Niles Discovery Church

If your idea of what a church ought to be is open minded, warm hearted, and bright spirited, then we invite you to worship at Niles Discovery Church.

Here, we take God seriously, and try to take ourselves less seriously.

Here, we bring our minds, as well as our hearts and souls, to knowing the Bible. Our questions are as important as the answer we find together.

Here, children learn and grow, adults find good friends, and the love of Christ is shared with all.

We have an outstanding Choir, Youth Programs, and Sunday School.

We are a progressive, open and affirming church that serves the Bay Area Community, uniting in God's love for all people regardless of race, age, nationality, physical ability, marital status, family configuration, mental ability, economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, religion, faith, or creed, encouraging them on the adventure we call the faith journey.

We don't think that Christianity is about believing unbelievable stuff about God or Jesus or the Bible. It's about a lifelong journey of relationship with God that grows and changes as we do.

We recognize that we have been given a fantastic and diverse world within which to live, work and play and have a responsibility to care for it. We enjoy our relationships with faithful persons of other religious persuasions and seek to work cooperatively with all to make our communities better places.

Check out our site and see that we are serious about our faith, our service, and our fun together. Then come and share worship with us any Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.

About Niles Discovery Church

What is the Niles Discovery Church difference?

We strive to provide a community where people can discover God and God's purposes for themselves without dictating just what that is. Freedom of thought and expression are encouraged. The one unifying factor is Jesus Christ whose teachings we attempt to understand and follow. This means that, as Jesus valued love of all (including enemies), uplifting the downtrodden, confronting exploitative powers and institutions, and seeking the equality of all, we pursue social justice issues and work to eliminate inequities where they are found.

We are part of the Progressive Christian movement. It is a way of being Christian that honors the traditions of our past while knowing that there is always more for us to learn and experience. We take the Bible seriously, but not literally. We understand that, while science helps explain the physical world and religion helps explain the spiritual world, science and religion can learn much from each other. We honor any religion that honors the two Great Commandments of Jesus: to love God with all our heart, soul and mind, and our neighbor as our self.

We at Niles Discovery Church are committed to these Progressive Christian principles and seek to work with God to realize Jesus' prayer that "thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

If this sounds good to you, why not give us a try?

A Church for a New Day

The world is changing. American culture is changing. The church needs to change, too.

Once upon a time, in America, you could assume that any person you met was a Christian (at least nominally). Mainline Protestantism was the assumption and society flexed to accommodate that assumption. Youth athletic programs and school activities were never scheduled for Sunday morning and you needed to be a white, Protestant male to even be considered to sit on the Supreme Court. No longer. And that's a good thing. Now we see the richness and benefits that different cultures, beliefs, and ethnicities bring to society.

These changes mean the church needs to change. So two congregations with deep roots in the Niles neighborhood – Niles Congregational Church (founded in 1889) and First Christian Church of Fremont (founded in 1960) – decided to create something new. On September 9, 2012, Niles Discovery Church was born, a congregation united in God's love for everyone's journey ... no exceptions. Learn more about the churches that helped us create this new, progressive church for this new day here.

Niles Discovery Church is affiliated with both the Norther California-Nevada Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the Northern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ. We are also active in the work of the Tri-City Interfaith Council.

A church for everyone

To bring our worship service to our congregation during the COVID-19 Shelter-in-Place mandate (2020-2021), we moved our services to Zoom. We quickly learned that there were many people who had not been attending church due to several reasons (unrelated to COVID-19). When Shelter-in-Place mandate was lifted, we restructured our worship service as a hybrid service to enable people to attend service either in-person or online. Our goal is to make our worship service as meaningful as possible regardless how one attends. We continue to explore how technology can improve our ministries.

We're a church where being on a faith journey is more important that conformity of belief. Faith is much more about a relationship with God – our trust in God and our fidelity to God – that it is about beliefs.

Faith

As members of the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), our faith is in the God who Jesus worshiped, the God who claims us and sustains us through the power of the Holy Spirit. The teachings of Jesus nurture our lives and challenge our living in the world and in our relationships to one another. Although we have no creed, we have continuity with the Church through the ages, and feel responsible to interpret our received traditions and the Bible in the light of our day. Our faith compels us to work for Christian unity and to create peace and justice among all peoples.

