

Adult Grow Group

Description of Ministry: *Grow Groups* are small groups of people who want to grow spiritually and connect with others. In a *Grow Group* you will meet with friends, make new friends, grow closer to one another, find encouragement, and grow in your personal relationship with Jesus Christ while reaching out to others. A *Grow Group* may study scripture, spend time in fellowship while having dinner, participate in a common interest or hobby such as scrapbooking, skeet shooting, needle work (cross stitch, knitting), or form a camping group. This is a place for those who still need to grow, who need a place to ask questions and who need encouragement when life gets tough. *Grow groups* are safe places where friends care and support each other through the ups and downs of life.

Special Skills: None

Time Commitment: Varies in accordance with each specific group. It may require as little as one evening a month or possibly 2-3 hours one evening a week. *Grow Groups* maybe ongoing for a year or more or last 6-8 weeks.

Helpful Information: A *Grow Group* maybe started by any person interested in growing stronger in faith by reaching out to others, spending time in fellowship, nurturing friendships and making new friends.

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Adult Sunday School Leader

Description of ministry: Persons interested in this ministry want to grow spiritually themselves and are willing to assume the lead in this growth process. Leaders would need to be familiar with the material to be presented each week through personal study, but would be learning right along with the rest of the class.

Special skills or talents needed: Be disciplined to prepare for the lesson each week, have a desire to learn, and a desire to help others learn and grow spiritually

Time commitment: One to two hours of preparation time each week/1 hour of teaching-leading on Sunday 9:30-10:20

Length of commitment: One year

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Men's Saturday Morning Breakfast

Description of Ministry: A time set aside each Saturday morning from 8 until 9:30 to have breakfast and fellowship, discuss current issues, to share and support one another. The men's ministry also provides the opportunity to grow in faith and spirit to those able to attend meetings sponsored by the Texas Conference United Methodist Men. The most recent one, "Building moMENTum thru Discipleship," was held September 18th. This is another opportunity to reach out to the community by bringing a friend to share in fellowship.

Any Special Skills or Talents Needed: A hearty appetite

Time Commitment: Saturday morning for approximately 2 hours

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Education Ministries

NETWORK Class Leader

Description of Ministry: Network classes help adults and youth discover their God-given spiritual gifts, personal style, and passion. Persons interested in this ministry are committed to assisting others to discover their spiritual gifts so they can serve confidently and passionately in other ministries of the church.

Special Skills: Be disciplined to prepare for the lesson each week, be able to follow a leader's guide, be willing to operate the technology for Powerpoint and video (training will be provided, if necessary)

Time Commitment: One hour to an hour and a half session for six weeks and a little preparation time to become familiar with the lesson

Helpful Information: Leader's guide is very complete, no additional study is necessary. Equipment, leader's guide, and participant's books will be provided.

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Special Interest Groups

Description of ministry : Special Interest Groups meet for a specific period of time (6 weeks, 8 weeks, 10 weeks) to address a specific need (Divorce Care, Parenting, Parenting the Grandchildren, Financial Peace) These groups are not only an opportunity to nurture within our own congregation but to reach out to the community. These are "door ways" to provide entries into the fellowship and ministries of St. John's.

Special skills or talents needed: To have a desire to reach out to those in need and the discipline to prepare for and organize a special interest group.

Time commitment: One to two hours of preparation time each week and one to two hours of group time each week.

Length of Commitment : Six to ten weeks

Helpful information: Materials would be provided. A Special Interest Group could be prepared and led by more than one person.

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Women's Celebration Ministry

Description of Ministry: Celebration is "a woman to woman ministry of sharing, encouraging, discipling, and mentoring in the faith. Celebration focuses on salvation, healing and equipping. Its purpose is to strengthen and enrich the spiritual lives of women by helping them discover and grow in the fullness of life that God intended for all women to experience as citizens of His Kingdom." It is a ministry sponsored by the Texas Annual Conference in the United Methodist Church. A person interested in this ministry would join Pam Welch to establish and lead this ministry at our church.

Special Skills or Talents Needed: None. Training is provided by the District Representatives.

Time Commitment: For those serving in a leadership position or as a chapter officer it is a two year commitment with one meeting a month. For those participating in a non-leadership role there is no commitment, only the opportunity to fellowship.

Helpful Information: Starting a Celebration Chapter is a goal of several women at St. Johns. We would be grateful for the prayers of the congregation to help us achieve this goal.

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