

Faith Episcopal Church

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a place for **EVERYONE** in the
ministries of our church



Just jump in!

Each of you should **use whatever gift you have received to serve others**, as faithful **stewards of God's grace** in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone **serves**, they should do so with the **strength God provides**, so that in all things **God may be praised through Jesus Christ**. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:10-11

On most Sundays, it is easy to imagine that “all the bases are covered,” since there is someone to greet you at the door, read the lessons, take up the offering, teach the children, sing the music, serve the coffee and cookies, etc. All those tasks are done by volunteers who say by their volunteering, “Faith Church is important to me!”

Look around. Do the people serving this morning reflect the demographics of our church? We place no restrictions on who may serve. Everyone is encouraged to find their niche where they can feed and be fed through service.

The reasons people volunteer are varied, but there is one truth that applies to all volunteers: you will be more closely connected to this community if you volunteer in some capacity than if you don't. Being part of a team can be a very rewarding experience.

This booklet is a reference guide to the ministry teams at Faith Church - what they do, why they do it, the skills team members possess and other details to help you decide if a ministry is a good fit for the talents and interests God has given you.

This booklet focuses on ministries within the church, for the church. Opportunities for ministry to those outside the church and small group opportunities are detailed on our web-site and in other publications.

Volunteer today! It's good for you, it's good for our church community. It builds up the Kingdom of God.



Most people don't want to make a commitment if they don't know the details of what is involved. A description in a booklet is all well and good, but even better is a chance to "try it out" without obligation.

Our philosophy of ministry is that no one is compelled to do something which they don't find fulfilling. Our "First Serve" approach allows you to "test drive" a ministry before making any kind of commitment. If you've seen or heard about a ministry which interests you, drop an e-mail to firstserve@faithec.org and you will be contacted. You will be teamed with an experienced member of your chosen ministry. After you've given it a try, you'll be asked if you wish to continue. It is always acceptable to say "No thanks!" We encourage you to continue trying ministries until you find one that fits.

On the other hand, if you know this is the ministry for you, you can say that too!

Use the enclosed sign up form, or send an email to firstserve@faithec.org to indicate your interest, or contact the ministry leader directly.

Online Scheduling - How it Works

We have invested in some software to create and manage the schedules for many of our ministries. (Ministries scheduled in this way are marked with an “**S**” in the booklet.) Schedules are created three times a year, for 4 months at a time, giving you ample notice of an assignment.

Each volunteer is given a username and password (customizable when you sign on), to manage your own schedule. Before the master schedule is generated, you are asked to input the dates that you will be “unavailable.” If something comes up after you’ve been scheduled, you can electronically request a “swap.” When someone accepts your assignment, the schedule is automatically updated.

It is important that volunteers use the software to make their sub requests so that the schedule remains accurate. Weekly reminders are sent via e-mail to the volunteer listed on the schedule.

If you encounter difficulty in using the software, training and support is available - call Barbara Gillespy in the church office who oversees the scheduling, for personal tutoring.

“If you can make an online airline reservation, you can use this program!” ~ Jon Crowley

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Acolytes

Do not let anyone treat you as if you are unimportant because you are young. Instead, be an example to the believers with your words, your actions, your love, your faith, and your pure life.

1 Timothy 4:12

Why does Faith Church need this ministry? To allow youth (grades 6 through high-school) an opportunity to participate in the liturgies of the church in a meaningful way.

What do team members do? *Youth:* Following training, vest (wear a white alb) and process with other acolytes and clergy at worship services, light the candles, hold the candles during the gospel, assist the celebrant with preparations for communion, distribute the offering plates.

Adults: Assist in training acolytes; wash acolyte albs.

Is this ministry scheduled online? Yes, for the youth.

You can schedule online via the Ministry Scheduler Pro website by going to the Faith Church website, then selecting Ministry Scheduler under the Resources section.

Skills required: Ability to follow directions and remember procedures.

Time required: *Youth:* approximately 1 1/2 hours, includes service and arriving 15 minutes early, plus special training meetings before Christmas and Holy Week.

Adult: varies

Will I work alone, or as part of a team?

Youth: usually as part of a team.

Adult: either, depending on task.

Altar Guild

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.
2 Corinthians 9:12

Why does Faith Church need this ministry? Altar Guild is an important behind-the-scenes ministry that ensures the sanctuary is organized and prepared for worship services.

