



MINISTRY  
DIRECTORY

**KNOW GROW GO**



**Port Charlotte United Methodist Church**  
KNOW Christ. GROW to love Christ. GO to serve Christ.

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# PCUMC MINISTRY DIRECTORY

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## **Acts of Faith (flags, puppets, dance)**

Meet every other week at 11:15 to practice Flags and Puppets to perform for events. Contact: Barbara Hald, Director of Children's Ministries, (941) 625-4356, children@pcumc.info.

## **Audio/Visual Team**

Contact: Sean Bryan, 941-286-1493

## **Bell Choir – Wesley Ringers**

PCUMC is privileged to have several octaves of Schulmerich handbells and willing hands to ring them. The Wesley Ringers meet weekly on Wednesday mornings for practice and play one Sunday per month, generally October through May, under the direction of Fred Wagner and the organizational skills of Barbara Deaton.

New ringers are always welcome. Experience with handbells is not required; some ability to read music is a great asset. Contact: Fred Wagner (941) 347-7191

## **Bulletin Team**

Many hands make light work! Join us on Friday mornings as we assemble our Sunday worship bulletins, monthly newsletters and enjoy fellowship with one another. Every Friday beginning at 8:30am in the Conference Room.

Contact: Katherine in the Church Office 625-4356, katherinelwarden@gmail.com.

## **Board of Trustees**

Manage, protect and repair the property of the church. We meet the second Monday of the month unless the first Monday is a holiday, then everyone is moved up a week. Call Mike Sniecinski @ 941-426-0959, or email jmsniecinski@yahoo.com.

## **Bread Pick-up Ministry**

A simple way to help others is to pick up bread and pastries from Publix grocery and deliver these to the Homeless Coalition or to Trinity UMC for their lunch program. We need drivers for five days per week (Monday —Friday) to drive to the Publix on State Road 776 before 7:00 A.M. and deliver the goods to the Homeless Coalition or to Trinity UMC. Call Doris at 941-235-3556 or J.C at 941-629-0363 to join this ministry.

## **Chancel Choir**

Choral music has been a staple of the worship life of the Christian church for centuries and PCUMC is proud to continue in this strong tradition. Our Chancel Choir meets weekly on Wednesday evenings and sings for services every Sunday throughout the choral season (September through Trinity Sunday, generally late May or early June). New members are always welcome; the ability to read music is a great help, but not a requirement; being able to sing on pitch is essential. Please contact our director of music, David deSilva, for more information (ddesilva@ashland.edu; 941-764-6047).

### **Children's Ministry**

Oversees all activities for 5th grade and under. Teaching a biblical way of life while following our to Know Grow and Go. Our goal is to do this in a safe but fun way. Contact: Barbara Hald, Director of Children's Ministries, (941) 625-4356, children@pcumc.info.

### **Children's Summer Lunch Program**

The Children's Summer Lunch Program provided approximately 200 meals per week during the 2014 school summer vacation to children staying at the Homeless Coalition, Boys and Girls Club summer school program, Trinity assistance, and in schools holding summer school. This program does not have a specific dollar amount in the Salty Service budget. We are fortunate to have Wendy's as a donor as well as other area churches and our congregation members. The Wendy's coupons will be available at the Welcome Center throughout the year. They will be good until December 31, 2015. Our church received 15% of each sale for the "Children's Summer Lunch Program". Volunteers are needed for using the coupons at Wendy's, letter writing to help raise funds as well as preparing the lunches and then delivering them. Contact: Chris Burr (941) 764-1866

### **Children's Sunday School**

Sundays from 9:30 to 10:30, two separate classes teach K-2nd grade and 3rd thru 5th grades. Children learn to use Bibles, memorize scripture and enjoy the word of God together. Contact: Barbara Hald, Director of Children's Ministries, (941) 625-4356, children@pcumc.info.

### **Children's Weekday Ministries**

We are blessed to be called to this ministry and involved in the lives of the families that enter our doors. We offer preschool classes: 2 day (TTH) from 9-12, 3 day (MWF) from 9-12 and VPK classes: M-F from 9-12 and MWF from 9-2. We also have an after-school program. Our buses pick up children at area elementary schools and bring them here for activities and supervision until 6 pm. Contact: Paula Mann, Director (941) 625-4356, pcumc.school@gmail.com.

### **Church Council**

Meets: 1st (or 2nd) Monday at 7:00pm Contact: Pastor Brian (941) 625-4356

### **Clap, Tap & Jingle (CTJ)**

Our CTJ meets on Mondays & Tuesdays (during the weeks that Charlotte County is in school) from 9:30-10. This is a great time for parents, grandparents, and baby sitters to bring their child for a free time of music & movement. We love to sing & dance. After CTJ there is a snack time and an opportunity to visit the playground or stay for story time. Contact: Paula Mann, Director (941) 625-4356, pcumc.school@gmail.com.

