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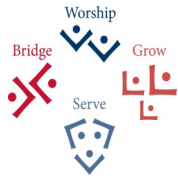


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How to take the next step in your journey

Our strategy is the method by which we accomplish our mission of building bridges of grace from the Welcome Table to every table.



Worship – an essential part of building bridges is being involved in one of our weekly worship experiences. We believe that worship should be shared in a community setting and should be radically inclusive. Our hope is that all present in worship will lift one another up in prayer, share at the Welcome Table, reflect critically upon scripture and its meaning, join voices in singing, and develop a strong bond of fellowship with others. In so doing, we believe we will truly participate in the spiritual life to which we are called, becoming worshippers in spirit and truth. (John 4:23)



Grow – When Jesus was a boy, his parents found him in the temple engaged in conversation with the teachers there. (Luke 2:46) In that image of Jesus, we see the importance of questioning, learning, and eager exploration of faith. In the early days of Christianity, the church consisted of small groups of faithful people who gathered together not only in the temple but in their homes. (Acts 2:46-47) We understand that questioning, learning, and being in community with one another are key to our growth.



Bridge – God has great concern for those who are hurt and left behind in society. We are called to humbly give of ourselves, using our resources, our time, and our giftedness to serve others. We find joy and our lives are fulfilled as we serve in this way. When we do this we are building bridges of hope and healing, and bringing about the Kingdom of God. We strive to be witness serving and loving from our doorsteps “to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)



Serve – A key component in experiencing the beauty and wonder of the Christian life is serving in ministry. Jesus attempted to assist his disciples to see that true greatness comes in serving: “*whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant.*” (Mark 10:43) Jesus demonstrated a servant lifestyle by washing the feet of his disciples on the night of the Last Supper. (John 13) Serving within the body of Christ is an essential way for us to enjoy fellowship with others and to build one another up for service beyond our church family.

At Lee’s Summit Christian Church, we are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world, called to welcome others as we have been welcomed by God. As Disciples, we find identity at the Lord’s table, practicing open communion for all and embracing our mission of Building Bridges of Grace from the Welcome Table to Every Table. Our welcome knows no boundaries of race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity/expression, sexual orientation, socio-economic status or any other designation of individuals who have known the pain of exclusion and discrimination by the church and society.



We declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation, professing that all people are God’s children and deserve full inclusion in the life, leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments of marriage, communion, baptism, and ordination, responsibilities, and blessing of participation in our congregation. With open hearts, open minds, and open doors, we invite anyone who seeks God’s amazing grace to join our church family.

At Lee’s Summit Christian Church, all are fully welcome, and all means all.

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Safety Team

The Safety Team is centered around two main areas. The first area is for the safety of people at the church. We try to make sure we have a safe environment with no visible hazards while insuring we have first-aid kits, fire extinguishers, and alarm systems. This area is concerned more with human-caused issues. We work with the hospitality team for intrusion detection that might cause a disruption to services by defusing issues.

The second area is regarding natural disasters like tornadoes, earthquakes, and blizzards involving individual church members or the local community. We seek to determine how we can assist the individual members or emergency agencies to handle these events. This will involve developing an emergency operations plan for the church following the guidelines and suggestions set out by FEMA.

Terry Brush

Worship and Fine Arts Team

The Worship and Fine Arts Team works in conjunction with the ministry team to see that the Sunday morning faith experience is meaningful and visually motivating. During Easter and Advent the church is decorated to enhance that experience. The committee also assists with the annual baptisms along with preparing lists of volunteers for Lectors, memorial flowers, communion preparation, and passing out bulletins at each service. Worship and Fine Arts is a partner to the music programs in the church such as the chancel choir and special music.

Charles Shrout and Kristin Antonucci

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Permanent Fund

The Permanent Fund is managed by five termed/elected trustees with ministerial oversight. The primary purpose of the Permanent Fund is to invest undesignated gifts received by the church in order to provide supplemental funding for outreach causes, debt retirement, capital reserve funding and other financial needs not provided by the church's regular operating budget. Meetings usually occur only a couple of times throughout the year to discuss the investments, returns, contributions and distributions. The trustees also publicize the Fund through the church newsletters, bulletins and estate planning seminars. Monies are usually left to the Permanent Fund through estates and is a great way to leave a Legacy that will continue to grow the ministry in future years.

