

**Our mission as a church
is to *connect people with*
God's amazing love
and grace and *create a*
community of service and
justice with the world.**



MT. TAM CHURCH
A RECONCILING UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

FAITH U.

Living
the Journey

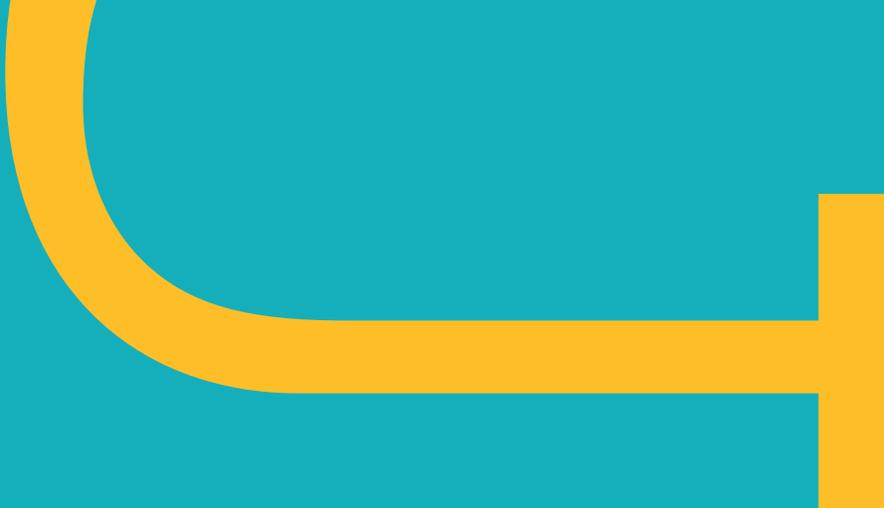
Plans for My Journey

Name:

2018

Dear Ones, Welcome to Faith U!

Faith U. is a whole new way of understanding the ministries of Mt. Tam Church—how each and every one of us are involved and can grow in faith. Faith is about living the journey and walking with each other, led by the God we love and worship. Faith U. is a design to guide the journey.



In this “Course Catalog,” you will find descriptions of Mt. Tam church’s new Model of Faith. It is made up of two foundations for our life at church— **Spirituality** and **Community**—that inform the four areas of our ministry—**Service, Inclusion, Learning, and Celebration**. The ministries listed inside represent both what we do now and our dreams and visions for future ministries. Our current ministries are listed in detail along with how you can connect with that work. Some possibilities for the future are shared, with a place for you to add your own ideas. And then, there is the My Faith in Action Planning Sheet—where you can share the ministries you are currently involved in and prayerfully, take the growth step of considering a new area or ministry. We hope you enjoy the journey! By God’s grace, we travel together.

Love,
Pastor Kim and the Stewardship Team

A Model of Faith



The *foundations*
of our life at
church are:

SPIRITUALITY

We celebrate that God is among us, that Jesus shows us the way and that we are the beneficiaries of grace, joy and peace.

COMMUNITY

We value our connections with one another and work to deepen our bonds in the church community and broader world.

We **deepen our faith** by practicing *four* disciplines:

PRIORITIZING SERVICE

We celebrate that God is among us, that Jesus shows us the way and that we are the beneficiaries of grace, joy and peace.

BEING RADICALLY INCLUSIVE

We offer a sincere, loving welcome to all who walk through our doors, as we are all beloved children of God.

CONTINUALLY LEARNING

We work at understanding the meaning of the Gospel in today's world and translating that learning into our daily lives.

PROMOTING CELEBRATION

We celebrate both all the ways God works in our lives and in our world, and the unique gifts of our entire congregation.

It's time for

Q&A

SERVICE



Service Opportunities for my Faith in Action

CURRENT MINISTRIES

- *Support for Missionaries*
- *Community Meal*
- *Sierra Service Project*
- *Marin Organizing Committee*
- *United Methodist Women*
- *Heifer International*
- *The Redwoods*
- *Oma Village Housing Community*

IDEAS FOR FUTURE MINISTRIES

- *Working with Native American churches*
- *Habitat for Humanity / Rebuilding Together*
- *Volunteer in Mission Trips (VIM)*
- *Trip to Zimbabwe to visit Africa University or the United Methodist Orphanage*
- *Support for refugees resettling here*
- *Social justice programming for teens*

Support for Missionaries

Mt. Tam Church has “covenant” relationships with missionaries in Nepal and Zimbabwe, having committed to provide financial support for their work. These dedicated individuals are able to visit their supporting congregations every three years and we take that opportunity to celebrate their service with a special event, usually a luncheon after the Worship service. In addition, periodically during the year, other special opportunities to raise awareness of their work are highlighted.

