



Our Ministries

ADULT EDUCATION

Contact: John and Diane Wilson, 297-7908, wilsondj57@earthlink.net

Varies with classes offered, check the Adult Ed Webpage, Sunday bulletins and monthly newsletter

Purpose: To ensure that there are opportunities for adults to explore, learn and grow in their spiritual development.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contact: Interim Chair: Peggy Bower

Meeting: Second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. in the Center.

Purpose: To oversee the management of church properties and facilities. Trustees also act with the Finance Committee in overseeing management of other church assets.

Activities: Organization of periodic church-wide workdays; organization and participation in special projects; monthly meetings.

Member requirements: Must be a member of St. Francis, and be nominated to the Board by Leadership Development Committee.

BORDER MINISTRIES

Co-Chairs: Paul Fuschini, 690-8768; Rolly Loomis, 299-9063, ext. 103,
rloomis@stfrancisumc.org

Purpose: To bring awareness to the inhumanity of the current border policies and to simple things like giving a neighbor a drink of water. We cooperate with Humane Borders, Humanitarian, Border Links, No More Deaths and others.

Activities: Survival kits, helping to maintain water stations in the desert, etc.

BORDERLINKS

Contact/Chair: Robbie Dick, 299-3298, robbie85718@gmail.com

Purpose: A not-for-profit bi-national organization that conducts travel seminars focusing on the social and economic issues of the Mexican border communities.

Activities: Trips to border communities; stay with families there; receive firsthand experiences of the border with all of its complexities; bring together people from the "north" and "south" to share their perspectives and concerns.

Service opportunities: Short term and semester-long immersion programs; experiential education of North Americans; opportunities for relationship building with community leaders, theologians, business people, workers, students, activists, et al from Latin and North America; workshops, conferences, resources to promote leaders who understand the impact of global economic trends.

CASA MARIA

Contact: Jody Mallie, 544-4726, Jodiem@comcast.net

Meeting: One Saturday a month

Purpose: To provide a monthly meal at Casa Maria's soup kitchen, a Catholic Worker community program for neighborhood residents and homeless who need a little help to meet basic needs.

Activities: Ten to fifteen volunteers to make and serve chili and sandwiches one Saturday a month.

CELEBRATION PLANNING

Contacts: Judy Robinson, 721-6632, jar208@cox.net, *Meeting:* Every Tuesday, 5 - 6 p.m. in the kitchen of the church office.

Purpose: To provide inspiring Celebrations.

Activities: Plan Celebrations; coordinate readers, story tellers, ushers, altar decorators, communion participants, invitations and offertory participants; select music/songs for Celebration.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES COUNCIL

Contact: Rolly Loomis, 299-9063 ext. 103, rloomis@stfrancismc.org

Meeting: Quarterly or ad hoc for event planning.

Purpose: To create an environment that honors all religions and spiritual beliefs, where children can celebrate the unique gifts each has to offer.

Activities: Valentine dance; car washes; all-church camps; summer day camps; bake sales; service trips; plant sales; sex education; Confirmation; service opportunities; fundraising; event planning; camp planning; Casa Maria sponsor; Sunday School assisting; mentoring.

CHOIR

Contact: Steve Abramson , 990-4163 , stevenab@susd12.org

Meeting: Every Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., in the Center. Open to anyone who loves to sing.

CHRYSALIS MEN'S BREAKFAST

Contact: Ernie Schloss, 321-1441, epschloss@aol.com

Bill Bennett, 743-8062, bill@wizardofaz.net

Chair: David Wilkinson, 299-9063

Meeting: Every Thursday in the Center, 6:15 a.m. breakfast and 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. for small and large group discussions.

Purpose: To provide men an opportunity to share their spiritual journey with other men through breakfast meetings and retreats.

ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTRIES (The Green Team)

Contact/Chair: Joy Mills, 219 -1164, jamills1@mindspring.com

Becky Hogle, 886-7990, rjhogle@cox.net

Meeting:

Purpose: To introduce and encourage environmentally sound practices to our St. Francis family.

