 1 Corinthians 12:28

(Office Team, Funeral Team, Events Organization, Monthly Serve Day Host, WC Kids & WC Students Registration/Check-In Team)

B. Apostleship/Missionary

The gift of apostleship is the divine strength or ability to pioneer new churches and ministries through planting, overseeing, and training. It can also be the divine strength or ability to reach others outside of your culture and nationality, while in most cases living in that culture or nation.

Acts 15:22-35; 1 Corinthians 12:28; 2 Corinthians 12:12; Galatians 2:7-10; Ephesians 4:11-14; Acts 8:4, 13:2-3, 22:21; Romans 10:15

(Growth Track Host, Small Group Leader, The Table, WC Kids, WC Students)

C. Craftsmanship

The gift of craftsmanship is the divine strength or ability to plan, build and work with your hands in construction environments to accomplish multiple ministry applications.

Exodus 30:22, 31:3-11; 2 Chronicles 34:9-13; Acts 18:2-3

(Early Response Team, Facilities, Worship Set Design Team, C.R.E.W., Set-up/Take-Down)

D. Discernment

The gift of discernment is the divine strength or ability to spiritually identify falsehood and to distinguish between right and wrong motives and situations.

Matthew 16:21-23; Acts 5:1-11, 16:16-18; 1 Corinthians 12:10; 1 John 4:1-6

(Care Ministry, Guest Services, Growth Track Host, Prayer Team, Small Groups)

E. Evangelism

The gift of evangelism is the divine strength or ability to help non-Christians take the necessary steps to becoming Christ followers.

Acts 8:5-6, 26-40, 14:21; 21:8; Ephesians 4:11-14

(WC Kids, WC Students, Small Groups, University Health Care Center Lakewood Team, Growth Track Coach)

F. Exhortation

The gift of exhortation is the divine strength or ability to encourage others through the written or spoken word and biblical truth.

Acts 14:22; Romans 12:8; 1 Timothy 4:13; Hebrews 10:24-25

(Care Ministry, Difference Makers, Growth Track Host, WC Kids, WC Students, Mission Trip Support Team, Monthly Serve Day Host, Small Groups)

G. Faith

The gift of faith is the divine strength or ability to believe in God for unseen supernatural results in every arena of life.

Acts 11:22-24; Romans 4:18-21; 1 Corinthians 12:9; Hebrews 11

(All Teams, Care Ministry, WC Kids, WC Students)

H. Giving

The gift of giving is the divine strength or ability to produce wealth and to give by tithes and offerings for the purpose of advancing the Kingdom of God on earth.

Mark 12:41-44; Romans 12:8; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7, 9:2-7

(Missions, Finance Team, IMPACt Shoe Ministry, International Missions, Endowment Team)

I. Healing/Intercession

The gift of healing is the divine strength or ability to act as an intermediary in faith through prayer and other talents. The gift of intercession is the divine strength or ability to stand in the gap in prayer for someone, something or somewhere believing for profound results.

Acts 3:1-10, 9:32-35, 28:7-10; 1 Corinthians 12:9, 28; Hebrews 7:25; Colossians 1:9-12, 4:12-13; James 5:14-16

(Disaster Response Team, Care Ministry, Medical Team, Mental Health Team, Prayer Team)

J. Helps/Service

The gift of helps is the divine strength or ability to work in a supportive role for the accomplishment of tasks in Christian ministry. The gift of serving is the divine strength or ability to do small or great tasks in working for the overall good of the body of Christ.

Mark 15:40-41; Acts 9:36; Romans 16:1-2; 1 Corinthians 12:28; Acts 6:1-7; Romans 12:7; Galatians 6:10; 1 Timothy 1:16-18; Titus 3:14

(C.R.E.W., Disaster Response Team, Facilities, Guest Services, Funeral Team, The Table, Office Team, HUB Hosts, Tech Team)

K. Hospitality

The gift of hospitality is the divine strength or ability to create warm, welcoming environments for others in places such as your home, office or church.
Acts 16:14-15; Romans 12:13, 16:23; Hebrews 13:1-2; 1 Peter 4:9

