

MOVING FORWARD WITH THE WELCOME MINISTRY

On Sunday, December 6, the Welcome Ministry sponsored an Information Session. Over 90 people attended and learned about the basics of this exciting new ministry. How thrilling it was to witness this diverse group of church members, everyone from new members to members attending MPC over 50 years. The Welcome Ministry leadership team consists of three Team Leaders, Barbara Barnes, Bob Broekhuizen, and Tom O'Brien, along with Bill Bowen, Coordinator, Sue Waechter, Trainer and the Rev. Cathy Chang. If you are interested in serving with this ministry, you must attend either training session on **Sunday, January 10, 12:30-2:30 pm** or **Wednesday, January 13, 6-8 pm**. Please RSVP with Lori by emailing lorit@mempres.org or calling the church office. Childcare is available, by emailing Wendy Lewis at wendyl@mempres.org or calling the church office.

Welcome Ministry: Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Welcome Ministry?

This Welcome Ministry seeks to create a culture of hospitality at Memorial Presbyterian Church. As God welcomes us, we seek to reflect that spirit of welcome in the way that we interact and relate to one another. Three dedicated teams of volunteers will serve as the foundation of this ministry.

How can I get involved?

There are 4 different ways to serve: (1) Reception Host (receptionist); (2) Entrance Host (greeter); (3) Service Host (usher); (4) Pastoral Greeter

Under the leadership of a Team Leader, you will serve with a team that consists of these "hosts" and "greeters," for Sunday morning worship services and church-wide special events.

How do I decide in what role I'd like to serve?

Your role depends on your gifts and availability. As Reception and Entrance Hosts, you can greet people. As Service Hosts, you can greet people, distribute worship guides, and collect the offering. As a Pastoral Greeter, you can assist the pastors by listening with them for pastoral needs.

What does a typical Sunday look like?

For the 8 am service, there will be 1 Reception Host, at the Allen Street lobby.

For the 9 am service, there will be 1 Reception Host, 1 Entrance Host at the Allen Street entrance, and 2 Service Hosts at the Assembly Room entrance.

For the 10:45 service, there will 1 Reception Host, 2 Entrance Hosts at the Allen Street entrance, 1 Entrance Host at the rear entrance, 2 Entrance Hosts at the narthex, 4 Service Hosts to distribute bulletins and to collect the offering, and 2 Pastoral Greeters.

What's my time commitment?

On the Sunday that you serve, you are expected to attend a team meeting: 8:15 am for the 9 am worship service, and 10 am for the 10:45 am worship service. You are expected to attend the Sunday morning worship service and to clean up afterwards.

You are expected to serve for 2 Sundays, and then 10 Sundays off. You may serve additional Sundays, depending on your availability.

You will also serve at church-wide special events like the All Saints Day Service, Service of Comfort and Hope, and Christmas Eve.

Is there any special training?

Yes, there will be training sessions. In order to serve with the Welcome Ministry, you are strongly encouraged to attend the training session. You can attend one of our first sessions on **Sunday, January 10, 12:30-2:30 pm**, or **Wednesday, January 13, 6-8 pm**.

Sign me up! When can I start?

Our plan is to implement this Welcome Ministry, for all 3 worship services on **Sunday, February 14, 2010**.