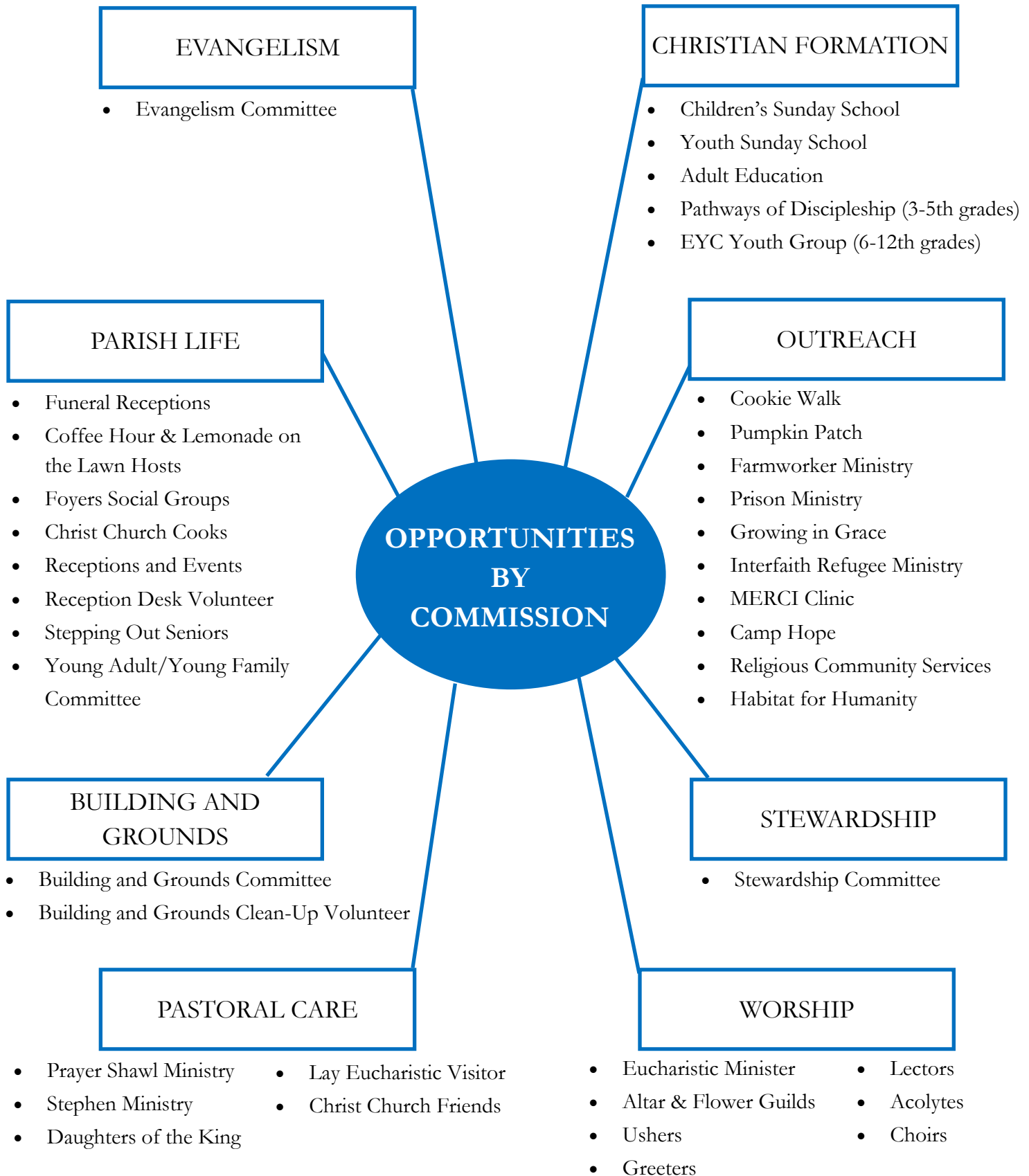




CHRIST CHURCH OPPORTUNITY GUIDE

2023-2024 Program Year

SERVING AND GETTING INVOLVED AT CHRIST CHURCH



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

God has given us that opportunity to be stewards of the land and structures that help make up Christ Church. We give thanks for the work of the Buildings and Grounds Commission and all those who put their energy into caring for this place. We pray that God will continue to show us all the way to tend to this church and will continue to give us the tools to do so.