What It Takes:

Due to the unique nature of the events, the scheduling is dependent on the availability of the missionaries themselves.

Interested folks can help with planning and organization (1- 10 hours), decorating (1-4 hours), promotion (1-4 hours) and “day of” work (1 - 5 hours). Or be part of an ongoing “team”, requiring up to 3 hours per year.

Lay Leader:

Karen Jernstedt
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Community Meal

On the fourth Sunday of each month Mt. Tam Church hosts a hot meal for neighbors in need in Southern Marin. Many of them are “anchor-outs” which means they live on their boats in Sausalito. Though the attendee numbers have been diminishing, those we serve are very grateful. Our challenge in the coming year is to discover new ways to reach those who would benefit from our welcoming, loving, delicious hot meal.

What It Takes:

There are multiple levels of involvement:

1. Provide a home-cooked (or purchased if you must) dish to serve to our guests.
2. Help with set-up, coffee service, food intake, clean-up, sitting with our guests and providing “food for the soul” (1-2 hours).

Sierra Service Project

3. Join the leadership team: participate on a regular basis and meet periodically (1-2 times/year) to review the success of the ministry and discover ways to make it more effective.

Lay Leaders:

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Bill Daniels
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Sue Ernst
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Our youth will explore the world outside Marin County through Sierra Service Project. SSP is a Christian non-profit organization providing life-changing youth service projects in low-income communities. Middle schoolers and high schoolers are invited to attend a week-long overnight trip during the summer to serve God by serving others. Learn more at sierraserviceproject.org

What It Takes:

One week, during the summer. Both youth and adult chaperones are encouraged to participate. Adult chaperones may also be asked to drive to our destination. The service trip includes some time for work and some time for play. Expect fun and a lot of hard work!

Leader:

Mimi Sheffer
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EXPLORING FURTHER: SERVICE



Marin Organizing Committee

MOC is an organization of 20 Marin-based churches, temples and non-profits. MOC members work to identify pressing, actionable problems in Marin County that affect the least powerful among us. Once these problems are identified, members engage civic leaders in ways that encourage positive and lasting social change. This work is not about addressing social ills through direct service, but is instead about tackling root causes of problems. In 2017, the MOC prioritized three main areas: equity in education; homelessness; and renters' rights. Learn more at bayareaiaf.org

What It Takes:

Mt. Tam Church recently became a dues-paying member of the MOC, and we have an initial core team. It's too soon to

predict time required but we welcome participation at all levels, so please be in touch if this work speaks to you. Let's see what we can learn and what we can accomplish. It should be an exciting journey!

Lay Leader:

Clare McCamy
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United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women (UMW) is the official women's organization in the UMC, with a focus on missions, education and support for women of faith. Learn more at unitedmethodistwomen.org

What It Takes:

UMW is no longer active at Mt. Tam Church. A small number of members still engage at the District UMW level and keep a pledge to the organization.

Lay Leader:

Martha-Mary Wilson
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Heifer International

We host an annual Christmas Card Making Party after church one Sunday in October. Cards are then sold to raise money in support of Heifer International. Heifer International supplies animals of all kinds (bees, goats, cows, etc.) to qualified families all over the world who have been devastated by war, terrorism or natural disasters. Farmers, families and communities are trained to care for the animals and become self-sustaining as they can provide for their own needs and earn a profit selling goods the animals produce. Learn more at heifer.org

What It Takes:

All ages are encouraged to participate in the card-making party. Help is needed: setting up, making

pizzas and serving drinks, leading a card-making station, making cards at any of the stations, cleaning up, assembling cards on the following Saturday, and selling cards after church on Sundays in November and December. Time commitment is 30 minutes to a few hours.

Lay Leader:

Judy White
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Ministry with Seniors at the Redwoods

Our ministry at the Redwoods is to provide worship and spiritual care for the seniors who are residents there. At this time we hold worship services on the second and third Sundays of each month in the skilled nursing/health care unit. We have plans to expand with worship in the independent/assisted living unit. We are also beginning a Friendly Visitor ministry for folks who are mostly confined to their rooms. Learn more at theredwoods.org

What It Takes:

We need musicians who play any instruments for the worship services. We also need folks to help the residents with following along in their worship booklets and to provide a lively worship atmosphere.

