

# NOTES FROM CHERYL - June 2026

Summer is upon us; and for some reason, I notice we have in our minds that summer is going to be an easy time of relaxation and rest. Not so, First Church of Go! Our church is poised for a movement of the Holy Spirit and we need to do some things to get ready:

Pray, pray some more, pray without ceasing.

Pray for God to identify your spiritual gifts (Check out United Methodist Discipleship website, Spiritual Gifts section.) In the United Methodist Church (UMC), spiritual gifts are seen as unique abilities given by the Holy Spirit to every believer for the purpose of building up the body of Christ and serving others.

## **Understanding Spiritual Gifts**

Spiritual gifts are not merely talents or skills; they are divine empowerments that enable individuals to fulfill their unique roles within the church community. According to UMC teachings, every believer is gifted to contribute to the church's mission and to meet the needs of the world around them.

Speaking of the website, check out Church Committees at the following link:

<https://www.resourceumc.org/en/local-church-leadership/church-committees>

This is the time of year (well, late summer really is but we're starting early this year!) we review our committee leadership and recruit new leaders to serve. The only stipulation to serving on a committee is church membership only for the Chair of Trustees. In other words, non-members can serve on any committee.

Here are the committees ordered by the UM Discipline: Administrative Council, Trustees (maintain property), Staff Pastor Relations, Finance/Budgeting/Stewardship, Leadership Development. Our committees oversee our mission statement: **Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

We have committees or leaders that are in charge of various ministries in the church, such as the Serve Team, which oversees mission/outreach such as the Blessings Table, Monthly Drop-A-Dollar offerings. We also have a Prayer Shawl team, unique to our church, which assists the pastor in caring for the sick and needy.

Two new groups I want to start are **Worship** and **First Impressions**. The Worship group doesn't have to be singers or musicians, although representatives from that group are welcome. We need to oversee and improve anything and everything that has to do with worship, from music to sound to worship media, to preaching series, and more. This team requires creative thinkers as

well as worker bees, writers, storytellers, -- most importantly people with positive energy, feel-ers, think-ers, and/or do-ers,

The **First Impressions** group is on the lookout for guests. There are times when we have many first-time guests attend worship. We need to get their name and begin contacting them and connecting with them in a timely manner. Our goal is for guests to walk in the door and feel welcome and at home. We want to become a guest-obsessed church.

So our summer pre-game protocol will include this new theme song:

**God Has Work for Us to Do.** (Lyrics)

‘Til all the jails are empty and all the bellies filled;  
Till no one hurts or steals or lies, and no more blood is spilled.  
God has work for us to do. God has work for us to do,  
‘til God’s will is done and all things are made new, God has work for us to do.

Contact me (Pastor Cheryl) if you are interested in serving on any of these committees.(903)468-7178, or [cherylmurray2020@outlook.com](mailto:cherylmurray2020@outlook.com).

**Your assignment:** to pray, to connect, to serve, to grow.

First Church of Go: We have work to do!