

Volunteer Ministry Descriptions

NURTURE:

Opportunities With Children & Youth

NURSERY:

- ___ **Coordinate Sunday morning nursery volunteers** (publish a schedule, encourage recruits)
- ___ **Coordinate Wednesday evening nursery volunteers** (publish a schedule, encourage recruits)
- ___ **Nursery Worker** – _____ Sunday morning or _____ Wednesday evening.
- ___ **Maintain supplies** (for diaper changing, activity/crafts, snacks, toys, sign in, & parent guides)
- ___ **Regularly inspect & clean** all nursery items, bedding and changing tables, toys, furniture.

ELEMENTARY:

- ___ **Wednesday Teacher or Helper** – _____ preschool _____ grades 1 – 3 _____ grades 4 – 6.
- ___ **Special Event Helper** –(parties, pageants, seasonal celebrations)
- ___ **Host a fellowship event** (for a class, or with others for the entire children’s department)
- ___ **Vacation Bible School volunteer** – assist with this annual summer (3 or 4 night) event

YOUTH:

- ___ **Chaperone/Assistant**-requires safe sanctuary training (provided)
- ___ **Host**-Sponsor a movie night or other event for youth in your home or at the church.
- ___ **Driver** – Help with transportation of youth to outside events (camps, concerts, rallies, etc.)
- ___ **Supporter**-Donate food or activity items needed for events

Wonderful Wednesday Opportunities

- ___ **Wonderful Wednesday Meal Coordinator:** Schedule meal preparers
- ___ **Wonderful Wednesday Meal Preparers:** plan, purchase, prepare, & serve a simple meal for approximately 70 people (\$150 budgeted per week for meal supplies or purchase) (Two people/couples can pair up if this makes the job more manageable)
- ___ **Wonderful Wednesday Meal Assistant:** Arrive early to help with set-up, serving, and clean-up

Congregational Care Opportunities:

- ___ **Send cards and/or letters** to visitors, absent members, & those who need encouragement.
- ___ **Phone contacts** to welcome visitors or check on those who have been missing several weeks.
- ___ **Shut-In Care** - visits/cards/calls as needed or able.
- ___ **Gift Meal Coordinator** – arrange volunteer meals in times of loss, hospitalization, or recent birth.
- ___ **Food Provider** – Cook or purchase a portion of gift meals above (sometimes on short notice).
- ___ **Help transport food** to a home or help in the fellowship hall for a funeral meal held here.

Fellowship Opportunities

- ___ **Hospitality** -Help arrange food & prepare tables for pot luck meals, greet & assist guests.
(This is a “host or hostess” job and you will need to leave worship or come early to be ready.)
- ___ **Clean-Up** – Take over when the meal is done. (Wipe tables, sweep, clean, take out garbage, etc.)
- ___ **Planning Team** Help plan events that will provide fun and fellowship for the congregation and visitors. The events don’t necessarily need to be meals. Be creative here.
- ___ **Coffee & Fellowship Host**-provide snack & drink (with others) for Sunday 9:30 AM fellowship.

OUTREACH

Meals for Ministry Partners:

We provide six meals a year, four for the Communities of Transformation and two for the USA Wesley students. Coordinators would set dates with C.O.T. & USAW then organize the cooking team and delivery.

- Coordinate Winter and Summer (2) Communities of Transformation meals
(By soliciting volunteers (sign up sheet?) and coordinating the donated food & delivery)
- Coordinator Spring and Fall (2) Communities of Transformation meals (same as above)
- Coordinator the Spring & Fall USA Wesley meals (same as above)
- I will help prepare or provide some food/supplies for the COT or USA Wesley meals.
- I will assist in delivering meals.

Mission fund-raising events:

We have two major fundraisers for outreach projects, Crawfish Boil (May) and Holiday Market (Dec.). Coordinators would organize the planning & coordinate the volunteer team for these events. You can be:

- Holiday Market: Coordinator** **Assistant to Coordinator** **Team Member**
- Crawfish Boil: Coordinator** **Assistant to Coordinator** **Team Member**

Partners in Education:

We are Partners in Education with Wilmer Elementary School, we would like to do more for the teachers and students in the upcoming year.