(Registration/Check-In Teams, Events Organization, Growth Track Host, Guest Services, Monthly Serve Day Host, The Table, HUB Host)

L. Knowledge

The gift of knowledge is the divine strength or ability to understand and bring clarity to situations and circumstances, often accompanied by a word from God.
Acts 5:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:8; Colossians 2:2-3

(Guest Services, Disaster Response Team, Digital Greeter, Small Groups, Tech Team, HUB Hosts)

M. Leadership

The gift of leadership is the divine strength or ability to influence people at their level while directing and focusing them on the big picture, vision, or idea.
Romans 12:8; 1 Timothy 3:1-13, 5:17; Hebrews 13:17

(All Teams, Monthly Serve Day Host, Small Groups, Growth Track Coach)

N. Mercy

The gift of mercy is the divine strength or ability to feel empathy and to care for those who are hurting in any way.

Matthew 9:35-36; Mark 9:41; Romans 12:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:14

(Funeral Team, Care Ministry, Prayer Team, Medical Team, Mental Health Team, Mission Trip Teams, Small Groups, The Table, University Health Care Center Lakewood Team)

O. Music/Worship

The gift of music/worship is the divine strength or ability to sing, dance, or play an instrument primarily for the purpose of helping others worship God.

Deuteronomy 31:22; 1 Samuel 16:16; 1 Chronicles 16:41-42; 2 Chronicles 5:12-13, 34:12; Psalm 150

(Photography Team, WC Kids, WC Students, Worship Teams, Tech Team, Choir)

P. Pastor/Shepherd

The gift of the pastor/shepherd is the divine strength or ability to care for the personal needs of others by nurturing and mending life issues.

John 10:1-18; Ephesians 4:11-14; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; 1 Peter 5:1-3

(Care Ministry, Guest Services, Growth Track Host, WC Kids, WC Students, Small Groups, The Table)

Q. Prophecy

The gift of prophecy is the divine strength or ability to boldly speak and bring clarity to scriptural and doctrinal truth, in some cases sensing God's plan.

Acts 2:37-40, 7:51-53, 26:24-29; 1 Corinthians 14:1-4; 1 Thessalonians 1:5

(Prayer Team, Small Groups, New Offsite Group Leadership, Growth Track Coach)

R. Teaching

The gift of teaching is the divine strength or ability to study and learn from the Scriptures primarily to bring understanding and growth to other Christians.

Acts 18:24-28, 20:20-21; 1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11-14

(WC Kids, WC Students, Small Groups, The Table)

S. Wisdom

The gift of wisdom is the divine strength or ability to apply the truths of Scripture in a practical way, producing a fruitful outcome and the character of Jesus Christ.

Acts 6:3, 10; 1 Corinthians 2:6-13, 12:8

(Worship Team, Prayer Team, Small Groups, HUB Hosts, The Table)

Next Steps

1. Consider Church Membership

Pray and ask God to strengthen the gifts and passions inside you and if church membership is your next step.

2. RSVP and Attend Class 3

Identify Your Next Steps. This is offered every 4th Sunday at 9:00 AM in Room 306 and is a chance to meet Team Leaders and join the church with membership. Please RSVP by scanning the QR code.



3. Find Your Team

Now that you've discovered your God-given gifts, find a team where you can use those strengths to make a difference in the lives of others. For a comprehensive list of teams, see Appendix page 36.

CLASS 3:
IDENTIFY
YOUR NEXT STEPS



Membership at Woods Chapel United Methodist Church

Three Commitments of Membership

1. Do you profess Jesus as your Savior, and will you follow him as your Lord?
2. As a member of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness?
3. Will you shine the light of Christ out into this world so that others will be connected to Jesus?*

*This includes connecting people to Jesus either through this church or any other church. It is more important to build and grow the number of people that know Jesus than exclusively grow Woods Chapel.