Building and Grounds Committee

Contact: Randy Bogle / Rick Miller

Time Commitment: One-two hours per month; more in spring and fall during outside clean-ups

Meeting Schedule: Committee is newly formed; meeting schedule to be determined.

Short Description: This committee coordinates the spring and fall churchyard clean-up events, our “green” initiative, as well as ongoing maintenance required at the church and its grounds.

What will this Volunteer Opportunity do for the church: The Building and Grounds commission is charged with the upkeep of our beautiful and holy building and grounds. .

Necessity of a background check and Safe Church Safe Communities Module: Yes

Building and Grounds Volunteer

Contact: Randy Bogle / Rick Miller

Time Commitment: Two-four hours during the spring and fall clean-ups, as well as other events

Short Description: Building and Grounds volunteers work on the spring and fall churchyard clean-up events, the church’s “green” initiative, as well as ongoing maintenance required at the church and its grounds.

What will this Volunteer Opportunity do for the church: See above.

Necessity of a background check and Safe Church Safe Communities Module: Yes

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

God calls us to continue to grow spiritually as beloved children of God and followers of Jesus. We give thanks for those who lead us in our formation and growth and for those who participate. We pray that God will continue to inspire the Christian Formation Commission of Christ Church to facilitate our learning in multiple and varied ways to enhance our understanding of who God is in our lives.

Adult Formation

Contact: Betsy Jutras / Director, Christian Formation

Time Commitment: Four hours per month (depending on frequency of class)

Date of Next Training: September 2023

Short Description: Adult Formation volunteers lead weekly Sunday School classes. This position varies based on the volunteer’s ability and topics of interest. Volunteers may lead or assist in curriculum planning.

What will this Volunteer Opportunity do for the church: Christian Formation volunteers foster community-building and a love of God and Christ Church.

Necessity of a background check and Safe

Church Safe Communities Module: Yes

Children’s Sunday School Teacher (three – 5 years, K-2nd grades, 3rd-5th grades)

Contact: Betsy Jutras / Director, Christian Formation

Time Commitment: One hour per week

Meeting Schedule: Semester trainings as needed

Date of Next Training: September 2023

Short Description: Sunday school teachers teach the scripture lesson provided by the church. (All supplies are provided.) The lessons are interactive and easy to implement. A second teacher is always present to assist with general classroom needs.

What will this Volunteer Opportunity do for the church: See above

Necessity of a background check and Safe

Church Safe Communities Module: Yes

Youth Sunday School Teacher (6th – 12th grades)

Contact: Betsy Jutras / Director, Christian Formation

Time Commitment: One hour per week

Meeting Schedule: Semester trainings as needed

Date of Next Training: September 2023

Short Description: Sunday school teachers teach the scripture lesson provided by the church. (All supplies are provided.) The lessons are interactive and easy to implement. A second teacher is always present to assist with general classroom needs.

What will this Volunteer Opportunity do for the church: See above

Necessity of a background check and Safe

Church Safe Communities Module: Yes

POD (Pathways of Discipleship)

Volunteer (3rd – 5th grades)

Contact: Betsy Jutras / Director, Christian Formation

Time Commitment: Two hours per month

Meeting Schedule: Semester trainings as needed

Date of Next Training: September 2023

Short Description: POD Volunteers lead monthly lesson/discussion about faith, games or other activities. They may also support another adult who is leading the program. This position is Sunday afternoons.

What will this Volunteer Opportunity do for the church: See above

Necessity of a background check and Safe

Church Safe Communities Module: Yes

EYC (Youth Group) Volunteer (6th – 12th grades)

Contact: Betsy Jutras / Director, Christian Formation

Time Commitment: Two hours per week

Meeting Schedule: Semester trainings as needed

Date of Next Training: September 2023

Short Description: EYC Volunteers lead weekly lesson/discussion about faith, games or other activities. They may also support another adult who is leading the program. This position is Sunday evenings.

What will this Volunteer Opportunity do for the church: See above

Necessity of a background check and Safe

Church Safe Communities Module: Yes

EVANGELISM

Jesus charged his Apostles to be his witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Empower us, O God, to continue that mission, equipping and inspiring the Christ Church Evangelism Commission to lead us in that call. May we all tell of the Good News of Jesus Christ in our words and actions.