Oma Village Housing Community

Time commitment is about 40 minutes on the Sundays you sign up for. Worship is at 1:30pm.

Leader:

Norma Jean Powell
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Oma Village income housing facility for families with children moving out of homelessness that provides permanent supportive housing. Learn more at hbofm.org

What It Takes:

There are occasional events, diaper drives and other needed resources.

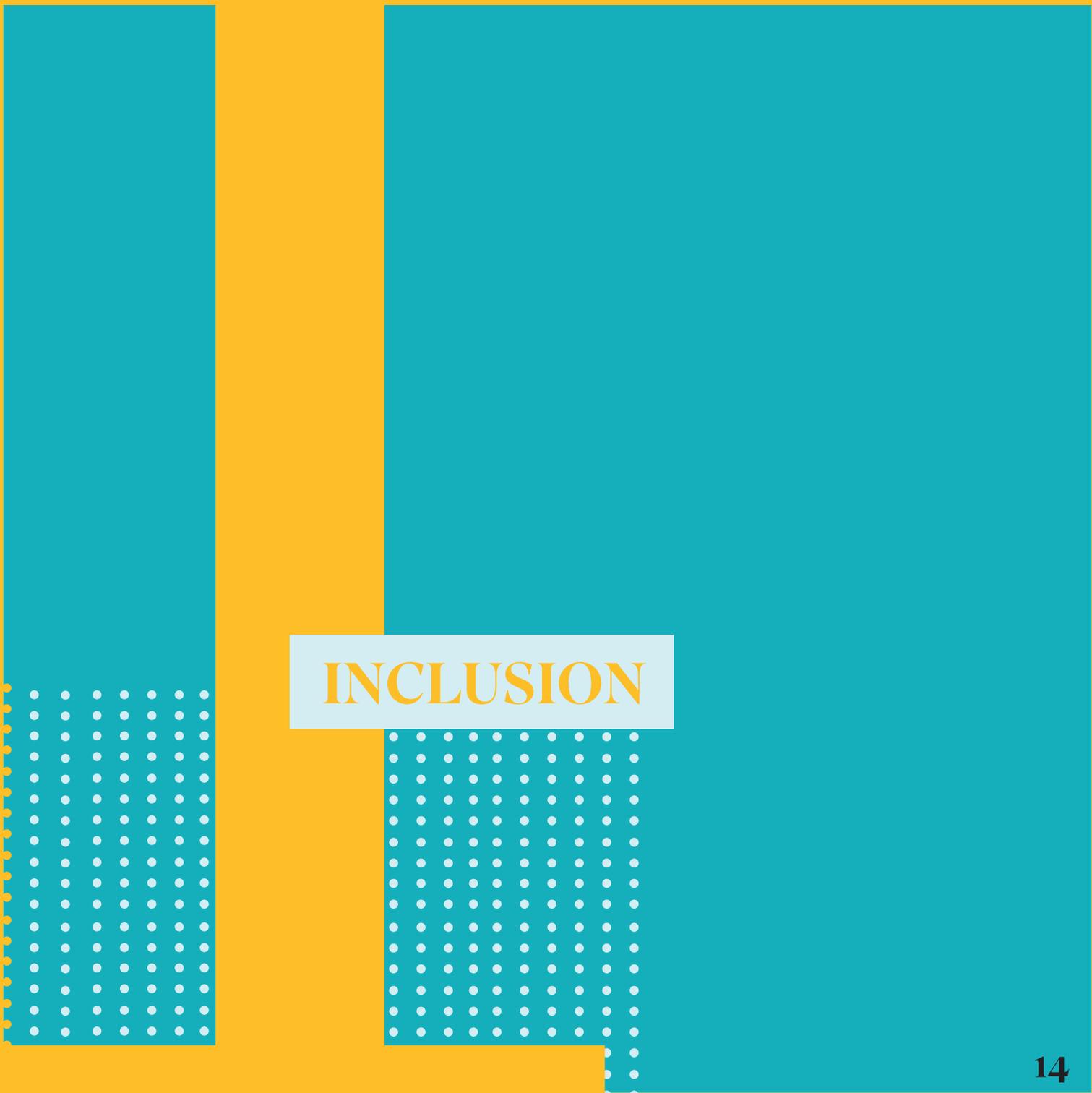
Leader:

