

**Prospect United Methodist Church
Welcome/Membership/Nurture Team Meeting
March 16, 2018**

Present: Pastor Kim, Diane Ashworth, Heidi Flower, Lynn Limeburner, Steve Oakes, Art Paul, Mac Paul, Sue Powers, Mary Rogers

Membership/Welcome/Nurture Team		
Membership	Welcome	Nurture
Sue Powers Liz Baker	Mac & Art Paul Steve & Sylvia Oakes Carolyn Koboski	Diane Ashworth Heidi Flower Mary Rogers Colleen Shover Matti Verzino Funeral Reception Friends of Prospect Women's Group Prayer Chain

Welcome

Using the Simsbury UMC's Welcome Packet as a model, our team is working on making a PUMC Welcome Envelope, which be simpler and more cost effective. Our envelope will contain info on what we have to offer, including adult and children education, programs/groups/activities, and interesting PUMC facts. Also included will be the "blue card", and pastor/Christa/Heidi contact info. In Simsbury's packet is an Intro to Methodism, which we will rewrite to include our own mission statement and change their "we welcome people of faith to our church" to "we welcome all people to our church".

Membership & Nurture

Sue and Heidi have been going through our current membership roll and identifying "who's that?". Those who have moved away will be eliminated. Names of homebound members will be given to Mary, who will send greeting cards to them. When the update has been completed a new directory will be made.

Nurturing Team Job Description

The Nurturing Team is quite active. Their work involves building community within our congregation by using activities occurring throughout the year and those listed below:

Visits and food delivery to our homebound. Team members make regular visits to your homebound members. They provide meals (home cooked or catered) for individuals or families recovering from illness, injury or surgery.

Care packages for college students and military personnel. Several times each school year the team mails "care packages" to college students and our military folks. These packages are filled with goodies and are meant to remind students and military that they aren't forgotten and will be cared for while away from home.

Light lunch after Sunday worship. Several times each year the team holds a light lunch (potluck) to bring worshipers together for conversation and fellowship.

Pastor's Time

Visitor	>>>	Committed Member
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Steps taken when someone pays a visit to a Sunday service:

- A member of the welcoming team (greeter) asks a visitor if they can seat him/her and/or invites visitor to sit with them.
- The greeter invites the visitor to coffee hour and introduces him/her to members.
- The visitor is asked to fill out a blue card as a way of introducing themselves. Welcome team hangs on to the blue card. If the person returns for 4-5 visits, a welcome team member asks if they'd like to think about becoming a member.

The welcome team serves as an interconnection to the nurture team. The team should ask for help if needed—encourage congregation to get involved. Name tags and the proposed picture board could prove to be helpful.

Next meeting – May 11th, 9:30 am.