How You Participate in Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness

Prayers

"Pray without ceasing." 1 Thessalonians 5:17

- Participate in the spiritual practice of praying daily
- Pray for the pastors, staff, and congregation
- Lift up ministries and missions of Woods Chapel in your prayer life
- Spiritually engage with the sermons, small groups and an active prayer life

Presence

"One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life," Psalm 27:4

- Regularly attend worship
- When out of town, worship with us online
- Join and participate in a Small Group
- When at church, help to create a radical hospitality experience

Gifts

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

- Support and uphold the ministries of the church through monetary gifts
- Practice the discipline of giving to God First
- To see our understanding of Tithing and Giving check out page 6

Service

"As for me and My House, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15

- Participate on a regular serving team
- Be willing to give of your time
- Help to Connect People to Jesus not only here in the church but in the community and the world

Witness

"We are therefore, God's Ambassadors, as though God was making an appeal through us." 2 Corinthians 5:20

- Be Ambassadors of the Good News
- Invite friends, family, and coworkers to experience worship at Woods Chapel
- Encourage others to take their next steps in their faith



Membership Forms:

The following form needs to be turned in at the time you take your membership vows by answering the three commitment questions. You can either fill it out in the booklet and turn it in, or there are separate forms available in the Growth Track Room if you do not want to rip pages from your booklet, or you can download them at woods chapelchurch.org/growthtrack.





Lee's Summit Campus: 4725 NE Lakewood Way, Lee's Summit, MO 64064

Raytown Campus: 5413 Blue Ridge Cutoff, Raytown, MO 64133

Phone: 816-795-8848 Fax: 816-795-0789

Website: www.woods chapelchurch.org

Membership Information

(Please fill out and bring back on membership joining date.)

Family Name: _____ Second Family Name (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Email: _____

Phone Number: _____ Work Phone & Email: _____

Spouse Number: _____ Spouse Work Phone & Email: _____

First Name(s): _____ Relationship: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Date of Baptism: _____ Date Joining WC: _____
(Spouse, Son, etc.)

If transferring from another church, please list all family members
(If you were known under a different name, please list previous name(s) such as maiden name)

Church Name: _____ Pastor: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

List Family Members Transferring: _____

Thank you,
Irene Price
Membership Secretary



PushPay Set-up Information

PushPay allows you to easily fulfill your commitment to the church. It also decreases the costs to the church to handle commitments and develops a predictable cash flow that provides for the church's mission and vision.

Recurring Gift - Woods Chapel Church uses an online giving platform (PushPay) accessible at woods chapelchurch.org/give, which allows you to set up your own self-managed giving schedule. You determine the amount, frequency, and payment method - bank account or credit card.

To the General Operating Fund

- I pledge to the General Operating fund in the amount of \$ _____ weekly, semi-monthly, monthly (please circle one).

To More Than a House Campaign to support our Nicaragua partnership

- I pledge to the More Than a House Campaign in the amount of \$ _____ weekly, semi-monthly, monthly (please circle one).

*If trying to decide between supporting the General Operating Fund or More Than a House, we encourage supporting the General Fund.

Note: PushPay contributions will continue until you make changes to your account.

Name

Signed

Date

Next Steps

1. Decide If Membership Is Your Next Step

You can join the church through membership at Class 3: Identify Your Next Steps, after completing all classes. Please coordinate with Emily or one of the Growth Track Coaches so we can help you take that next step.

2. Find At Least One Serving Opportunity You Want to Try

You can always change and try something new, but we strongly encourage you to get connected with a leader and attend a serving opportunity as soon as possible. You won't know if you like it until you try it.

3. Plan on Joining Us for Our 5th Sunday Celebration

Once you complete Growth Track, we want to celebrate your accomplishment in service. Make plans to join us as we will be celebrating Growth Track and new members every time there is a 5th Sunday in a month.

APPENDIX

List of Woods Chapel Ministries

Adopt a Street – Bring your Life Group, Sunday School class, friends, and family and help beautify the stretch of Bowlin Road between the overpass and Campground Road. Email Ann Williams for information.

Adoption Resource Foundation – Assist with the annual golf tournament to raise money to help families with adoption expenses. Email Joni Horn for information.

Angel Ministry Team – Work with children on the spectrum or with special needs to help fill their sensory needs and give them a space in their Sunday School class to feel safe. Email Elle Leonard for information.

BackSnacks Team – Come together with a small team every other week to pack food for the weekends during the school year for kids in our partner schools who qualify for free or reduced lunches. May also be needed for occasional delivery to the 3 schools. Email Ann Williams for information.