### **Chapel**

On Wednesdays & Thursdays from 9:30-10am, we bring our preschool students to the sanctuary for chapel. This is a great time to sing praises to Jesus, learn our

monthly Bible verse in sign language, and to hear stories about Jesus and how He wants us to live. Contact: Paula Mann, Director (941) 625-4356, pcumcschool@gmail.com.

### **Community Christmas Dinner**

Christmas 2014 was the 29th year for holding our community Christmas dinner: Volunteers are needed in all areas to make the dinner a success.

Contact: Chris Burr (941) 764-1866

### **Connect 45**

Connect 45 is small group that meets at 10:45 am in the New Room on Sunday mornings for discussion, prayer and Bible study. All are welcome to join us as we grow in our faith. We are also looking to add leaders to our rotation to help facilitate the group. Contact Person: Paul Kisner (941) 625-4356

### **Connection Ministry**

The goal of The Connection Ministry is to insure that first-time visitors, regular/seasonal visitors and PCUMC members are greeted properly when they attend our worship services. The Connection Ministry will follow up on the information received from the registration pads and the PINK LET'S CONNECT cards found in the pews. The CONNECT CARDS will enable us to encourage visitors to become active in our church ministries and consider making PCUMC their church home. Members may also use the cards to connect with church functions. The Connection Ministry also offers the monthly New Member Class. If you would like to get involved in Connection Ministry as a pre-worship greeter or an usher at one of our worship services, please fill out a CONNECT card and drop it in the offering plate or contact Pastor Earl by phone (352-848-7865) or e-mail (earlparker60@gmail.com)

### **Crocheting Group**

Meets the 2nd Thursday, 10am in the Conference Room.

Contact: "D" Fletcher (941) 623-0642

### **Children's Weekday Ministry Board**

Meets the 3rd Thurs., 5:30pm in the Conference Room. Contact: Paula Mann

### **DISCIPLE Bible Study Classes**

Offered several times/year. Contact: Marlene Young 941-627-4783

### **Emmaus**

The Walk to Emmaus is available to both men and women who would like to enhance their life with God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. The program is beautifully designed to enrich our lives and help us to help others. It is a great tool to develop us into leaders and, at the same time, show how much we can effectively work in our church. Contact: Paul Smith (941)764-8895

### **Emmaus (Men's) Reunion Group:**

This is a group of men that have taken the "Walk to Emmaus" and we meet every Wednesday at 8:00am at Chick-Fil-A on Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte. If you have taken the "Walk" and are looking for a reunion group please join us.  
Contact: Paul Smith (941)764-8895

### **Emmaus (Women's) Reunion Group - "Hooked on Jesus"**

After making the Walk to Emmaus, women share fellowship about how their Christian walk progresses. We share experiences of God's presence and love, living as disciples, practicing spiritual disciplines, and special prayer concerns. We support continuing Walks with agape gifts and sponsoring pilgrims. All women who have made the Walk in any place are welcome to join us. We meet weekly on Mondays at 1:00pm at the home of Doris Hixson. Call 941-235-3556 for directions.

### **Emmaus (Women's) Reunion Group - "Ladies of the Lord"**

1st & 3rd Thursday., 9am Contact: Deidra Setser (941) 627-6602

### **Family Ministry**

The PCUMC Family Ministry seeks to provide fellowship opportunities for families of all shapes and sizes. We plan 6 activities a year for fun and fellowship. Activities have included Stone Crabs baseball games, putt-putt golf, canoeing and more. All are invited to participate and we are always looking for people to help coordinate the activities. Contact Person: Paul Kisner (941) 625-4356

### **Finance Committee**

Meets: 1st Monday, 6:00pm Contact: Fred Wagner (941) 347-7191

### **Financial Aid**

The first Sunday of each month is our Communion Fund offering. The donations allow us to help those in need in our church and community to meet gas and electric bills and other needs. One doesn't realize how many folks actually sleep in their car, until you hear their stories on Thursday afternoons. A gas voucher given person to look for a job could them him become a contributing member of the community again. Volunteers are needed to administer the program as well as simply talking to the folks who come for help. Contact: Chris Burr (941) 764-1866

### **G.E.M.S. Girls' Club (grades 1-6)** (Girls everywhere meeting the Savior).

Girls pre- k through 8th grade. Meets on Thursdays at 6:15 to 7:30pm. Girls study the scripture through devotions, work to earn different badges based on the scripture, and fellowship with each other. Contact: Barbara Hald, Director of Children's Ministries, (941) 625-4356, children@pcumc.info.