Betty Pagett
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It's time for



INCLUSION



Inclusion Opportunities for my Faith in Action

CURRENT MINISTRIES

- *Reconciling Congregation*
- *Volunteer Day at the Depot Plaza*
- *Peace Pop-Up*
- *Memorial Day Parade*
- *Marin Interfaith Council*

IDEAS FOR FUTURE MINISTRIES

- *More Work to Support Reconciling Congregation*
- *Usage of “Back 40” Space*
- *More Work to Build Bridges with other Faiths (Interfaith Shabbats)*

Reconciling Congregation

The Reconciling Ministries Network is an international community of United Methodist congregations, individuals and ministries who believe in and actively work for full inclusion of people of all gender identities and sexual orientations in the life, polity and ordination policies of the UMC.
rmnetwork.org

What It Takes:

Occasional opportunities to be active, with time determined by the activity.

Lay Leader:

Joanna Beck
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Volunteer Day at Square

Each spring, in the Depot Plaza, the City of Mill Valley offers local organizations and service groups the opportunity to share information about their work and recruit volunteers. We host a table, greet people, offer home-baked cookies and tell passersby about our Community Meal.
enjoymillvalley.com

What It Takes:

The event occurs on a Saturday in April and spans 4 hours. Participants can commit to a minimum of 1 hour or more. We also need bakers to supply our enticements.

Lay Leader:

Karen Jernstedt
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Peace Pop-Up

In mid-December, our community creates a sacred space downtown at the Mill Valley Depot Plaza to share God's love with the community at large. The Peace Pop-Up offers a moment of calm in the midst of holiday busyness. One can rest and relax, take a moment to pray or meditate or just have a moment of quiet to reflect on the meaning of peace. Includes Christmas Carol singing and writing our wishes for peace in the new year.

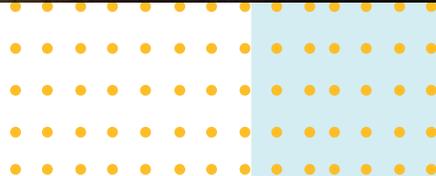
What It Takes:

This event occurs on a Thursday, late afternoon/early evening. Participants can volunteer for an hour doing setup, greeting visitors, adding voices to our carol sing, or cleaning up.

There are also opportunities to serve on the “team” that designs and organizes this event. Commitment would be one or two 1-hour meetings and a maximum of a few hours outside of meetings.

Leader:

Tricia Wiig
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EXPLORING FURTHER: INCLUSION



Memorial Day Parade

Each year Mt. Tam Church has a “float” in Mill Valley’s Memorial Day Parade. Lately, we have featured our sign on a trailer, but the sky’s the limit! Members of our church family, young and old, walk or ride with our float, passing out candy and information about various aspects of our work in the community and the world.

What It Takes:

A number of opportunities for all sorts of talents come into play:

Coordinator: Registers the float and pays the fee (30 min)

Designer: What will it look like? Time commitment varies

Builder: Bring design to fruition, secure to trailer or truck - 1 hour plus

Transporter: Secure a means of transport for our float - 1 hour plus

Participant: Walk/ride on Memorial Day - ~2 hours

Lay Leader:

Karen Jernstedt
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Marin Interfaith Council

One of the oldest interfaith organizations in the country, MIC represents many faith traditions and communities, bringing lay and clergy leaders and members together for education, fellowship, support and action.

What It Takes:

Occasional events and ongoing programs, time dependent on involvement.

Leader:

Pastor Kim
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It's time for

LEARNING



Learning Opportunities for my Faith in Action

CURRENT MINISTRIES

- *Small Groups (Mom's, Tuesday Engaging Faith, etc.)*
- *Godly Play*
- *Youth Group*
- *Confirmation & Mentorship*
- *Peace Camp*
- *AdelphES*

IDEAS FOR FUTURE MINISTRIES

- *Quarterly Meal for our community*
- *Parking Lot Dance / Hoedown*
- *Outdoor Movie*
- *Octogenarian Festival / Party for the Over-80's*
- *Women's Lunch / Shower*

EXPLORING FURTHER: LEARNING

Tuesday Engaging Faith

An on-going small group for study and fellowship facilitated by Pastor Kim Smith. We explore a variety of topics, from spirituality and the Bible to contemporary and social justice issues by reading articles, sermons, essays and books, with discussion and appropriate personal sharing.