What do team members do? The Altar Guild prepares the altar and sanctuary for worship services, setting out the chalices, patens, linens, wine, water and wafers for communion. The team also decorates the altar and sanctuary for holidays, such as Christmas and Easter.

Linen Team: Launderers and irons the linens used during services.

Banner Team: (See - Altar Guild Banner Team)

Is this ministry scheduled online? Yes. You can schedule online via the Ministry Scheduler Pro website by going to the Faith Church website, then selecting Ministry Scheduler under the Resources section.

Time required: Altar Guild members serve approximately once a month as part of a team of three. Two of the three members will prepare the initial set up of the altar and split the duties of setting up for the 8:00 and 10:00 services. Two members of the team will take down after the 10:00 service. Initial set up takes approximately 1 hour and is usually done on Friday or Saturday, with an additional 20 to 30 minutes on Sunday morning.

Holiday decorating is done as a group and takes approximately 2-3 hours.

For those who volunteer to do the linens, it takes 1 - 2 hours, twice a month.

Altar Guild Banner Team

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others. *1 Peter 4:10*

Why does Faith Church need this ministry? Banners add beauty to our place of worship and enhance the worship experience with art.

The *Banner Team* selects, prepares and hangs the appropriate banners based on the liturgical season & color. Members of the team also design and create new banners when needed.

Is this ministry scheduled online? No

Time required: *Banner team:* approximately 1 - 2 hours per month.

Will I work alone, or as part of a team?

Preparing and hanging banners is best with a team of 2. Creating new banners is usually a collaborative effort with 2 or more members.

Children's Ministries

Sunday School - pre K - 7th grade

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *2 Peter 3:18*

Why does Faith Church need this ministry? The stories and characters of the Bible help children understand the nature of God, and how to be in relationship with Jesus. Children form friendships with peers and know their teachers as Christian adults demonstrating their love for God by caring about them.

What do team members do? Lead or assist in the following: telling Bible stories, encouraging discussions, and presenting activities such as games, projects, drama or music to enhance the lesson.

Is this ministry scheduled online? Yes. You can schedule online via the Ministry Scheduler Pro website by going to the Faith Church website, then selecting Ministry Scheduler under the Resources section.

Skills required: Concern for children, commitment to personal spiritual growth, patience and flexibility, advance planning abilities and punctuality. Assistants must be in 8th grade or older.

Time required: Teaching rotation is about once a month at the 10:00am service. Lessons will be distributed via email one week prior to the lesson, and require 20-40 minutes of preparation. Additionally, there may be a few leaders' meetings per year.

Will I work alone, or as part of a team? All grade levels have a team of teachers who rotate teaching on Sundays. There is an assistant or co-teacher present for Pre-K/K and Children's Chapel (grades 1-5), and Youth and Children's Director(s) (Mary Higbee or Sarah Goodness) will be floating between classes as an available resource and support leader.

Children's Ministries

Children's Special Events

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *2 Peter 3:18*

Why does Faith Church need this ministry? To provide festive and fellowship opportunities for our children to observe holidays in the Church setting or assistance with giving projects.

What do team members do? Adults and older teens volunteer for a single, specific event, and as a team they plan, organize and execute the event. Examples include: Operation Christmas Child Shoebox set-up and transport (mid Oct/Nov), Advent wreath-making (Nov. 29), and the Easter Egg hunt (March 27).

Skills required: Ability to relate to children, organize. Creativity helps but isn't required.

Time required: Varies by event and specific tasks - typically 2 - 6 hours of preparation, plus the event itself.

Will I work alone, or as part of a team? A team.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2018 Planning Team

Let the little children come to me...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. *Luke 18:16*

Why does Faith Church need this ministry? VBS gives Faith Church an opportunity to reach out into the community to spread the love of Jesus. For some children, VBS is their only contact with the church. Members of our congregation can be enriched through attending as a camper or as a leader. There are opportunities for youth and adult leadership without the longer term commitment of teaching Sunday School.

What do team members do? Using a tested curriculum, organize and plan the various aspects of the VBS program.

Skills required: Organization and advance planning skills, attention to detail, flexibility and ability to work independently and as a member of a team. Familiarity with prior VBS programs is very helpful but not required.