Evangelism Committee

Contact: Evangelism Commission Chair – Jettie Pelletier

Time Commitment: As needed

Meeting Schedule: Monthly committee meetings

Short Description: The Evangelism Committee is committed to finding methods and events to help share the love of Jesus with others, while enriching our lives through the work and commitment to our fellow parishioners, the community of New Bern and

our Diocese. Our committee is small, and we need more people.

What will this Volunteer Opportunity do for the church: To help others enrich their spiritual journey through their relationships with God/Jesus and one another, especially our community and the strangers with whom we come into contact. We are sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

In the near future, there will be additional needs in preparation for Bishop Curry's October visit and revival. Christ Church is a big part of the reason for the revival being led by Bishop Curry. It will shine Jesus' light on all who attend and reflect back both on our church and the Episcopal Church as a whole.

Necessity of a background check and Safe Church Safe Communities Module: Yes

OUTREACH

Jesus said that when we help those in need, we are helping him. We give thanks to God for all the ways the people of Christ Church are able to relieve the suffering of so many people in our community by being the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus. We pray that the Outreach Commission of Christ Church will continue to be a beacon of empowerment as we serve our neighbors in need.

Pumpkin Patch Volunteer (Unloading Pumpkins, Pumpkin Sales, Pumpkin Patch Story Time)

Contact: Rick Miller

Time Commitment:

- **Unloading the Pumpkins** is a one-day, family-friendly event that lasts for about four hours.
- **Selling pumpkins** is a two-hour shift and runs daily for the month of October. Individuals can sign up for multiple shifts. This is a family-friendly activity.
- **Story Time:** This is a two-three hour commitment during the weekday when there is a field trip from a local preschool.

Meeting Schedule: There are preliminary planning meetings usually in August for those who wish to serve on the pumpkin Patch Committee. Meetings are generally an hour in length

Training Required: Volunteers will need to be able to collect and count money and to use a mobile payment credit card processor.

Short Description: On one of the last days of September, Christ Church receives between 1,800 and 2,000 pumpkins from a Navajo Reservation pumpkin field located in New Mexico.

- **Unloading Pumpkins:** The pumpkins are unloaded off the truck and placed on pallets throughout the church yard to be sold. In addition, bean bag games are set up, along with Halloween props for kids and adults to take pictures.
- **Selling Pumpkins:** A sales tent is set up with instructions and pricing the pumpkins. During the month of October, the patch is open for sales each day from 10am till 6pm. An online sign-up tool is developed for parishioners to volunteer selling pumpkins for a two-hour period. In addition to selling pumpkins, popcorn, baked goods and mums are sold as well.
- **Story Time:** On various weekday mornings in October, the church invites local preschools to come enjoy the pumpkin patch. Volunteers help with snacks and activities while the children visit.

What will this Volunteer Opportunity do for the church: The church profits by keeping 33% of the average \$20,000 in total sales. One hundred percent of these funds are distributed through the Christ Church grant process to local charities. Leftover pumpkins are given to a local farmer for his farm animals to eat.

Necessity of a background check: Yes

Cookie Walk Volunteer (Bakers, Set Up and Event Volunteers)

Contact: Sims Wayt

Time Commitment:

- **Bakers:** In the weeks before the event, volunteer bakers produce thousands of homemade cookies and treats that will be available purchase the day of the event.
- **Set Up:** During the week of the event, volunteers assemble party trays, help with set up and decorating of the Harrison Center.
- **Event Volunteers:** On Cookie Walk Day more volunteers help with greeting shoppers, refilling trays and checking out customers. They also help with cleaning up and re-packaging if anything is left.

Meeting Schedule: Planning begins in late summer and advertising in early November.

Training Required: Volunteers the day of the event will need to be able to collect and count money and to use a mobile credit card payment reader.

Short Description: Every December since 2000 the Episcopal Church Women's (ECW) All Saints Chapter of Christ Church has hosted their annual Cookie Walk. They are proud to say that this Outreach project has grown to be an anticipated event in the New Bern Community.

What will this Volunteer Opportunity do for the church: Cookie Walk collects money from pumpkin sales that will be distributed through the Christ Church grant process to local charities. 100% of the proceeds are given to charity. This event brings together many longtime and new members of the church to build friendships that may not occur just sitting across from someone in the pews.