Shelley Kneuvean

Potlucks with a Purpose

Potlucks with a Purpose meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 10:00AM at the church. This ministry provides assistance with various projects around the church facility such as maintenance of the handouts in the church pews, assistance with the library, the Micah ministry silverware, and various outdoor projects, etc. At 12:00PM, the group joins together for a potluck luncheon.

Mary Johnson

SERVE

Hospitality & Welcome Team

The Hospitality Team offers a warm welcome to all who enter the church each Sunday morning. We reach out to visitors and assist members and visitors alike to find the nursery or a class. We answer questions and help all in any way we can. Hearing assist devices are kept at the Information Desk and we gladly offer them to any who ask. We always seek new members for our team as we staff the desk with two people at each worship service. We offer training so the only skill needed is a warm smile. Come help us make the church a more welcoming and friendly place for all.

Kathy Moore



SERVE

Bridge Builders Children's Choir

The Children's choir is for 4 year olds through sixth graders. The choir performs for the 9 and 11 services throughout the year along with a Christmas musical in December. Come join us for fellowship, singing, playing bells and lots of fun every Sunday morning!

We rehearse every Sunday morning at 10am in the small quad.

Kristin Chandler

Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir at LSCC is a very integral part of worship, particularly at the 11:00 am or Traditional Service. They sing most Sundays beginning in September through June. Auditions are not required. Rehearsals begin in September and end in May and are at 7:30 pm on Wednesday evenings. Membership is open to all who love to sing.

Carla Oliver

Funeral Dinners

This ministry provides funeral dinners for members of our congregation who pass on to new life. This includes providing the food and service of the food to the family members and guests invited to the dinner. Help needed for funeral dinners includes: set-up, prepare food, serve food, and clean-up. Each team has a list of volunteers who are willing to help in one or more of these areas. Team leaders contact a family member of the deceased to find out the needs of the family. Most meals are served at our church. Occasionally small family gatherings will request a meal be brought to their home. We do everything possible to make certain this difficult time is easier for the family.

Mary Johnson
Lois Belser

Grace Prayer Circle

Grace Prayer Circle (GPC) is a collection of members who pray daily for those on our weekly prayer list in the bulletin. We also receive individual prayer requests through the administrative office, pastors, and members of the GPC.

In addition to daily prayer, Janette practices Centering Prayer (a form of meditative prayer used for resting in God's presence) and is available to help others begin the practice. Please contact Janette by email for more information.

Janette Williams

WORSHIP

SERVE

Elders Cont.

Many of our Elders also provide leadership within our city. You will find Elders serving on the boards of many of our non-profit and ministry partners throughout Lee's Summit and Kansas City. As part of the role of Elder, we believe they should help pave the way in serving our church and community by sharing their gifts for ministry in a variety of settings.

The role of Elder is always one that is growing and changing as our world and culture changes. They take seriously the Holy Spirit's guidance as they find ways to care for the world and for our church. If you ever find yourself in need of prayer, then find an Elder and discover God's loving presence as they listen and pray with you.

Finance Team

The Finance Department evaluates the investments for the church, prepares the annual budget in conjunction with the various teams, monitors the financial related policies, and reviews the internal financial statements. We oversee the Stepping Stones budget and finances as well. We also handle undesignated Memorial gifts in accordance with the Monetary Policy. We meet approximately 4-6 times a year.

Sue Brammer

Handbell Choir

The Handbell Choir is a group of 10 to 12 members, including substitutes, who play traditional English handbells in support of worship services at Lee's Summit Christian Church. Our practices extend for part of the year, from early September through the end of May, with approximately 8 to 10 performances of prepared music at various points during that period. Handbell performances are also included specifically at the Christmas and Easter seasons.