Activities: Environmental information table; Adopt-A-Roadway campaign; native plant ID tags along meditation trail on our north property; feasibility study for creation of sub-urban organic garden; letters and calls to legislators about local and global environmental actions.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair: David Daniell, dtdaniell@hotmail.com

Meeting: Second Tuesday of each month, 6 p.m., Room 43

Purpose: To monitor expenses and develop an annual budget; to inform stewardship committee when funds are needed.

Member requirements: Member of St. Francis; elected positions.

FINE ARTS - THEATRE

Contact: Dave Goguen, 722-2283, goaz@juno.com, Robert Encila, rencila@aol.com

Musical and theater productions twice a year. Open to anyone who enjoys theater in its many forms. See the Theatre Webpage for more info.

FOOD PANTRY

Contact: Rolly Loomis, 299-9063 Ext. 103, rloomis@stfrancsumc.org

Purpose: A hunger ministry supporting St. Francis families and Community Food Bank.

Activities: Providing Emergency Food Bags during business hours. Bring food on Sunday join in Community Food Bank activities.

FOURTH TUESDAY NIGHT TOGETHER (4TNT)

Meeting: Fourth Tuesday of each month, 6:15 - 8:30 p.m. in the Center

Purpose: To provide a social environment that promotes community; discussion of current St. Francis issues that encourage member feedback, action steps, information and leadership development; sponsored and led by various St. Francis committees, with a dinner served by St. Francis volunteers.

HUMANE BORDERS - 628-7753

Contact: Scott Morris, 750-0626, scottmorr@aol.com

Volunteer coordination meetings held every Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. at First Christian Church, 740 E. Speedway.

Purpose: To create a just and humane border environment with assistance to those crossing the U.S. border; encourage creation of public policies toward a humane, non-militarized border, legalized work opportunities, legitimate economic opportunities in migrants' country of origin.

Service opportunities: Deliver water to water stations; office help with letter writing, mailing newsletter, fundraising and media relations.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL FOR PEACE, 299-8908

Contact: Co-Directors: Peggy Bowers & Cathy Demers

Philosophy: The International School for Peace offers play-based preschool curriculum that focuses on the development of the whole child, including social, emotional, preliteracy, and large and small motor skills. Full and partial language immersion classes are in English, Spanish, and Arabic. The partial immersion classrooms provide English instruction with Spanish language enrichment activities. Full immersion classes are taught in the target language (Spanish or Arabic). Children in all classrooms receive exposure to English, Spanish, Arabic and Hebrew through songs, games, and cultural activities. Conflict resolution skills are used every day.

The International School for Peace has an ecumenical, non-denominational spiritual focus emphasizing the commonalities of all world religions, especially in areas of friendship and peace.

INTERFAITH UNLEARNING RACISM TASKFORCE

Contact: Elizabeth Fimbres, 299-9839, elizfimbres@msn.com

Meeting:

Purpose: To provide opportunities for people to work toward eliminating racism in our own lives and in our community and to acknowledge and honor our diversity.

Activities: Sunday Night at the Movies; Diversity Book Study Group; Library for Peace at St. Francis; visits to other churches , synagogues and mosques ; conduct discussion forums on racism and diversity issues.

KATIE CLARK MEMORIAL (KATIE KANS)

Contact: Sheryl Clark, 297-1139, Sheryl@sunrise-finance.com , Rolly Loomis, 299-9063 Ext 103, rloomis@stfrancismc.org

Purpose: To provide financial support to Casa Maria Soup Kitchen, Community Food Bank, Saint Francis Food pantry, Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, and the Interfaith Coalition for the Homeless.

Activities: St. Francis members save money on a daily basis in Katie Kans; money is collected at church on the first Sunday of each month.

OPERATION HOSPITALITY

Contact: Rolly Loomis, 299-9063 Ext. 103, rloomis@stfrancismc.org

Meeting: Weekly, Thursday evening through Friday mornings, December through February, in the Center.

Purpose: Host 10 to 12 guests from Salvation Army with shelter and meals; provide a safe evening of home-cooked food, showers, comfortable lodging and companionship.

Activities: Provide transportation to and from Salvation Army; help cook, serve, and stay overnight with our guests.

