

# DISCIPLESHIP GUIDEBOOK

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## A Guide to the Missions and Ministries of Kingswood UMC

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*A personal church in an impersonal world*

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## **Adult Christian Formation**

### **Adult Sunday School**

In between services, beginning at 9:45 a.m., a series of adult Sunday School classes are offered. These are diverse in their offerings depending on age and interest. Whether your interest lies in an expository study of the Bible, or a spirited and lively discussion around topical issues that impact your life and beliefs, Kingswood has a class for you. Learn more about these classes and the knowledge and fellowship they impart to those embarking on a Christian journey of exploration in one of the following classes: The King's Class, Bill Landiss Class, Pathseekers, Koinonia Class and the New Life Class. You can feel free to move from class to class, enjoying the topics, speakers and content as you see fit. Additionally, classes in Love and Logic, and Inquirer's Classes (aimed at new or potential members) are held periodically and for short periods.

### **Bible Study**

Regularly studying the Bible is just one of the ways that Kingswood helps its members grow in their faith journey with Christ. Disciple classes are offered from in the Spring and the Fall, offering an opportunity to explore God's Word in depth. This is not the only Bible study, however. Many are offered throughout the year, sometimes concentrating on one book of the Bible, but other classes concentrate on different aspects of study. Lively discussions are encouraged, as is quiet reflection. Bible study can help vitalize your worship experience, deepen your faith, create fellowship and produce any number of "aha" moments.

### **Book Club**

The Book Club meets in the homes of members on a monthly basis to enjoy discussing the book assigned for that month. The Club welcomes everyone interested in these discussions. The more people in attendance, the livelier the discussions can be. The assigned book is noted in the bulletin and the Crosstalk. Just watch for it!

### **Fellowship in Someone's Home (F.I.S.H.)**

These small groups meet in homes. Christian fellowship, study of a contemporary Christian book and group prayer for each other's concerns are the primary focus of the FISH groups. The idea is to emulate Acts 2, where early Christians met regularly in homes (smaller groups) to **BE** the church, not just **GO** to church.

FISH groups at Kingswood are an adult small group ministry that provides a means of helping Christians better understand and develop their spiritual relationship with each other as Brothers and Sisters in Christ. The bond that unites us as a family of believers is our faith and trust in God's love. Our relationship with each other is strengthened through fellowship and sharing of our lives as a family.

We have groups meeting on Saturday and on Sunday nights. Our membership is a "come one, come all" mixture of couples, singles, both young and not so young. F.I.S.H is a great way to share with the Lord and other Christian friends in a more intimate setting.

### **Fifth Sunday Luncheons**

As noted, covered dish luncheons are offered on those months containing five Sundays with the church furnishing the main course and members bringing the remainder. These are

specifically designed to recognize new members who have joined the church in the preceding few months. They are well attended and enjoyed by all. These luncheons offer a unique opportunity to become acquainted with the new members and socialize with other members.

### **Seniors Live at Kingswood (SLAK)**

On the third Tuesday of each month from September through May, the senior adults of the community are invited to a luncheon in the Community Life Center. Following the lunch, a program is presented alternating between musical programs and speakers on subjects sure to interest our audience. SLAK members enjoy a day trip once or twice a year, including interesting destinations such as the King Tut exhibit. There is an affordable fee charged for each event and usually the church bus is available to take much of the group.

### **Simple Suppers**

Groups of 6 – 8 are formed every four months to take part in Simple Suppers. Over the four months, the group meets for a simple supper in a home or a restaurant, depending upon the wishes of the group. Those participating find the fellowship very fulfilling and enjoy the opportunity to get to know other members of the church on a different level.

### **Walk to Emmaus**

The "Walk to Emmaus" is a 72 hour experience. The weekend begins on Thursday evening and ends Sunday evening. At Emmaus, you will spend three busy but very enjoyable days, usually at a retreat center. You will live and study together in singing, prayer, worship, and discussion. Discussions center around fifteen talks given by laity and clergy. These talks present the theme of God's grace, and how that grace comes alive in the Christian community and expresses itself in the world. You'll also discover how grace is real in your life, and how you can live in the life of grace, bringing grace to others. You will have the opportunity to participate in the daily celebration of Holy Communion, and to begin to understand more fully the presence of Christ in his body of believers. You will experience God's grace personally through the prayers and acts of service of a living support community.

