

East Lake United Methodist Church Spirit Gifts

Thank you for taking the Spirit Gifts Assessment last Sunday. One of your top two gifts is Exhortation. Below you will find out what that means and how you can use this God given gift to glorify Him and His kingdom. If you have any questions about the assessment, gift or ways to serve, please contact Robin Borland, Director of Volunteer Ministries at rborland@eastlakeumc.org or call 727-784-9250, ext.115.

Exhortation

To come along side of someone with words of encouragement, comfort, consolation, and counsel to help them be all God wants them to be. Romans 12:8

Scriptural Role Models to Study: Barnabas (Acts 4:36; 11:22-26)

How It Is Also the Responsibility of All Believers: Hebrews 3:13; 10:24-25

Where to use your gifts at East Lake United Methodist Church:

- Beyond 50 Ministry This adult ministry is for older members of the congregation. The group is led by its own members and works on intergenerational ministry. They plan and encourage members 50 and over to build ministries that are age-appropriate. Contact Marian Palmer at mdpalmer@tampabay.rr.com.
- <u>Caregiving Ministry</u> Caregivers use their gifts and talents to visit shut-ins, prepare meals for sick and recovering individuals and families. They encourage by note writing, phone calling, rides to and from doctors appointments and help with funerals and memorials. Contact Margie Marks at mmarks9841@aol.com and rmays1@tampabay.rr.com.
- <u>Children's and Youth Ministries</u> There are many opportunities to enrich the lives of our young children through these ministries. Come and share your gift of Exhortation. Lift up our youth by being an example of a true spiritual mentor. Contact Erin Lowe at elowe@eastlakeumc.org or 727-784-9250, ext.110 for K-5 and Mary Treichel at mtreichel@eastlakeumc.org or 727-784-9250, ext.111 for grades 6-12. (According to Florida State Law, anyone working with children or youth must be screened before being able to volunteer.)
- <u>Cuba Mission</u> Proclaim God's word of encouragement to the oppressed people in Cuba through biannual visits. Contact Becky Bride bbride@tampabay.rr.com.
- <u>Prayer Chain</u> This group of loving individuals pray for those in need within our church and community. Contact Lynn Kirkwood at dmndgrl@tampabay.rr.com.
- <u>Recovery Ministries</u> Encourage and help those who are suffering from addiction, abuse, divorce or death of a loved one (examples: Al Anon, Divorce Recovery, Grief Recovery). Contact Robin Borland at rborland@eastlakeumc.org or 727-784-9250, ext.115.

- <u>Stephen Ministry</u> This ministry provides training to allow lay caregivers to provide one-to-one Christian care to the bereaved, hospitalized, terminally ill, separated, divorced, unemployed, relocated, and others who need compassion and caring because they are facing a crisis or life challenge. Contact Karen Wubbenhorst at pkwub@verizon.net.
- <u>Toymakers</u> Deliver wooden toys to children that are in shelters, hospitals and orphanages to show how much we care. Contact John Little at Ihlittle@ij.net.

With the discovery of spiritual gifts there will be a natural process of creating ministries that are not yet in existence. If there is a ministry that has not yet evolved, but you would like to create, contact Robin Borland, Director of Volunteer Ministries at rborland@eastlakeumc.org.