Necessity of a background check and Safe Church Safe Communities Module: Yes

Growing in Grace (GIG) Mentor/ Substitute/Bus Driver/Bus Rider

Contact: Debbie Fodrie, Director of Growing in Grace

Time Commitment: One hour per week, with your preferred day or days. Mentors volunteer with the children from 3:45 – 4:45 pm and are more than welcome to join us as early as 3:15 pm.

Training Required: One-hour Volunteer Orientation from 5 – 6 pm, September 6, 2023

Short Description: Growing in Grace Volunteers/ Mentors work one on one with a child and help them with their homework and grade level skills. Developing a relationship with your child is the most important part. Van drivers drive to the school to pick the children up and bring them to church, then take some of them home. Van riders ride as an assistant to the van driver.

Growing In Grace Mentors and subs do not have to have a teaching background, but it is required that you have a love for working with children. We work with children K-5th grade. Responsibilities include working with a child on their homework, grade level skills, studying for tests and being a new friend in the child's life.

What will this Volunteer Opportunity do for the church: Our mission is to offer children that may need extra assistance with school, a safe place after school to grow academically and develop a loving, caring and faithful relationship with their Christ Church and GIG Family. We also work closely with their teachers and family.

Necessity of a background check and Safe Church Safe Communities Module: Yes

Camp Hope (Leadership, Local Activity and Administrative Team Members)

Contact: Nell Hudson, Terry Brubaker and Jim Behl
Time Commitment:

- **Leadership Team Member:** Year-long commitment with, busy months being in the spring and summer
- **Local Activity Team Member:** Usually about 3 – 4 hours per activity, including our local camp reunion
- **Administrative Team Member:** 30 – 45 minutes per month to send birthday cards; up to 10+ hours a week in the spring when calling to register camp families

Short Description: Camp Hope is an overnight summer camp for children with an incarcerated parent. In the past, Camp Hope has partnered with Camp Bob at Kanuga and, most recently, YMCA Camp Harrison. However, they are no longer able to provide a week for Camp Hope as a group. Camp Hope is currently discerning the most sustainable way to continue this ministry.

Our Camp Hope Ministry can always use your help! Anyone who cares about and enjoys working with children would be an excellent Camp Hope volunteer. Camp life rocks! Join us!

What will this Volunteer Opportunity do for the church: As Christians and members of Christ Church, we are called to look for the people on the margins and to care for them. Camp Hope is an overnight summer camp for children with an incarcerated parent. We not only provide our campers the opportunity to experience the love of God and the joy of summer camp, but we provide a needed respite for the special people that care for these campers throughout the year.

Necessity of a background check and Safe Church Safe Communities Module: Yes

Volunteer Opportunities at Outside Religious and Community Organizations

Contact the organization liaison for more information and current opportunities.

Habitat for Humanity: Jim Behl

Interfaith Refugee Ministry: Amanda Norwood

Religious Community Services: Terry Brubaker / Jim Behl

MERCI Clinic: Janet Peregoy

Episcopal Farmworker Ministry: Keith Merritt / Anne Ocorr

Prison Ministries: Jane and/or Keith Merritt

PARISH LIFE

Jesus said that when two or three are gathered together in his name, he will be in the midst of them. We give thanks for the opportunities for those at Christ Church to be together in Christian fellowship and the ways it connects us to each other and to Christ. We pray for the Parish Life Commission of Christ Church, that they will be strengthened to continue the ministry of fellowship to this parish family and beyond.

Funeral Receptions Volunteer

Contact: Tony Embrey and Phyllis Fox

Time Commitment: Two-three hours on the day of the reception; cooking time varies

Short Description: The Funeral Reception Committee provides a convenient way for grieving family members to greet relatives and friends and have refreshments after the funeral service. It would not be possible without this parish's generous and caring people who make tea sandwiches and bake cookies, brownies, and other delicious baked goods. Volunteers help to set up, plate food, arrange the trays on tables, serve beverages and clean up after the reception.

What will this Volunteer Opportunity do for the church: The Parish Life Commission plans and hosts social activities, receptions, and special events to foster fellowship and hospitality among current parishioners and guests. Commission committees and volunteers help host recurring parish-wide and small-group socials, special celebratory, education, and worship-connected occasions by providing food, beverages, fellowship, and kitchen help.