Prior experience is not required for our members, but some prior knowledge of music and the ability to read music notation would be necessary for participation.

Practices are at 6:30 PM on Wednesday evenings in the sanctuary.

Dan Gant

SERVE

WORSHIP

Journey Band

One of our greatest gifts at Lee's Summit Christian Church is our music. During the Journey service at 9am, we have a live band that includes keyboards, guitars, bass, mandolin, drums, and ukulele. We are always expanding and looking for talented musicians to share their voice or their instruments in leading our worship. We play a variety of faithful music drawn from contemporary Christian artists and secular artists in order to create a meaningful and relevant worship experience. Each of our musicians has a deep faith that they love to share through their music, and we are always looking for artists to help as we continually grow deeper in our faith and worship.

Stan Chandler

Prayer Garden

The Prayer Garden is located on the North side of the church. It provides a beautiful place for prayer, peace, and reflection. If you would like to help with the general upkeep or special Prayer Garden projects as they arise, please contact Priscilla.

Priscilla Young

WORSHIP

Dedicated Piecemakers

The Dedicated Piecemakers quilting ministry meets once a month to create new, handmade quilts. We have presented quilts to each baby that has been dedicated in our church since January 1, 2015. We also present quilts to members of our church who have special circumstances in their lives. We invite everyone to come and join us. Come for all day (bring a sack lunch) or a part of the day. It's not necessary that you be a former quilter. There are many skills that go into making a quilt such as accurate cutting, pressing, selecting fabrics, hand sewing labels, etc.

How you can help:

1. Come join us on the third Thursday of each month from 9am-4pm.
2. Take a quilt home and machine or hand quilt it.
3. Donate supplies such as good quality 100% cotton fabric, quilt batting, thread, rotary cutters, needles (hand sewing and machine), quilting rulers, quilting mats, good quality sewing machine.

Sheryl Murray

Elders

Being an Elder in our congregation means being a spiritual leader in the life of our congregation. Our Elders pray at the communion table, visit those who are homebound, call on parishioners who might need some pastoral care, and lead various ministry groups within the church. To be an Elder is to be a spiritual caregiver. Our Elders have a long tradition of guiding and praying for our congregation.

SERVE

Compassionate Dinners

Volunteers are needed to prepare a main dish casserole, a vegetable dish or dessert to be placed in the Women's Ministry freezer. The pastors contact us when someone has a need for a meal. Food should be prepared in 8" by 8" disposable pans, wrapped in double layer of heavy duty foil and marked with the name of the dish, cooking instructions and the date prepared. Breads, muffins or cookies can be frozen in ziplock bags and marked with name of item and date prepared. Contact Claudia Ketterlin or Cindy Miller to schedule drop-off or call the church office.

Claudia & Joe Ketterlin
Cindy Miller

Deacons

Being a deacon at LSCC is much more than passing the offering plate and communion during services. It allows a member to serve the church and represent the congregation. It is an honor, a privilege, and it carries some responsibility.

By serving as a deacon, one has the opportunity to work closely with our ministerial team, enjoy fellowship with other elders and deacons, and to get to know the members of our congregation better. A deacon also has the opportunity to visit our members who cannot attend our regular services due to injury or illness. This mission costs nothing, and is much appreciated by the hospital or homebound. It is like a friendly tether to keep our ill and/or elderly members connected with our church, and, of course, to offer them prayer and communion.

Deacon positions are elected and new deacons begin in January each year.



SERVE

Adult Sunday School

LSCC provides a variety of adult education opportunities. Classes meet each Sunday from 10:00am-10:45am. Age ranges vary from young adult through senior adults. There is a series of lesson choices to cover for the year that touch a variety of subject areas. Also included in these studies are sessions during lent and advent.

For more information, please contact the leaders of Christian Education or any member of the ministerial staff.

Bible Studies

Throughout the year we offer Bible Studies exploring a variety of topics.

We explore theology, Biblical interpretation, and social justice. Together we study our sacred text in order to overhear how our faith tradition still speaks to us today.