In making this faith its own, the church is guided by the words of John Robinson (minister of the Pilgrims, the original Congregationalists in North America): "God has yet more truth and light to break forth out of his holy word."

Freedom

Freedom is highly valued in the faith of individual members and the governing of local churches. The United Church of Christ has a congregational form of government. Historically, it has supported causes seeking liberation and enlargement of opportunity for the oppressed.

Fellowship

Our fellowship is lived out through voluntary connections with nearby churches in Associations; regional churches in Conferences; and the national denomination through the General Synod. These relationships enable the autonomous local church to participate in a more effective mission, and bear witness to our responsibility to live in covenant with other Christians.

Focus

We are Christians who have found an approach to God through the life and teachings of Jesus. It's the difference between worshiping Jesus or worshiping the God Jesus worshiped. Read more...

We are Christians who recognize the faithfulness of other people who have other names for the way to God's realm, and acknowledge that their ways are true for them, as our ways are true for us. Read more...

We are Christians who understand the sharing of bread and wine in Jesus' name to be a realization of the vision of God's feast for all peoples. Read more...

We are Christians who invite all people to participate in our community and worship life without insisting that they become like us in order to be acceptable. That, in fact, we can learn from our differences. Read more...

We are Christians who know that the way we behave toward one another and others is the fullest expression of what we believe. Read more...

We are Christians who find more grace in the search for meaning than in absolute certainty, in the questions than in the answers. Read more...

We are Christians who form ourselves into communities dedicated to equipping one another for the work we feel called to do: striving for peace and justice among all people, protecting and restoring the integrity of all God's creation, and bringing hope to those Jesus called the least of his sisters and brothers. Read more...

Friendship

You'll find warm, close, open, accepting, and affirming relationships, which makes this a friendly and inviting church.

Open and Affirming



"Open and Affirming" is a designation used in both the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ by local churches as a way of saying, "This congregation welcomes lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning people into the full life and ministry of the church." Niles Discovery Church is an Open and Affirming congregation.

The Open and Affirming programs of our denominations are administered by the national lgbt advocacy groups of each denomination: The GLAD Alliance and the United Church Coalition for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Concerns (The Coalition).

As an open and affirming congregation, we want all LGBTQ people to know that there is nothing wrong with them. They do not have a spiritual problem, nor do they have a mental problem. We know that there are Christians who claim that gayness can be 'cured,' that it can be 'prayed away.' We reject that claim. God has no interest in 'healing' a problem that doesn't exist. Furthermore, the one reputable study that suggested that homosexuality might possibly be changed in some patients has now been repudiated by its author. See the video below for more information on this.

Our Worship Service

People of all ages, abilities, ethnicities, family statuses, economic conditions, gender identities, sexual orientations, and cultural origins gather each Sunday morning at 10:00 to worship God. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here. There is no dress code or any other code. Come as you are.

To attend services online, via Zoom, please register here: <u>https://bit.ly/reg4worship</u>

Worship services have a traditional feel with a progressive content. They usually include:

- Contemporary and traditional hymns with lyrics for those who want to sing along.
- A sermon based on Biblical insights applied to the needs of today's world and our lives.
- Shared prayer.
- Communion, because everyone is welcome at Jesus' table (you don't need to be a member of our church or any church to participate) Have something to eat and drink to participate.
- A time of fellowship via randomized break-out rooms follows the worship service. People get to meet and have fellowship with different church members each week.

Whether you are visiting, attending with a friend or relative, searching for a church home, or seeking answers to life's questions, we are glad to have you join us.

Special Services

Throughout the year we have several special worship services in addition to our Sunday morning worship. These include:

Christmas Eve

Special services celebrating the birth of Jesus are held that evening, typically filled with carols and candlelight.

Ash Wednesday

An evening service of several congregations, celebrated with local DOC and UCC congregations, hosted by one of the churches.

Maundy Thursday

An evening service of several congregations, often held around the dinner table (a soup supper) and celebrated with local DOC and UCC congregations, hosted by one of the churches.

Good Friday

An evening service of several congregations, celebrated with local DOC and UCC congregations, hosted by one of the churches.

Easter

In addition to our 10:00 a.m. service, we hold a Sunrise Service at the Niles Town Plaza.

Longest Night

A special service on December 21st bringing comfort on the longest night of the year.