Time required: Monthly planning meetings usually begin in February and increase in frequency in May. VBS is traditionally held in late June.

Will I work alone, or as part of a team? A team, although individuals may be in charge of specific components (online registration, Pre-K/K Coordination, training station leaders, gathering supplies).

Church Retreat Ministry

Even Jesus took time in the desert – space and time to listen to the still, small voice of spirit amidst the temptations and chaos of the world. We are called to love God and neighbors as ourselves. Going on retreat is a time to experience loving God and being loved and challenged by God in order to be present in the world in a conscious and graced way.

Why does Faith Church need this ministry? To encourage women and men to deepen their faith through individual reflection, prayer, creative expression, and/or group sharing. Retreats build community with others and assist in deepening a relationship with God.

What do team members do? Plan either the Lenten Women's Retreat Day/Weekend OR plan the Advent Retreat Day in December (for men and women). Plan the theme, activities, assist with logistics, meet as a team to pray, share and develop our individual faith and sense of community.

Skills required: An open heart and a prayerful spirit. Enjoy working with others as a team.

Time required: Advent Retreat: mid-October- mid- November planning meetings, Retreat Day Sat. December 9, 2017.

Women's Retreat: one meeting early Fall, then weekly mid-January-March 2018.

Will I work alone, or as part of a team? Mostly as part of a team, but some individual work, depending on the task

Drama Ministry

And Jesus taught them in parables & stories.

Mark 4:2

Why does Faith Church need this ministry? To help illustrate sermon truths and inspire as well as entertain. To help the congregation gain Biblical insights and see how Scripture pertains to them personally.

What do team members do? Participate in drama exercises and rehearsals to learn the craft of drama in the worship setting. Perform in sketches for various services and events—Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings and children and youth programs.

Skills required: willingness to memorize dialogue and to be coached.

Time required: rehearsal Thursday evenings for 5:30 - 7:00 pm and outside memorization time if cast in a sketch.

Will I work alone, or as part of a team? This is a team activity.

Fellowship Committee

For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them.
Matthew 18:20

Why do we need a Fellowship Committee at Faith Church? The importance of Christian fellowship is clearly emphasized in various Bible verses. Acts 2:42 notes, "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." Just as it was for the apostles and early Christians, fellowship provides us with an opportunity to express our love for one another and encourage one another to do good works in God's name. Christian fellowship is essential to our spiritual growth, allowing us to learn and grow while building lasting relationships.

What does the Fellowship Committee do? The purpose of the committee is to plan and organize fellowship events that are welcoming to all. The events are focused on increasing connections among current members while providing an opportunity for other friends and family to participate. Up coming Fellowship Committee events for this year are: Trunk-or-Treat & Chili cook-off, Bingo night & potluck, and Gingerbread house making with morning coffee.

What are the responsibilities of the Committee members? The committee meets two to three times a year to brainstorm and develop a calendar of activities for the up-coming months. Each event is organized by one or two members with the others members assisting. Members can participate at whatever level they are able or are comfortable with.

Skills required: Many skills are appreciated: new ideas, event planning, recruiting. A commitment to broadening the fellowship of our church.

Time required: Depends upon the involvement you wish to have. Meetings for brainstorming are 2-3 a year. Leading an event will be event-dependent.

Greeters

Why does Faith Church need this ministry?

What do team members do? 5 Greeters at 10AM service – two at front door, two in rotunda (cover side & back doors), one roving greeter who also checks-in Service Participants (Readers & LEMs). Arrive 30 minutes before the service and extend a warm welcome to all who enter. One Greeter should remain at front door or near rotunda to greet latecomers; stay until end of first song.

For newcomers, if appropriate, introduce them to others standing nearby. Offer a “Green Newcomer Packet.”

After service, assist Newcomer Team members – encourage new guests to join coffee hour. Again, introduce them to others standing nearby.

Is this ministry scheduled online? Yes. You can schedule online via the Ministry Scheduler Pro website by going to the Faith Church website, then selecting Ministry Scheduler under the Resources section.

Skills required: A warm, welcoming smile. Punctuality and procuring a substitute if unable to fulfil scheduled commitment.

Time required: 30 minutes before and after assigned service. Greet at various fellowship gatherings, even if not scheduled.