## ***Building and Grounds Committee - Joe Jones***

The primary task of the Board of Trustees is to supervise and maintain all property belonging to the church. . Each trustee is appointed for a three year period. The division of responsibilities is established each year. These areas include:

- Building Mechanical Systems – includes heating, ventilation and air conditioning as well as electrical and plumbing.
- Building Interior – floors, carpeting, doors & locks, furnishings
- Building Exterior – roofing, siding, windows, Scout hut and parsonages
- Landscaping & Grounds – lawn maintenance, irrigation, lighting, parking lots
- Kitchen – includes maintenance of all kitchen equipment
- Pre-School Liaison – works with preschool board on facility needs
- Technology – phones, computers, audiovisual systems
- Building Security – alarm system, preschool automated locks
- Church Bus – scheduling, maintenance, repair, driver training

Each committee has 1-2 trustees assigned to it. Volunteers are needed to assist in many areas.

Work days are established when needed and many volunteers are needed on those days. A general cleaning of the grounds and interior of the buildings are done. At times this includes changing light bulbs, minor painting, etc.

## ***Children's Ministry - Rev. Jenna Mobley***

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

For children, Sunday School is provided for little ones aged two through 5th grade, beginning at 9:45 a.m. The Cokesbury curriculum that is used for the preschool and kindergarten children is biblically based and incorporates many fun, age-appropriate activities to reinforce learning opportunities. Elementary aged children enjoy meeting together to sing, play games, and learn a lesson before breaking into smaller groups based on age to engage in activities that reinforce the weekly lesson.

### **Nursery**

Kingswood offers nursery services on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. for infants through two-year-olds.

Following the Children's Sermon at the 11:00 a.m. service Worship Care is provided for three-year-olds through kindergartners in rooms 108 and 113.

Nursery services are also offered on Wednesday evening from 5:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

### **Vacation Bible School**

KUMC offers youngsters the opportunity to enjoy an action packed, bible-centered experience each June. Open to all children aged four (by August 31) through rising 5th graders; this affordable five-day morning adventure provides children with ample opportunities for fun, learning and fellowship. Each year, VBS coordinators select a theme and build a creative agenda of summer recreation centered on biblical teachings and structured for age-appropriate activities

### **Wednesday Nights**

On Wednesday nights is the WOW! program for kids in grades 1 – 5. This is a special time of games and fellowship, videos and special programs. Also, on Wednesday nights, the John Wesley Choir meets from 5:00 – 5:45 p.m. to practice and perfect their singing for periodic performances at church services, while every Christmas and spring they put on special pageants.

## ***Communications – Janet Laboe***

The Communications Committee helps support the many activities sponsored at Kingswood by writing and sending out press releases, writing, designing and producing artwork for posters, brochures, flyers and other printed publicity, and maintaining and updating the church's website. Members also take photographs of events and creatively decorate the many bulletin boards located throughout the church. The Communications Committee helps create newspaper advertisements for Christmas and Easter services, as well as other significant, special events. Members are also responsible for media relations. We are always looking for members who enjoy writing or designing, have website aptitude and want to help further Kingswood's image as The Personal Church in an Impersonal World within the greater community.

## ***Congregational Care – Vicky Vaughan***

The purpose of this group is to aid our members who have special needs. We help our homebound, visit hospital patients, send cards and letters and provide meals or transportation for any members requiring assistance.

This group meets every Monday morning to review any existing or new needs that have come to the church's attention. The ministry depends on participation of the congregation to provide information when these needs arise.

We encourage individuals interested in becoming a team member for Congregational Care to contact the church office or see our website for more information.

## ***Evangelism Committee – Tim Jeffrey***

In striving to be "a personal church in an impersonal world," the purpose of evangelism at Kingswood is to accept and model Christ's ministry of unconditional love and redemption for all.

Through the ministries of greeting, ushering, and visitor follow-up, we attempt to be witnesses to that unconditional love, so that individual lives may be blessed through growth in faith and fellowship.

Through additional efforts in our ministry of formal communication to the surrounding communities, we endeavor to articulate in a welcoming, compassionate way the vibrant worship and discipleship opportunities for individuals and families.

Through our assimilation efforts (which include new member mentoring and ConneXion Calling) we try to respond to God's grace and create an atmosphere conducive to a personal relationship with Christ.

