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WORSHIP



STUDY



SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES

For Service

2022



Notes:

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If you would like more information on any of these areas to serve, please call the church office or email ministries@spanishfortumc.org.

INTRODUCTION

discipleship pathway



Our Discipleship Pathway includes the four areas of **EXPLORE**, **CONNECT**, **GROW**, & **MULTIPLY**. Every disciple is somewhere on this path. Each step is encompassed by God's grace which guides us along the pathway.

We encourage you to engage in service opportunities where you can explore Christ, connect with others, grow in faith and multiply the kingdom of God.

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work."

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul reminds us that we are a part of one body, the body of Christ - but in that body there are many different parts. None of us can say that our part is more or less important than another because all are needed in the service of the Lord.

Likewise, we at Spanish Fort United Methodist Church have many areas of ministry for different gifts to be used - each being equally important in the Kingdom of God. In this booklet you will find there are many opportunities to use your set of gifts, talents, and time with a brief explanation of each area of ministry. If you have more questions, please contact the church office. If you are interested in taking a spiritual gifts inventory to see where you might be a best match for ministry, you can go to www.ministrymatters.com/spiritualgifts/. For an explanation of gifts or for guidance, please contact one of our clergy.

Thank you for considering what the Lord may have in store for you as you help us fulfill our mission at Spanish Fort United Methodist Church. There is a place for all of us to serve. Your contribution to WORSHIP, STUDY and SERVICE in our church, community and world is valued and appreciated!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Communion Server - Homebound

Communion is available for the sick & homebound. Lay teams serve the previously consecrated elements & pray with the recipient. Training is provided. {8 People Needed / 1 Time Per Mo. / 1 Hr.}

Food Ministry - Funeral Receptions

Provide a meal to a family in a transition or following a Celebration of Life service. {20 People Needed / Periodically / 1 Hr.}

Food Ministry - Newborns

Provide meals to families when they come home with a new baby. We provide a meal for the family unless there are extenuating circumstances & more are needed. {6 or More People Needed / 2-4 Times Per Yr. / 2-4 Hrs.}

Prayer Care

This group of individuals faithfully believes that God hears & daily responds to others' needs through prayer. We pray individually in our homes for the prayer requests which come to us via email. {Unlimited # of People Needed}

Prayer Team

This group of individuals pray with the pastoral staff & at the services on Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Training required. {Unlimited # of People Needed}

Visitor - Homebound

Visitors to people's homes that faithfully & regularly visit those who are appointed for care. Training is provided. {15 People Needed / 2 Times Per Mo. / .5-1 Hr. Per Visit}

Visitor - Hospital

Visitors to area hospitals that faithfully & regularly visit those who are appointed for care. Training is provided. {10 People Needed / 2 Times Per Mo. / .5-1 Hr. Per Visit}

Visitor - Westminster Village / Assisted Living

Visitors to Westminster Village & other assisted living facilities that faithfully & regularly visit those who are appointed for care. Training is provided. {15 People Needed / 2 Times Per Mo. / .5-1 Hr. Per Visit}

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Puppet Ministry - Assistant

Help with the puppet ministry practices & performances during the school year. {2 People Needed / 1 Time Per Wk. / 2 Hrs.}

Wed/Sun Night Large Group Volunteer - Snacks / Hospitality / Discipleship

Help organize & serve food to the youth, plus small amount of clean up duties. Also, you can help with crowd control & making sure all students are greeted & introduced to others. Help facilitate the group into large group worship time. {3-4 People Needed / 2 Times Per Wk. / 1-2 Hrs.}

Youth Events Volunteer

Help with various events throughout the year by providing food, chaperoning, & hosting gatherings. Some of these events include, Christmas parties, Superbowl party, & Back-to-School Hangout. {Unlimited # of People Needed / As Needed}

Youth Leadership Team

Volunteers are needed to meet as a group to plan and discuss youth ministries. {Multiple People Needed / 1 Time Per Mo.}

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HOSPITALITY

Beautification Work Days

Volunteers clean up & do gardening & landscaping chores to improve the church grounds. {Unlimited # of People Needed / 1 Time Per Mo. / 1 Hr.}