Will I work alone, or as part of a team? As a part of a team

Hospitality Ministry

Coffee Hosts

Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by doing so some people have entertained angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:2

Why does Faith Church need this ministry? This ministry helps to create a warm and inviting atmosphere at Faith Church. It provides opportunities to welcome newcomers, encourages members to linger and become better acquainted with each other, and offers enjoyment to the children.

What do team members do? This ministry prepares coffee, tea, water and cookies for members of the congregation after the 8:00 and 10:00 am services each Sunday.

Is this ministry scheduled online? Yes You can schedule online via the Ministry Scheduler Pro website by going to the Faith Church website, then selecting Ministry Scheduler under the Resources section.

Skills required: Willingness to work with others to prepare, serve and replenish beverages and set out the cookies and snacks that are brought by the Cookie Buddies (described on next page).

Time Required: Arrive at church 30 minutes before the service and stay afterwards for up to 30 minutes for clean up.

Will I work alone, or as part of a team? Coffee Hosts work in teams of 2 to 3 people per Sunday.

Hospitality Ministry

Cookie Buddies & Snack Buddies

You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

Leviticus 19:34

Why does Faith Church need this ministry? This ministry helps to create a warm and inviting atmosphere at Faith Church. It provides opportunities to welcome newcomers, encourages members to linger and become better acquainted with each other, and offers enjoyment to the children.

What do team members do? Cookie Buddies provide the cookies that are served by the coffee hosts after the 8:00 and 10:00 services each Sunday. Snack Buddies bring one non-sugar/non-nut snack for the 10:00 am service.

Is this ministry scheduled online? Yes You can schedule online via the Ministry Scheduler Pro website by going to the Faith Church website, then selecting Ministry Scheduler under the Resources section.

Skills required: Cookie Buddies bake or purchase 6 dozen cookies and bring them to church at least 15 minutes before the service after which they will be served. Snack Buddies bring a non-sugar/non-nut snack 15 minutes before the 10:00 am service.

Time required: Time to bake or shop for cookies and/or snacks and *have them at church at least 15 minutes before the service.*

Will I work alone, or as part of a team?

Cookie Buddies and Snack Buddies work alone, but more than one is assigned for each service each week.

Jesus Squad - Youth Group

Don't push these children away. Don't ever get between them and me. These children are at the very center of life in the kingdom.

Mark 10:14 The Message

Why does Faith Church need this ministry? To provide an opportunity for young people to experience Christian community through caring for one another and others in the name of Christ. To provide a safe place to develop and explore their faith.

What do team members do? *Small Group leaders* lead a sub-group in planned activities. *Music leaders* oversee the music used during Youth Group worship. *Foodies* plan and prepare the meal (usually dinner) for the group. *Games Leaders* Plan and lead icebreaker games.

Skills required: Be open and available to meet youth where they are in their faith journey. Plan and lead music for JCREW Band. Create menus, prepare one or more dishes and serve the meal, cleaning up afterwards.

Time required: Small group and music leaders meet for 1 hour before meetings. Youth Group meets for 2 hours. Foodies prepare most foods at home, approx. 2 hours are needed for set up and clean up at the church.

Will I work alone, or as part of a team? As part of a team

Landscape Team

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.
Genesis 2:15

Why does Faith Church need this ministry? To make the church attractive and inviting to the community at large and to help provide a pleasant atmosphere for worshipers.

What do team members do? Develop and maintain the church grounds. A sub-team specializes in mowing and caring for the lawn.

Is this ministry scheduled? Yes and No (see below).

Skills required: Willingness to work, pruning, weeding, weed-eating, mowing, hedge trimming, etc.

Time required: Team meets on the second Saturday morning of the month, or you can work independently in your adopted area, any day of your choosing. 3 to 6 hours per month.

Will I work alone, or as part of a team? Either. It's your choice. (See Ministry Leader)

LEM (Lay Eucharistic Minister)

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."
Luke 22: 19-20

Why does Faith Church need this ministry? To provide an opportunity for lay persons to serve by participating in worship services.

What do team members do? Assist the clergy by serving the chalice and bread during communion and other tasks as may be assigned.

Is this ministry scheduled online? Yes. You can schedule online via the Ministry Scheduler Pro website by going to the Faith Church website, then selecting Ministry Scheduler under the Resources section.

Skills required: Complete training and review handbook.