## ***Family Ministries – Rev. Jenna Mobley***

Family Ministries sponsors several special seasonal activities throughout the year. They are advertised through the Cross Talk newsletter.

### **Family Movie Night**

All are welcome to come to our Fellowship Hall and enjoy our family friendly movies with free popcorn, soda and juice. Children and adults of all ages will enjoy our movies presented on a large 9 X 12' screen in stereo sound.

### **Kitchen Committee**

Volunteers are always needed to help at our Wednesday night suppers, and many other occasions when meals and/or celebrations are being offered in the gymnasium. The volunteer responsibilities would include, cooking, serving, and dishwashing, all under the supervision of our Kitchen Manager, Ellen Lundy. The more volunteers we have, the easier the job! A great opportunity for fun and camaraderie!

### **Partners In Parenting**

The Becoming a Love and Logic® Classes offered through Partners in Parenting, a unit of Kingswood United Methodist Church's (KUMC) Family Ministries. Billed as "America's most practical and entertaining parent training," Love and Logic® helps parents address many of their day-to-day frustrations. The learned skills are designed to be used immediately and address such commonplace issues.

### **Wednesday Night Suppers**

Kingswood's Wednesday Night Suppers are designed to share food and fellowship among our members, their neighbors and any others in the community who seek the camaraderie and warmth of a good meal among friends. Held each Wednesday during the school year in the Community Life Center, dinner typically begins at 5:45pm and is followed at 6:45pm by a program or bible study.

## ***Library***

Our Church library is located on the main level of the church in the hallway to the Fellowship Hall. The shelves are stocked with a wide range of books from various bible reference works to Christian fiction, non-fiction and children's book. Volunteers are needed to assist in maintaining the catalog and stock books. To check out books, instructions are shown on the desk in the library. You are encouraged to use this valuable resource.

A current project is to add church photo albums and church history material.

## ***Men's Ministry – Madison Wilhelm, Rev. Chuck Savage***

Get involved in men's ministry at Kingswood! All men are welcome. Our mission is the same as the United Methodist Church overall – making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

We are faithful and dedicated men who want to serve Christ and our fellow men, women and children in our community and around the world. We are a group of men who support and encourage one another in our spiritual growth and personal development. Membership in Kingswood United Methodist Church is not required.

### **Men's Monday Night Bible Study**

The Men's Bible study is held every Monday night at 7:30PM until 9:00PM at the home of Jack Camarda, 5131 Brooke Farm Dr. Dunwoody 770-394-8088. Join us for study and fellowship.

### **North Georgia United Methodist Men**

Check out the North Georgia UMM web site at [www.ngcumm.com](http://www.ngcumm.com) for information about Rock Eagle, mission opportunities, upcoming events, and much more interesting information.

## ***Missions – International – Ralph Lehr***

### **Honduras Mission**

Kingswood UMC sends missionaries to Honduras each year through HONDURAS OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL. The goal is twofold, to present Christ to others through reaching out while also striving to help those who are in need.

Honduras Outreach International has done an excellent job of linking those in need with those of us who are willing to help. "Honduras Outreach is a non-denomination, Christian organization dedicated to building life-changing relationships between the people of the Olancho province of Honduras and caring North Americans. Rancho el Paraiso is the focal point of the Honduras Outreach ministry and is located in the department of Olancho in central Honduras. The Honduran government has identified Olancho as an area with one of the highest concentrations of infant mortality, and poverty. The median rural family income is less than \$400 and 68 of 1,000 children will die before reaching age five."

Anyone over 16 years old and willing to help may volunteer. Our volunteers are men and women of all ages and walks of life. They include church and synagogue members, employees of businesses, civic groups, college students, retirees, friends and relatives. You don't need to have any special skills, just a willingness to help.

Donations are especially powerful for this mission in that you can (1) provide the finances for someone else to go on the next trip if you can't or (2) you can provide a scholarship for a child in Honduras to go to school. You'll be amazed at how few dollars can provide a child with a chance to attend high school. Most of the kids in the villages can't afford the costs of the schools so few go past 6th grade. You could literally provide a child with a future.

### **Rhett Thompson - Missionary to Panama**

Rhett Thompson is a United Methodist missionary assigned to the Republic of Panama, serving as pastor of two congregations of the Evangelical Methodist Church in Panama City. He welcomes donations and covets your prayers for those he serves.

