



Grounded in Faith
Growing to Serve

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY GUIDE

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BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Under the direction of the Jr Warden and the Commission leader the building and grounds committee assists in the upkeep and repair of our historic buildings and grounds. We have an annual spring clean up day that requires all hands on deck. The committee also completes jobs as need such as, Power wash the outdoor chapel and walkways, trim hedges and trees, repair floors and other items. The committee also organizes or “green” efforts like recycling.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Volunteering with Children

We have three Sunday School classes and one weekday offering for children. Each class needs two adult volunteers each week. They teach the lesson and add some fun. The lessons are preselected with all the materials. Volunteering with Children is a great way to meet everyone in the church. Each opportunity is about two hours per week.

Volunteering with Youth

We have one youth Sunday School class on Sunday mornings and youth group on Sunday evenings. Sunday School needs two teachers each week. They will teach the preassigned lesson and get the youth talking. EYC, or youth group, needs two volunteers each week as well. They will play games and show the youth another adult who cares about their faith. Each opportunity is about two hours per week. This group goes on retreats a lot. They need week-end chaperones and drivers. Weekend retreats are Friday night (6pm) through Sunday Afternoon (2pm).

Acolytes

A young person can become an acolyte at 8 years old if they have matured enough to carry a lit torch and can sit and focus through a service without supervision. They begin training as a torchbearer and progress to crucifer and then to gospel bearer.

Adult Education

Do you have an idea for a new Sunday School class for adults? It can be a 4-6 week series or a one day forum. Or do you have someone you'd like to hear from? We'd love to have classes you're interested in and anything that will help you with your faith journey. Contact Paul, Suzanne or Meg with your ideas.

Wednesdays at Christ Church

What could be better? K-2 will learn some fun songs and sing once per month at church. Third through fifth graders will learn the ukulele and sing in worship once per month. Rehearsals are Wednesday afternoons 4-5:15 as part of Wednesdays at Christ Church. There will also be storytelling and craft time for both groups throughout the year. Contact Clifford Badgley or Meg Jones to sign up.

Sacred Ground Ministries

Facilitators, the volunteers, have an essential role to play in making transformational dialogue possible. Their leadership is a gift to this process. Volunteers participate in webinars. The Episcopal Church's Becoming Beloved Community team, and partners offer regular webinars to support Sacred Ground dialogue, circle organizers and facilitators. Volunteers lend its spiritual attention and support to those who are seeking to discern how God is calling the community to grow toward becoming beloved community.

EVANGELISM

Evangelism Committee

The Evangelism Committee plans programs, tries to find interesting and stimulating events, etc. We do this in hopes of sharing the love of Christ with one another and sharing that love with others. We have done some of Bishop Curry's, *Way of Love* programs, which were well attended. Also Mary Parmley came and shared her program, *Invite, Welcome, Connect*, another excellent resource. We could definitely use some new folks for more ways of sharing God's love.

Cursillo Ministry

Those who were candidates (pilgrim) on a past weekend have volunteer opportunities to share God's love with others on a four day weekend. All volunteers are on a team that understands mutual purpose; to hold team together and to deliver and embody the Apostolic Message that is embodied in our actions. The story of God's love for each person. A story of how and why God brings us to love each other. An understanding of a need for community and becoming community and living together before, during, and after a Cursillo weekend.

OUTREACH

Episcopal Farmworker Ministry

The Farmworker Ministry has been actively supported by Christ Church members and donations since its inception in 1982. More than 10,000 farmworkers are touched by this ministry through advocacy, visits to worker camps, translation of documents, emergency assistance, referrals to legal and medical visits, an annual festival, and donations of food, clothing, blankets, heaters, fans and other essentials. Kairos (God's Special Time, Greek) Kairos is a Christian prison ministry, modeled after Cursillo, designed to: Show Christ's love with respect and without pressure or judgment; Establish on-going weekly accountability groups; and Provide ongoing support as the inmates develop trust, respect, and the ability to interact with others while forming a church community within the prison itself.

Yokefellow Prison Ministry

The purpose of Yokefellow Prison Ministry is to develop personal relationships between inmates and volunteers, individually and in community, which will create a nurturing, nonjudgmental environment in which each will feel free to examine and share their lives and thereby experience the forgiveness, healing,

and power of God's love. If you are interested in learning more about Yokefellow, please speak with Connie Whitney or Jane Merritt. At present, Connie is going to Carteret Prison on Monday evenings. Pamlico Prison holds its Yokefellow meetings on Tuesday evenings. We are looking for volunteers to join both and the Monday and Tuesday evening groups. Connie Whitney: 252-671-1607; Jane Merritt: 252-671-3772.