Necessity of a background check and Safe Church Safe Communities Module: Yes

Coffee Hour and Snacks Host

Contact: Tony Embrey

Time Commitment: About an hour on hosting days; cooking time varies

Training Required: On-the-job

Short Description: Following Sunday morning services, hot coffee, tea, and condiments are available in the Parish Hall. There is a host after each morning service. The host ensures that coffee pots are turned on, refresh cups, condiments, napkins and put out any refreshments. After each coffee service, hosts should place any used coffee cups in the dishwasher. The host after the 11 am service should put detergent in the dishwasher and turn it on.

Coffee hour in the parish house is a time of fellowship and a good opportunity to get to know others who attend services. The coffee hour begins the Sunday after Labor Day and ends the Sunday before Memorial Day.

What will this Volunteer Opportunity do for the church: See above.

Necessity of a background check: Yes

Lemonade on the Lawn Host

Contact: Tony Embrey

Time Commitment: About an hour on hosting days; cooking time varies

Training Required: On-the-job

Short Description: Following the Sunday 10 am service, Lemonade is served in the front courtyard entrance as you exit the Narthex. Signup is available for parishioners to host and provide cookies (optional). The parish furnishes the Lemonade.

Hosts set up the cart prior to the 10 am service with plastic cups, napkins, and any cookies (covered in plastic wrap). Set out a big bowl for ice and pitcher for lemonade (located in the refrigerator). Prior to the end of service, fill the bowl with ice, put the lemonade jugs on the cart and wheel the cart out to the front entrance of the church. Clean up afterward, washing any used dishes.

Lemonade on the Lawn is a time of fellowship and a good opportunity to get to know others who attend services. The event begins the Sunday following Memorial Day and ends the Sunday before Labor Day.

What will this Volunteer Opportunity do for the church: See above.

Necessity of a background check: Yes

Christ Church Cooks

Contact: Ellen Chance

Time Commitment: One morning per month in the Harrison Center

Meeting Schedule: Varies by month

Short Description Keep our freezers stocked with delicious and healthy food for those who may have experienced a loss, surgery, or a new addition to the family where a night off from cooking would be welcomed. The frozen items are in a freezer outside the Parish Hall kitchen. If you know someone with a short-term need, you are encouraged to take a meal or two and deliver it on behalf of Christ Church. Please fill out the log sheet on the front of the freezer to keep us informed so we can replenish when needed. If you enjoy cooking, join us. We usually cook at the Harrison Center on Mondays from 9:30-12:00, 7 to 8 times a year. If you want to be involved with this group, please get in touch with Ellen Chance.

What will this Volunteer Opportunity do for the church: See above.

Necessity of a background check: No

Receptions and Special Events Volunteer

Contact: Jane Ashford

Time Commitment: Two-three hours on the day of the reception; cooking time varies

Short Description: This creative and tasty ministry hosts church picnics and receptions not covered by other committees at Christ Church. Some of these events are potluck. Others are prepared in our kitchen by exceptional cooks—a delightful way to use your gifts and meet other parishioners. The parish gathers in the churchyard for a Spring and Fall picnic. It is a time to spend an hour or so amidst the dappled shade of our lovely old trees, eating through an array of sumptuous food surrounded by the chatter and laughter of friends - new and old. Come and join us! If you want to join this group, please get in touch with Jane Ashford.

Necessity of a background check: Yes

Reception Desk Volunteers

Contact: Sarah Risty-Davis

Time Commitment: Two and three hour shifts; volunteers commit to work as many shifts as they would like. Online sign-up tool is available.

Training Required: Brief phone training is helpful.

Short Description: Would you like to serve as the "greeting committee of the church" by volunteering to work the reception desk? Volunteers are essential to church operations. Our volunteers help out by staffing the reception desk Monday -- Friday. Duties include answering the phone, greeting visitors, and answering any visitor questions. Shifts cover 9 am--noon and noon-2:00 pm Mondays through Thursdays, and 9 am-noon on Fridays.

What will this Volunteer Opportunity do for the church: See above.