Bereavement Team – Assist with services, Hope for the Holidays, The Longest Night, All Saints Day, and other grief-related events. Be a listening ear for someone struggling in their grief. Email Ann Williams for information.

Care Ministry Team – This includes everything from following up on prayer requests, praying with members of the congregation before surgery, visiting members who are home-bound, in hospitals, rehab units, and long-term care centers, delivering porch bags after hospital discharge, and being there during hospice. Email Ann Williams for information.

Community Ambassadors – Be someone who is FOR our community by taking treats and notes of appreciation to groups in the area. (Emergency Responders, for example) Ambassadors take treats to the Fire Department, which is responsible for answering any calls from WC. We would like to “adopt” other offices or groups in the community (Chamber of Commerce employees, etc.). Email Ann Williams for information.

CLEARR Nights – This recovery group is a faith-based community for people affected by and/or who want to overcome addiction. Through worship, discussion, and service, we will build strength together. Email Ann Williams for information.

Creator's Club – A group for anyone wanting to make small handmade gifts to be used in the Care Ministry Team porch bags that go out to those who have been in the hospital, had surgery, etc. Email Ann Williams for information.

C.R.E.W. – A group that aims to come alongside under-resourced communities, individuals, and families and offer a tangible expression of Christ's love by providing volunteers (skilled, semi-, and non-skilled labor) to complete construction-related projects and home repairs. Email Ann Williams for information.

C.R.E.W. Weekday – An offshoot of C.R.E.W. that meets at different locations throughout the week to work on projects. Email Ann Williams for information.

Difference Makers – Be a reading buddy or mentor in the life of a student at one of our partner schools. Email Ann Williams for information.

Digital Greeter – Engage with people online who are participating in our worship service streams. Email Allison Merriott for information.

Disaster Response Team – Participate in mission trips to areas within a 5-hour radius of Woods Chapel to help with rebuilding and/or restoring homes that have been damaged by weather or lack of funds. May include helping at homeless shelters, yard work, etc. Email Ann Williams for information.

Early Response Team – Volunteers are trained and certified by the Missouri Conference to go at a moment's notice into areas that have been struck by flooding, tornadoes, and other damaging weather or events. Tasks include mucking, roof tarping, victim assistance, etc. Email Ann Williams for information.

Endowment Team – Help strategize how to raise funds that contribute to our church's financial viability in the future. Email Joni Horn for information.

Events Organization – Provide radical hospitality for activities that are hosted in our church walls other than for Sunday morning worship. Email Emily Scott for information.

Facilities – Put your handyman skills to work by doing different projects around the Woods Chapel campus. Email Joni Horn for information.

Finance Team – Serve as offering counters and check signers to help our finance department run smoothly. Email Joni Horn for information.

Funeral Team – Provide radical hospitality for grieving families by serving as Guest Services volunteers on call for memorial services. Email Emily Scott for information.

Grace Place – A program for members of the community experiencing financial hardship. Grace Place includes our Food Pantry, Clothing Closet, Budget Counseling, and Baby Grace Place. Email Ann Williams for information.

Guest Services – Provide radical hospitality for people to experience a welcoming environment by serving in various roles such as coffee bar servers, greeters, parking attendants, and ushers. Email Emily Scott for information.

Growth Track Coach – Help people discern which next steps in their faith are right for them by helping them explore various ministries. Email Emily Scott for information.

Hillcrest Transitional Housing Apartment Cleaning Team – Independence - Lee's Summit - Be part of a team that gets the apartments that the church sponsors move-in ready. May involve some shopping for needed food or cleaning supplies for new residents and providing support by way of notes or treats. Email Ann Williams for information.

Hillcrest Thrift Store – Sort and tag clothes and other items in the Lee's Summit store. Email Ann Williams for information.

HUB Host – Provide radical hospitality by mingling with all of our guests and assisting them with WC Live, providing information regarding serving opportunities, offering assistance with website questions, and registering them for events or classes. Email Emily Scott for information.