Worship Service

Our Sunday hybrid worship services start at Sunday at 10:00 AM providing service in our sanctuary and online. Our sanctuary is located at 36600 Niles Blvd in Fremont, CA. You can register to attend service online at https://bit.ly/reg4worship

A Brief History of Niles Discovery Church

Niles Discovery Church is a new church borne of two churches each with a rich history: The First Congregational Church of Niles, known as Niles Congregational Church, and First Christian Church of Fremont. In 2006, these two churches started a process of discernment to determine if God was calling us to merge into one new church. In 2011, we determined we had such a call and on September 9, 2012, we formally became Niles Discovery Church, a congregation united in God's love for everyone's journey ... no exceptions. We moved into our new church facility at 36600 Niles Blvd n March, 2015.

History of Niles Congregational Church



The town of Niles was first known as Vallejo's Mill, after a flourishing grain mill. In 1869, the Central Pacific railroad named the station "Niles" after a railroad official, Judge Niles. The town has been known as Niles ever since.

The first school building was sold to the "Congregational Society," and was moved to a plot of land donated by the railroad. The church opened

for regular services on June 16, 1889, with Frederic Maar as pastor. The First Congregational Church of Niles was officially organized on September 5, 1889, with twelve members.

The membership grew steadily, and in 1911, the Rev. F.V. Jones recommended that a new church be built. For the sum of \$14,000, the Tudor style "Big Church" was built on the corner of H and Third Streets. This new structure had a seating capacity of 300, a complete gymnasium, a parlor, a study, and a very active kitchen.

On April 22, 1938, the church burned down. The present structure was erected on the same site, and dedicated on Easter Sunday in 1939, the church's Fiftieth Anniversary. In 1960, the "Little House" behind the church was remodeled, and became the first nursery school in Niles. In 1994, the child care extension was built, replacing the Little House. <u>Learn more...</u>

History of Fremont Christian Church

Fremont Christian Church began in the home of Drs. Howard and Marjorie Horner. After a short while, Reverend Donald W. J. Anderson became the pastor and served the church for 33 years.

Significant Dates in the History of this Church

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Jan 23, 1956:	City of Fremont Incorporated
Sep 18, 1960:	Congregation Chartered in Odd Fellows Hall, 109 J. Street; by Dr. Ben C.
	Bobbitt, Regional Minister-President
Oct 16, 1960:	Don Anderson began service as Pastor
Jan 7, 1962:	Second location, Store front at 37378 Niles Blvd.
Dec 2, 1962:	Third location, the historic Presbyterian Church Bldg at 37218 Fremont Blvd.
Oct 1, 1965:	Purchase of 35601 Niles Blvd. Property
Nov 7, 1971:	First Worship Service in the New Building
May 7, 1972:	Building Dedication
Sep 14, 1975:	Dedication of Serra Residential Center
Jul 31, 1993:	Donald Anderson retired as Church Pastor
Aug 1993:	Rev. Frank Jaggers, Interim Pastor
Dec 1994:	Rev. Linda S. Carlson, Pastor
Apr 2002:	Rev. Kay McFarland, Interim Pastor
Oct 2003:	Rev. Joe Walters, Pastor
Aug 2007:	Purchased Church at 36600 Niles Blvd.
Dec 1, 2007:	Started worshiping at present Church site
Oct 2008:	Rev. Kay McFarland, Interim Pastor
Jun 14, 2009:	Rev. Steve Kindle preached for the first time
Sep 13, 2009:	Rev. Steve Kindle was installed as Pastor
Jun 26, 2010:	Niles Open House and Community Day

Niles Discovery Church Staff

These are the employees that staff the church.

Employee	Role	Short Bio
Rev. Jeff Spencer	Pastor	He also sings baritone with the Golden Gate Men's Chorus and regularly nags his niece and nephew to send him art to hang in his office. He is passionate about connecting the gospel's message of love to issues of justice and peace.
Cecilia Le	Bookkeeper	Cecilia Le has been the bookkeeper of Niles Discovery Church since 2007. In her spare time she studies Oriental Medicine, enjoy hiking in the woods, and communing with her four-legged friends.
Jenny Lin	Accompanist	Jenny Lin is a full time music teacher in a private school and the accompanist and organist in Nile Discovery Church. She enjoys traveling around the world.
Laurel Wallace	Office Administrator	
Jim Thomas	Technology Director	Jim has been involved in technology since the mid-1970s when he bought his first computer as a hobbyist. He became a software engineer in the 80s and developed database driven programs. In the 90s, he transitioned from programming desktop apps to developing web apps and working with internet start-ups in creating their online presence. He is currently involved in hybrid technology and video production.

