



2024 Ministry Opportunities Survey

Ministry Descriptions

Use these brief descriptions to find ministry groups and programs where YOUR HELP is needed to make them a success.

This guide is most helpful when selecting NEW ministry areas on your 2024 Ministry Opportunities Survey.

Children's Ministry

1. 10:55am Acolyte (2nd-5th grade) — This is for children that would like to perform the ceremonial duty of lighting our altar candles during our 10:55am worship service.
2. Kids Connect Angel Choir Adult Volunteer — As a volunteer you will be helping our 3, 4, & 5 year old Angel Choir singers LOVE music.
3. Kids Connect Angel Choir Child Participant — All children ages 3, 4, & 5 years old who have not started Kindergarten are welcome to become a member of our Angel Choir to learn the basics of music and praise on Sunday mornings at 9:45am in room 322.
4. Kids Connect Carol Choir Adult volunteer — As a volunteer you will be helping our Carol Choir Leader, Nancy Blakemore, teach music to the children of Main Street that are in Kindergarten-5th grade.
5. Carol Choir Child Participant — All children in Kindergarten-5th grade are welcome to become a member of our Carol Choir. This group meets on Wednesdays from 6:15-7pm in room 412.
6. Kids Connect Mentors (formerly Sunday School Teacher) — Our children's program uses an interactive Sunday School curriculum that places a strong focus on children being in a relationship with strong, Christian influences. By becoming a Kids Connect Mentor, you will be playing a huge role in the lives our children.
7. Moments with Children Storyteller — If you are a great storyteller or just enjoy talking with young children, you can help during our 10:55am worship services by putting the Pastor's sermon into words our kids can understand.
8. Nursery Volunteer — Help us care for the smallest of believers by volunteering to take care of the babies and toddlers in the nursery.
9. Vacation Bible School Planning Team — Help us plan, organize, prep, and host our annual Summer Vacation Bible School.

Church and Community Meals

10. Bethany Café — Every 3rd Saturday members of our community are invited to come to the fellowship hall for a free, hot, and delicious meal. Volunteers are needed for setup, cleanup, and to cook the meal.
11. Men's Breakfast Kitchen Crew— Volunteer today to help prep, cook, serve, and cleanup for our weekly Thursday Morning Men's Breakfast.
12. Mid-Week Connect Meal Preparation on Tuesday afternoon — help our Kitchen Hostess, Cynthia Barron, by prepping for our Mid-Week Connect Meals.
13. Mid-Week Connect Meal Servers on Wednesday evening — by volunteering to be a server on Wednesday Nights you'll be connecting to your church and other church family members. This is a great time of FUN and FELLOWSHIP!
14. Mid-Week Connect Meal Setup & Clean up on Wednesday evenings — Can't cook? Can't Prep? Help us Setup and Cleanup for our Mid-Week Connect Meal. Help is always needed!
15. Never Forget Veteran's Ministry Dinner and Ministry — The Never Forget Veterans Ministry of Main Street takes time to remember the sacrifice and service of the military veterans in our community. Volunteers are needed to help setup, clean up, and serve our veterans at an annual meal honoring them for their service.

16. Sunday Morning Coffee Crew — Your help is needed on Sunday Mornings in the Commons! It's easy! Come in the church about 8:00am to start and setup the coffee station for everyone to enjoy before Sunday School or Worship.

Discipleship and Fellowship

17. Heritage Club — This adult small group is always going somewhere, doing something, and fellowshiping with each other.
18. Pilgrimage/Emmaus Weekend—Whether you choose the Presbyterian Pilgrimage or the UMC Emmaus, while on one of these Three-Day Faith-Based Weekend Retreats your faith will be strengthened and your spirit will be encouraged.
19. Prayer Shawl Ministry — The members of this ministry knit or crochet prayer shawls that will be given to babies at their baptism, persons who are sick, and High School graduates. This shawl is made, blessed, and given to those in our lives who need a tangible gift that shows God's love. This group meets twice each month on Thursday mornings. Lessons are available for those who need them!
20. Lead a small group Bible Study, Short Term Class, or Support Group — Do you see a need in our church and feel led to lead a small group? Let us know and we'll help you get started!
21. Take a Hike Small Group — This outdoor hiking small group meets twice a month and carools to a local trail to Take a Hike! They would love to have you!
22. Teach Adult Sunday School — Would you like to lead a group of adults deeper into their faith? Teaching a Sunday School class is a great way to get started.
23. Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study & Breakfast — at 8am on Thursday mornings men from our church and our community come together in the fellowship hall to enjoy a great buffet style breakfast, a short devotion, friendship and fellowship. Come out and join them!
24. UMM (United Methodist Men) — This group of men are active in our church and in our community. Join them for their quarterly dinner or every Thursday for breakfast.
25. United Women of Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) — When you join a United Women of Faith Circle you have joined a small group of women that love Jesus, who support the ministries of Main Street, and our community. They strive to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand the mission of the church.