IMPACT Shoe Ministry – Help with shopping and delivery of brand-name new shoes for kids in school districts that school counselors have referred to us as needing shoes. Email Ann Williams for information.

Jewelry & Purse Team for Prom Boutique – Help year-round by sorting and creating jewelry and purses for our yearly Prom Boutique. Email Ann Williams for information.

Just One – Assisting school counselors in the area schools with clothing, snacks, and other needs of students and families. Email Ann Williams for information.

KU Cancer Center Team – Help patients get comforted during treatments by providing reading materials, drinks, snacks, and conversations. Email Ann Williams for information.

Landscape Team – Beautify our church campus grounds with our landscaping team. Email Emily Scott for information.

Local Campus Outreach – Brainstorm and execute ideas for reaching our community in creative ways. Email Brian Swanson for information.

Medical Team – If you work or have significant training in the medical field and want to make sure Woods Chapel stays safe and healthy, we could use your help. Email Emily Scott for information.

Mental Health Team – Several options are available. People with mental health backgrounds are preferred, but not required, to help identify and vet mental health care providers for a referral list for the community. To put together resources: podcasts, articles, reading material, etc., that can be recommended. Be on the referral list – licensed provider and vetting required. Speak at one of our mental health seminars on topics that are relevant. Experience in the subject area is required. Someone who is experienced in administrative tasks is also needed to put everything together in an appealing format. Email Ann Williams for information.

Mission Trip Support Team – Write notes of encouragement and send little treats with teams going on mission trips, both domestic and international. Pray for the team while they are on a mission. Email Ann Williams for information.

Mission Trip Teams – Serve on mission trip teams when WC goes to serve people outside of the KC metro area. Email Ann Williams for information.

Monthly Serve Day Host – Host groups of people that sign up for various serve opportunities on our Serve Days. May include hosting groups at Harvester's, Adopt-A-Street, Hillcrest, or other places we sign up to serve. Make sure that people get name tags, sign in, take photos of the group serving, etc. Email Ann Williams for information.

Music Teams – Join our choir, modern worship team, handbells team, or orchestra as we lead people in worship. Email Allison Merriott for information.

Nicaragua Ministry – Sponsor students, help provide housing, water, and healthcare. We also take two trips to Nicaragua a year. Email Ann Williams for information.

Nursery/Preschool – Engage with the smallest of God’s children and help set the foundation for their faith and trust in God. Email Elle Leonard for information.

Office Team – Put your organizational and office skills to work in our church office. Email Anita Aubuchon for information.

Photography Team – Photographers assist in capturing photographs of all that God is doing at Woods Chapel for use on the church website, social media, and print materials. Email Allison Merriott for information.

Physical Resource Organization – Opportunities include holiday decorating, storage organizing, and overall building organization. Email Emily Scott for information.

Prayer Response Team – Write notes to people that have submitted a prayer request to let them know that they were heard and we are praying. Email Ann Williams for information.

Prayer Team – Meets once per week in person or online to pray over the week’s prayer requests. Email Ann Williams for information.

Prom Boutique – From greeting to alterations, we have loads of opportunities to serve Kansas City area students hoping to attend their prom but without the resources to do so. Email Ann Williams for information.

Quilters for Charity – All skill levels welcome. Small Group that meets at the church to work on quilts that are given out by our Cancer Connection Ministry to those with a recent cancer diagnosis. Email Ann Williams for information.

Registration/Check-In Teams – Help registration check-in run smoothly to ensure events start off well. Email Elle Leonard for information.

Sanctuary Angel Team – Each week ensure the Sanctuary and Worship Center have supplies in the seats for worship. Email Allison Merriott for information.

Set-Up/Take-Down Teams – Help get events and/or regular meetings prepared and cleaned up by helping with various set-up and tear-down needs. Email Elle Leonard for information.

Small Group Leadership – Foster community by leading through a life group, social group, or study group. Email Brian Swanson for information.

Summer Lunch – Prepare lunches and deliver for food-insecure kids during summer break. The team prepares food Monday-Friday in the Mission Building. Email Ann Williams for information.

The Table – Partner with The Table at our Raytown Chapel location for our bi-weekly community meal as a table host, food prepper, cook, food server, or set-up/clean-up crew member. Email Abby Peper for information.