Necessity of a background check and Safe

Church Safe Communities Module: Yes

PASTORAL CARE

Jesus showed compassion to the sick and the injured, and his apostles carried on that work after his Ascension. We give thanks for the Pastoral Care Commission of Christ Church and all the ways they equip us to care for one another. We pray that God will continue to open doors for their work to be the very heart of God to those who need it.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Contact: Sheila Cipriano

Meeting Schedule: Meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month; knitters can also work independently at home

Training Required: Experience is helpful but not required. We will help new knitters get started.

Short Description: We knit or crochet Prayer shawls for men and women who are sick, experiencing loss or other difficult life transitions. The purpose of these shawls is to bring some comfort and warmth. We also knit nap blankets for little children, up to about 6-7 years old. We also have begun to make "prayer squares." These are small, about three-six inches in size, and are easy to carry in a pocket or purse. Squares are for the clergy to distribute.

What will this Volunteer Opportunity do for the church: All of our objects are blessed at the altar and therefore are holy. The hope is that those who receive

shawls, nap blankets or squares will feel connected to the sense of holiness, and be comforted.

Necessity of a background check: No

Stephen Minister

Contact: The Rev. Suzanne Hood and Stephen Ministry Leaders

Time Commitment: 1.5 hours weekly, plus monthly meeting (approx.. 2 hours)

Meeting Schedule: Third Sunday of the month after second service

Training Required: Fifty hours of Stephen Ministry Training

Short Description: Stephen Ministry equips Christ Church members to provide distinctively Christian one-to-one care to those who are experience many kinds of difficulties. The Stephen Minister visits their person regularly (1 – 1.5 hours per week) and offers Christian support. The nature of the relationship is confidential.

What will this Volunteer Opportunity do for the church: Each of us is aware of others at Christ

church or are larger community who are suffering from loneliness, anxiety or pain, or are going through a difficult transition. Christ calls us to reach out to those who are suffering, and this ministry provides weekly, confidential, individual care to those in need.

Necessity of a background check and Safe

Church Safe Communities Module: Yes

Lay Eucharistic Visitor

Contact: John Gaskill / The Rev. Suzanne Hood

Time Commitment: 2 hours per month

Meeting Schedule: Quarterly

Training Required: Individual training is required (about 2 hours)

Short Description: A Lay Eucharistic Visitor takes Holy Communion directly from the Eucharist being celebrated in church to persons who are unable to come to church. After receiving the Communion kit at the altar, the Lay Eucharistic Visitor actually leaves the service before the final prayers, symbolizing that the Holy Communion given to the recipient is part of the church service, and that the recipient is still part of Christ Church. Lay Eucharistic Visitors should love the liturgy of the Eucharist, and they will find that sharing Holy Communion with the recipients is as

rewarding for the Lay Eucharistic Visitor as it is for the recipient.

What will this Volunteer Opportunity do for the church: Lay Eucharistic Visitors help those unable to physically come to church still feel a part of Christ Church and a part of our worship. Inclusion is always important, and helping make others feel included is a very Christ-like act and most definitely part of the mission of Christ Church.

Necessity of a background check and Safe Church Safe Communities Module: Yes

Christ Church Friends

Contact: Margi Thompson

Time Commitment: Two hours per month

Meeting Schedule: Quarterly

Next Meeting Date: 4 pm, September 19

Short Description: Make visits to a homebound parishioner on a monthly or bi-monthly basis for about an hour. This is a social visit to bring both joy, as well as information about what is going on at the church.

What will this Volunteer Opportunity do for the church: These visits keep our homebound parishioners connected to our church community.

Necessity of a background check and Safe Church Safe Communities Module: Yes

STEWARDSHIP

God's loving hand has given us all that we possess. We give thanks for the continued work of the Stewardship Commission of Christ Church whose committees help us be the faithful managers of all of God's bounty. We pray that God will continue to guide their work as we celebrate the blessings that we have received.

Stewardship Committee Volunteer

Contact: Current Stewardship Chairs (Randy and Joanie Bogle)

Time Commitment: Depends on activity

Meeting Schedule: Occasional meetings in preparation for and during the Stewardship Campaign

Short Description: Volunteers on the Stewardship Committee assist the Stewardship Chairs with preparing mailings and other administrative tasks.

What will this Volunteer Opportunity do for the church: The Stewardship Commission has the responsibility for overseeing the Church's annual Stew-

ardship Campaign. The funds raised in that campaign allow the church to operate successfully, maintain community outreach, and care for our buildings and infrastructure.