Time required: Takes place during the worship service. You choose which service, 8 or 10AM

Will I work alone, or as part of a team? Generally there are several lay Eucharistic ministers needed at each service.

Lectors and Intercessors (Readers)

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

Romans 15:4

Why does Faith Church need this ministry? To provide an opportunity for lay persons to serve by participating in worship services, as well as providing a supportive and comfortable environment for the lay youth to enhance their public speaking skills.

What do team members do? Lectors read one of the two lessons for each Sunday. Intercessors offer the Prayers of the People.

Is this ministry scheduled online? Yes. You can schedule online via the Ministry Scheduler Pro website by going to the Faith Church website, then selecting Ministry Scheduler under the Resources section.

Skills required: Reading skills and practice of the readings before the service.

Time required: Lectors should read the lessons aloud before the service for understanding and to become familiar with appropriate pauses and phrasing. Intercessors should arrive at the service early to review the Prayers of the People before the service. Lessons & Prayers are available for review on the counter in front of the video booth. A pronunciation dictionary is also available here. There are also various websites that have an audio pronunciation for names and words in the Bible. Just do an internet search for “how to pronounce <name or place or word>”.

Will I work alone, or as part of a team? The task is performed alone, but you are part of the team, providing support to others.

Missions Team

And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

Colossians 3:17

Why does Faith Church need this ministry? The Bible commands followers of Christ to: “preach the Gospel to all nations” (Matt: 28:19, 20) and “provide compassionate care for others” (Matt:25:31-46).

What do team members do?

- Develop worldwide and local missions/ministry opportunities and encourage participation.
- Choose a local and/or worldwide ministry to support with other ministry team members.
- Provide education about supported ministries and missionaries and encourage members to become involved in mission activities.
- Develop opportunities for members to serve on short term mission trips and encourage children and adults to consider a life time of missionary service.
- Help team actively communicate with the leaders of local & international missions.
- Help team communicate mission accomplishments.
- Raise funds to support mission work.

Skills required: An interest in missions and willingness to encourage other church members to become involved in various mission/ministry opportunities.

Time required: Monthly meetings after 10AM service on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Occasional meeting to coordinate a chosen outreach ministry, plus preparation and participation in potlucks, programs and events, and fundraising. Avg. < 8 hrs/mo.

Will I work alone, or as part of a team? Both, but mostly as part of a team.

Music Ministry

O God, You have blessed us with talents and gifts beyond our deserving. We come before You now in joyful response to Your blessings; to foster our talents and to offer their first fruits to you.

The Church Musician Prayer

Why does Faith Church need this ministry? Music enhances the quality of the worship experience.

What do team members do? This team provides inspiration and adoration in worship with vocal and instrumental accompaniment, leading the congregational singing and offering special anthems. A music secretary assists in compiling and filing music packets weekly.

Is this ministry scheduled online? No, but regular participation is expected.

Skills required: Ability to sing with or accompany others. Sight reading is a bonus! Punctuality and a strong commitment to participation with the team.

Time required: 1 ½ to 2 hours rehearsal on Thursday evenings and one or two services on Sunday. For those who can only make a seasonal commitment, the Christmas or Easter Choir and Orchestra are options.

Will I work alone, or as part of a team? This is a team activity

Welcoming Team

Beloved, do faithfully whatever you do for the friends, even though they are stranger to you...send them on in a manner worthy of God
3 John 1:5-6

Why does Faith Church need this ministry? To help newcomers feel welcome, connect them with others and build relationships.

What do team members do? *On Sunday mornings:* welcome newcomers, connect them to others, assist them in finding their ministry call. This team may occasionally organize newcomer events and support the clergy in inviting newcomers to attend. (3 - 4 times per year)

Is this ministry scheduled online? Yes. You can schedule online via the Ministry Scheduler Pro website by going to the Faith Church website, then selecting Ministry Scheduler under the Resources section.

Skills required: Be friendly and hospitable - all those age 13 and above are invited to participate.

Time required: 20 minutes after worship service. 2-4 hours quarterly, depending on task.

Will I work alone, or as part of a team? Depends on the task, but mostly together.

Pastoral Care

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.
Matthew 25:35

Why Does Faith Church Need This Ministry?

All churches need a Pastoral Care Ministry. Ministry team members are the extended family of the church. They offer supportive pastoral care assistance to Faith Church members.

What Do Ministry Team Members Do?