Tech Team – Serve as a camera operator or computer operator during worship services in either the Sanctuary or Worship Center. Email Allison Merriott for information.

University Health Care Center – Lakewood Team – Be part of a team that visits residents at the nearby care center who do not have family or friends who visit. Read, play games, paint fingernails, do puzzles together, etc. You can also be in the team by purchasing balloons, small gifts, and writing cards to deliver to families. Email Ann Williams for information.

WC Kids – Serve with us as we focus on helping kids develop a relationship with Jesus. Opportunities involve being a small group leader, welcome/desk team, celebration team, worship leader, angel team, and tree house helper. Help us continue to connect kids to Christ. Email Elle Leonard for information.

WC Kids & WC Students Registration/Check-In Team – Help registration check-in run smoothly to ensure events start off well. Email Elle Leonard or Jake Smith for information.

WC Students – Serve with us as we connect students to Christ and create an environment where all are included, accepted, and loved. Opportunities involve being a small group leader, welcome/check-in team, or Youth Group team member. Email Jake Smith for information.

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FAQ

What are your service times?

- At 10:00 AM, we have our Traditional Service in our Sanctuary. In this service, music is led by a choir or director, and hymns are mostly sung. At 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM, we have services in our Worship Center, which is a modern-style service with a praise band leading worship. The same sermon is preached in all services.

What should I wear to church?

- Come comfortable and casual. Come expecting pastors and staff to do the same. If you like to dress up, you can dress up. Woods Chapel is about seeking a real relationship with God and with one another. What we wear is secondary.

How can kids and youth be involved at church?

- WC Kids programming for ages from birth through 5th grade is offered all morning. Students 6th-8th grade meet at 10:30 am on Sunday mornings, and all students 6th-12th grade meet for Youth Group from 5:00-6:30 pm on Sunday evenings. All students are invited to sit with our Student Ministry Director and other students at the 9:00 AM service. There is also midweek programming for these ages, and you can find out more at woods chapelchurch.org/wcstudents.

What does it mean to be United Methodist?

- For all United Methodist resources, you can read and learn about our history, theology, and doctrine by scanning the QR code.



What is Communion?

- Communion is a time in worship when we celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection by sharing bread and juice together. This meal is the same meal Jesus shared with the disciples before his death. We believe that everyone is welcome to share in this meal. We typically practice communion as a congregation on the first Sunday of the month.

What does the Methodist Church believe about baptism?

- The United Methodist Church believes in Infant Baptism. We believe it is a beautiful illustration of the grace God freely gives us when we were created in God's image. We do offer adult baptisms in the form of pour-over, sprinkle, or immersion as well for those who did not have the opportunity or chose not to be baptized as an infant. You can learn more about United Methodists' understanding of baptism in relationship to grace by scanning the QR code.



Can someone be rebaptized?

- The United Methodist Church believes in a single baptism. However, we do offer opportunities to remember your baptism or reaffirm your baptism through sprinkling or immersion. We have a lake baptism event every summer, but you can also speak to a pastor or Growth Track Coach if you have more questions about what this might look like for you.

What is the Church's stance on homosexuality?

- As stated in our mission statement, we strive to be inclusive. We believe all are welcome and deeply loved in God's eyes. We want to be known as who we are for, not who we are against. To learn more about how we came to that understanding in scripture and discernment, you can check out this message from Pastor Aaron by scanning the QR code.



What is the future of the Methodist Church? What is Woods Chapel doing if there is a split?

- A non-affirming element of the United Methodist Church has decided to split away and begin its own denomination. Woods Chapel intends to continue being a part of the United Methodist Church.

Do you offer Sunday School or weekly study options?

- Yes! We have lots of great options for groups that meet throughout the week. Here at Woods Chapel, we use the term “Small Groups” to describe all of our groups. We then have “Study Groups” that follow either a curriculum or a book. “Life Groups” have open discussions, typically happening in someone's home. “Care Groups” focus on a specific need, and “Social Groups” are activity-based groups based on a common interest. A full list of these groups, along with time, location, and how to sign up, can be found by scanning the QR code below.



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