

Membership Committee, 2009/10

This has been a difficult year for the Membership Committee. The untimely passing away of our Chair, Marie Keifer, was devastating at many levels, but also a reminder of how important and valuable our church community is to each of us. Late in the year Michelle Morrison stepped in as Chair to bring our committee back together. Looking toward next year, Fred Shirley is acting as Chair.

The Membership Committee's primary goal is to attend to the needs of church visitors by providing personal contact, answering questions, and encouraging engagement with our community. A secondary goal is to encourage new (and old) members to be involved in church activities, including outreach to visitors.

One of the ongoing activities that we plan to focus on next year is the Super Greeter program. We ask members of the church to each volunteer as a new-visitor greeter for a short time period, making an effort to find and greet visitors in the sanctuary and during coffee hour, answering questions, and seeing that visitors are introduced to other church members as appropriate. We are considering enlarging this role to include a Family Greeter program, where adults and youth act together to introduce visiting families to our Sunday School program.

Another ongoing activity is providing information to visitors each Sunday at the Information/Newcomers table during coffee hour. This is a more formal way to greet visitors and provide information as requested. Printed materials we make available include the "Green Folder," which has a set of usually-requested church information, and the "100 Questions" booklet, which is widely popular.

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