Ministry team members are grouped in teams, each with a task and with a team leader(s). The teams provide:

- Blood Pressure Clinic (held the 2nd Sunday of the month) - Team Leader is Cindy Macias
- Grief Support (mail personal notes and helpful booklets to recipients during the first year after a loss) – Team Leader is Linda West
- Meals (prepare or purchase and deliver food on an “as needed” basis to Faith members in need) - Team Leaders are Sarah Goodness and Jennifer Edwards
- Memorial Receptions (provide food, setup tables, and clean up) – Team Leader is Pam Clements
- Cards (mail personal cards with messages of love and support to recipients experiencing illness, injury, or loss) – Team Leader is Cheryl Kaufman
- Visits and Communion (provide Eucharist for Faith members who are home-bound) – Team Leader is SueTavernetti
- Stephen Ministry (provides ministry to persons in times of loneliness, of transition, of illness or hospitalization, of grief or other life crisis situations) – Team Leaders are Jim Willoughby, Suzanne Parr, and Pat Bauer. Ministry Coordinator is Linda West.

Is The Pastoral Care Ministry Scheduled On-Line? Meals, only, are scheduled on-line by the Team Leaders at www.TakeThemAMeal.com.

Meals may be provided upon request during times of illness or injury, birth of a baby, grief or loss, or for a need that affects a family member(s) of a household.

Pastoral Care cont'd

Desired Skills for Pastoral Care Ministries are: A caring heart with a will to serve, the ability to honor confidentiality, a willingness to be accepting of others without being judgmental, and a desire to be reliable and accountable to the team. First Serve volunteers are encouraged to try a ministry for at least one month.

Required skills for the following Ministries are:

- Blood Pressure Clinic: a basic knowledge and experience in taking accurate blood pressure measurements, and to be able to discuss the results with the recipient. We ask for at least a one-year commitment to the team.
- Grief Support: a basic knowledge of effective writing skills, while including sensitivity in the written messages. We ask for at least a one-year commitment to the team.

What Time Is Required From A Team Member? The time required is dependent on the task at hand and can range from 15 to 60 minutes per task.

Will I Work Alone Or As Part Of A Team? While a task may be performed alone, a team member may refer to the respective team leader or to the Pastoral Care Ministry Leader for support and assistance.

Meal Ministry Team

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 1 John 4:7

Why does Faith Church need this ministry? Working as part of Pastoral Care, we share the love of Christ by providing meals to others, for example during an illness or injury, when a baby is born, during the grief of loss, or any need that arises.

What do team members do? Members prepare and deliver a meal to an individual or family.

Is this ministry scheduled online? www.takethemameal.com is used to schedule meal requests.

Skills required: NO SKILLS NEEDED, only a loving heart for those in need and a willingness to share the love of God by easing the stress of meal preparation. Not a chef? Take and bake pizza, rotisserie chicken from the grocery store, bag salad, take out, or a frozen pre-made meal are wonderful options. If you enjoy cooking, homemade meals are always welcome. Ability to deliver the meal to the person in need is requested but not required.

Time required: We work on an “as needed” basis. You are not required to participate in every meal request that is sent; you select when you are able to provide a meal.

Will I work alone, or as part of a team? Team.

Stephen Ministry (Pastoral Care)

Bear one another's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

Why does Faith Church need this ministry?

All Christian churches could use this caring ministry. Why? Many congregants experience divorce, grief, illness, loss of a job, relocation, empty nest syndrome, retirement, hospitalization, loneliness and many other challenges. Often, they suffer silently by not requesting or receiving the level of needed care. Stephen Ministry expands the opportunity for laity to provide Christian care.

What do team members do and don't do? Stephen Ministry team members listen, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to congregants facing personal crisis. Ministers do not fix a care giver's problems. They offer care and support that is confidential and free.

Is this ministry scheduled online? No

Required Skills and Training: Candidates should be compassionate and have the ability to actively listen without judgement, honor confidentiality, and be reliable and accountable to the Stephen Ministry Team. Selected candidates are required to complete 50 hours of Stephen Ministry training. Once trained, Stephen Ministers are commissioners by the church.

Required Time: Stephen Ministers are commissioned for a minimum of two years of service. A Stephen Minister is assigned to a care receiver of like gender and meets with that individual for about an hour a week. This caring relationship may last for as long as the care receiver may need it.

