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Mapping the length and breadth of our ministries together

*Jesus said, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea, in all Samaria (Oshkosh) and to the end of the earth."
(Acts 1:8)*

All of these ministries would not have been possible without your prayers, gifts, talents, services and money.

Ministry Focus Statement

Learn God's Word, teach God's word and share God's love through worship, education, fellowship and passionate services to our community and the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

Radical Hospitality

We try every possible way to present the utmost best of ourselves, our creativities and our abilities to offer a gracious invitation and loving welcome of Jesus Christ to all whom we may encounter.

We offer this radical Christ-like hospitality by:

- ◆ Making our building accessible to people of all ages, genders and conditions
- ◆ Clean, insured safe and secure, utility efficient enhanced sanctuary
- ◆ Hospitable staff and members
- ◆ First Sunday breakfast gathering provides an opportunity to invite friends, relatives, acquaintances, neighbors and co-workers to recognize and celebrate birthdays, anniversaries and other special events in each other's lives (FRANC)
- ◆ Make our building and facilities available to community groups such as the scouts, counseling services, Taekwondo and Cancer Survival Group
- ◆ Regular visits with our homebound and families and the sick
- ◆ We celebrate with those who rejoice
- ◆ Connecting Neighbors—Disaster Preparedness

Scripture: *"You shall love the stranger, for you were strangers in Egypt"* (Deut. 10: 19)

Extravaqant Generosity

The unselfish willingness to give exceedingly beyond all expectations and extending to unexpected measures. We give because God has extravagantly given and calls us to be in mission and ministry in our congregation, our community and the world.

Some of the ways we live out our generous hearts for mission include:

- ◆ Active participation in the shared ministry giving of our denomination, annual, district conferences and circuit ministries.
- ◆ Continuous progress toward 100% giving to conference apportionment.
- ◆ Observe and support all of the General conference approved special Sundays
- ◆ Wisconsin Annual Conference's Health and Welfare Ministries
- ◆ Food, monetary and material donations and services to our community food pantries, Day to Day Warming Shelter, CROP Walk, Gideon's Scripture Distribution Ministry and Fox Valley Walk to Emmaus
- ◆ Share our building and facilities with community groups
- ◆ Serve as an emergency shelter for Red Cross & South Park Middle School
- ◆ Support EAA through an annual mission speaker
- ◆ Wesley Wednesday Fellowship—monthly September through April
- ◆ FRANC Sunday—First Sunday of each month breakfast and fellowship time to celebrate special days in our members lives
- ◆ Stewardship Education

Scripture: *"Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor."* (Prov. 22:9)

Passionate Worship

With extreme eagerness to honor God in ways that clearly connect people to Him, we consider our time of worship as the heartbeat of our life together. We experience the life giving breathe of God through the Word and Sacraments in ways that enable us to live out our life of faith and deed.

With such deep passion our worship services take on expressions such as:

- ◆ Enhanced Sanctuary equipped with screen projection
- ◆ Regular worship services that include preaching and teaching of God's Word, Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month with attention to the observance of all major liturgical seasons (Christmas Eve, Lent, Holy Week and Special Sundays).
- ◆ Baptism, Confirmation, Weddings and Funerals
- ◆ Uplifting music by Chancel Choir, Morning Glory Singers and youth and children's choirs.
- ◆ Child/nursery care for infants so young families can attend worship services.
- ◆ Thursday evening prayer services
- ◆ Christmas Cantata ,Christmas Eve Service, and Caroling
- ◆ Pulpit exchange on Transfiguration Sunday
- ◆ Lenten, Holy Week Services and Easter "Sonrise" Service
- ◆ Joint Ash Wednesday service with other UM churches
- ◆ Ecumenical Good Friday Service
- ◆ Vespers at Evergreen Retirement Community
- ◆ Devotions at all church meetings

Scripture: *"Ascribe to God the glory due him, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!"* (1 Chron. 16:29)

Intentional Faith Development

Offering high quality purposeful and meaningful experiences for all ages and stages of faith. From first century Christians to the earliest Methodists to the youngest generation of faithful believers today, the followers of Jesus Christ mature in faith by learning together in community.

This tradition continues here at Wesley. Some of the ways we learn together include:

- ◆ Sunday morning classes for children, youth and young adults
- ◆ Adult Coffee Hour Sunday School Class
- ◆ Thursday Faith to Life Study
- ◆ Confirmation classes for youth and parents
- ◆ Thursday Evening Prayer and scriptural discussion Group
- ◆ Continuing education for staff
- ◆ Lenten and Advent Devotionals
- ◆ Joint Vacation Bible School with two UCC congregations
- ◆ Young Adults Group
- ◆ United Methodist Men's Group and Women's Group
- ◆ Happy Elders
- ◆ Communications through monthly newsletter, email, website and personal contact and fellowship

Scripture: *"Do your best (study) to show yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, but rightly explaining the word of truth .* (2 Tim. 2:15b)

Risk taking Mission and Service

Going out of your comfort zone in the projects, efforts and work people do to make a positive difference in the lives of others for the purposes of Jesus Christ.

There are several ways we share the love of Christ in congregation, community and the world. The ways include both hands-on work and financial support. Some of the ways we reach out , touch and transform lives in the name of Jesus Christ include:

Hands –on ministry participation

- ◆ Food and cash donations and service to food pantries, and shelters
- ◆ Meal for visiting college students event
- ◆ Emergency Shelter
- ◆ Adopt a Family with Salvation Army
- ◆ Oshkosh One—Campus Ministry

Other ways we do missions

- ◆ UMC shared Apportionments through which we support the local and global ministries of our denomination and annual conference. 100% of all donations go directly to this cause
- ◆ Support local, state , national and international ministries through special offerings
- ◆ Regular offerings and tithes support of our congregation's ministries in addition to the shared missions and ministries we do and support with the conference and general church
- ◆ We support ministries outside of our congregation even in the face of current financial constraints.
- ◆ Quarterly Mission speakers

Scripture: Jesus says, *"For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it."* (Luke 9:24)