



Opportunities for Service & Sharing at Messiah

• **Lectors (Readers for Worship)**

Once? Twice a year? Regularly? There are many ways to engage! Your voice and presence in the Sunday assembly is important — all ages are encouraged to consider this important ministry. Come and read the texts of the faith as we hear God’s good news for us.

• **Ushers**

Good ushers are an invaluable part of worship. These folks are responsible for everything from setting the lighting to offering collection and presentation of the offering gifts (in non-socially distanced times). Like reading, serving in this role is flexible according to your personal availability.

• **Greeters**

Greeters help all who enter the church building feel welcomed. This also can be a one time, occasional or regular contribution.

• **Assisting Ministers**

This role assists the presiding minister in worship. The assisting minister leads various parts of the liturgy, including reading or singing the psalm responsively and offering the intercessory prayer petitions.

• **Choir**

Do you like to sing? Join the choir! This ensemble typically rehearses once per week in preparation for offertories, liturgical music, and other opportunities.

• **Handbell Choir**

Messiah has a lovely set of handbells that have added much beauty to the weekly and seasonal worship through the years. The only prerequisite for participation is an ability to read music. Our current handbell choir members are eager to teach the proper technique to new members!

• **Offertories**

Perhaps God has given you another musical (or other performing arts!) talent that you would like to share? This includes poetry, dance, theatre, among others.

• **Regular Sunday School Teacher**

Do you like to work with kids? This could be the perfect role for you! Our Sunday school classes are currently divided into the following age cohorts: pre-school, K-grade 2, grades 3-5, and jr. high through high school. Sunday school classes are held from September through May of each year. Many are team-taught.

• **Substitute Sunday School Teacher**

Perhaps you like the idea of teaching once in a while but can’t quite commit to teaching every single week. Being a substitute teacher keeps everything running smoothly for our regular teachers and students.

• **Altar Guild**

The altar guild undergirds important worship duties that often are led “behind the scenes”. Primarily they ensure that the front of the sanctuary is appropriately adorned in the colors of each church season, and that the communion elements are prepared for worship and cared for as needed afterwards.

• **Prayer Partners**

“Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, ‘Here I am.’” (Isaiah 58:9)
The prayer partners offer regular prayer petitions via an email chain based on specific needs expressed by the congregation.

• **The Standing Committees**

Messiah has various committees that handle specific aspects of our mission., and each of our committees is always seeking fresh perspectives! While each of our committees is comprised of regular contributing members, it is also possible to contribute in a more “as needed” basis: helping out with certain projects or tasks, for example. **See the reverse side for committee information** as well as QR codes you can scan to see a quick informational video on each group.

Our Committees and What They Do....

Scan the QR codes to view a brief video about the committee.



Overview from Pastor Paul

This is the year when we all try something new! Come learn a bit about our vision for holistic Stewardship at Messiah.



Social Ministry

The Social Ministry team organizes food drives, interfaith luncheons, the delivery of plants to homebound members around the holidays, advocacy initiatives, and other events such as “God’s Work Our Hands” Sunday.



Worship

The worship committee assists in the coordination of the Word and Sacrament ministry of the Church (worship services). This includes seasonal liturgies, festival day planning, and Altar Guild partnership, among other opportunities.



Property

The property committee works to ensure the physical church building and surrounding property is adequately cared for. Opportunities include organizing spring and fall work days, special maintenance projects, landscaping, and other coordination with our custodian.



Christian Education & Youth Ministry

This group partners with the Director of Christian Education to provide formative opportunities for students of all ages. This includes Sunday school programming, youth group ministries, and vacation bible school.



Stewardship

The Stewardship committee encourages and equips each member of the congregation to share their gifts: time, talent, and treasure. They oversee the Fall pledge campaign, which is necessary for the church to plan a budget each year; while also working to connect each of us with a specialized ministry in which we can serve.

Connections Team

Our Connections Team equips visitors and new members to learn about the congregation as we grow in relationship together. This includes managing the mentor program, organizing new member classes as well as new member Sunday. They also work to include inactive members and organize the delivery of welcome mugs to newer visitors.