Homelessness Task Force

The Homelessness Task Force is a Special Ministry Team that focusses on supporting programs that address the Homelessness crisis. The programs we are supporting include:

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City of Fremont's Homeless Services

https://www.fremont.gov/residents/homeless-response/homeless-services

Abode Services

https://abode.org/alameda-county

Home Warming/Rapid Rehousing by Abode Services

We sponsor clients who are being moved out of homelessness into their new home. Donations are collected to provide clients much needed household items when they move into their new home.

Clean Start Mobile Hygiene Unit by the City of Fremont

We host the mobile hygiene unit on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 4. This unit provides showers and laundry service for our clients.

Little Free Pantry

Niles Discovery Church has established a little free pantry to provide basic food and hygiene items to those in need. Little Free Pantries activate neighbor engagement of food insecurity by addressing immediate and local needs. While they don't intend to replace food banks, these pantries work alongside traditional models and offer a zero-barrier access point to food and help fill the gaps in the system. The opportunity for culturally relevant and healthy food access is possible through this direct giving, by neighbors and for neighbors. In the creation of micro-communities within neighborhoods and through the common action of giving and receiving, there is a mutual benefit felt by all involved.



The shed near the main entrance to the church was converted to a little free pantry on Saturday, September 12, 2020. The shed was originally established to store equipment and donations for the Clean Start mobile hygiene unit, but during the pandemic, it had been vandalized and broken into four times. When the topic was raised with the Ministry of Property and the City of Fremont, it was agreed that the shed should be repurposed. The Homelessness Task Force proposed to the church Cabinet to convert the shed to a free pantry. The Cabinet approved the proposal at the August 16, 2020 Cabinet meeting.

Sandy Thomas volunteered to build a shelving unit to be placed inside the shed. She used several tall cabinet/pantry doors to create the unit. We plan to cut out and install a plexiglass window so people can look inside to see what is available.

To learn more about the Little Free Pantry and the mini pantry movement, visit <u>https://www.littlefreepantry.org/</u>

Little Free Pantry Donation Suggestions

Bring donations to the little free pantry near the church main entrance. If you find anything that

should be removed, set them to the left of the shelving unit.

NOTE: THESE ARE SUGGESTED DONATIONS, ADDITIONAL ITEMS MAY BE DONATED.

Almond milk	Baby Food	Beans
Applesauce	Baby Wipes	Beef Jerky
Baby Cereal	Band Aids	Boxed Meals

Breakfast bars	Feminine personal hygiene	Oil
Candy	items	Pancake mix
Canned chicken	Flour	Pancake syrup
Canned fruit	Fruit juice	Paper plates
Canned roast beef	Fruit snacks	Paper towels
Canned salmon	Garbage bags	Pasta
Canned tuna	Gas cards	Peanut Butter
Canned vegetables	Gift cards	Pens/Pencils
Cereal- hot or cold	Gloves	Plastic bags
Chap stick	Granola bars	Plastic silverware
Chips	Hair brushes	Pop tarts
Cleaning supplies	Hand sanitizer	Pull-ups
Coffee	Hand soap	-
	Honey	Pre-packaged (rice sides, pasta sides, potato sides)
Conditioner	Infant formula	Protein bars
Cup a soup	Jelly	Protein powder
Crackers	Juice boxes	Quinoa
Dehydrated milk		Raisins
Deodorant	Ketchup	
Diapers	Laundry detergent	Ramen
Disinfectant Wipes	Liquid Hand Soap	Rice
Dish scrubber	Lotion	Rice Krispy Bars
Dish soap	Mac & cheese	Rubber gloves
Dried beans	Meals in a box	Salsa
Dried fruits	Meat sticks	Seed Butter
Dried lentils	Mustards	Seeds
Dried peas	Napkins	Shampoo
Dried vegetables	Noodles	Shampoo/Body Wash 2 in 1
-	Notebooks	Slim Jims
Energy bar	Nuts	Snacks
Face masks		