## ***Missions – Local – Ralph Lehr***

Our goal this year is to be a “personal church in an impersonal world”. We hope to use as many Kingswood UMC members as possible in changing the lives of the poor in our neighborhood, our country and our world.

Local opportunities include:

### **Action Ministries**

Action Ministries provides transitional housing and other assistance for people coming out of poverty. Kingswood will be assigned a family next year and will pay for their transitional housing for two years and we hope to be involved in their lives in a meaningful way.

Women's Community Kitchen – Lunch for the homeless

Children's Ministries - The preschool program provides morning enrichment activities for homeless children ages 2-5.

Atlanta Emergency Aid Ministry - assist those that are unable to work, and struggling to keep up with overwhelming medical needs.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

So many ways to help and you are always welcome.

- Reading Is Fun Tutors: Program is for homeless children, grades 3-9, Tuesday and Wednesday
- After School Assistant – Assist children with tutoring and help with homework
- Groups to sponsor and chaperone Saturday field trips or programs for the children
- S.T.A.R.S.- teach a life skills class (cooking, resume writing nutrition, etc) to homeless teens
- Emergency Aid Assistant – Help program coordinator with client intake for individuals in need of food and rent assistance
- Food Drive Coordinator – Conduct a food drive
- Groups to bring food and serve at the Women’s Community Kitchen
- Photographer – work with staff and clients to have a photo library for public relations
- Computer Help – be available when problems arise with servers, printers
- Writer – help write articles, thank you letters, and grant applications

### **Atlanta Day Shelter**

The Atlanta Day Shelter for Women and Children is an ecumenical (promoting or fostering Christian unity throughout the world) ministry whose mission is to ease the burden of homelessness for women and children by providing basic and daily necessities while respecting their human dignity. The Shelter is committed to assisting individuals in their resettlement and independence."

Kingswood supports this shelter by providing financial support, supplies and volunteers.

### **Community Action Center**

Community Action Center (CAC) brings together community resources to provide compassionate assistance to persons in need, prevent homelessness and promote self-sufficiency in the Sandy Springs/Dunwoody area. This is Kingswood's resource for people who come by the church with emergency needs.

### **Friends of Prison Families**

A coalition of organizations working together on a model of friendship and trust to nurture and sustain one of the most invisible populations in our community – *the families of inmates*.

Kingswood UMC supports this ministry by providing a van and driver on the second Saturday of every month. Twelve times each year a driver picks up 12 or more passengers from the Inman MARTA station, along with several vans from other churches, and drives them to Hancock prison in Sparta, Georgia. The passengers visit for three hours and then are driven back to the MARTA station. For more information, contact Clay Snellings.

### **Good Samaritan Health Center**

As a Christ-centered ministry, they fulfill their mission by spreading Christ's love through quality healthcare to those in need. Good Samaritan Health Center is a non-profit healthcare practice that provides a comprehensive range of services for patients without health insurance or the means to afford care.

Volunteer opportunities: Financial donations; participate in KUMC events held on their behalf; volunteer at the center;

Make others in the community aware of this resource.

### **Kidstuff Consignment Sale**

Kingswood United Methodist Church KidStuff Consignment Sale is a bi-yearly event hosted to raise money for our Mission Outreach. Sellers earn 2/3 of selling price on items that sell. Items selling at \$50 or higher earn 10% more! Workers earn an extra 5% on sales. Presales are Thursday evening for workers & sellers. Registration fee only \$5. Many volunteers are needed in a variety of positions to make this event successful. For more information, contact Patty Yost.

### **The Lord's Storehouse**

Kingswood members maintain a supply of food, toiletries and hygiene products onsite at the Church to give to those in need in our community. All supplies are donated by church members, and others who simply want to share with those who are less fortunate and, in so doing, give back to their community.

The storehouse needs regular replenishing throughout the year (especially the holiday season), so donating your time, money or items has a very real and meaningful impact on those who need it most.

You can help today by:

Donating the following:

- Non-perishable food items (peanut butter, jelly, pasta, etc.)
- Canned goods
- Formula (with iron)
- Payless Shoes certificates

- Toiletries (lotions, shampoos, soap, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, etc.)
- Diapers
- Oral hygiene (toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, mouthwash, etc.)

For more information, or to sign up for volunteering, please contact Melissa Dillon at [billandmo@comcast.net](mailto:billandmo@comcast.net).