### **GriefShare (13-week sessions)**

GriefShare is a grief recovery support group where you can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. Participants do not need to be part of PCUMC to attend GriefShare. Sessions are 13 weeks in length, and a participant can join at any time. Meeting on Wednesday afternoons from 1-3pm. More information on the

GriefShare program can be found at [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org). For more information, contact: Doris Hixson (941) 235-3556, [orindad@comcast.net](mailto:orindad@comcast.net)

### **Health Ministry**

The United Methodist Church recognizes that the physical health of the individual is linked to their spiritual and mental well being. Thus the health ministry focuses on wellness including healthy lifestyle, education and prevention. A member will not necessarily be someone who practices in the area of health care. Anyone who is passionate about the health of the community can be an effective member of the ministry. The Health Ministry committee meets every two months.

Contact: Jane Trammell Cell (941) 626-1586, Home (941) 743-7336, email: [jane.trammell42@gmail.com](mailto:jane.trammell42@gmail.com)

### **Hospitality**

The purpose of the Hospitality Committee is to take responsibility for a warm and friendly welcome to church visitors as well as our members. We have coffee and cookies between the 8:00 and 9:30 services. This is a good time to have fellowship and greet our new members. We also provide assistance at wedding and funeral receptions. Contact: Marcie Marshall (941) 235-1561

### **Hospital Visitation Team**

The Hospital Visitation Team are members of our congregation who devote numerous hours calling on patients in the hospital and in some cases rehab facilities. We work in conjunction with the Pastor. This is a very rewarding experience to visit with people who have been injured, sick or just need a friendly face to speak with. If you are interested, please call. Contact: Paul Smith (941)764-8895)

### **KAIROS**

Kairos is a men's prison ministry which has been active in this church for many years. We actually go behind the prison walls and minister to the inmates. Some of the same teachings that we experience in the Emmaus Walk are used in the Kairos movement. As congregation members you help provide lunch for the inmates twice a year during a week-end of evangelism meetings for the inmates. Contact: Chris Burr (941) 764-1866 or Paul Smith (941)764-8895

### **Kids' Worship**

Sundays at 11:15 following Children's Moment in the 11o'clock service. Fun time of worshipping with themed sermons, music, games and activities. Contact: Barbara Hald, Director of Children's Ministries, (941) 625-4356, [children@pcumc.info](mailto:children@pcumc.info).

### **Landscape Team**

Contact: Church Office (941) 625-4356

## **LAY LEADERSHIP**

All Lay Leadership Positions are appointed by the Lay Leadership Committee, and approved by the Church Charge Conference, for a term not to exceed 3 years. Contact: Pastor Brian (941) 625-4356

### **Church Council**

Responsibilities include:

1. Plan, implement, and evaluate current and future programs of PCUMC to align with our Mission/Vision/Purpose of KNOW, GROW, and GO.
2. Provide an administrative infrastructure.
3. Function as church's ongoing administrative agency in issues requiring leadership for the church conference per UMC book of Discipline.

### **Lay Leaders/s**

Responsibilities include:

1. Serving in partnership with the pastor and staff to plan, implement, and evaluate current and future programs of PCUMC.
2. Serves as a connection between committees.
3. Serves the congregation, and intercedes on the congregation's behalf with all the local church's mission and ministry teams.

### **Finance Committee**

Responsibilities include:

1. Provide financial direction
2. Provide the program and operating budget
3. Provide financial communications
4. Provide for financial reports and substantiation

### **Board of Trustees**

Oversee, maintain, and supervise all local church property and equipment.

### **Staff-Parish Relations Committee**

Responsibilities Include:

1. Explain the nature and function of ministry to the staff and the congregation.
2. Confer with the congregation and the staff/pastor about ministry direction.
3. Assess the ministry of the congregation and the staff/pastor at least annually.

### **Life Together Group:**

A small group that meets on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Conference room. Videos and discussions are always changing but based on the word of God. Contact: Barbara Hald (941) 625-4356, children@pcumc.info.

### **Men's Ministry Coordinator**

1. Invite and initiate spiritual growth opportunities for all men of the church.
2. Assist other ministries of the church with support through labor and assets.



3. Focus is not inward, concentrating only on those who attend a set meeting, but outward to all men, assisting them to engage in the process of spiritual growth.

### **Men's Monday Study Group**

Meets: Mondays at 8:00 am in the Conference Room.