In the past we have used the Disciples curriculum, Animate, Living the Questions, *Kerygma*, and others that our Ministry Team create. Each offering provides a rich and insightful learning opportunity filled with thoughtful discussion. These classes will be advertised in the E-news when they are offered.

Rev. Dr. Matthew Silvers

GROW

Christian Education

Christian Education is divided into three teams.

Children's Team - works with Children's minister to plan programs and activities for children 4yrs old through 6th grade. Also helps ensure that nursery is meeting the needs of parents and children. Team plans to meet quarterly.

Youth Team - works with Youth minister to plan programming and activities for youth 7th through 12th grade. Team plans to meet quarterly.

Adult Team - read and review materials to help make selections to be used in adult Sunday School. Team creates a plan for timing and rotation of materials. Team meets about 3 times from May to early August.

The moderators of Christian Education coordinate the purchase of adult study materials and distribution of materials to the classes. They also work with staff and finance to create an annual budget. Moderators approve and monitor expenses to ensure they are in line with the budget.

Craig Buhr
Katie Wilson

SERVE

Administration Team

The Administration Department provides support for all paid staff of the Church, basically functioning as the Human Resources Department. This department is responsible for maintaining the Personnel Policies and providing assistance for staff in understanding and following the policies. The department does ministry team reviews and salary administration for all paid staff. The department is responsible for maintaining their approved part of the church budget and works with the financial department to produce a proposed budget for the following fiscal year. At all times the Administration Department keeps the Church MLT (Ministry Leadership Team) Moderator and the MLT Board informed of all items being brought to the Administration Department for action as well as tasks assigned by the MLT.

Bob Rutherford

Café

The cafe is open on Sunday mornings from around 8:30am-10:45am. We serve coffee and a variety of bagels and other breakfast pastries from Panera. The cafe is a popular social gathering for church members and visitors before and after the worship services. It gives everyone a chance to visit with each other and meet new people.

The responsibilities of a cafe volunteer include:

1. Picking up the Panera order between 7:45am-8:00am
2. Place coffee-themed or holiday tablecloths on the café tables
3. Make coffee and place in the kitchen window along with the food items and all other supplies
4. Count money and turn in the collected funds along with the Panera receipt
5. Clean up and put away all supplies

Cheryl Empson

SERVE

Children's Ministry

The Children's Ministry at Lee's Summit Christian Church exists to provide a safe place for children to experience God while learning about God. Here children are invited to come as they are and find that they are loved children of God.

Opportunities for Children:

Sundays 10 AM-Bridge Builder's Choir. Choir is led by Miss Kristin in the small quad on Sunday mornings at 10:00-10:20. (see Bridge Builders Children's Choir by Miss Kristin)

Sundays 9:00 and 11:00 Worship. LSCC community comes together in worship at the 9am Journey service and 11am Well service. After the offering in each service, the children (4yrs – 3rd grade) are dismissed to room 117 for our Children Worship & Wonder program. Children Worship & Wonder is a Montessori-influenced program where children have the opportunity to hear Bible stories and form responses out of their own life experiences. They learn the meaning of church traditions and participate in worship practices (Young Children and Worship, Introduction).

Bridge Builders - Tuesdays 6:30PM to 7:30PM. LSCC invites children from age 4yrs-6th grade to participate. We come together around a Spiritual Affirmation. Then we engage the participants in learning activities that embrace multiple intelligences and spiritual disciplines. In Bridge Builders the theology and practice of Christian relationships creates an arena where all ages are transformed.

Faith Formation - Sundays 10:20-10:50 in the small quad for ages 4 yrs – 3rd grade. 4th– 6th grades meet in room 227. This is the time we expand on the Worship and Wonder story. The children are looking up Bible verses and asking questions.

Mission Projects: Serving and sharing God's love with our neighbors is part of who we are as people of faith. Mission opportunities for children and their parents are integrated into our Bridge Builder's evening activities.

Sanctuary Kids: Children that have graduated from Worship and Wonder will get the opportunity to follow a Deacon, Elder, Pastor, Organist, Choir Director or Technology person on the fourth Sunday of the month. Please email Kelley, kporter@lschristian.com to be put on the rotation.