Member Care

27. After Hospital Care Team — As a member of this group of volunteers you will be placed on a team that will call and check on our church family members who have been released from the hospital.
28. Bereavement Meal Team — As a member of this team you'll help provide a meal for a family of the church who has experienced a death in their immediate family.
29. Stephen Visitation Team — As a member of this team, you will visit an assigned homebound member of the congregation on a regular basis. Periodically, there will be training opportunities to equip you for your visits.
30. Learn more about Stephen Ministry — This is a ministry of lay persons who are trained and supported to give confidential, one-on-one Christian care-giving to persons in the congregation or community who are going through troubled times.

31. Prayer Chain — be a Prayer Chain Member by providing your email address to the church office and commit to praying for the needs and requests of our church family. This group of prayer team members receives several emails each week with prayer requests from our congregation.

Music Ministries

32. 10:55am Worship Chancel Choir — Our 10:55am adult service choir provides music for our traditional Sunday worship service. This choir practices every Wednesday at 7:30pm in the Choir Room.
33. 8:30am Worship Chorale — Our 8:30am adult service choir provides music for our 8:30am Worship Service. This choir practices every Monday at 7:00pm in the Choir Room.
34. Hand Bell Choir — No experience is necessary to join the Hand Bell Choir but reading music is helpful. This group meets on Monday nights at 6:00pm in the Handbell Room #101.
35. & 36. Jubilee! Praise Team — Join this team of talented musicians and singers that lead worship at our 8:45am Jubilee! Contemporary Service on Sundays.
37. & 38. NOW: Night of Worship Praise Team— Join this growing team of talented musicians and singers who provide the worship music for our new worship opportunity, NOW: Night of Worship on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month.
39. Provide Special Music for Worship Services and/or Funerals — Share your musical talents with your church family by playing an instrument or in song

Radical Hospitality Worship Team

40. Campus & Parking Lot Greeters—Join this welcoming team of volunteers and become our “first-impression” on Sunday mornings for worship. Volunteers are asked to walk around our campus showing visitors where to go and how to get there.
41. Funeral Usher/Greeter — Be a warm and welcoming presence for your church family members upon the death of one of their loved ones by volunteering as a Funeral Usher/Greeter. This simple and small gesture of Christ’s Love is so helpful and appreciated.
42. Jubilee Usher — As a Jubilee Usher you will be welcoming our all of those who join us for worship at the 8:45am Jubilee Service and also participate in the service by collecting the contributions that are given to our church.
43. NOW: Night of Worship Greeter — Join this great group of NOW Greeter Volunteers who gather on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month to welcome everyone to the special Night Of Worship.
44. Visitor Connection Team — Help our Main Street UMC visitors get connected and feel the love of God through this ministry of Main Street with a handwritten note, phone call, or an email.
45. Worship Service Greeters — be a warm and welcoming presence to our church family members and church visitors when they join us for worship on Sunday Mornings. Two greeter shifts and locations are available: 8:15am-9:00am and/or 10:30am-11:15am at the Welcome Desk in the Commons or at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex.

Other Ways to Serve

46. Church Hostess for Weddings — As a Church Hostess your job will be to help brides and grooms, their wedding party, and their guests around our church campus and help them find the resources they need for

their special day. Training is necessary and you'll be paid for your time by the wedding party.

47. Church Photography Team — Be on the team of volunteers that attend a variety of church events and services to take pictures of everything that is going on. These photos will be used on the church website, social media, and other publications. No fancy equipment needed! Just a phone or digital camera will do! After the event or service, all we ask is that you email your pictures to the church office.
48. Decorating our Campus — Help us decorate our church campus for the different seasons of the year including setting out our Christmas Luminaries and preparing our campus for Easter.
49. History and Records Volunteer — As a member of this committee you will join a dedicated group of volunteers that organize and research artifacts of Main Street UMC history.
50. Library Volunteer — Help keep the Library clean, organized, and updated with new books and learning materials. If you are looking to meet new people and get involved with a low-key group of volunteers, join our Library Team
51. Weekday Welcome Desk Volunteer — The church office needs your help being a warm and welcoming presence to guests that come into the office during the week. Some other duties may be: answering the phones, preparing mailings, or helping us get ready for Sunday. Let us know when you can help and we will work around your schedule.