Soap	Stews
Socks (new-excellent	Sugar
condition)	Теа
Soups	Tissues
Soy milk	Toilet paper
Spaghetti sauce	Toothbrushes

Toothpaste

V8 Juice

Winter gloves/hats (new/excellent condition)

- PLEASE DO NOT DONATE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
- MEDICATIONS (OVER THE COUNTER OR PRESCRIPTION)
- ANY ITEMS THAT CAN BE POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS INCLUDING RAZOR
- BLADES AND CLEANING CHEMICALS.
- PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS
- FOOD ITEMS NOT CANNED OR PACKAGED
- CANS OR PACKAGED ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN OPENED OR BREACHED
- ITEMS PASSED THEIR EXPIRATION DATE
- BULKY ITEMS (CLOTHES/BLANETS/FURNITURE)

Green Team Ministry



Our Motto is "Help Out Mother Earth" (HOME)

Our Mantra is "Stay Cool"

Our Mission is "With the goal of creating a healthy HOME (Help Out Mother Earth) for our community, we, the Green Team, will use all the science we already know to promote a healthy world

environment for future generations by gathering our neighbors to encourage, educate, and advocate for needed sustainable climate solutions."

Creation Care Covenant of Commitment

As children of God and followers of Jesus Christ, we recognize the sacred gift of creation. We affirm our connection to God, each other, and the world around us. We respect all of God's creation and pray for the healing of the Earth. We commit ourselves as individuals and as a congregation to the intertwined responsibilities of caring for creation and seeking social justice for oppressed, marginalized, and underrepresented people. With an urgent sense of purpose, we pledge to study the science of social disparities, climate change, and then redress in achievable ways, our contribution to human suffering and global inequalities. Furthermore, as humanity confronts the current and future crisis of damage to our climate, we vow that we will continue to study the climate crisis and engage others in climate solutions. In doing so, we expand our efforts to mitigate the harmful effects of climate change we have inflicted on our Earth. We will promote ways that sustain life, advocate for eco-justice policies, and will work towards having these efforts be reflected in all the dimensions of our congregation's life. We delight in God's creation and invite others to do the same. Adopted by the Cabinet on behalf of the congregation on Monday, February 15, 2021

Children and Youth Ministries

Much of our ministry to, with, and by children and youth happens on Sunday mornings. Learn more about it on this page.

Nursery Care

Nursery Care is offered each Sunday during the worship service for the youngest children in our congregation. Screened adult volunteers take turns caring for these kids, leading them with stories and craft projects. This program is available in Room 4.

Children's Sunday School

Children and youth begin each Sunday morning in the sanctuary for worship service and after the "Time with Children" portion of the service, leave for their Sunday School classes. On communion Sundays, they are encouraged to return to the worship service so they can participate in the sacrament with the rest of the congregation.

We have created our own curriculum using contemporary children's books that focus on spirituality, Christian values, inclusivity, peace, love, and understanding. These classes are provided for toddlers through middle school.

Summer Camping

Both the Northern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church Northern California-Nevada Region of the Disciple of Christ offer summer camping programs that Niles Discovery Church is very active in. Camps are offered for children and youth entering 2nd through 12th grade, as well as multi-generational camps and adult camps. You can learn more about these outdoor ministry programs at the NCNC-UCC Conference website and the CCNC-N website.

Niles Discovery Church encourages the participation of our children and youth and helps pay for their attendance with funds raising through our program (read more on the scrip program on this page).

Scrip Program

Scrip is store and restaurant gift cards that can be spent the same as cash with that particular merchant. They are sold during fellowship time after the worship service almost every week. Each time you use scrip, a percentage of the face value goes to the program. The percentage varies depending on the merchant and can range between 2% and 20%.

Youth Sunday School

During the school year, our Junior and High School youth meet in the choir room during the Sunday School time. On the first and third Sundays, a class is taught, designed to engage the youth in their own faith development. On the other Sundays, the gathering is a youth group meeting.

