

Altar Guild

What is your ministry celebrating?

We are celebrating a busy year and getting ready for Christmas. There is a lot of decorating to be done after Thanksgiving and scheduling for the extra communions we have during the week of Christmas. As always, we thank God for His continued blessings on our church and this ministry. I also thank each member of the Altar Guild for their faithful service. Each lady has a heart for serving our church and our Lord and are a joy to serve with.

What challenges does our ministry face?

We have been praying for an area where all the items used by Altar can be organized, stored, and available for use. We had hoped to have this project completed this year but due to many issues, we were not able to move forward this year. We hope and pray next year we will be able to see this project completed.

Board of Directors

What are we celebrating?

- Progress on updating our policy and procedures
- Two members who desire to serve another term
- An opportunity to connect in community and not just “do the business”
- Some progress on salaries
- Gathering Place work
- God’s financial blessing throughout a better-than-expected fiscal year

What challenges does our ministry face?

- Finishing Constitution and By-Laws work
- Finishing policy and procedures
- Mortgage Reduction

Children’s Ministry

What are we celebrating?

- 100+ adults provided an opportunity for 200 kids to connect to Christ during VBS
- More of a connection between Rez Kid Connection and the school age classroom including the integration of the same curriculum that is used in Sunday School and Children's Church
- Worked with Kristen to recruit and schedule 1-2 youth helpers on Sunday mornings

- Awesome all Ministry outreach Halloween Hoopla event reached 115+ kids, including Rez families, Wee Care families and many families whose major connection with Rez (and Christ) is VBS and events
- Great group of kids who regularly attend Sunday School and are growing in their faith together; it's great to see their friendships grow along with their connection to Christ
- Enthusiastic start to the Children's Christmas program rehearsal

What challenges does our ministry face?

- Creating a church culture where Sunday School is as much a priority as Children's church
- Recruiting additional Kid Connection Sunday morning teachers

Human Care

Primary Goal: Oversee the comfort of congregational and wee care members/families who have a compromised position - (ill, recent death in family, surgery, other)

Secondary Goal: In collaboration with pastor provide meal ministry, memorial service food, holiday gift baskets, rides/transportation to attend church service(s) or for medical appointments

Secondary Goal: Complete procedure manual of steps involved in all aspects of Human Care ministry

Outreach

Opportunity: Conduct annual rummage sale in May. This is both outreach and fundraiser, and allows non-operational funds to support the local human care expenses.

Coordinate annual angel tree (nominations, distribution of angels, collection of gifts and distribution of gifts to angels). Angel tree is available to anyone in need, not only from our local church and wee care rolls, but also for anyone in need in the community, from Shepherd's Gate, and for families of incarcerated persons nominated by Chaplains of Contra Costa County Detention Facilities.

Music

What are we celebrating?

1. Youth involved in services: MacKenzie, Dominic, KC
2. A fixed sound system is in the works
3. Willing hearts to coordinate vacations, etc.

What challenges does our ministry face?

1. A pool of singers and instrumentalists

2. Impression that Music is a low priority at Rez
3. Gym availability for rehearsals - difficulty in moving heavy equipment to alternate location
4. Having to leave stage / clean off stage between services and rehearsals or stored items

Youth Ministry

What challenges does our ministry face?

- Scheduling around sports and other extracurricular activities
- Deciphering how to best support families in collectively growing in their faith
- Helping support families as they navigate best ways to use technology
- Finding activities that all the Jr. High students will participate in despite very diverse interests

What are we celebrating?

- Jr. High Students are growing in the spiritual discipline of reading the Scriptures on their own.
- Jr. High students are eager to learn and grow and participate
- 9 Student helpers volunteering with Children's Ministry
- Started breakfast and devotions on Late Start days for High School
- Getting on Campus at High Schools - Liberty Christian Club (Weekly) Heritage FCA Huddles (Monthly)
- New student is regularly coming to High School Group.
- Many students have felt safe enough to open up about tough things they are wrestling with in their lives.