Necessity of a background check and Safe Church Safe Communities Module: No

WORSHIP

Jesus said that the time is here for God's people to worship in spirit and truth. We give thanks for the Worship Commission of Christ Church whose many members help to perfect the praises offered by God's people and enable us to have a glimpse of God's beauty. We pray that God will continue to inspire all those who serve in worship to give glory to Christ in their work.

Altar and Flower Guilds

Contact: Rector and Associate Rector

Time Commitment: One hour per month

Meeting Schedule: Entire Guild meets in September and May

Training Required: Service set up, as well as care of communion vessels and linens (two hours of classroom training); additional team training on Fridays throughout the year

Date of Next Training: September 2023

Short Description: The Altar Guild is a group of the parish, whose ministry is to care for the altar, vestments, vessels and altar linens of the parish. Altar Guild members prepare the sanctuary for services and clean up afterwards. Altar Guild members frequently supervise the sanctuary decoration for Christmas and Easter flowers.

Flower Guild members pick up flowers after Sunday services and deliver them to local homebound parishioners.

What will this Volunteer Opportunity do for the church: Altar Guilds today are people who are called to serve God by preparing and tending the places where we worship, enabling the liturgy.

Necessity of a background check and Safe Church Safe Communities Module: Yes

Eucharistic Minister

Contact: Linda McAlister

Meeting Schedule: Eucharistic Ministers can sign up to serve at as many services as they would like.

Training Required: Yes

Meeting Schedule: Meets quarterly; the date will be announced

Short Description: Eucharistic Ministers assist the clergy during the liturgy. The EM helps to distribute the wine via the chalice or individual paper cups. An EM may also be a lector who reads the texts of the Lessons, the Psalm appointed for the day, and the Prayers of the People. To become an EM, you must be the minimum age of 16.

What will this Volunteer Opportunity do for the church: This job helps to support the tradition of the liturgy and strengthens the commitment of the individual to the worship process as an active Episcopalian. It enhances the connection to fellow parishioners in a deeper, spiritual path. An EM contributes to how worshippers receive the Word.

Necessity of a background check and Safe Church Safe Communities Module: Yes

Lectors

Contact: Sarah Risty-Davis

Short Description: Lectors, or Lay Readers, read the texts of the Lessons during the services. Lector positions are often combined with a Eucharistic Minister role. The Intercessor is the role that often reads the Prayers of the People during the Service.

What will this Volunteer Opportunity do for the church: By reading the texts of the Lessons during services, Lectors are sharing the word of God with those who are in attendance.

Necessity of a background check and Safe Church Safe Communities Module: Yes

Acolyte

Contact: Campbell Taylor, the Rev. Paul Canady, the Rev. Suzanne Hood

Time Commitment: Two hours per week on the Sundays that you serve

Training Required: Initial training one-two times per year

Next Scheduled Training: tentatively in January

Short Description: Acolytes assist the service on Sunday mornings. They light the candles, carry the cross, torches and Gospel book. They serve as the non clergy leader in church, showing the congregation how to worship.

What will this Volunteer Opportunity do for the church: Acolyting allows all ages in worship and serv-

ing God. This is the main ministry for people ages 8-18.

Necessity of a background check and Safe Church Safe Communities Module: Not for youth; yes for any adult helper

Usher

Contact: Sarah Risty-Davis

Time Commitment: Thirty minutes prior to your designated service time and throughout the Worship service.

Training Required: Initial training held once a year

Short Description: Ushers help the services run smoothly. Ushers distribute bulletins, help those who may be new to Christ Church and assist the clergy as needed.

What will this Volunteer Opportunity do for the church The purpose of this ministry is to support a welcoming and worshipful environment for those attending our services. It is a fulfilling joy to assist with God's work.

Necessity of a background check and Safe Church Safe Communities Module: Yes

Greeter

Contact: Sarah Risty-Davis / Phyllis Fox

Time Commitment: Thirty minutes prior to your designated service time and throughout the Worship service.

Training Required: None; detailed directions are posted in the Narthex over the elements

Short Description: Arrive 25-30 minutes before the service begins. Stand outside the doors and greet our worshipers. If you note a newcomer, welcome and encourage them to complete a newcomer card (in pew) and assist them if needed.

