

# ***The Little Home Church needs you!***

*Please take a few minutes to tell us about your gifts and interests, and how you would like to help.*

## INTRODUCTION TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL AND OUR SEVEN MINISTRIES

The **Church Council** is the central governing body of the church. It represents the congregation through 11 voting members, including the Moderator, the Moderator-Elect, the Chairs of each of the seven Ministries (Vice Chairs in the Chair's absence), and two at-large members, preferably one adult and one youth.

The **At-Large Members of Council** represent the congregation, bringing a viewpoint to Council discussions that does not speak from a particular ministry's point of view. The At-Large member specifically receives concerns from the congregation and presents the concerns at Council meetings.

The **Christian Education Ministry** plans and conducts all educational programs, including adult education, youth programs events, Sunday School, Confirmation (with the Pastor), and Vacation Bible School.

The **Outreach Ministry** identifies needs for Christian service and support within and beyond the area served by our church, publicizes opportunities for Christian service, evaluates requests for support, raises money for Christian outreach, and determines the allocation of monies among the various agencies chosen to be supported by the church.

The **Worship and Spiritual Growth Ministry** develops meaningful worship programs in coordination with the Pastor and music director, recruits and trains pulpit associates and ushers, coordinates sanctuary decorations and fellowship, and aids the Pastor with the sacraments and rites of the church such as communion and baptism.

The **Congregational Life Ministry** supports members of our congregation in times of need, and coordinates the provision of transportation, meals, cards, flowers and other services for sick, homebound, grieving and otherwise recuperating parishioners.

The **Evangelism Ministry** publicizes the ministries of our church to the community, recruits new members of the church, provides hospitality to visitors and newcomers, and contacts new members to help them assimilate into full membership.

The **Stewardship Ministry** conducts periodic capital fund drives, manages the campaign which funds the church's annual operating budget, promotes special offerings throughout the year, and thanks those who have given time, talent or money.

The **Facilities Ministry** cares for the properties of the Church, and maintains and improves the physical plant within the guidelines established by the Church Council.