What It Takes:

Tuesdays, 10:30 am, for 1-1.5 hours, with reading time between classes.

Leader:

Kim Smith
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Mom's Group

Small group just for moms. Meets every other week from February through May. Make friends and get to know yourself more. We'll do a book study together and share our thoughts and reflections with the intention of growing emotionally and spiritually, grounding ourselves in God's love.

What It Takes:

Participants will meet every other week for a total of 6-10 sessions. Each session is between 60 and 90 minutes long. Reading, writing or other "homework" may be assigned each session in order to prepare for the next meeting, which may take an hour total between sessions.

Leader:

Tricia Wiig
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Sunday School & Godly Play

Children begin the morning in worship with their families, with joyful music and bringing in the light of Christ. Each Sunday, they gather for the children's sermon with Pastor Kim and afterwards are invited to remain with their families in worship or participate in Sunday School. We offer three Sunday School classes: Age 4 - Grade 3 using the *Godly Play* curriculum, Grades 4 - 6 using the *Seasons of the Spirit Encore* curriculum, and Grades 7 - 12 who meet with a loving adult to discuss current events and issues in the context of their faith. On first Sundays of the month, children return to worship to have communion with their families. On fifth Sundays of the month, all children and youth remain in the service for a fun, interactive, intergenerational worship.

During the summer months, children, ages 4 and up, meet together for One Room Sunday School.

What It Takes:

Children participate in Sunday School on Sunday mornings and Sunday School lasts about 30-40 minutes. Adults can participate by serving as Sunday School teachers. Each volunteer commits to one Sunday a month in their chosen Sunday School level or a total of 9 classes throughout the year. Each lesson is 30-40 minutes in length in requires between 30-60 minutes in prep time outside of the classroom, as well as set up (if needed) before worship on Sunday morning. There are also opportunities to lead summer Sunday School, serving only one Sunday or more if desired.

Class is 30-40 minutes in length and may require 30-60 minutes prep time outside of the classroom.

Leader:

Tricia Wiig
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EXPLORING FURTHER: LEARNING



Youth Group

Kairos is the Greek word for “a propitious moment for decision or action.” It is a time of opportunity and a time when God acts. It is also the name lovingly given to Mt. Tam’s youth group. All youth between 6th and 12th grade are welcome here, to explore the Kairos in their own lives as well as what it means to be in fellowship with God and each other.

What It Takes:

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 6:00 - 7:30pm. Expect a few fun special events throughout the year as well! Donations of meals, time, and creativity are encouraged!

Leader:

Mimi Sheffer
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Confirmation & Mentorship

Confirmation is the means by which young people in the church learn about what it means to be a Christian and then, with their parents, decide whether they will be confirmed as a member of the church. Currently, Mt. Tam Church uses “Confirm not Conform” (CnC) curriculum. Confirmation includes classes, service projects and interfaith field trips. Learn more at confirmnotconform.com

What It Takes:

Taught bi-annually or as needed (depending on the number of youth), up to 10 gatherings and sessions. Adults in the congregation are asked to serve as mentors to the confirmees. Mentoring involves attending several of the meetings and committing to 1-2 one-on-one meetups with their appointed confirmees.

Leader:

Mimi Sheffer
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Peace Camp

For one week in June, Mt. Tam Church transforms into a fun and spirit-filled summer camp for kids ages 5-12. Campers will be immersed in peacemaking activities as experienced through spiritual practices, the arts, cooperative outdoor games, yoga, music and more. Our mission is to equip and empower children, through God's love and grace, to be peacemakers in the world. All faiths and spiritual traditions are welcome to learn, grow and play with us!

What It Takes:

Registration begins mid-February for campers. Camp runs from 9am-3pm, Monday through Friday with extended care available, all at a reasonable cost. There are several opportunities to volunteer:

help lead a 30-60 minute lesson throughout the week, once or more (stories, crafts, music, games, yoga, social/emotional/spiritual activities), supervise lunch time (once or more), help throughout the day being another hands-on adult (2-3 hour time slots) or share a favorite snack from your heritage once in the week.