Greeters prepare the elements (bread and wine) and walk with the ushers as they take the full offering plates to the altar rail. To sign up, visit the sign up genius link on the Worship Section of the church website (www.christchurchnewbern.com)

What will this Volunteer Opportunity do for the church: The purpose of this ministry is to greet and welcome all worshipers attending Christ Episcopal Church.

Necessity of a background check and Safe Church Safe Communities Module: Yes

Chorister/Choir Member -- 8:30 Service Choir

Contact: Director of Music

Time Commitment: 4 – 5 hours per week

Meeting Schedule: Weekly rehearsals on Tuesdays

Training Required: Ability to sing

Date of Next Training: Rehearsals start the first part of September for 8:30 choir.

Short Description: Christ Church has two choirs which provide sung music at the two Sunday morning worship services. The choir that sings at the 8:30 am service has a roster of 10-12 singers, rehearses every Tuesday, and provides music at that service during the fall, winter, and spring. The music which this choir presents is of a more “modern” genre, but still adhering to correct liturgical and theological material. No audition is needed to participate nor is it necessary to read music. Both piano and organ provide accompaniment to the hymns, service music and anthem that the choir sings.

What will this Volunteer Opportunity do for the church: Music lifts people’s souls and can bring someone to that “think space” between the secular and the divine. Music is another mode of prayer and worship.

Necessity of a background check: No (As there are no children in the music program now, or any interaction between choir members and children, the necessity of a background check is unnecessary. If/when that were to change, the proper checks would be put into place.

Chorister/Choir Member -- Parish Choir

Contact: Director of Music

Time Commitment: 4 – 5 hours per week

Meeting Schedule: Weekly rehearsals on Wednesdays

Training Required: Ability to sing

Date of Next Training: Rehearsals start August 30 for Parish Choir

Short Description: The Parish Choir sings at the 11:00 am service. This is a group of 20-25 singers, rehearses every Wednesday at 7:00 pm and provides music for that service during the fall, winter, and spring. The Parish choir also provides music for special services throughout the year: four Evensongs, Festival of Lessons and Carols during the Advent season; a Requiem on All Saint’s Day; Passiontide service on Good Friday; special music at Christmas Eve. While no audition is required, reading music and prior experience singing in other choirs makes the participation more enjoyable for the singer. The music presented is reflective of the rich Anglican/Episcopal heritage. The pipe organ provides the majority of the accompaniment to the hymns, service music and anthems that are sung.

A service of Taize music is offered on the fifth Sunday of the month. This service is of a quiet, contemplative nature featuring music, poetry, and prayer. Singers and instrumentalists from both choirs can be involved in this service.

What will this Volunteer Opportunity do for the church: See above

Necessity of a background check: Not currently.

Chorister/Choir Member -- Hand Bell Choir

Contact: Director of Music

Time Commitment: One hour per week

Meeting Schedule: Weekly rehearsals on Tuesdays

Training Required: Reading and understanding music notation is required of the musicians in this group.

Date of Next Training: Rehearsals will start in September.

Short Description: Christ Church has a three-octave set of hand bells. This group consists of 11 players and plays in church on average of every one-two months, and at special services such as Lessons and Carols.

What will this Volunteer Opportunity do for the church: See above

Necessity of a background check: Not currently.

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Foyers Social Group

Contact: Liz Praul

Meeting Schedule: Social gatherings are held once a month.

Short Description: Join fellow parishioners and guests for a time of food and fellowship. The Foyers event happens on the third Saturday of the month, 5-7 pm. Hosted in a parishioner's home, attendees bring their beverage, a glass, and an appetizer to share, prepared for serving. If you want to be involved with this group, please contact Liz Praul.

Stepping Out Seniors (SOS)

Contact: Tony Embrey

Meeting Schedule: Social Meetings are held periodically

Short Description: Join active seniors who desire to gather together for a meal, fellowship, and attend social engagements and cultural events. The group decides when and where to meet. Members often accompany one another to church services, dinners and participate in other social meetings and cultural offerings. A "Meet and Greet" is planned each fall and spring for those wishing to participate, but you can join any time.

Young Adult/Young Family Committee

Contact: Betsy Jutras

Meeting Schedule: Social Meetings are held periodically.

Short Description: This social committee coordinates community opportunities for 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 join us! If you are interested in joining this group, please get in touch with Betsy Jutras.