Active, commissioned Stephen Ministers meet twice a month for continued education and supervision.

Sound Team

Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.
Revelation 3:22

Why does Faith Church need this ministry? To support and amplify the spoken word and the music in our worship services so that all can hear them clearly and to provide a CD copy of the service for those who couldn't be present (shut-ins or volunteers working during the service).

What do team members do? Volunteers in this ministry manage/engineer the audio mix for worship services, provide assisted hearing devices upon request to members of the congregation, set up and take down sound equipment for special events, create CDs of the services for those who weren't able to attend the service.

Is this ministry scheduled online? Yes. You can schedule online via the Ministry Scheduler Pro website by going to the Faith Church website, then selecting Ministry Scheduler under the Resources section.

Skills required: Have an interest in developing production skills, have an ear for the sound mix.

Time required: Usually scheduled twice a month, once on the board, once in the room for both 8:00 and 10:00 services on a Sunday. Board duty also includes attending choir rehearsal on the Thursday evening before.

Will I work alone, or as part of a team? As a part of a team, supporting the clergy and choir/musicians.

Toddler and Pre-K/K Welcoming Team

Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.
Romans 12:13

Why does Faith Church need this ministry? To make families and their younger children feel welcome, comfortable and cared for.

What do team members do? Greet the family and children as they come to Pre-K/K or the Toddler Room. Prepare a name tag and answer any questions.

Is this ministry scheduled online? Yes. You can schedule online via the Ministry Scheduler Pro website by going to the Faith Church website, then selecting Ministry Scheduler under the Resources section.

Skills required: Punctuality, a smile, and a friendly personality- all those 8th grade and above are invited to participate.

Time required: 25 minutes - 20 minutes before the service to check children in, and 5 minutes during the service to check children out to their parents.

Will I work alone, or as part of a team? Usually with others.

Ushers

Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing, some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:2

Why does Faith Church need this ministry? To help newcomers feel welcome, to assist people in knowing where to go, to provide assistance to clergy and people as needs arise.

What do team members do? Arrive 30 minutes before the service, distribute bulletins, count the number in attendance, receive offerings, assist those in need during the service, tidy sanctuary after service and be a second greeter if handing out bulletins.

Is this ministry scheduled online? Yes. You can schedule online via the Ministry Scheduler Pro website by going to the Faith Church website, then selecting Ministry Scheduler under the Resources section.

Skills required: A warm, welcoming smile. Punctuality and procuring a substitute if unable to fulfill scheduled commitment.

Time required: 20 minutes before and after assigned service. One hour for periodic ministry fellowship gatherings.

Will I work alone, or as part of a team? As a part of a team

Vestry

The Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk with integrity. Proverbs 2:6-8

Why does Faith Church need this ministry? A Vestry is an elected body of leaders in an Episcopal parish composed of elected parishioners administering the temporal affairs of the parish.

What do team members do? The Vestry of Faith Episcopal Church works with the Rector to develop and approve annual budgets, conduct capital campaigns, coordinate efforts with the Mission Team, and other administrative responsibilities.

Requirements to serve on the Vestry: Be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church;
Age 18 or older;
Have a pledge of record;
Be active in at least one ministry.

Time required: 1 meeting per month, serve as VPOD (Vestry Person of the Day) on 1 Sunday every 9 weeks

Will I work alone, or as part of a team? A team.

Video Team

Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary. Praise Him in His mighty expanse.
Psalm 150:1

Why does Faith Church need this ministry? To allow people to concentrate on the worship without fumbling with multiple books. To enhance worship and sermons with various forms of media.

What do team members do? With direction from clergy, create MS PowerPoint presentation containing the liturgy and music. Run the presentation at worship services, occasionally augmented by DVD, or other media. Record the audio of the service and upload the sermon as podcast to the web-site.

Is this ministry scheduled online? Yes.

Skills required: Knowledge of PowerPoint (2003 or later). Ability to use media equipment. Flexibility in making last minute changes to accommodate worship needs.

Time required: Creating presentation requires 2 - 3 hours at home, then attendance at both services on that Sunday, arriving at 7:30. Scheduled for 2 or 3 Sundays per quarter.

Will I work alone, or as part of a team? Creating the service is solitary, running it is teamwork in conjunction with the clergy and Sound Team.



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