



BEE THE CHURCH

King's Way UMC celebrates our laity and ways of connection and service through our congregation!

BEE THE CHURCH: To Serve and Sustain

How might you **bee** called to discipleship leadership this next year?

While there are many places to serve in the life of this congregation, there are some specific needs we must cover this year for some specific ministries to continue. Some of these events are new and some are events long held at King's Way. Some are one-time events, and some require a pace throughout the year.

While we have staff to support us along the Way, King's Way is looking for 8 persons to step into some key positions to assist pastor and staff to continue these ministries through 2026.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP FACILITATOR

Discipleship extends beyond our learning in worship. We are excited to have some long-standing discipleship groups at King's Way and look forward to some new ones. Ensuring adult discipleship at King's Way is essential. Maybe you are not called to lead a specific group but are willing to support the program as a whole!

Adult Discipleship (21-101 years of age) is looking for someone to foster connection and consistency with Discipleship Ministries at King's Way. This person works with the Lead Pastor to share information among individual small group leaders. (They might share new curriculum opportunities. They work closely with the Lead Pastor to make sure announcements, and key

dates are shared with all class leaders. They help name needs and recruit leadership when necessary.) This leader ensures that someone is present on Sunday morning to assist with discipleship group needs. (They might be a “go-for” to grab some materials, extension cord, etc.).

This role does not require presence every Sunday but would provide the information necessary for every week. *Contact Rev. Karen (karen@kwumc.com) or Amy Knowles for more information.*

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING HOST

Have you noticed a large number of college-age people in the Springfield area? Have you wondered if they have a faith community or connection? Want to offer hope to the next generation? If so, this role might be for you.

King’s Way is fortunate to have a grant for college-age ministries serving UMCs in Springfield. Our basic costs are covered! Our Lead Pastor ensures the program content.

The Center of the Ozarks hosts a weekly Young Adult Gathering (YAG) for college-age people (18-25) on Tuesdays at 7:45 PM in Atkins Charter House. **The YAG Host makes sure the room is set-up, and doors are open each week at 7:30- 9 PM.** (The host can coordinate a schedule of others to assist.) The host makes sure our Young Adult church announcements are up-to date. From time to time the host might secure volunteers for a special meal. The host also recruits volunteers to three “meet and greets” on college campuses in August and September.

This coordinator can be anyone ages 18 to 101 with capacity to coordinate set-up each week. *Contact Rev. Karen(karen@kwumc.com) for more information.*

KINGSWOOD BOARD MEMBER

Have you had an interest in our Kingswood Preschool Program? What do you hope for its future?

The Kingswood Advisory Board (KAB) of the Lay Leadership Team (LLT) meets quarterly (and as needed) to ensure the LLT Board has appropriate and necessary information to direct its preschool ministries. It offers advisory information on policies, finance matters, legal compliances, and any relational work of the ministries of King’s Way and Kingswood.

The Advisory Board is made up of Preschool Coordinator, Program Administrator, Administrative Assistant, one LLT member, one lay member of King's Way (Chair), and a current parent of Kingswood Programs. (The Lead Pastor is an ex-officio member.)

The Chair of the KAB needs to be a lay member of King's Way UMC. If you would like to be considered for this leadership position, contact Jane Medlen (janemedlen@gmail.com) for more information.

MISSION POSSIBLE FACILITATOR

Do you like to plan parties? Do you have a desire to further the missions of King's Way UMC? Again, do you like to plan a party? This role might be for you!

King's Way is looking for an event leader (or co-leaders) for our annual Mission Possible April fundraising event. **The Facilitator is a team leader for the group that promotes and executes a one-time event that raises money for missions of King's Way.** The event includes promotion & ticket sales for a meal, fundraising, education and entertainment. Typically, the fundraising includes general donation and auction. This person connects regularly with our Director of Communications to share information churchwide. The Facilitator also works to make sure this event is known in our greater community. (Our fundraising missions include, but are not limited to: KWUMC Youth and Adult Discipleship and Missions, Crosslines Ministries, One Door, SPS partner schools, etc.)

Want to lead our missions into the future with financial security? Volunteer for this role for April 2026. Contact Rev. Karen (karen@kwumc.com) for more information.

CRISIS COLD WEATHER SHELTER MEAL COORDINATOR

Do you have concerns for the unsheltered persons in our community? Do you believe this is an issue that can be met by a partnership of all Christians in the Springfield area?

Area churches partner to make sure 200 unsheltered people are fed an evening meal in times of cold weather. **(A meal is served every night November- March.) King's Way is seeking a team volunteer coordinator for one night each week.** This person would listen with the Lead Pastor at partnership meetings for needs. The CCWS meal coordinator would then seek and educate

volunteers for a weekly meal. This person connects regularly with our Director of Communications to share information/need churchwide.

We hope the night chosen for King's Way might be shared with other churches in our community. Thus, the facilitator would work with our pastor to share need in other local churches to solicit broader volunteer teams.

Contact Matt Sly (matthewsly@hotmail.com) or Rev. Karen (karen@kwumc.com) for more information.

PARTNER SCHOOL CHRISTMAS COORDINATOR

All children are included in the family God. King's Way is dedicated to discipling those in our church community. We also care to connect with and serve our neighbor partner schools (including but not limited to: Pershing, Glendale, Wilder and Field). Each summer we do a drive to collect monies and goods for our partner schools and Kingswood Programs.

In addition, King's Way is partnering with other community leaders to **host a Toy (and family needs) Drive in mid-December to benefit 50 families with early childhood and elementary students in Springfield**. This is a one-time event with partner planning sessions beginning September 8, 2025. If you would be willing to **be the information liaison and event building host for King's Way and this Christmas partnership**, contact Rev. Karen (karen@kwumc.com) for more information.

CONNECT CLASS CO-LEADER

We have on average 7 new households visit King's Way each month. How do those families learn and connect with King's Way? Beyond timed follow-up and gift distribution, the most effective way of connection is an invitation to our CONNECT CLASS.

Typically, our CONNECT class is held once a month at two times for 60- 90 minutes for persons to have a chance to meet with informed leaders about the United Methodist Church and its mission/vision & the specific ways King's Way lives those out. People attending a CONNECT Class will hear ways to connect to the life of King's Way and get a building tour, if necessary. CONNECT classes are not necessary for membership but often provide the best avenue for people seeking membership to do so. CONNECT classes are also opportunities for long-time connected laity to seek information on the life of the church.

Are you interested in brushing up on your Methodist history and willing to teach one time a month with our Lead Pastor? Are you passionate about new people being connected to the life of King's Way? See Rev. Karen (karen@kwumc.com) for more information.

CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE HOST

The Center of the Ozarks hosts a contemplative worship service on Sundays at 5:30pm. Our Program Director provides set-up and programming each week. We need a hospitality host to ensure that guests are greeted and cared for each week. Would you be willing to coordinate with greeters at 5:00 for welcome each week? Contact Michelle Wicks (thecenter@kwumc.com) for more information.

Do one of these ministries stir something in your heart or mind? Sit with God to hear if you have what is needed to lean into a role. Consequently, listen for another who you think has the gift. Perhaps you partner together, or you remind another of the ways you see leadership in them.

On Sundays July 27, Aug 3 and Aug 10 we will offer more information about these roles. We will also receive questions. You can sign-up any time along the way <https://kwumc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3029077> or at a sign-up at the Connect Desk. You can even call into the office (417-881-6363).

We also look forward to sharing with ALL our volunteers from the past year in an MVP Celebration as part of a blended service on August 10 AT 10:00am!

