

# Volunteer Opportunities

## MINISTRY MENU

*You are strongly encouraged to volunteer to be involved in at least one of the many Friendship Ministry Teams. This list consists of available areas in which you may wish to take the opportunity to use your talents and ministerial skills for your church. Please return your completed Every Member in Ministry, form to the church office. All ministry opportunities typically run for a one-year commitment with the term from the Fall to the following Fall.*

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

Volunteers needed for nursery (ages newborn—5 years old) on Sunday mornings for both services; Sonquest (ages 2 yrs—5<sup>th</sup> grade) 11am Sundays; Young Disciples workers on Sunday evenings, 6:00 – 7:30 pm (ages 2 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade); Volunteers are also needed to work on seasonal and ongoing children's activities (Vacation Bible School, assist with Easter egg hunt, Christmas program, Fall festival, etc.) **Contact Jennifer Gonzales at 828-310-2016**

### MUSIC & DRAMA MINISTRY:

Volunteers needed to lend their voices to the music ministry of Friendship. If you have a song in your heart, join the Adult Choir, Praise Group, or sing a solo or duet. Singers and Musicians meet on Wednesday evenings. Also, all youth are invited to participate in God's GRACE where you can work on skits, special music and mini dramas. For scheduling and more information; **Contact Marie Hitzemann at 828-726-1201**

### ADULT & CHILDREN'S HANDBELL CHOIRS:

Open to all interested. The Children's Handbell Choir is for all age children. **Contact Marie Hitzemann at 828-726-1201 or Judy Robinson 828-464-0288.** The Adult Handbell Choir meets seasonally with practices to be determined.

### ADULT SENIOR MINISTRIES (BABY BOOMERS & BEYOND):

We have a great group of seniors and we would love your involvement! If you would be interested in being a part of this group, please sign up. We are open to someone leading or assisting in a daytime Bible study, planning trips and fellowship gatherings. **Contact Frank & Dianne Huffman 828-464-8662 or Beverly Muse 828-464-0400.**

### YOUTH MINISTRIES:

Volunteers needed to work with our youth director to be Youth Leaders on trips and with youth functions. Help coordinate and plan programs and gatherings. Need help with decorations for special events, transporting youth to functions (please note a CDL is needed to drive church bus, with your name added to approved driver's list for insurance purposes). Volunteers are also needed to assist with Sunday school classes, Sunday night youth meetings, and to cook and/or provide supper/snacks. **Contact Rev. Greg Richard 828-851-3207**

### CHURCH AND SOCIETY MINISTRY:

Volunteers are needed at ECCCCM (Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministries). Also, during the Christmas season; plan to take an "angel" from the Salvation Army Angel Tree. Be a participant in the ECCCCM food drives that Friendship has on every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Volunteers needed to take Christmas stockings to fill for the Salvation Army. **Contact Melanie Whitener 828-478-3241.**

**BackPacks for Kids Program:** Monetary and food donations are needed for this program, in addition to volunteers to help pack backpacks. **Contact Rev. Greg Richard at 828-851-3207**

Be a blood donor or assist with the **Red Cross Blood Drives** throughout the year. **Contact the church's coordinator, Shirley and Jim Sherrill 828-464-2097.**

"Meals on Wheels" **Contact Mike Rutledge for more information 828-241-4161.**

### EVANGELISM MINISTRIES:

The Evangelism Committee has seen the need to reach out to our first-time guests and members to let them know of our concern and love for them. Volunteers are needed to follow up with first time and frequent guests as well as members, by writing cards, making calls and simply staying in touch. If you would like to be a part of this ministry **Contact Mike Rutledge 828-241-4161**

### MISSIONS MINISTRY:

Go on a building team locally or abroad. Help with various fund raisers for mission teams. **Contact Roger DeCato 828-397-4028.** Be a "Go Ye Club" partner by committing to financial support monthly or with a "one time" donation. **Contact Paige Prusia 704-697-0155.**

### WORSHIP MINISTRY:

Various duties within this ministry: Be an usher and help with the offering. Be a greeter to welcome members and guests as they enter and exit the church sanctuary on Sunday mornings. Assist in decorating the sanctuary for special events/occasions. Assisting the pastor with communion and help prepare it before the service. (Men are welcome to assist) **Contact Neoma Pressley at 828-465-1659 or Freida Yancey at 828-428-8524**