Leader:

Tricia Wiig
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AdelphES

AdelphES is a sisterhood of women who share a belief in God. Our name is of Greek origin and is used in the Bible to refer to a sisterhood connected by the Christian religion. As a wise older woman once advised her daughter, "Don't forget your Sisters. They'll be more important as you get older. No matter how much you love your husband or your children, you are still going to need Sisters. And remember that 'Sisters' means ALL the women in your life... You'll need other women. Women always do."

What It Takes:

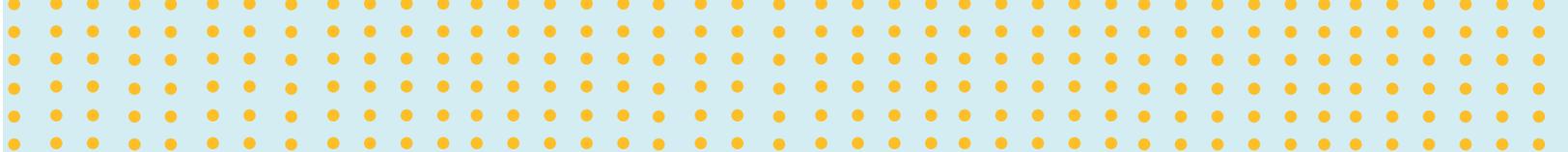
We meet once a month for a potluck dinner and a short program. Each month's gathering is hosted in the home of a different member. Our programs are designed to strengthen our friendships and our ties to each other and our church community.

All women in the church
are welcome.

Lay Leader:

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It's time for



CELEBRATION

Celebration Opportunities for my Faith in Action

CURRENT MINISTRIES

- *Weekly Worship*
- *Worship Planning Team*
- *Usher Team*
- *Mt. Tam Family Choir*
- *Spirit Singers*
- *Bell Choir*
- *Seasonal Early Service*
- *Christmas Pageant*
- *Santa's Workshop*
- *Campout on Campus*
- *Lay Readers for Worship*
- *Liturgists*
- *Prayer Chain*

IDEAS FOR FUTURE MINISTRIES

- *Quarterly meal for our community*
- *Parking Lot Dance / Hoe Down*
- *Outdoor Movie*
- *Party for the Over-80's*
- *Women's Lunch / Shower*
- *Men's Breakfast Club*

EXPLORING FURTHER: CELEBRATION

Weekly Worship

Every Sunday, we gather to celebrate God's love, presence and Word, focusing on a selected scripture reading at the core of the service, with a pastoral message (sermon), music, readings, prayer and sacraments to bring us together in reflection, praise and thanksgiving. Featuring the Mt. Tam Choir, special music, great congregational singing and a special time for children.

What It Takes:

Every Sunday at 10:30am, for 1-1.5 hours.

Leader:

Pastor Kim Smith
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Worship Planning Team

A working group that consists of the pastor, selected staff, and lay members who oversee the overall worship life of the congregation, focusing on liturgical seasons (Advent and Lent), the preparation of the altar and sanctuary decor. They also address the needs and concerns of the church for congregational worship.

What It Takes:

Occasional meetings, gathering to decorate the sanctuary and some Sunday morning work.

Lay Leader:

Elaine Snyder
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Usher Team

Serving as an usher is a great opportunity to meet members of the church while also doing key behind-the-scenes work to make our weekly worship a joyful and comfortable experience for all. Main duties include greeting within the sanctuary, coordinating with the audio-visual person, recording the service, collecting the offering, and doing about 10 minutes of setup before and 10 minutes of cleanup after service.

What It Takes:

Typically ushers serve once every 6 weeks or so, but the schedule is flexible. Time Commitment is about 1.5 hours each Sunday you serve.

Lay Leader:

Dave Erskine
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Mt. Tam Family Choir

During Sunday morning service, we praise God and share the Christians' love through music. Choir presents various repertoires such as traditional anthem, contemporary Christian, and spiritual. The choir also gets vocal training during the rehearsal. No singing experience is required! Open to all ages.

What It Takes:

Choir rehearsal is 9:15-10:15am every Sunday morning. In preparation for Easter and Christmas, we have 45-minute rehearsals after service for three weeks.

Leader:

Hyunjung Choi
hjyoo1999@yahoo.com

Spirit Singers

Lead the congregation in contemporary Christian worship singing at the start of our worship service every 2nd Sunday of the month. Musicianship, musical experience, and sight-reading skills are required.