Contact: Don Nevins 941-625-7591 / Terry Hixson 941-235-3556

### **Nursery and Child Care**

Available on Sundays 7:45 to 12:15 and on Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30.

We provide a safe and loving environment while reading books and teaching songs to children. Contact: Barbara Hald, Director of Children's Ministries, (941) 625-4356, children@pcumc.info.

**Prayer Chain** (email/phone) Church office/Ellen Even (941) 625-4356

### **Salty Service (Missions) Team**

In our PCUMC there are five Mission Vital sign ministries. Salty Service is one of the five. Salty Service meets on the 3rd Monday of each month. Our work is reported back to the Church Council on the 1st Monday of the month. The name Salty Service comes from Matthew 5:13 where Jesus teaches about salt and light. Meets on the 3rd Monday, 7:00pm. Contact: Chris Burr (941) 764-1866

### **Secret Sisters**

The Secret Sisters are a group of women that anonymously give a card and or gift \$5.00 or under to an assigned Sister. The Secret Sisters ministry is open to all women of the church. All we ask is that you honor your Secret Sister on her birthday, and seven holidays that are listed on the application. The bible verse that expresses our mission is Galatians 5:6B "The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love." Contact: Lynda Freas 941-764-7834

**Small Repairs Team** Contact: Church Office (941) 625-4356

### **Sowers Class**

Meeting every Sunday morning from 9:30 until 10:25, this group joins in Bible study as well as training and discussion about how to live the Christian life. Curriculum is based upon Bible passages and focuses on various themes, disciplines, and practices of living as Christians in today's world. An informal discussion group, we encourage much interaction and sharing. Currently, the facilitator is Doris Hixson. We meet in the Port and everyone is welcome.

### **Stephen Ministry**

Stephen Ministers are members of the congregation who listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are facing a crisis or going through tough times. They have received special training to provide one-on-one Christian care for people in our congregation and community who are experiencing: grief, loneliness, divorce, hospitalization, disability, job loss and many other life difficulties. Active Stephen Ministers meet the first and third Friday

of each month at 9:30am in the New Room for continuing education and peer supervision. To learn how to become, or receive care from, a Stephen Minister, contact Pastor Brian 625-4356 or any of the following Stephen Ministry Leaders: Sue Edmiston 629-4082, June Richards 255-5273, Marlene Young 627-4783, Pat and Dean Winston 661-8825

### **Sunday Hospitality Team**

**Greeters:** Our Greeters are an integral part of a newcomer's worship experience. From the moment a first-time guest pulls into our parking lot, until they enter the doors of the sanctuary, our Greeters welcome, engage, and inform each and every person. Contact: Marcie Marshall (941) 235-1561

**Welcome Center:** Our Welcome Center Ministry Volunteers answer questions, assist with sign-ups, escort people to areas, and show God's love to all. Contact: Marcie Marshall (941) 235-1561

**Ushers:** A church usher is a person who helps ensure a smoothly running church service and who ministers to people in a variety of practical ways. Contact: Earl Parker (352) 848-7865

### **Sunshine Ministry**

Visit the homebound or those confined to care facilities once a month using your spiritual gift. Group meets quarterly in the New Room at 9:00AM the second Wednesday of the month. Contact the church office 625-4356 or info@pcumc.info.

### **Thursday Night Bible Study**

Thursdays at 7:00 pm Contact: Paul Coker (941) 743-8752

### **Trinity Methodist Church**

Also known as our sister church. We provide food every-other-week for them for their Wednesday assistance program. There is also a donation cart next to the welcome center to assist with their program. Volunteers are always needed on Wednesday and other times picking up food donations. Contact: Chris Burr (941) 764-1866

### **United Methodist Men Pancake Breakfasts**

1st Saturday, 7-11 am in Fellowship Hall (October - May)  
Contact: Sid White (941) 979-0250 or Rick McCullough

### **United Methodist Men Board Meetings**

2nd Wed., 3:00pm Contact: Sid White (941) 979-0250 or Rick McCullough

### **Ushers & Greeters**

Earl Parker (352) 848-7865

### **WIDOWS' MIGHT**

The Widows' Might offers social support for women over 55 who live alone. Membership is open to the community and we have members attending from Arcadia, Cape Coral, North Port, Punta Gorda, and Venice. We attend area events as decided by those interested. We have a speaker each month to discuss topics of

interest to single women living alone. We bring a lunch to eat during our social hour from 11:00-12:00, listen to our speaker, and have a short business meeting. Dues for one year are \$12. Our meetings are held the second Thursday each month in the New Room of the Port Charlotte United Methodist Church from 11:00am-1:30pm. Contact person: Jo Ann Carter, Phone: 941-391-6136, Email: carterja94@comcast.net

### **Wednesday Night Out (WNO)**

This well attended weekly event falls under the Salty Service umbrella. Guests are asked for a donation to cover the dinner costs. However, no one is turned away because of lack of ability to pay. Wednesday Night Out is more than just a dinner as you will note by checking the Events calendar on the back of the bulletin. Contact: Chris Burr (941) 764-1866

### **Wednesday Night Out (WNO) Children's Class**

PBnJ's (Port Believers n Jesus) meet in the Port for fun activities. We are now traveling the world learning about Respect. Contact: Barbara Hald, Director of Children's Ministries, (941) 625-4356, children@pcumc.info.