One Day with God Camp

Due to staff shortages at Pamlico prison, we have not been able to hold a One Day With God Camp for the children of prisoners since before the COVID epidemic. We are hopeful that in 2023 or 2024 we will be able to return to the Prison to provide an opportunity for children to be reunited with their incarcerated fathers. It is a heartwarming experience to witness these camps.

Growing in Grace (GIG)

The volunteers (mentors) at Growing In Grace work one on one with a student K-5th grade. They help them with homework, finishing classwork, working on skills that the teacher has sent to us, and also just being a new person in their life who cares about them. The volunteers (mentors) work with the child for 45-50mins one or more times per week. Many mentors choose to do more than one day a week so that they can get to know and work with more than one child. Mentors do not have to be teachers! We ask that you come to become a part of a wonderful new family! We are also needing Van drivers. No CDL is required and our van drivers always have another adult on the van with them. We also need sub mentors. This would be on an as needed basis.

Interfaith Refugee Ministry

The Interfaith Refugee Ministry is celebrating 30 Years of Hope in 2022. Since 1992, we have re-settled nearly 3,000 refugees in eastern North Carolina. Christ Church volunteers have assisted with over 20 families in that time by providing furniture, clothing, and other material items as well as by opening their hearts to incoming refugees who come to our area seeking peace and safety. We would love to have you join us. Opportunities for volunteering include directly working with a family or individual as a mentor or tutor, or working behind the scenes by setting up apartments, administrative tasks, and more. If there is something else you would love to do, come and see us!

MERCI CLINIC

MERCI Clinic is a nonprofit community clinic, staffed primarily by volunteers, which provides free healthcare services for adults of Craven, Pamlico and Jones Counties who are of limited income and without medical or dental insurance. MERCI Clinic has been recognized by the North Carolina Association of Free Clinics as one of the most successful free clinics in the state based on patient outcomes.

Camp Hope Volunteers

Camp Hope is an overnight summer camp for children with an incarcerated parent. Camp Hope volunteers ride the chartered bus with the campers to YMCA Camp Harrison and support campers and counselors while at camp. Volunteers bunk in the adult cabin. Volunteers also help by transporting our teen campers and with administrative tasks during the year. Camp Hope 2023 will be August 6th-10th. Camp life rocks! Join us!

Habitat for Humanity of Craven County

Habitat for Humanity has been serving eastern North Carolina since 1989. By engaging residents with a holistic approach, our efforts are making a lasting impact in communities.

Volunteers are needed in construction, repairs, Restore shop, office support and committees. Habitat invites you to partner as we build strength, stability, and self reliance through shelter.

PARISH LIFE

Young Adult / Young Family Committee

The Young Adult / Young Family Committee coordinates social opportunities for the young adults (ages 18-50ish) and young families at Christ Church. Some of our events include: Kentucky Derby Party, Pool Party, Christmas Social, trivia night, Wood Ducks baseball, and outdoor movie night. We have a lot of fun so please come join us!

Coffee Hour - Nibbles

Parishioners are providing delicious nibbles on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays. We need bakers for 1st Sundays and 5th Sundays. Please sign-up on the sheet in Reception area. Nibbles recipes that have proven popular are available and can be emailed to you. Call Jane Ashford: 252-288-2838 or Pam Miller: 252-631-1474.

PASTORAL CARE

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We knit and crochet to bring comfort to those who are in need of a warm, loving hug. The shawls are made with love and prayers. When they are finished, they are sprinkled with holy water and blessed by a priest. They can be a tangible sign of the Holy Spirit. Then, the shawls are given to people who are grieving, suffering or ill. We also make "Nap Blankets" for all the little kids in our hearts, from birth to about 6 years old. (Kids who are young enough to nap.) This ministry sometimes also knits "pocket crosses" and also hats and scarves for the "Seamen's Institute." The Nap Blankets and Seamen's items are also blessed at the altar.

Daughters of the King

The Epiphany Chapter of the Daughters of the King here at Christ Church is part of a national order, established in 1885, for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church or churches in communion with it. Members take vows that include a Rule of Life, upholding the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service. Daughters promise to pray daily for the spread of Christ's kingdom, for God's blessing on all members of The Order and for the spiritual growth of their churches. A daughter participates in personal devotions, Christian spiritual studies, and participates in the worship work of their church. Daughters are committed to service and evangelism in such ways that others may be led to Christ and follow Him. The Order is a spiritual community in a busy world where women with similar interests can pray, study, share together, affirm ministries and support each other. We invite you to consider becoming a Daughter.