What It Takes:

Singers and musicians are encouraged to join. An audition is required. Rehearsals are at 8:45-9:15am every 2nd Sunday.

Leader:

Hyunjung Choi
hjyoo1999@yahoo.com

Bell Choir (Wild Bells)

Handbell music performance during the Easter and Christmas seasons. Open to all children and youth, grades K-12. No musical experience is required.

What It Takes:

Sunday rehearsals, 11:45am-12:45pm during March and November. Regular attendance is required.

Leader:

Hyunjung Choi
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Seasonal Early Service

Traditionally held on Sunday mornings at 9am, “The Invitation” Series is perfect for families with children and for people of all ages who are looking for a church service that’s “outside the box” or who are interested in an all-ages Sunday School prior to our regular 10:30am worship. It is held a few times throughout the year, as a series of four Sundays. Using *Godly Play* as our guide, Children and Families Minister Tricia Wiig leads this service through story, song, reflection, art and active prayer. A light breakfast is provided and childcare is available for children under 4. All are welcome.

What It Takes:

Look for announcements in Ridgelines, on the website at mtumc.org or at church.

Volunteer opportunities include: help with setup and cleanup (one hour per service), provide breakfast items, or lead music with your instrument.

Leader:

Tricia Wiig
mtumc@pacbell.net

Christmas Pageant

Held on a Sunday morning during worship, mid-December. Kids of all ages are welcome to participate in this simple telling of the story of Christ’s birth. Includes costumes and singing. Rehearsals begin in November.

What It Takes:

Children will need to attend as many rehearsals as they are able, (about 6-8 rehearsals total, 30 minutes on Sunday mornings before worship), and one dress rehearsal, one hour in length, as well as arriving early on the day of the pageant for a final run through. Volunteer opportunities include: helping prepare costumes, leading the children’s choir during rehearsals and on the day of the performance, directing the pageant, setting up and cleaning up.

Leader:

Tricia Wiig
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Santa's Workshop

Children make gifts for their parents and loved ones for the holiday season. Usually the first Sunday in December, after worship.

What It Takes:

Children come for 2 ½ hours, have lunch and make gifts and holiday cookies. Volunteer opportunities include: setting up/decorating, planning, preparing and leading a craft (beading, Christmas ornaments, some other special item kids can make as a gift), helping at a craft table, cookie station or wrapping table, making and serving pizzas, taking photos, cleaning up.

Leader:

Tricia Wiig
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Campout on Campus

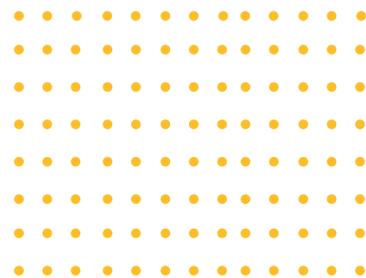
Campout on Campus usually happens in May. Saturday evening from 4pm through Sunday morning at 9am. Come for grilling, potluck, games, campfire songs and camping. Stay the night or sleep at home. Pancake breakfast in the morning.

What It Takes:

Participants come for whatever portion of the campout they are able (join us for any or all of: dinner, games, campfire, camping out or breakfast). Volunteer opportunities include: setting up, grilling meats, sharing a potluck item, leading games, building the fire, leading campfire songs, cooking breakfast and cleaning up,

Leader:

Tricia Wiig
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Lay Readers for Worship

Individual church attendees are offered an opportunity to sign up for and read the scripture on Sunday mornings. The scripture is selected each week by the pastor and the church office manager sends the scripture via email (or by mail if needed) to the assigned reader early in the week.

What It Takes:

The time commitment is only your individual practice and the few minutes in the church service when one reads.

Lay Leader:

Elaine Snyder
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Liturgists

On Sundays when the pastor is away, the guest speakers/pastors often appreciate a lay leader to “frame” the service. This usually means introductions, the basic announcements, transitions, perhaps “The Prayers of the People,” depending on what the guest speaker would prefer. Those interested in becoming liturgists would have a chance to practice, for at least one Sunday service, with Lay Leader Joanna Beck as their friendly mentor!

What It Takes:

Those interested in serving as liturgist for a service would need a short time during the preceding week to discuss (by email, phone, etc.) with the guest speaker their preferred division of the service elements.

The liturgist would need to arrive at least 30 minutes before the start of the service for a final run through with the guest speaker. Liturgist opportunities would probably be once or twice a year.

