FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MERRYMATES FELLOWSHIP GROUP

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION



<u>Objective</u>: You will help FUPC to glorify God through faithful service and nurturing fellowship by participating in a group of 35-50 singles and couples who seek to get to know new members and visitors to FUPC, grow in faith and service to the lord, conduct mission and service projects throughout the church and local community and raise monies to help fund other church activities and ministries.

Result #1: MerryMates meet at least once per month, either at the church or at some other location to conduct business and to enjoy each other's company.

Result #2: After a time of greeting and fellowship, a potluck dinner is served and a program and business meeting usually follows. Programs vary widely and have included guest speakers on a variety of topics, music ensembles, films or slide shows, games and fun activities. Occasionally, meetings may consist of attending plays, visiting other venues like the botanical gardens, baseball games, or picnics, etc.

Result #3: One or two fund raising activities are held each year consisting of a plant sale in the spring, and a cookie walk in December. Funds raised are used to support the ministries and needs of the church and surrounding community.

Result #4: Other service projects are conducted such as ringing bells at Salvation Army kettles during the holidays and providing gifts and clothing for needy families and charitable organizations.

Result #5: Leadership opportunities are provided as there are four elected office positions (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary) as well as several appointed committee positions which enable members to grow and develop their management and administrative skills and abilities

Team Composition (number): 35-50 members

<u>Time Commitment:</u> 2-4 hours per month.

<u>Special Talents and Skills Preferred:</u> Friendly, outgoing personality.

Spiritual Gifts: Hospitality, Evangelism, Administration, Helps,

<u>Support and Accountability:</u> The elected officers identified above.

Resources and Training Provided: Any member can provide the guidance that might be needed.

Thank you for considering this important ministry.

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