### HOSPITALITY MINISTRY:

This ministry will work with the Pastor and Secretary on events scheduled at the church. Volunteers are needed to assist with helping open/close area and set/clean up for events. Additionally, we would like to have Sound and Powerpoint Operators as needed when event requests this team as well. Experience with room setup, round versus long tables helpful, but not necessary. **Contact Pastor Brad 828-464-5408 or Angela Dean 828-464-5408**

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE:**

Volunteers are needed to assist Church Secretary with the Newsletters, bulletins, and general administrative duties. **Contact Brad Thie or Angela Dean 828-464-5408.**

## **MULTIMEDIA:**

Be an assistant with the audio/visual aspects of our church. Sound system and Power Point volunteers needed for Sunday Worship and/or Special Events. **Contact Roger DeCato, 828-397-4028 OR Donald Hastings 828-465-3515 for Powerpoint and Tim Hefner at 828-464-3196 for Sound system.**

## **SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES:**

Would you like to participate in or be a facilitator for a Small Group Bible Study class? Would you consider being a host/hostess for a group to meet at your home? We have various Bible Studies available for members and inquiring members. For detailed Small Group Information, please see your commitment form, under Small Group Ministries. **Contact Dwin Caldwell 828-241-2049. You may also contact the church office for additional Small Group Studies going on as well.**

In conjunction with Abernethy Laurels, we are offering grief recovery support group through a program called "Griefshare." If you would be interested in participating in this program or would like more information, **Contact Debbie Richard at 828-851-3206.**

**EMMAUS** Would you like to know more about the "Walk to Emmaus" retreat? If you have been on the Walk to EMMAUS, Community Members are needed to sponsor those who have never been and assist during retreats? **Contact Monica Robinson 828-465-2972, Glenn or Nancy Fulbright 828-428-8042 or Pastor Brad, 828-464-5408.**

## **EDUCATION:**

We need volunteers to assist in ministry with college students. **Contact Lindsay Loyer 828-234-4059.**

Would you like to teach, assist or substitute in a Sunday school classroom? **Contact Darren Hefner 828-465-7204 or Tim Hefner 828-464-3196.**

Become a lay speaker trained by our conference staff to speak in local and district churches. **Contact Pastor Brad 828-464-5408.**

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Volunteers are needed to assist in bulletin boards, outside sign ministry and with newspaper advertisements for special events. **Contact Pastor Brad or Angela Dean 828-464-5408.**

## **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN:**

The ladies of the church meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday evening. The UMW holds interesting discussions and meetings for ladies of the church. Members learn how to be better Christians for the Lord, church, family and community. They also take turns with food committees when there is a death or a special need within the church family. The women support several missions nationally and locally. Their annual fundraiser is the SPRING FLING Fashion Show **Contact Nancy Fulbright, President 828-428-8042.**

## **UNITED METHODIST MEN:**

The men of the church meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday morning at 7:30am with breakfast. Topics discussed are informational both personally and for church functions. They also need volunteers to assist with their "Job Jar" Ministry that helps those homeowners in the church unable to complete tasks around the home. A weekly prayer group meets each Wednesday morning at 6:30a.m. **Contact David Sherrill, President 828-466-2412.**

## **NURTURE MINISTRY:**

Be an active member of the Lay Ministry/Nurture Team. The members make contacts to our long and short term care concerns, new members of Friendship, and visit those that are sick or homebound. Training will be provided. **Contact Nancy Drum 828-464-5757.**

## **MAINTENANCE/UPKEEP/TRAVEL MINISTRIES:**

We need folks to help keep our church grounds and facilities in great shape. Each year we have work days for cleaning and organizing. We need your support. Volunteers are needed for the Trustee Watch program to patrol the church grounds and parking lot each Sunday from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Bus Drivers with current CDL licenses are needed in transporting congregation to various events and mission trips. Vehicle Maintenance workers are needed to help in maintaining vehicles of the church. **Contact Frank Huffman, Trustee Chairperson 828-464-8662 or Jimmie Sherrill 828-464-2097.**

## **PRAYER MINISTRY:**

Become an active member of our prayer chain to pray for needs of our church and community, as well as praying for church staff and future vision of the church. **Contact Leigh Burns at 828-241-4256.**

## **CRAFTERS FOR CHRIST:**

If you like to crochet, knit or make crafts, this ministry meets on Mondays. Also, if you have hand-crafted items you would like to donate for this ministry, please **Contact Debbie Tibbs 828-464-4863.**