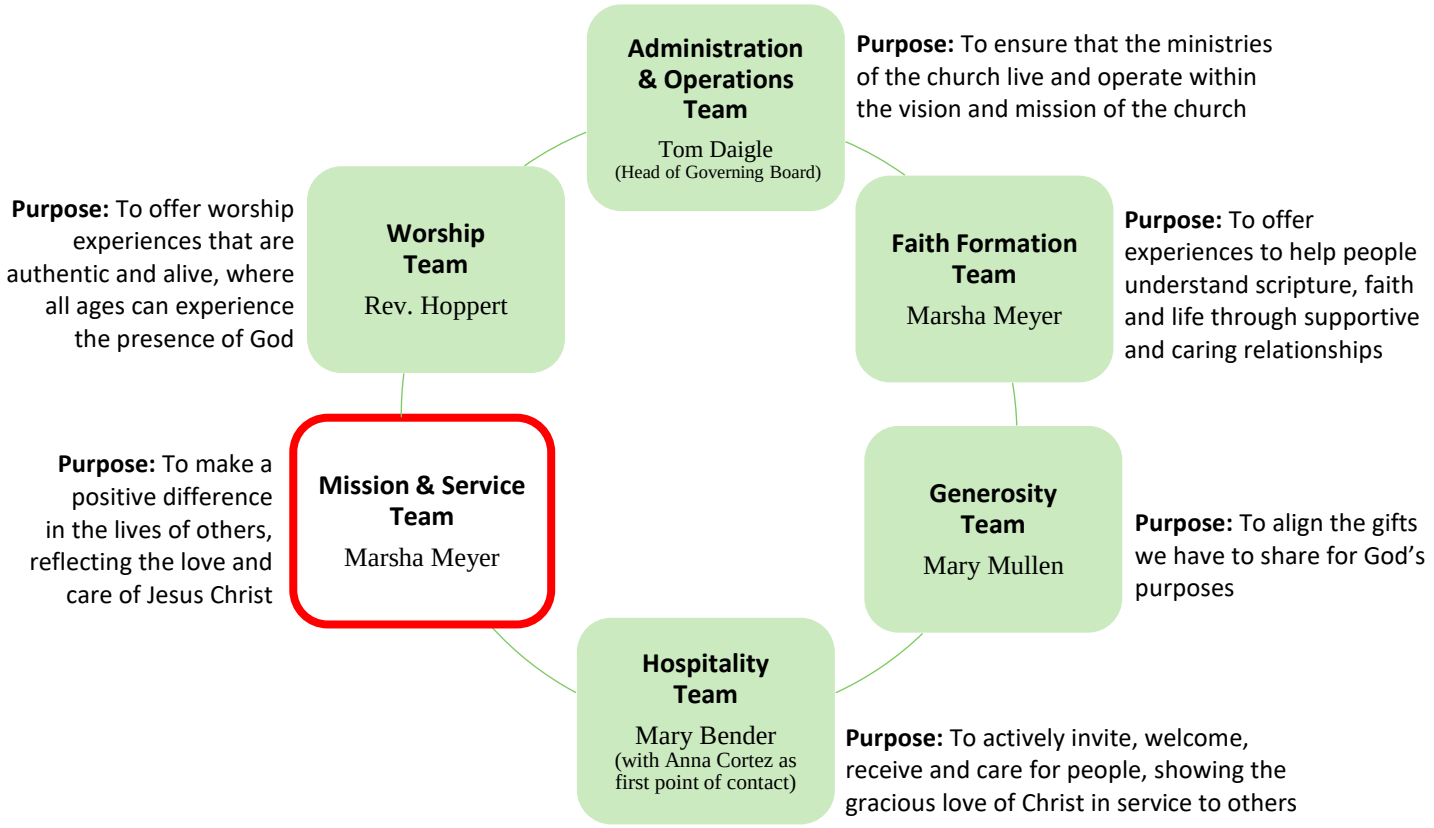
MINISTRY TEAMS TAKING SHAPE IN NEW GOVERNANCE MODEL: **November Focus – Mission & Service Team**

Salem's Governance Restructuring Team is pleased to share a diagram which shows how each ministry team is in relationship with the others – all working together for the love of God and all within God's creation. The purpose and leader are listed for each of the ministry teams. Month-by-month, we focus on one of our six ministry teams…



The purpose of the **Mission & Service Team** is to make a positive difference in the lives of others for the purposes of Christ, whether or not they will ever be part of the community of faith. Mission and Service includes the interweaving of lives across culture, class, color, and age boundaries genuinely enriching the congregation and making Scripture stories come alive in real experience. As we practice Risk-Taking Mission & Service, God's Spirit changes us and changes the lives of others. The goal of Risk-Taking Mission & Service Team is to align our mission and service opportunities with the ministry of our church through contact, engagement, and long-term relationships. In considering mission and service initiatives, we endeavor to:

- Remember that people come first, and Christ's love for all people binds them to one another and to the task.
- Measure the impact of our work in lives changed rather than in money sent or buildings constructed.
- Do ministry with people, not to them.
- Be mindful that service projects become an entry point into the church and into the life of Christ.
- Welcome in people of all ages who want to make a difference, yearn to improve the conditions of other people, and desire to make the world a better place by relieving suffering, reducing poverty, or struggling against injustice.

The **Mission & Service Team** encourages everyone to prayerfully consider ways to contribute. Please contact Salem's church office at (920) 892-7456 or churchoffice@salemuccplywi.org, if you have interest in participating in and/or wish to learn more about the **Mission & Service Team** or any of our ministry teams. Please join us next month for a focus on Salem's Worship Team.

On behalf of the Governance Restructuring Team, we thank you for your continued prayers and support of Salem's Ministry Teams! – Marsha Meyer, Terry Risse & Mary Bender