

## Faith Weavers of St. Mary Activities Survey

Below is a description of the interest areas for the involvement survey. Please use them in completing the survey.

### Community Needs you would like us to address

In the space provided on the survey form, please tell us about areas of need within our community. Also, give us your idea on how we can fill that need.

## Committees

### Steering Committee

This committee is responsible for the programs offered by Faith Weavers of St. Mary. It meets monthly to plan the prayer services and social gatherings. It is the committee that oversees all the activities of our faith community.

### Social Committee

This committee prepares the main dishes for our social gathering after the monthly prayer services and organizes the set-up and clean up after the meal. It also helps plan other social gatherings like our annual "Tornado Picnic."

### Service and Justice Committee

This committee identifies and evaluates organizations to be recipients of our donation program. The committee members find local, state, national, and international organizations to receive gifts. They also screen applicants for donations from the Faith Weavers' Endowment Fund and make recommendations to the Endowment Board of Trustees for gifts to specific charitable organizations.

### Friends of El Salvador

This committee continues the social justice and charitable outreach to the people of El Salvador. This committee raised funds for educational and infrastructure improvements in the communities of Milagro de Dios and Miramar in El Salvador. This committee organizes trip to El Salvador to show our solidarity with the people of El Salvador.

### College Student Outreach

This committee coordinates efforts with Rev. Charlie Farnum of the Wesley Center, to plan and implement student outreach activities. By serving others we hope students will bond together in community and help one another find the place religion plays in their life choices.

### Communication Committee

This committee develops and maintains the communication channels within our community and with people outside our group. It has developed a brochure describing Faith Weavers of St. Mary; establish a website for Faith Weavers of St. Mary and expand our presence on Facebook. Facebook is an interactive website used extensively by students to form online communities.

### Endowment Fund Investment Committee

This is a committee of the Endowment Fund. Its purpose is to establish investment policies; construct the investment portfolio, and monitor investment performance.

## Boards

### Faith Weavers Board of Directors

This board has the legal authority to operate Faith Weavers of St. Mary. It meets on an "as needed" basis to make decisions to organize and operate our community. For example, in the past Directors have authorized the committee structure for Faith Weavers, authorized legal documents to be filed, and authorized the establishment of the Faith Weaver's Endowment Fund.

### Endowment Fund, Board of Trustees

This Board has legal responsibilities for the activities of the Endowment Fund. It has the responsibility to oversee investment policies and make distributions to charitable organizations.

## Worship

### Lectors

Lectors are people who read the scriptures at masses or prayer services.

### Eucharistic Ministers

Eucharistic Ministers bring forward the gifts at services and help distribute communion at masses.

### Greeter at services

Greeters welcome people to the monthly services, and distribute worship aids. They also welcome new members into our community and introduce them to others.

### Music

People who wish to participate in the choir as singers, or instrumentalists.

## New Initiatives:

### Children's community outreach projects

These people will organize and conduct projects designed to give children the experience of serving others in the community. Working on projects through the Commission on Aging or participation in Christmas Outreach are examples of outreach projects.

### Children liturgy of the word

These people will lead age appropriate scripture study during our monthly services for youth of our community.

### Children social hour activities

These people will plan and conduct projects for children during the social hour after monthly services.

### Retreat

A retreat is taking timeout from one's daily routine to reflect on one's relationship with God. There are many possible formats for a retreat; a women's, men's, couples; or family retreat. It can last a day or a weekend. It can be held locally; at a retreat house, or a summer camp. It can have a theme or be unstructured. Let us know if you are interest in participating in a retreat and we will contact you to work out the details.

### Bible study

This group would meet on a regular basis to study scripture. The group would establish its own structure, meeting time, and sets its agenda.

### Book study group

This group will meet on a regular basis to study a book that is of interest to the group members. The group would establish its own structure, meeting time, and sets its agenda.

### Community Dinners

This activity is an opportunity to get to know others in our community in a more intimate setting. It is a planned set of dinner parties where one family, or individual, hosts a dinner for two other families (individuals). Some people volunteer to host a dinner and others volunteer to be guest for dinner. Hosts and guest will be matched through a random drawing. Host families will then make arrangements for the dinner party. You are invited to volunteer as a host family, a guest, or both.