### **Methodist Children's Home**

The Children's Home is a child- and family-centered organization that is positioned to care for struggling families and children seeking the comfort of a loving family. From the moment we opened our doors, our core value has been to care for children when no one else could or would. This care sparks hope and promise for a better tomorrow...a tomorrow that's better for children and families, and ultimately the entire community.

### **Wesley Walk For Others**

This is a United Methodist Church-sponsored mission which asks volunteers to walk 6 miles around Stone Mountain to raise funds to help the elderly stay in their homes and to help underprivileged youth to attend summer camp. For more information contact Dennis Murphy-Blount or Brad Clifton.

### **Young Life**

Kingswood partners with Young Life to reach out to unchurched students at Dunwoody High School and Peachtree Charter Middle School. Financial donations are needed and volunteers willing to be trained to their guidelines.

## ***Missions - National - Ralph Lehr***

### **Hinton Rural Mission - Hayesville, NC**

A group from Kingswood goes for one week (Sunday through Friday) each Summer. A great multi-generational opportunity for families as they allow elementary-age children and teens to serve along with the adults.

Hinton creates opportunities to serve with others in repairing or building homes with local families, and to grow in their understanding of faith in action. Typical work includes repairing porches, painting houses, fixing leaky roofs, building handicap ramps, replacing rotten floors, and other similar home repairs that greatly improve living conditions.

### **Redbird Mission**

Red Bird Mission, a non-profit agency located in the Appalachian mountains of Southeastern Kentucky, empowers individuals and advocated justice by providing educational, health, and community outreach ministries to area low-income residents. Kingswood supports with donations and collection of Campbell Soup labels.

### **Youth Mission Trips**

Kingswood Youth typically travel on a mission trip to a different local each summer. Volunteers opportunities would include financial donations, supplies as indicated for the area; and as chaperones.

## ***Music and Drama Ministry – Rev. Dennis Lewallen***

### **Chancel Choir**

The adults of the congregation who are interested in music give their time and talent to the worship of God through membership in the Chancel Choir. Rehearsals are held each Wednesday night with additional rehearsals as needed in the event of special programming. The Choir meets in the choir room on the lower level of the building for one to one and a half hours. All who enjoy singing are encouraged to join us and add their talents.

### **Children's Choir**

Children in first through fifth grade are encouraged to sing in the Children's Choir. Rehearsals are on Wednesday afternoons for about an hour. The congregation enjoys two special programs each year. In addition, this choir is asked to sing at worship services and is traditionally the choir for our Family Christmas Eve Service. If your child likes music and likes to sing, please let them enjoy this active group.

### **Theatre Program**

**Kingswood's Stage II** Theatre Company was established in October of 2006 with the production of "Titanic: The Musical"—a joint effort with St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Alpharetta. Presenting a cast of 60, orchestra and crew, *Titanic* was a resounding success. Subsequent productions have included *Smoke on the Mountain*, *Sanders Family Christmas*, *Company* and the most recent and well-received *1776*.

Stage II was established as a bridge between church and community—nurturing the God-given creative gifts of actors, musicians and craftsmen, providing a place of integrity in which to practice and sharpen those gifts, and offering our community a high level of experience in the arts.

Stage II productions are open to all interested performers and are cast through open auditions posted on the Atlanta Coalition of the Arts website: [atlantaperforms.com](http://atlantaperforms.com)

Volunteers are needed for stage design and behind-the-scene tasks.

## ***Office Administration – Janis Brummett***

### **Assist in office**

Volunteers are very important in assisting staff members. Two shifts work each day – morning from 9:00a.m. – 12:30p.m. and afternoons from 12:30p.m. – 4:00. They answer phones, greet visitors, assist those looking for food assistance and provide help in mailings, copying and collating materials for the staff. This is a very vital service to Kingswood and additional volunteers are always needed.

### **Assist with CrossTalk distribution**

Once-a-month assistance is needed in mailing the CrossTalk Newsletter. Volunteers collate, fold, label and place in the proper Post Office containers for transportation to the Post Office. These volunteers help one afternoon a month and are very necessary in the prompt mailing of the newsletter.

## ***Prayer Ministry – Kim Wilson***

### **Ministry Team**

The Kingswood congregation has developed as one of its top priorities a strong emphasis on prayer. The Prayer Coordinator has the responsibility for the development of Church prayer teams and prayer request chains. The establishment of a telephone prayer request service and an internet website for prayer requests, is a powerful outreach ministry to the community.