Youth Group

Our Junior/Senior Hight Youth Group meets at Sunday School Time during the worship service on the second, fourth, and fifth Sundays of the month in the choir room. The youth group has additional special activities from time to time during the month. Youth group meetings are a time to develop friendships, build trust, service others, and learn more. Activities might include a trip to a neighboring faith community to learn more about them or preparing a skit for the church-wide talent show - or just checking in with each other. More information may be found on the "Youth" bulletin board in Ford Hall.

Permission slips are needed for off-site activities. You can download the permission slip here.

Confirmation Class

Every few years, Niles Discovery Church offers a Confirmation Class for youth (and interested adults) to prepare them to make a choice about taking on the responsibilities of being a disciple of Jesus. For people who were baptized at birth, this means reaffirming their baptism and taking on the responsibilities of the baptismal vows made for them by their parents through the rite of confirmation. For people who have not been baptized, this means being baptized and taking on the responsibilities of the baptismal vows through the rite of confirmation.

Adult Study & Fellowship Groups

This is a sampling of some of our study and fellowship groups for adults. If you would like to get involved, please contact the church office.

Adult Sunday School

The Adult Sunday School meets every Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. We typically select a book to read and discuss during Sunday School. Our facilitator sends out a weekly study guide with insights and questions to ponder prior to each meeting. Everyone is welcome, please join us any time.

Book Group

There is an ongoing book group that meets on the fourth Tuesday evening of the month, August to June, in a group member's home. A different book is discussed each month. To join the group, contact the office. Click here for a list of the books.

Group Spiritual Direction

Spiritual GuidanceLed by Pastor Jeff, Spiritual Direction Groups spend time in silent prayer and discussion, focused on their relationship with God. Groups might be on-going or meet for a specific period of time. If you are interested in joining or starting a group, contact Pastor Jeff.

Second Saturday Documentary Series

Documentary InfographicCosponsored with the San Jose Peace & Justice Center, we show a documentary on the second Saturday of the month each week (at 1:30) that will open your eyes to what's right under your nose. A discussion led by someone knowledgeable about the documentary's topic follows each screening. Admission is free; donations accepted; held at the church. For more information, click here.

Women's Fellowship

The purpose of the Women's Fellowship is to provide the women of the church with fellowship and to continue to build relationships with each other and God. We have three Women's Fellowship groups. One meets on the third Monday of the month at 11:30 a.m. at the church (men are welcome at this group, too). One meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at a member's home. And one meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 36600 Niles Blvd, to tie lap robes that are given away to people in nursing and care facilities. Learn more about these groups here.

The Chancel Choir of Niles Discovery Church

The Chancel Choir provides a ministry of music during the school year at our Sunday morning worship services. They present one (sometimes two) anthems and provide other incidental music to assist the congregation in our worship of God.

Outreach and Service activities of Niles Discovery Church

Here's a sampling of some of the outreach and service activities of Niles Discovery Church. Get involved in our congregation; get involved in our outreach and service.

Mission Project

From time to time our Children's Sunday School classes or Youth Group sponsors a mission project, like providing livestock for a farmer in a developing country through Heifer International or collecting school supplies for kids living in the Fremont homeless shelter.

Second Saturday of the Month Documentary Series

Co-Sponsoring (with Tri-City Perspectives and the San Jose Peace and Justice Center) and hosting a monthly documentary about issues of justice issues. Read this month's Our Newsletter for information about this month's documentary.

Addressing social issues

We support addressing issues like the environment and global warming, healthcare, and disaster preparedness – through education and action.

Ditty Bags

Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments Creating "ditty bags" for the clients of Shelter Against Violent Environments (SAVE), the community women's shelter. [Sponsored by Women's Fellowship]

Support a child through World Vision

Supporting a child in El Salvador through World Vision by recycling aluminum cans.

The Wider Community

Offering financial support to the wider church through our denominations (the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)); to local and international service organizations; and to ecumenical and interfaith groups.

Facilities Use

Providing facilities for: Support groups, Boy Scouts, and other community groups.

Care Team

Care Team members have received about 20 hours of training so they can assist with providing care to our members and friends. The Care Team focuses on connecting with shut-ins and people temporarily shut-in, through visits and phone calls and by coordinating visits from other church members. They are available to people who are grieving or who want to talk with a church member about a family issue. They will be one more resource when families need special assistance beyond what our pastors can offer by themselves.

In addition, the Care Team Faith Community Nurses provide health resources, referral, and advocacy for our congregation.