### **Wednesday Night Youth Leader**

5:30 - 8:30 pm Volunteers can come every week or on a rotation such as every other week or once every three weeks. Contact: Paul Kisner (941) 625-4356

### **Women's Bible Studies**

Tues., 9:30am, 1:30pm & 6:30pm Contact: "D" Fletcher (941) 623-0642

### **Women's Ministry Coordinator**

Responsibilities Include:

Assist in the formation of a community of women whose purposes are:

1. To know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ.
2. To develop a creative supportive fellowship.
3. To expand concepts of Salty Service through participation in PCUMC's ongoing mission partnerships.

### **Women's Circles**

Contact: Church office (941) 625-4356

## **WORSHIP**

### **Worship Committee**

The worship committee is made up of clergy and laity, who meet to plan all things pertaining to the worship experience. Oversees many of the details involving our regular worship services, and special events. The ministry is made up of both lay persons and staff, along with short-term volunteers. We work to create a passionate worship experience in glorifying our Lord and Savior in all aspects of our services. We welcome comments and suggestions from our congregation. If you are inter-

ested in serving on this committee, or have comments, please contact Karen Wenck (941)625-2753 / kwenck2@comcast.net.

### **Worship Team**

Seeks to draw the congregation into God's the presence through their musical gifts. Individuals with vocal and instrumental skills are invited to sign-up and/or speak with Sean Bryan about a place on the team. Contact: Sean Bryan (941) 286-1493

### **Tech Team**

**Audio:** Our sound technicians are responsible for sound assistance. We are charged to make sure that everyone can hear what is being said, sung, or being played in our worship services.

**Video:** Our Video team is responsible for what is seen on the projection screens in services. Our goal is that every word sung, and spoken, reinforces what the congregation hears.

**Lighting:** Lighting operators control the house and stage lighting. They help control the focus of each element during the service, drama, or musical.

**Production:** We are just beginning to use cameras and a system set up for recording services to video and for playback of special video illustrations or presentations to enhance our ministries.

If God moves you in any of these areas, we want you to join our Tech Ministry. We will gladly help train you in whatever area you are interested in.  
Contact: Sean Bryan (941) 286-1493

### **Youth (6th-12th grades)**

“The Port Youth” is our ministry geared toward middle and high school students. We meet for Youth Group on Wednesday nights from 6:00-8:15 pm in the youth room. We also meet on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 am for Sunday school. The Port Youth is an active ministry dedicated to helping our youth grow closer to Jesus. Our volunteer opportunities include: (all volunteers must apply to work with the youth and complete a background check)

Contact: Paul Kisner (941) 625-4356

### **Youth Sunday School Teacher:**

9:15 - 10:30am Sunday mornings (Currently our Sunday school teachers are on a 3 week rotation or teach 1 week and off for 2 weeks)

Other opportunities include: Drivers for special events or snack provider for special events. Contact: Paul Kisner (941) 625-4356

# **OTHER GROUPS**

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## **Alheimers' Support Group**

3rd Thurs., 3:00pm Contact: Church Office (941) 625-4356

## **Girl Scouts**

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30pm Contact: Doria Malenzi (941) 626-3745

## **Boy Scouts**

Tuesdays, 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall Contact: Tom Koontz (941) 624-4223

## **Exercise Class**

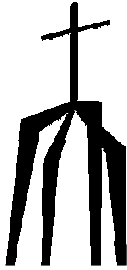
M-W-F 9:00am in Fellowship Hall Contact: Joanne Salk (941) 624-3965

## **Alcoholics Anonymous**

2 groups: Mondays 5:30pm & 8pm; Thursdays 5:30pm







### **Join us on Sundays**

Traditional Worship at 8 & 11

Contemporary 9:30am

### **Wednesday Nights**

WNO Dinner: 5-6:30pm

Children's Ministry: 6-7:30pm

Youth: 6-8:15pm

Choir 6:15pm

Adult Studies: 6:30-7:30pm

### **Church Office and Ministry Staff**

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