Regular series of training classes are provided to help members understand the importance of prayer in their life and the Biblical approach to prayer

## ***Scouting Ministry***

**Boy Scout Troop 477** meets every Thursday from 7:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. in the Scout Hut located on the church grounds. Scouting has been described as a game with a purpose. The game is fun and adventure in the outdoors. The purpose is to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Scouting offers adventures young people enjoy, teaches them lifetime values and skills, and introduces them to leadership.

**Cub Scout Pack 477** conducts monthly meetings where the individual Dens meet as a group in the church's gym. Since 1930, the Boy Scouts of America has helped younger boys through Cub Scouting. It is a year-round family program designed for boys who are in the first grade through fifth grade (or 7, 8, 9, and 10 years of age).

### **Girl Scouts**

Kingswood has entered into a sponsorship agreement with the Girl Scouts of the USA to provide meeting space for several troops. Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's preeminent organization dedicated solely to girls—all girls—where, in an accepting and nurturing environment, girls build character and skills for success in the real world. In partnership with committed adult volunteers, girls develop qualities that will serve them all their lives, like leadership, strong values, social conscience, and conviction about their own potential and self-worth. Adult volunteers welcomed!

**Venture Crew 477** is a co-ed unit of the BSA for ages 14 through 20. The Venture Crew focuses on high adventure outdoor activities. They meet at 6:45p.m. in the Youth Café on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.

## ***Sports and Fitness – Teresa Scheele***

### **Adult Pick-up Basketball Games**

- Adult games held once a week
- No RSVP required- just show up

### **Fall Indoor Soccer for Youth**

- Co-ed league for ages 4 ½ -11
- Season runs from September to early November
- All practices are at the CLC but games rotate between nearby churches

### **The Kingswood School Summer Camp (and Sports for Sprouts)**

- The Kingswood School offers summer camp sessions for eligible KUMC members, current students, and students enrolled the following year
- A one-hour SPORTS for SPROUTS camp is offered afterwards for 4 and 5-year olds

### **Personal Training (or Buddy Training)**

- Sessions can be scheduled with Teresa Scheele (NSCA Certified Personal Trainer)
- Weight room currently equipped for full body workouts

Can also help with home equipment purchases and workouts to do at home

### **Weight Training Circuit Classes**

- 30 minute full body workouts twice a week during the school year
- Classes are held in our fully equipped weight room
- Sessions led by Teresa Scheele (NSCA Certified Personal Trainer)
- For ages 5 and 6, all practices and games are at the Community Life Center
- For ages 7+, all practices are at the Community Life Center but games rotate to nearby churches
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### **Yoga and Pilates Classes**

- One hour yoga, Pilates and combination yoga/Pilates classes are provided three times a week

### **YOGA FOR KIDS and YOGA FOR YOUTH Sessions**

- Classes are held once a week throughout the school year
- Separate classes for ages 4-5, ages 5-10, and ages 11+

### **YOGA FOR KIDS Summer Camp**

- We offer a YOGA FOR KIDS summer camp for boys and girls ages 7-10
- The one week camp (mornings only) is held in the Community Life Center

### **Youth Winter Basketball**

- League is for ages 5-14 (co-ed teams for ages 5 and 6 and separate boys and girls teams for ages 7+)
- Season runs from November to February

## ***Stewardship – Carolyn Friedlein***

### **Service Opportunities**

Kingswood has defined over 100 opportunity areas where members can volunteer their time and talents. As part of the Stewardship Campaign a questionnaire is distributed on which members can indicate the volunteer areas that are of interest to them. The responses to these are summarized and given to the various committee chairpersons for use in getting members to utilize their talents to support the many activities that really define the work of Kingswood.

### **Stewardship Campaign**

In the Fall, the budget for the following year is developed and is used to set the financial goals for the annual Stewardship Campaign. The Campaign is led by an appointed Chairperson who is assisted by the Stewardship Advisory Committee. The Committee members represent a cross section of the Kingswood congregation. It assists in developing the Campaign theme and planning and implementing various methods of communicating the goals of the campaign and the importance of congregation wide participation in making financial pledges for the next year. The Committee also conducts other activities that focus on ensuring the success of the campaign. In addition to financial commitments, the congregation is also asked to make personal commitments to prayers, presence and service in support of Kingswood.