- Be part of the planning team** to plan appreciation events & encourage gifts and participation
- Donate supplies, money, incentives, gifts or food** to meet needs or show appreciation.
- Volunteer time at the school** (help students/teachers as needed, deliver supplies, read to younger students, assisting in the library, etc.)

Disaster Recovery:

Part of our outreach is assisting in disaster recovery, with the tornado in Hattiesburg and Hurricane in Florida, we will have opportunities to help. Early Response Team (ERT) training/certification is necessary for the early recovery effort, but not for long-term recovery. To help, you can:

- Serve as the coordinator for an Early Response Team** by helping to arrange training, know who is certified, and maintain a list of available supplies and resources to be used in our area or on deployments (limited to 3 days) in the case of disaster response needs. Be the connection between our congregation's team and the Conference Disaster Relief coordinators.
- Become a certified ERT member.** (Approx. 5hr training class & simple background check)
- Go on a 2 or 3 day recovery trip** to NW Florida.
- Help coordinate a trip to NW Florida** to assist in recovery.
- Go on a day trip to Hattiesburg** to assist in the long-term recovery effort.
- Help coordinate a trip to Hattiesburg** to assist in the long term recovery.

Local Missions:

We also have opportunities to serve locally at projects like Habitat for Humanity, Raise the Roof and others.

- Construction or repair projects** (like Habitat for Humanity, Raise the Roof, and others)
- Assist other ministries** (like Open Door Thrift Store, McKemie Place, or Inner City Mission)

DO YOU HAVE ABILITIES/RESOURCES THAT CAN BE USED TO SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS?

- Carpentry Painting Install Sheetrock Install Flooring
- Roofing Cut Grass Yard Clean Up General Construction
- Back Hoe Truck Trailer Generator
- Ladders I can assist others in these tasks.

WITNESS

Sanctuary:

- Change Altar Candles** (every 10-13 weeks) and **Altar/Podium paraments** (by Liturgical season)
- Set up for Communion services** (table, cloth, paraments etc.-usually on 1st Sunday each month)
- Prepare/Maintain Pew Materials** like pens/pencils, literature, & hymnals/Bibles in pew racks
- Serve as Acolyte Coordinator** (wick candle lighters, recruit, schedule, and train volunteers)
- Serve as Head Usher** (recruit, schedule, and train ushers)
- Serve as** (pick one or more): **Acolyte**___ **Usher**___ **Greeter**___
- Set up Worship bags for children-** (need to be checked and changed at least twice a month)
- Help coordinate Special events** like Homecoming, Pentecost, 5th Sunday Sing, Easter, etc.
- Serve on set-up and clean-up crews** for special events when needed.
- Sing in the choir:** every week___ or for cantatas/programs only___
- Read Scripture** in the Sunday Worship (in rotation with others)
- Sound System Operator** – learn to operate the sound system and record worship services

ADMINISTRATION:

Church:

- Coordinate & maintain Safe Sanctuaries records & policy manual**
- Hall Monitor:** Wed. Night___ Sunday AM___ Keep our children & volunteers protected
- Counter** (After worship, count the cash in Sunday's offering-serve with a partner for a month)
- Accounting** – help monitor finances, bills, & reporting

Office:

- Substitute for Receptionist/Secretary** (occasionally)
- Assist with clerical jobs** (as needed)
- Computer & network management assistance**-help streamline our connections
- Update & Maintain our church's website**
- Maintain our Online Church Directory** (add/update pictures & contact info of members)

Trustees:

- Serve with the Board of Trustees** to oversee and care for church property
- Help with group work days**
- Be available to take on individual small tasks** (repair/cleaning/maintenance)

Other:

If there are areas that you feel called to serve that are not listed here or gifts and abilities that can be used in ways we haven't imagined, please tell us about them here.

Name: _____ E-mail _____