Stephen Ministry

Is listening one of your talents? Do you prefer an out of the limelight, behind the scenes ministry? Then Stephen Ministry may be for you! Stephen Ministry is a program that equips lay people to provide Christian one-on-one care for those in our church who are experiencing loneliness, anxiety, pain, or who are going through a difficult time. If you would like more information on becoming a Stephen Minister, please talk with any of our Stephen Leaders: Mary Davidson, Mary Parrish, Holly Craighead, or the Rev. Suzanne Hood.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Lay Eucharistic Visitors are members of our congregations who have responded to a call to once every few weeks take Holy Communion from our worship services to those unable to attend church who desire to receive it. No previous knowledge of how to do this is necessary; you will be provided training and a notebook containing all the information you need.

People who receive Holy Communion from our Lay Eucharistic Visitors find it comforting and uplifting and are reminded that they are still fellow parishioners even if they can't come to church. Our Lay Eucharistic Visitors find the experience very rewarding and are themselves uplifted. The Lay Eucharistic Visitors Program is a wonderful ministry to both those who receive it and those who give it.

For more information, contact John Gaskill (252) 422-3900, jjgaskill@suddenlink.net, or The Rev. Suzanne Hood.

STEWARDSHIP

The Stewardship Commission

The Stewardship Commission Provides coordination and oversight of a variety of groups that shepherd the church's financial resources, as well as other committees that deal with personnel and enrichment resources. A major focus is on our annual campaign—a vital activity for both spiritual and financial growth. Other committees manage trust funds that support both parish activities and community outreach. Still others focus on art exhibits and the parish library. The groups that make up the Stewardship Commission are: annual campaign, Christ Church Trust, Endowment Committee, Finance Committee, Churchyard Burial Trust, Personnel Committee, Art Guild, and Library.

WORSHIP

Altar Guild

Serving on the Altar Guild provides a wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth through humble service. Following procedures and traditions of the Church, the Altar Guild functions "behind the scenes" before and after each service caring for the silver, brass and linens, and preparing the sanctuary for worship. During Christmas, Holy Week and Easter, the Altar Guild works even harder to support many special services.

Altar Guild may be for you if:

- You would like to serve in a quiet yet very important way.
- You don't mind performing a function that is rarely noticed except when it is not done!
- You only have time to serve a few hours every two months.
- You want to be involved, but don't feel comfortable "up front".
- You would like to set the state for important events.
- You would enjoy the opportunity to learn more about the elements and symbolism of our liturgy.

Flower Guild

The Christ Church Flower Guild spreads joy every week. Members deliver altar flowers to parishioners that are ill at their homes, to members celebrating new babies, anniversaries and other special occasions. This ministry is family friendly since flowers can be delivered on your schedule.

Usher Ministry

The purpose of this ministry is to support a welcoming and worshipful environment for those attending our services. Ushers distribute bulletins, help those who may be new to Christ Church and assist the clergy as needed. Ushers are a part of the Worship Commission and help the services run smoothly. It is a fulfilling joy to assist with God's work.

Parish Choir

This choir sings at the 11 am service September through May. Parish Choir also offers Choral Evensong, Lessons & Carols, and other Holy Day liturgies throughout the church year. Repertoire is drawn from diverse sources including chant, Renaissance motets, spirituals, and 19th, 20th, and 21st-century choral music. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 pm in the music room. A short, simple audition is required.

8:30 Choir

The 8:30 choir sings at the 8:30 service. Our music is taken from contemporary Christian and folk-style music. Rehearsals are at 5:45 pm on the Tuesdays in the music room. All are welcome.

Handbell Choir

Our bell choir plays on three octaves of handbells from the Schulmerich bell company in Pennsylvania. Tuned sets of bells were originally developed in England so that change ringers, who needed to practice their complex patterns, could use smaller bells instead of those in the bell tower, which was apt to annoy the neighbors. A three-octave set contains 37 bells and is played by 11 people. Handbells meet Tuesday evenings at 7:15.

Director: Jean Reichenbach.

Eucharistic Ministers

These Christ Church members are trained in assisting the clergy during the liturgy. They help distribute the wine via the chalice or individual paper cups, and may also be lectors who read the texts of the Lessons, the Psalm for the day, and the Prayers of the People. Minimum age for a Eucharistic Minister is 16.

Greeters

"Good morning! How are you? Welcome!" That's all you need and a smile to welcome worshipers to Christ Church on Sunday morning. Sign up for a Sunday to join us in the ministry.