## ***Women's Ministry – Katia Murphy-Blount***

### **Ministry Team**

Our mission is to encourage the women of Kingswood UMC, and the women of our community, in their walk with Christ Jesus by providing opportunities for learning, fellowship and service.

In between work, meetings, soccer practice, little league and school plays, every woman needs some "own" time, which is why Kingswood offers a wealth of diverse and fulfilling programs to meet the needs of today's woman. Whether your interests lie in deepening your Christian experience, sharing your faith or giving to others, we have a group, an event or a retreat for you.

Opportunities abound for involvement in our Women's Ministry and there is always room to use your gifts in service to the other women in our church and our community. Please contact any member of our leadership team for more information, or simply email us at [womensinfo@kingswoodumc.org](mailto:womensinfo@kingswoodumc.org) and you will receive a response within 24 hours.

### **Annual Retreat**

Each year in February, the Women's Retreat is held at a breathtakingly beautiful natural venue that encourages spiritual growth and renewal. We consider it a special time for fellowship and friendship and encourage all of our female congregants, as well as their family and friends, to join us for this invigorating and joyful reaffirmation of our love for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

### **Arts and Crafts Fair**

The Kingswood Arts & Crafts Fair is held each September on a Saturday from 9:00 am till 4:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Browse the wares of talented local artisans, craftsmen, antique purveyors and more, all while getting a jump on your Christmas shopping. Kingswood's Women's Ministry also sponsors a popular casserole table with delicious homemade foods for sale.

### **Coffee, Tea & Thee**

Held regularly throughout the year, Coffee, Tea & Thee is a popular program in which a speaker from our church or community shares how Christ has worked in her life. Upcoming speakers, dates, times and topics are updated regularly on the [Here's What's Happening!](#) Page on our website, so please visit there often.

### **Craft Outreach**

Join us for fun and exciting craft projects. Informal classes are offered throughout the year. A random sampling of classes includes quilting, Thanksgiving and Christmas card creations, and chocolate making. For scrapbookers, we present "Crop 'Till you Drop" periodically.

### **Fall Brunch**

The annual Fall Brunch – our largest event of the year – is held each November and offers the chance for the women of Kingwood to reach out to family, friends and neighbors and invite them to see what makes our group so special. Past programs have included fashion

shows, nationally-known Christian comedians and inspirational speakers, along with fundraising opportunities with Silent Auctions for the many missions we sponsor throughout the year

### **Fall Kickoff**

This Sunday afternoon gathering is designed to allow the women of our church to come together and learn what Kingswood's Women's Ministry has planned for the upcoming year. A new tradition was recently established with a "Tea at the Parsonage," featuring both hot and cold (and sweet, of course!) varieties and a tasty array of finger treats, hosted by our Pastor's wife.

### **Prayer Ministry**

Kingswood's Women's Ministry maintains an ongoing prayer chain by email to lift each other up in prayer. In the Fall, groups meet at the church at various times to pray. Please call Kim Wilson for days and times. You may also email prayer requests to [pray@kingswoodumc.org](mailto:pray@kingswoodumc.org).

### **Preschool Participation**

Women's Ministry provides refreshments for Preschool teachers at the annual "Welcome Back" event in the Fall, as well as welcome festivities for new Preschool families.

### **Sew & So Forth**

Women from Kingswood meet on the second Wednesday of each month from 10:00 am till noon, gathering together for fun and fellowship while we work on individual knitting, crocheting or needlework projects. This group is open to anyone who wishes to learn these skills and we welcome anyone with or without experience. Current projects include making prayer blankets, nursery blankets and preemie caps. Please contact Anna Belle Pyle for further information at [sewsoforth@yahoo.com](mailto:sewsoforth@yahoo.com).

### **Small Groups**

The purpose of Small Groups is to organize informal gatherings of women for spiritual growth and mutual support. We begin in the Fall by selecting a single publication (book, article, etc.) to study, and groups are offered at various times during the week.

### **Spring Appetizer**

Mmmmm, like to munch? Enjoy creative finger foods? If so, this is the event for you! Join us each Spring to share some tasty treats deliciously prepared by members of our congregation while at the same time enjoying this unique opportunity to mingle and munch as you get to know your friends and neighbors at KUMC.

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

Weekly bible studies are offered on a regular basis focusing on a variety of interesting topics from both the Old and New Testaments.