Drive Large Church Bus - Westminster

Transport Westminster Village members to & from 8:45 a.m. worship service. This requires a Commercial Driver's License. {3 People Needed / 1 Time Weekly / 20 Minutes Before & After Worship Services}

Drive Large Church Bus - Other

Transport different groups in & out of town. Requires a Commercial Driver's License. {3 People Needed / As Needed / Dependent on Travel Event}

Drive Small Church Bus - Shuttle

Transport youth between the two campuses on Sunday mornings. Does not require a Commercial Driver's License. {3 People Needed / Weekly / 20 Minutes Before & After Worship Services}

Wednesday Night Dinner Check-in Table

Collect money & check reservations at the meal on Wednesday evenings from 5:15-6:00 p.m. {1-2 People Needed / 1 Time Per Wk. / 1 Hr.}

Weekday Office Receptionist

Receptionist duties for the church office on a regular or substitute basis. Answer & direct telephone calls & direct guests. {3 People Needed / 1 Time Per Wk. / 4 Hrs.}

EVANGELISM

ALPHA Leader

Lead an 11-week series on key beliefs of Christianity and exploring faith. Materials provided. {Unlimited # of People Needed / 11 Wk. Series / 1.5 Hrs.}

Contact Inactive Members

Volunteers needed to contact church members who have not attended recently and send cards. {Unlimited # of People Needed / Various times & dates / 20 Minutes}

First Time Guest Visitation

Volunteers needed to pay a visit to new members & make them feel welcome. {Unlimited # of People Needed / Various times & dates / 20 Minutes}

Greeters

Welcome attendees of the worship services, directing & answering questions. {12 People Needed / 1 Time Per Mo. / 20 Minutes Before Worship Services}

WORSHIP

Acolyte Coordinator

Recruit & train acolytes who serve at traditional worship services by lighting the candles & providing assistance to the ministers as needed. {1 Person Needed / Ongoing / 1 Hr. Quarterly}

Altar Guild

Prepare Sanctuary for worship & other special events. {4 People Needed / Ongoing / 1 Hr. Per Mo.}

Audio/Visual Team

Operate sound board / lights / live streaming / presentation software for Worship, Children, Youth, & other events; will train. {6 People Needed / Weekly / 2 Hrs.}

Bake Communion Bread

Using SFUMC's recipe, bake bread for worship. {5 People Needed / 1 Time Per Mo. In Rotation / As Needed}

Baptism Helper - Traditional / Contemporary

Prepare elements for Baptism. Greet the family & take a photo of the family after the worship service. {4 People Needed / As Needed / .75 Hr. / Traditional & Contemporary Services}

Communion Helper - Contemporary Service

Prepare communion elements: filling cups/placing bread in trays. Clean up elements after the service. {2 People Needed / 1 Time Per Mo. / 1 Hr.}

Communion Helper - Traditional Service

Prepare communion elements: filling cups/placing bread in trays. Clean up elements after the service. {6 People Needed / 1 Time Per Mo. / 4 Hrs.}

Communion Server - Contemporary Service

Help serve communion during the worship service. {6 People Needed / 1 Time Per Mo. In Rotation / .5 Hr.}

Communion Server - Traditional Service

Help serve communion during the worship service. {6 People Needed / 1 Time Per Mo. In Rotation / .5 Hr.}

Local & Regional Missions

Local & regional mission trips & opportunities are generally in the immediate area (Mobile/Baldwin counties) or in the Southeastern United States. {Unlimited # of People Needed / 4 Times Per Yr. / Few Hrs. - Up to A Week}

International Missions

Locations of overseas trips include Costa Rica & Ecuador (Summer months typically). {Unlimited # of People Needed / 1 Time Per Yr.}

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Chaperone - Confirmation Retreat

Travel with the youth ministry to our awesome camp. Responsible to help chaperone a small group of students while at the camp. {1 Time Per Yr. / Weekend / All Day & Night}

Chaperone - Puppet Tour

Travel with youth for the annual Puppet Tour in early summer. {5-6 People Needed / 1 Time Per Yr. / Approximately 1 Wk.}