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Children's Ministry Cont.

Summer Church Camps. Church camp is an amazing faith experience! Our church sends children and youth to Tall Oaks Camp & Conference Center in Linwood, KS. There are camps for all ages including an Intergenerational Grandparent's Camp. Info can be found at talloaks.org

Vacation Bible School. Each summer we host a Vacation Bible School for the children of LSCC and the Lee's Summit Community. We understand that children need a safe place in the community while many parents need to work so we will offer this program through the week during the day. Look for more information about dates and our theme in the Enews.

To sign up for text message reminders, updates and information on children's ministry events, text @lscch to 81010. Once you are signed up, you can also send direct text messages to Kelley using this technology.

Rev. Kelley Porter



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Life Groups

Life Groups are one of the ways we build community together. It is part of our emphasis in “Growing Disciples.” Life Groups are small group encounters that meet throughout the week. Some of them meet at church, others meet in various places across our city. Each group begins with a time of sharing and reflection. Then they spend some time reflecting on scripture or a theological topic. At the end of each meeting, they share prayer requests and encourage one another as we head out into the community.

Every group is open and welcoming to anyone who might be interested in participating. If Life Groups sound like something you would like to be a part of, please contact Rev. Matthew Silvers. We are also looking to create a couple of new Life Groups as well, and if that sounds like something you would be interested in leading, please let Matthew know. The training is easy and the ministry team provides resources for discussion and leading each session.

Rev. Dr. Matthew Silvers

Women’s Ministries

Women’s Ministries would like to invite all to join us in our many services to Lee’s Summit Christian Church. Our mission statement is “to provide opportunity for spiritual growth, enrichment, education, and creative ministries to enable women to develop a sense of personal responsibility for the whole mission of the church of Jesus Christ.”

We have 2 General Meetings throughout the year (June and October), and we have three different sections which meet monthly.

Deborah - 6:45pm, 2nd Monday, LSCC Parlor
Hannah - 9:30am, 2nd Monday, LSCC Parlor
Lydia - 10:30am, 2nd Wednesday, Places

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Women's Ministries Cont.

Our activities include:

- Funeral dinners to the family of our members when they pass to New Life.
- Compassionate dinners to members when they return home from the hospital or for some other reason cannot prepare food.
- Lingerie shower for the women of Hope House.
- Cheer baskets for shut-ins each Christmas season.
- Financial support to Vacation Bible School, Social Services (school supplies), Meals on Wheels, One Good Meal, Pro Deo, Fellowship of John at Foxwood Springs, Tall Oaks, etc.
- Church-wide garage sale
- Provide health kits and blankets for Church World Service with other area churches.
- Collect Least Coins as a national project.

In our meetings and outings, we enjoy fellowship and continue to learn from our study program and from our guest speakers at General Meetings. Come join us!

Claudia Ketterlin

Youth Ministry

The Youth Ministry at Lee's Summit Christian Church exists to provide a safe place for youth to discover the joy of following in the ways of Jesus. We all want to know we are not alone on this journey of life. Here youth are invited to be their authentic selves and find the respect they deserve as blessed children of God.

Caring adults develop meaningful relationships with youth to accompany them on the journey. We know the transition from adolescence to young adulthood is difficult, and we provide a supportive space for youth to ask the hard questions, think for themselves, and learn a vocabulary of faith as they grow in their relationship with God and become who God calls them to be.

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Welcome Garden

Our mission for The Welcome Garden is to demonstrate our congregation's commitment to "building bridges of grace from the Welcome Table to every table" by working alongside our fellow members and neighbors to foster a sense of community. We provide a portion of the harvest to those members in our community that might otherwise not have access to fresh, healthy fruits and vegetables. The goal is encouraging others to understand that everything on Earth is connected and dependent on one another for survival, and therefore the importance of caring for all of God's Creation.