## **Worship Committee** – Joanne Lutes

Worship is not just the activity of the pastor and staff – rather, it is the work of the people who offer themselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us.

- From "Worship – Creating Opportunities to Meet and Respond to God"

### **Acolyte Ministry**

- Bring the light into the sanctuary at the call to worship and take the light out into the world at the close of the service
- The coordinator arranges for training and schedules participants for the worship services

### **Chancel Guild**

- Responsible for altar area furnishings and perimeters
- Set up for regular worship services as well as seasonal services such as Easter and Christmas
- Decorate sanctuary and narthex as well as inside and outside areas for Christmas services
- Oversee Christmas Eve services
- Special team to plan and execute vignettes, both seasonal and for special worship services
- To move our Church family closer to Christ

### **Communion Steward**

- Prepares and places communion sacraments in the sanctuary as directed by the pastor
- After worship, the Steward is responsible for disposal of let over elements, polishing brass implements and resetting chancel area to appropriate state

### **Flower Coordinator**

- Maintains a calendar of floral arrangements for Sunday worship
- Works with parties wishing to donate flowers regarding arrangement types, disposition of arrangements after the services and verbiage to be used in the bulletin for acknowledgement and purpose of the flowers
- If donating parties elect to do so, committee members can arrange to take flowers, after the services, to a local hospital, hospice or to a homebound church member of the congregation to enjoy

### **Ushers**

- The first to greet all those attending worship services
- Responsible for providing bulletins and assisting with direction as required
- Direct congregation during Communion
- Responsible for taking attendance and passing collection plates

### **Wedding Committee**

- Act as representative of Kingswood to both the bride and groom's families
- Meet with the wedding party to set dates, provide information regarding selection of physical arrangements and choices for the chancel area and sanctuary and make arrangements for personnel necessary to conduct the rehearsal and actual ceremony (music, sound, janitorial, etc.)
- Direct the wedding and execute the plans prepared for the wedding including physical set up of the church
- Being available to both wedding parties for consultation and reassurance
- This is a real labor of love

### **Worship Coordinator**

- Oversees activities of all six committees
- Coordinates with the church staff to plan or enhance worship for the congregation
- Coordinates with the Chancel Guild to plan special events concerning decorations and vignettes including Easter, Christmas, World Communion Sunday and other church related events
- Design worship settings for special prayer vigils, Women's Retreats and Conference worship services held at Kingswood
- Planning and decorating for more secular events such as Mother's Day, Father's Day or holidays
- Oversees the procurement of new items for the Sanctuary (with regard to worship) and special events
- Prepares the budget for the Worship committee to be presented to the Finance Committee

## ***Youth Ministries – Ruthy Stephens, Tom Carruth***

Our youth ministry is a group of teenagers as well as caring adults who come together to enjoy life together. Sometimes life is good, and sometimes it's rough, but we come together to laugh, love, learn, play, sometimes cry, and always be there for each other. Life isn't easy, and being real with each other isn't easy either, but that's what we're about.

### **Breathe Deep**

6th to 12th grade meet most Wednesdays, 6:30 pm-7:30 pm. Breathe Deep is a time halfway through the week when we get together to just BREATHE and also talk DEEPLY about God. Most of us are way too busy, and we need a chance to get together when there's no pressure. We just check in with each other, see how everything's going, and pause to receive a little of what God has for us.

### **Event Driver**

Drivers sometimes needed for transportation to and from Youth events.

### **High School Sunday School**

9th to 12th grade meet Sundays, 9:45 am-10:45 am. It's Sunday School – we are here to learn about God. But it's not just boring Bible-talk. We're real with each other. We ask tough questions and try to search for the best possible way to live.

**Middle School Sunday School**

6th to 8th grade meet Sundays, 9:45 am-10:45 am It's a typical Sunday School in that we talk about God and study the Bible. But it's not typical because we have a lot of fun! It's definitely worth getting out of bed for!

**UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) a.k.a. "Youth"**

6th to 12th grade meet most Sundays, 5:00 pm-7:00 pm UMYF is always a lot of fun. We hang out, EAT, play games, laugh a lot, talk about God, and sometimes make some music. Periodically we have a Destination Unknown night, so call the church or check the bulletin for the latest news.

**Youth Mentor**

We need and welcome adult volunteers to help out and to build connectional relationships with our Youth.

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