PCIC (Pima County Interfaith Council)

Contact: Andy Robson, 323-0908, andrearobson@earthlink.net *Purpose:* PCIC is a network of broad-based organizations in Pima County to build relational power for collective actions in the pursuit of justice and the common good; to strengthen family and community in solidarity with others across lines of race, class and religion.

Activities: Yearly accountability sessions with political candidates; taskforces on Human/Family Agenda (wages, education health care, prisons/treatment); visits to and communication with Arizona legislators and local city and county officials.

READING SEED

Contact: Allan Tractenberg, 798-0700, www.readingseed.org

Purpose: To provide opportunity for volunteers to assist at-risk children in achieving one of the most necessary skills - the ability to read. For the gift of time, only one to two hours per week, volunteers make a significant difference in the lives of the children they touch.

Activities: Reading with elementary age children. Attend volunteer training and support sessions.

RECONCILING MINISTRIES

Contact: Mark Moellenhoff, 321-9167, markmoell@yahoo.com

Meeting: First Thursday of each month, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Room 43

Purpose: We work for the full participation of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities in the life of the United Methodist Church.

Activities: Bring national speakers to Arizona; provide educational events for other United Methodist churches; sponsor 4TNT, Sunday Adult Ed and support groups; help plan and participate in Reconciling Sunday worship in January; support local GLBT community-wide activities.

REFUGEE MINISTRIES

Contact: Robbie DICK, 299-3298, robbie85718@gmail.com or Rolly Loomis, 299-9063, Ext. 103, rloomis@stfrancisumc.org

Meetings: When Needed

Purpose: Works with the refugee community to assist in acclimation to their new homes and to assist in many different ways with direct needs.

Activities: Home Furnishings, clothing, cooking utensils, Community Domestic Violence Work, Community Organizing

RESULTS

Contacts: Lois Stevens, 722-0108

Meeting: Second Saturday of each month to work on national and international poverty issues; place and time varies.

Purpose: To create the political will to end hunger and poverty; to enable individual citizens in having a breakthrough in exercising their personal and political power.

Activities: U.N. State of the World's Children press conference; meet with federal representatives, senators and their aides; letters to the editor, editorials; write letters and

SOPHIA'S CIRCLE WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Contacts: Patrika Murphy, 326-1854

Barb Nelson, 325-3747 , grandmababa@cox.net

Meeting: Every Wednesday in the Center, 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. breakfast and discussion

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for women to share their spiritual journey.

SNACK PACKS

Contact: Rheta Slezak, 318-4551, rhetaleess@cox.net

Meetings: Tuesday Mornings at 9:30 during the school year. Meet in Room 50

Purpose: To provide food for children during the weekend. 150 children served.

Activities: Snack Pack preparation for 2 schools.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Contact: Carole Wymer, 747-7134, cjwym@earthlink.net

Meeting: Thanksgiving Day; planning meetings vary, look in Sunday bulletins.

Activities: Annual full-course Thanksgiving meal to less fortunate people; distribution of personal care items; meals-to-go; four months of planning and fundraising; telephone outreach to community businesses. Hundreds of St. Francis volunteers donate food, clothing and time to provide the meal and hospitality for around 1000 recipients.

Requirements: One to two hours a week; some assignments; being on call with vehicle to pick up donations.

TIHAN (Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network)

Contact/Chair: Scott Blades, 299-6647, scott@tihan.org

Meeting: Call office at 299-6647 for upcoming training schedule.

Purpose: Catalyzing the religious community to provide an informed and compassionate response to the AIDS crisis.

Activities: CareTeam Program; Monthly Poz Café lunch program for HIV+ people; weekly Poz Social program for HIV+ people; office volunteer support.

Member Requirements: One-day training program in working with and around people infected and affected by HIV.

WATER MINISTRIES

Charis: Marie Pearthree, 323-0645 , pear3tucson@msn.com

Purpose: Water is a human right. Clean water is essential to life. We believe that all of God's children deserve clean potable water and we are dedicated to bringing clean water to one person at a time.

Activities: We are partnering with Tucson Water and others to bring water to a village in Mexico.