Contact Kevin to request a raised bed or volunteer in the community garden. You can also help by bringing clear plastic produce containers with lids or donate gallon-size or quart-size ziplock bags. These items can be placed in the labeled tub in the kitchen.

Rev. Kevin Snow

Wine to Share: Water for All

Wine to Share: Water for All is a fundraiser to provide clean water and support water related justice issues across the world. The money raised helps Week of Compassion (the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) achieve success in water projects such as digging wells, building latrines, purchasing water pumps, and installing biosand filters all over the globe.

You can get involved by joining the planning team or by attending our annual event.

Rebecca Silvers

BRIDGE

Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity: ReStore

ReStores are building supply stores run by Habitat for Humanity affiliates that accept and resell quality new and used building materials. Shopping at a ReStore is a socially conscious decision, as funds generated are used to fund Habitat homebuilding projects. Shopping at a ReStore is also an environmentally conscious decision, as much of what is sold at ReStores is product that is new, gently used or customer returns that would otherwise end up in a landfill.

Donations are accepted at either of the ReStore locations at 505 N Dodgion St, Independence, MO 64055 or 1219 NW 7 Highway Blue Springs, MO 64014. A pick up service is available by appointment - call 816-886-7374. Volunteer help at the stores is always needed. Michael Straughn is the ReStore director and can be reached at mstraughn@trumanheritagehabitat.org.

You can help by volunteering, donating items, or shopping at ReStore.

Lois Belser

BRIDGE

Youth Ministry Cont.

Opportunities for Youth:

Sundays 10:00 AM - Sunday School. We have two SS classes for youth: Middle School (7th-8th grade) and High School (9th-12th grade). MS youth begin with a quirky video that sparks their conversation about faith or the scripture they are studying. HS youth engage in open and honest dialogue about how their faith relates to different topics.

Sunday evenings we take a brief pause from the busy schedules of the week and provide a variety of opportunities for young people (7th through 12th grade) to gather as a community and celebrate the gift of life which God has given us.

Usually, we gather from 6:30 - 8 p.m. on Sunday nights. Occasionally, we will go offsite which requires a different time frame. These occasional opportunities can be found in the youth ministry calendar we present each fall as we kick off the new year.

Worship Leadership & Church Leadership. Our teens are encouraged and empowered to use their gifts and leadership skills to serve the church. We also invite teens to serve on Ministry Teams because their voices are valued and important.

Summer Church Camps. Church camp is an amazing faith experience! Our church sends youth to Tall Oaks Camp & Conference Center in Linwood, KS. Information can be found at talloaks.org

Rev. Seth M. Vopat

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Tall Oaks Gala

Tall Oaks Conference Center provides a safe haven where spiritual renewal, faith development, leadership formation, education and fellowship are fostered in a setting that welcomes all people and celebrates God's creation. Tall Oaks is a ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater Kansas City to provide a natural sanctuary for its constituents where life-changing and enriching encounters with God and a belief in Jesus Christ are sought. Reflecting the ecumenical spirit of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Center also provides facilities for outside groups to host meetings, camps, and conferences that promote a subtle, harmonious encounter with the natural environment in a retreat setting.

LSCC children and youth attend summer camp at Tall Oaks each year. The Gala benefits Tall Oaks as its primary fundraiser for the year. It is usually held in October/November. You can help by making a monetary donation or by donating items for the Gala auction. LSCC usually has a table at the Gala so listen for announcements if you are interesting in attending.

Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity

Most of the home building/remodeling or A Brush with Kindness projects are located in Independence and Raytown. Our church has a work day on the 4th Saturday each month except December. We leave at 7:45am and return around 3-3:30pm. You must be 16 years old to participate and need to wear closed toe shoes. No experience needed and all tools are provided. A job supervisor is on-site and will provide training and instruction. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Online release forms and volunteer sign-ins are encouraged and can be done at www.trumanheritagehabitat.org. Our church also provides lunch for 12-15 people each time we go.

Volunteer help needed: People to attend work days or prepare lunch or any part of the lunch. The food cost is reimbursed up to \$25 each month.