Chaperone - Summer Camp

Travel with the youth ministry to one of our awesome camps at Blue Lake (Drench / Revive). Responsible to help chaperone a small group of students while at the camp. {12 People Needed / Monday - Saturday / 1 Time Per Yr. At Summer Camp/ All Day & Night}

Chaperone - Winter Camp

Travel with the youth ministry to our awesome Revive camp at Blue Lake. Responsible to help chaperone a small group of students while at the camp. {12 People Needed / Long Weekend / All Day & Night}

Chaperone - Youth Week

Chaperone & travel with the youth to the various work projects in the community. Build relationships & offer guidance as needed. {10 People Needed / Monday - Thursday / 1 Time Per Yr. / 5 Hrs. Per Day}

Confirmation Mentor

Mentor/lead small group during the confirmation process. {6 People Needed / 1 Time Per Wk. / 2 Hrs.}

Discipleship Hour Teacher

Sunday morning from 10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. in the Youth Area - mentor/lead a small group during the school year. {6 People Needed / 1 Time Per Wk. During School Yr. / 1 Hr.}

Easter Celebration Volunteer

Volunteers will oversee activities during this community event for children & their families. Individuals or groups can help. {Unlimited # of People Needed / Palm Sunday Afternoon / 3 Hrs. / Volunteers Work In Shifts}

Fall Festival Volunteer

Volunteers will oversee activities during this community event for children & their families. Individuals or groups can help. {Unlimited # of People Needed}

Nursery Volunteers

Caring for children ages birth-36 months during regularly scheduled worship & program times by rocking, playing, reading, & sharing the love of Christ. No diaper duty required! {1 Time Per Mo. (Sunday Worship, Coffee Talk Bible Study, or Wednesday Evening Activities)}

Preschool Children's Church

Volunteers are needed to lead 3-4 year olds through lessons & activities during either the traditional or contemporary service times. {Multiple People Needed / 1 Time Per Mo.}

Preschool & Elementary Choirs

Assist with choir rehearsals & performances for preschool & elementary ages. {Seasonal}

Vacation Bible School Volunteers

Volunteers needed in all areas with 4 year olds - 5th grade; activity leaders, storytellers, game leaders, snack leaders, group leaders, directors. You can also help with preparation & work days leading up to VBS week. {Multiple People Needed / 1 Time Per Yr.}

MISCELLANEOUS

Church Maintenance

Minor repairs & simple carpentry at the church. {6 People Needed / As Needed}

Communications

Photograph events, video tape events, video producing. {3 People Needed / As Needed}

MISSIONS

Disaster Relief Ministry

Provide assistance with clearing debris, making repairs, distributing food following a natural disaster. {Unlimited # of People Needed / As Needed / Few Hrs. - Up To A Week}

Music - Handbells

If you play the handbells or would like to learn, join us at practices on Tuesday nights at 7:15 p.m. {Unlimited # of People Needed / Weekly / 2 Hrs.}

Music - Praise Band

If you play an instrument or sing, come use your gifts to worship God. We practice at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays & then lead music at our Contemporary worship service at 11:00 a.m. {Unlimited # of People Needed / Weekly or Bi-Weekly / 2 Hrs.}

Music - Sanctuary Choir

Sing unto the Lord a new song. Practice Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. as a group. Sing Sunday mornings at the traditional service. We welcome all levels of singing ability to our choir. We sing a mix from Mozart to good ole time gospel. {Unlimited # of People Needed / Weekly / 2 Hrs.}

Sanctuary Supplies

Volunteers re-stock pencils, attendance cards, prayer request cards & other resources in the Sanctuary pews. {12 People Needed / 1 Time Per Mo. / 1-2 Hrs.}

Usher - Traditional or Contemporary Worship

Hand out worship bulletins, help worship attendees, answer questions, pass out attendance pads, collect offering, count attendance, take offering to bank, provide assistance to acolytes & pastors. {Unlimited # of People Needed / As Needed Depending On # Of Volunteers / 1.5 Hrs.}

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Prodissee Pantry - Filling Boxes