Technology and Creative Arts

52. Kids Connect Live Action Bible Storytellers — Make the Bible lessons come alive for the children of Main Street by volunteering to be a Bible Storyteller. Adults and Teens of all ages are needed.
53. Sound/Video Technicians — This group works to ensure that sound and video recording systems run smoothly and are operated correctly during all four worship services. No experience is needed because Training will be available!
54. Visual Arts — Can you help make signs, banners, costumes, an/or sets? Then we need your help!
55. Worship Drama/Reader — Looking for volunteers who enjoy participating in the worship service through skits, dramatic readings, and special presentations are need in this ministry area. No experience necessary only a willingness to participate.

Worship

56. Adult Acolyte at 10:55am and/or a Funeral Service — This **new** adult opportunity is for anyone that would like to perform the ceremonial duty of lighting our altar candles during our 10:55am worship service and/or at a funeral.
57. Adult Crucifer at 10:55am and/or a Funeral Service — As an adult crucifer, also known as a cross-bearer, you will carry the church's Processional Cross at the beginning and end of each service. This is a **new** adult worship opportunity.
58. Altar Guild Member — As an Altar Guild Team Member you will be working with a group of volunteers that prepare the Sanctuary for our 8:30am & 10:55am Worship Services. Team volunteers are responsible for altar flowers, altar candles, changing the paraments, and other light duties.
59. Communion Preparation Team — Come and meet other volunteers who prepare the bread and juice for our Communion Services each month and on Christmas Eve.

60. Communion Server — Help our pastors and staff serve communion on Communion Sunday to our church family. Volunteers are needed at all services. Choose the service that you attend or choose a different service to meet someone new.
61. Jubilee Altar Guild — Help us prepare and decorate the Chapel for the different seasons of the church.
62. Oasis Speaker — At our Oasis Mid-week Service, YOU are the speaker. YOU are offering a short five minute devotional on something uplifting and inspiring as a welcome respite from the craziness of the week. No experience necessary.
63. Scripture Reader — as a part of worship we have volunteers that read the pastor's scripture during the service. Choose to read the scripture for the service you already attend or choose a different service to meet someone new!
64. Usher Team Member — As a member of our 8:30am or 10:55am Usher Team you will be collecting the contributions that have been given to Main Street UMC as well as being a welcoming presence before and during worship. Training is available.

Youth

65. Alpha & Omega Youth Choir — Directed by Jenny Lail, the Alpha & Omega Youth Choir is designed for teens 6th-12th grade and they meet on Sundays at 4:00pm in room 201.
66. Confirmation Leader — Help guide our 6th-8th grade youth who have made the decision to strengthen their faith by taking our annual Confirmation Class. In cooperation with our Youth Director and Children's Ministries Director you are given all the tools needed to help these young teens understand what it means to be a United Methodist.
67. Fundraiser for Youth Ministries Volunteer—Help make our Chili Cook-off, Pancake Supper, and other Youth Fundraisers a HUGE success. Help with one or all of them, it's up to you and your schedule.
68. High & Middle School Youth Breakfast at Bojangles on Union Cross Road on Tuesdays at 7:00am—If your teen attends NCLA they are invited to have breakfast and a short devotion or discussion with other members of the Youth Group and Church. No worries about getting your teen to class, our Youth Director and other Adult Volunteers will take care of that!
69. High School Breakfast at Olympic on Mountain Street on Thursdays at 7:30am— Your teen is invited to have breakfast and a short devotion or discussion with other members of the Youth Group and Church. No worries about getting your teen to class, our Youth Director and other Adult Volunteers will take care of that!
70. Teach Youth Connect Sunday Morning Mentor — Help mold and shape the lives of our youth by facilitating faith based discussions under the direction of our Youth Director.
71. Youth Connect Sunday Night Volunteers—Join the youth group on Sunday nights at 5pm and help our Youth Director present the evening lesson and chaperone the down time and outings.
72. Youth Crucifer at 10:55am (6th-12th grade) — As a crucifer, also known as a cross-bearer, you will carry the church's Processional Cross at the beginning and end of each service.
73. & 74 Youth Praise Band (Musicians & Singer) — Any youth 6th-12th grade are invited to share their musical talents, instrumental or vocal, through our Youth Praise Band! This is a great small group opportunity for teens to become involved in worship!