Jody Wood

Stepping Stones Advisory Team

Stepping Stones Advisory Team works with a member of the pastoral team and the Stepping Stones Director to support our church preschool. The primary considerations of the team include but are not limited to: annual budget, salary considerations, personnel advice, insurance, maintenance issues, and encouraging the building of bridges from Stepping Stones families to Lee's Summit Christian Church.

Pam Upton

Stepping Stones Preschool

Lee's Summit Christian Church supports the Stepping Stones preschool program because we believe each child is a special gift from God and that it is important for children to experience the love and nurture of caring adults outside their home environment. Our program provides an environment that is conducive to the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development of each child in our care.

Stepping Stones follows a "hands on" approach to learning. We use a Creative Curriculum including centers. We believe children learn through their play. Our classroom learning environments are set up to encourage development in each child's motor, language, cognitive, social, and spiritual development. Each teacher creates his or her own lesson plans specialized to the children in the classroom.

Jaime Murrow - Director

BRIDGE



Bernard Campbell Middle School Backpack Program

The Campbell Middle School Backpack Program provides food for students over the weekends. Campbell provides LSCC a list of suggested food items to be donated. There are usually between 25-35 students/families that receive food for the weekends. LSCC adopts BCMS for two months: April and December. We donate food to stock their food pantry shelves. On top of that, we also provide additional food baskets for the families during the extended Christmas break.

You can help this ministry by bringing in the suggested food during the months April and December. Please watch the bulletin and E-news for further information. You can also make a financial contribution to Campbell Middle School (write "Campbell Cares" in the memo line). We also need volunteers to help deliver the food to the school once we have completed our collection.

Dennis Smith

Church in Society Team

Church in Society (CIS) has a foundation based on diversity, commitment, and outreach through the sharing of our money, talents and beliefs. Support of the Disciples organization at the national level is provided through structured giving to Basic Mission Finance.

Throughout the year, every year, CIS provides monetary support to multiple organizations, including Social Services, Hope House, Micah Ministries and Hillcrest Transitional Housing to name only a few. In addition, CIS and the Church have reached out beyond our community to help in crisis situations. Our Scripture base is Matthew 25:40, "Whatever you did for the least of these----"

Laura Moore

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Pro Deo

ProDeo is a hometown organization that has been on the journey with teens 7th - 12th grades since 2010. They provide after school and weekend options to help teens interact and grow into productive adults. The Lee's Summit Christian Church provides a hot meal for these kids on the 3rd Friday of each month while school is in session and several times during the summer.

Max Austin
Kathy Moore

Red Bags

The Red Bag program provides Christmas gifts for children in foster care who would not otherwise receive gifts. A person or group can sign up for a bag with some preferences, such as gender and age of child. Later, a name will be provided with some information to guide your shopping. There will be dates for returning the Red Bag to church. All of the LSCC bags will be delivered at one time to a site where they are loaded on trucks. Dates will be in the bulletin and Enews for sign-up, pick-up, and drop -off dates.

You can get involved in the Red Bag program by signing up for a Red Bag, helping at the sign-up/pick-up tables, shopping for gifts for those who have donated money, wrapping gifts/stuffing Red Bags, helping check-in the Red bags on the drop-off days, and helping load/deliver/unload all the Red Bags.

Jill Hertzog

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Micah Ministry

The Micah Ministry is the urban outreach mission of Independence Boulevard Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to the poor and needy in the historic Northeast area of Kansas City. The Micah Ministry is a C.U.I.C. (Churches Uniting in Christ) mission designed to encourage Christian unity, end racism, and “feed my sheep”. It is centered around a table ministry of home-cooked suppers in which faith-based and civic volunteers partner and seek to embody the call to evangelism by heeding the words of the prophet Micah.

You can get involved by helping to serve the meal on the 1st Monday of each month. Meet at church at 4:30pm if you want to ride the bus or be there by 5:00pm if you drive yourself. We serve from 5:30pm - 6:45pm, and we are usually done by 7:00pm.

Another way to get involved is through Potlucks with a Purpose. We roll plasticware and napkins for Micah Ministry.