Pre-bagging fresh produce on Monday mornings & boxes are pre-filled with food on Wednesday evenings in preparation for the following Tuesday morning's distribution by Prodissee Pantry. {Unlimited # of People Needed / 1 Time Per Wk. / 2 Hrs.}

Prodissee Pantry - Interviewing

Tuesday mornings Prodissee Pantry distributes food to the community poor. Volunteers interview clients to determine their needs. {12 People Needed / 1 Time Per Wk. / 3 Hrs.}

Prodissee Pantry - Office Work

Reception desk phone, filing, & computer work. {2 People Needed / Flexible / 1-2 Hrs.}

Prodissee Pantry - Unloading Deliveries

Donations of food items arrive several times a week. You will unload/stock food items at the Pantry. {Unlimited # of People Needed / 1 Time Per Wk.}

Ronald McDonald House

Provide part of hot, home cooked meals to the families with sick children the last Sunday evening of each month. {12 People Needed / 1 Time Per Quarter / 1-2 Hrs.}

Uniform Closet - Open House

Help distribute school items to children during the annual Uniform Closet Open House held shortly before school begins. {Unlimited # of People Needed / 1 Time Per Yr. / 8 Hrs.}

Uniform Closet - Sort Donations & Fill Orders

Help sort donated school uniform pieces by size & item. Donated items are then given to needy children in our community. {Unlimited # of People Needed / As Needed / 1 Hr.}

ADULT MINISTRIES

Bible Study Leader

Lead a weekly Bible study (long or short-term, daytime or evenings); curriculum & training provided. {Unlimited # of People Needed / 1 Time Per Wk. (Sept.-May) / 2 Hrs.}

Discipleship Hour - Adult Teacher

Teach Adult Discipleship Class on Sunday mornings from 10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Curriculum ideas are provided & training is available. {10 People Needed / 1 Time Per Wk. / 1 Hr.}

Discipleship Hour - Adult Teacher Substitute

Be available to substitute teach a Sunday morning Discipleship Class. {Unlimited # of People Needed / As Needed / 1 Hr.}

Senior Adult Leadership Team

Volunteers are needed to meet as a group to plan and discuss senior ministries. {Multiple People Needed / 1 Time Per Mo.}

Small Group Leader - Men's & Women's Groups

Groups meet weekly to study the Bible, pray together, care for one another, & do missional service. {Unlimited # of People Needed / 1 Time Per Wk. / 2 Hrs.}

United Methodist Men

Men meet the second Saturday morning of the month for breakfast, fellowship, & service projects. All men who have a servant's heart, a willingness to work with other like-minded men, & a love for a relationship with Jesus Christ are welcome. {Unlimited # of People Needed / 1 Time Per Mo. / 2 Hrs.}

FAMILY MINISTRIES

Family Ministries Team

Volunteers are needed to meet as a group to plan and discuss family ministries. {Multiple People Needed / 1 Time Per Mo.}

Family Events Volunteers

Volunteers will oversee activities during community events for families. Individuals or groups can help. {Unlimited # of People Needed / 3 Hrs. / Volunteers Work In Shifts}

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Children's Leadership Team

Volunteers are needed to meet as a group to plan and discuss children's ministries. {Multiple People Needed / 1 Time Per Mo.}

Chaperone - Summer/Winter Camps

Volunteers are responsible for staying overnight in cabins with children & leading groups through activities while at summer camp or winter retreat at Blue Lake. Must be 19 years of age. {Need Both M & F / 1 Time Per Yr. / All Day & Night for trip length}

Children's Wednesday Night Programs

Volunteers are needed to lead children in Bible study, stories, games, crafts, & other activities related to the lesson. Volunteers can choose age level classes they would like to assist with. Children's Wednesday night age groups are JAM Kids (Preschool-3/4), Extreme Kids (Kindergarten-3rd Grade), or LOL Kids (4th & 5th Grades). {Multiple People Needed / Weekly Or Bi-Weekly}

Discipleship Hour

Volunteers are needed to lead age level specific small group classes. They teach stories, lead activities, etc. Discipleship Hour classes provided for children include Preschool, Kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade, 3rd grade (How to Use My Bible class), 4th grade, & 5th grade. {Multiple People Needed / Weekly or Bi-Weekly}