Lay Leader:

Joanna Beck
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Prayer Chain

A small group of dedicated church attendees take the prayer requests made each Sunday and pray during the week on their own schedule. The prayer requests are submitted via the Sunday's blue attendance cards or by e-mail and, in turn, are sent out by e-mail to members of the prayer chain. The prayer requests are to remain confidential unless instructed otherwise.



What It Takes:

No set time is required. Most prayer chain members will pray as requested "en masse" rather than praying for each individual name. However that is an individual choice.

Lay Leader:

Elaine Snyder
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My questions & personal reflections.

2018

The work of my church.

These are the teams of lay volunteers that make our church thrive.

Church Council

What it is:

Serves as the primary administrative and program committee of the church.

Who is on it:

- Joanna Beck
- Karen Jernstedt
- Lay Leaders

The Mission:

To inspire, lead, design and evaluate the ministries of the church and oversee the financial and administrative life of the church.

Staff Parish Committee

What it is:

Serves as the personnel committee of the church.

Who is on it:

- Nicole Collman
- Lay Leaders

The Mission:

To connect the needs and concerns of the congregation and pastor/staff, oversee all personnel matters and relate with the Bishop and Cabinet in the case of a pastoral change.

Stewardship Team

What it is:

Facilitates the financial and discipleship plans of the church.

Who is on it:

- Richard Grissom
- Karen Jernstedt
- Harrison Miller
- Mary Michael Pringle
- Tricia Wiig

The Mission:

To design and execute the annual fall finance program and oversee Faith U.!

Finance Team

What it is:

Oversees the finances of the church.

Who is on it:

- Allen Barr (Chair)
- Marilyn Angelo (Treasurer)
- Jane Hall (Financial Secretary)
- Other Lay Members

The Mission:

To create, monitor and evaluate the budget and on-going finances and oversee expenditures and income.

Trustees

What it is:

Responsible for all church property.

Who is on it:

- Kevin Skiles (Chair)
- Jeff Brown
- Brent Elliott
- Willie Lang
- Sam Mathau
- Sue Moxon
- Jan O'Brien

The Mission:

To maintain and improve the church's buildings and property, including the church campus and the parsonage.

A note on the future.

Mt. Tam Church embraces and encourages new ministries! One such ministry that we are adopting is called “**permission-giving programming**” which is designed to transform the ideas, callings and dreams of church members into new ministries and opportunities to serve. The foundation of permission-giving programming is that each lay person is a minister of the church; the pastor and staff are present to guide, support and provide resources to these ministries. With this new approach, ministries proposed and created by the congregation must follow these guidelines.

The Requirements:

- 2-3 active church participants must be part of the leadership group.
- The activity or event must fall within our core values (Spirituality and Community) and within the four ministry areas (Service, Inclusion, Learning, Celebration).
- The event or activity must not conflict with an on-going church program.
- The ministry can be scheduled easily, both in the sense of the physical plan and capacity of the buildings and works with the church master calendar (which includes all building use, not just church events).
- The activity/event/program must further the church's vision and mission and must have the potential to reach out to the wider community and invite newcomers to be part of the congregation.

The Process:

1. Talk to the Church Council chair and/or appropriate staff member and pastor about the idea. From there, gather information, refine the idea and prepare it to be presented to the Church Council. Joanna Beck (ejoanna@comcast.net), Karen Jernstedt (kjernstedt@comcast.net), Pastor Kim Smith (pastorkim@pacbell.net)
2. Present the proposal to the Church Council for discussion, refinement, ideas, feedback and approval.
3. Check with the master calendar (facilities manager Dave Erskine (daviderskine@comcast.net) and office manager Tricia Wiig (mtumc@pacbell.net)) to check for availability of facilities and building use.
4. Upon adoption by the Church Council, work with the Church Council and pastor to introduce and implement the ministry.

My Faith in Action Planning Sheet

Name: _____

Email: _____

Upon prayerful reflection, I'd like to explore the following opportunities:

SERVICE

Doing now: _____

I'd like to learn more about: _____

INCLUSION

Doing now: _____

I'd like to learn more about: _____

LEARNING

Doing now: _____

I'd like to learn more about: _____

CELEBRATION

Doing now: _____

I'd like to learn more about: _____

[] I have no idea what this is all about, but I would like to get more involved!