Additionally, Micah Ministry maintain two well-stocked clothing pantries that are open most Monday evenings. Please place your clothing donations in the marked box. We also need volunteers to help sort the clothing donations before we take them to the clothing pantry.

Don Beaman (meal)

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Cub Scouts / Boy Scouts / Venture

The Scouting program offers 3 distinct groups. For boys in grades 1 to 4, we offer Cub Scouts. For boys in grades 5-11, we offer Boy Scouts. For young men and women in grades 8 to age 20, we offer the Venture program.

Merle Bowers

Green Stewardship Team

The “Green Stewardship Team” encourages our congregation to work towards living a more sustainable life. As disciples, we are called to seek justice for those who are in need and to utilize our gifts and resources to serve others. There are many opportunities at LSCC to serve others, but if you love the environment, the Green Team is for you.

The Green Team recognized a need in our community to provide fresh produce for those who couldn’t afford it otherwise. The Welcome Garden is our community garden that provides fresh produce to LSSS & Coldwater, who serve those in our community that are in need. The Garden is not only “building bridges of grace” by serving others but is also utilizing the church’s land and resources efficiently. If you’re interested in getting your hands dirty then the Green Team is for you.

The Green Team has lots of opportunities for you to get involved: Help with Stepping Stones Preschool’s “Lil Welcome Garden”. Plan activities for families to enjoy God’s creation like trips to the KC Zoo, Powell Garden, hikes, and float trips. Organize book studies with “Creation Care” themes. Host eco documentaries at church. Orchard—Water, mulch and prune the Giving Grove fruit trees.

Katie Snow

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Hillcrest Transitional Housing

Hillcrest Transitional Housing partners with Lee's Summit Christian Church (LSCC), along with other churches in Eastern Jackson County, to serve families who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. LSCC has a one-bedroom apartment at the Hillcrest facility in Lee's Summit for an individual involved in the Hillcrest program. Hillcrest has been serving families for over 30 years by providing a 90-day transitional housing program to help families become fully sufficient. The average age of a homeless person in Missouri is 7 years old, and approximately 75% of families served at Hillcrest are single mothers and their children. Volunteers are needed at different times of the year to assist with delivery of food to our resident, apartment maintenance and cleaning, painting, etc.

Mary Johnson

Hope House

For over thirty years, Hope House has saved lives by providing safe refuge for those affected by domestic violence. Hope House also offers comprehensive services including prevention, education, and support for thousands of people traumatized by domestic violence every year. With two secure locations in Independence and Lee's Summit, Hope House is the largest domestic violence shelter in Missouri.

You can help by donating any of the following items and putting them in the donation bin: Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Tums, Neosporin, Band-aids, Cold Medications (adult, child, infant), Hydrogen peroxide, Lysol cleaning spray/Lysol wipes, underwear and socks (all sizes for women, boys, girls), washcloths, large bath towels, twin size blankets, hairspray, hair brushes, wide-tooth combs.

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Hope House Cont.

The youth of LSCC also host a Christmas party each year for the residents of Hope House. They play games, bring cookies to frost, make crafts and Santa arrives--with a gift for each person (adult and child.) Kathy Moore helps coordinate the Christmas party.

Barbara Cooper (donations)
Kathy Moore (Christmas party)
Laura Moore (Church in Society)

Lee's Summit Social Services

For over 20 years, Lee's Summit Social Services has been helping families and individuals in need in our service area of Lee's Summit, Lake Lotawana, Greenwood, and Lone Jack. Numerous assists are given daily as the caseload continues to grow due to the country's hard economic times and the population growth in our service area.

The mission statement of Lee's Summit Social Services is to assist low-income, elderly and/or disabled persons in the Lee's Summit Social Services service area with emergency needs, while enabling them to maintain their dignity and learning to set and meet realistic goals which will lead to greater independence.

LSCC has a collection bin where we collect non-perishable food and paper goods for Lee's Summit Social Services.

For more information please contact Lee's Summit Social Services at (816) 525-4357.

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