



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE 2023

INTRODUCTION

"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 & 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, & 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 & SERVICE in our church, community & world is valued & appreciated!

Notes:

All of our volunteers are required to complete a background check & abide by our Safe Sanctuaries Policies that can be located at www.spanishfortumc.org/info.

All events & activities are subject to change. If you would like more information on any of these areas to serve, please call the church office or email ministries@spanishfortumc.org.

ADULT MINISTRIES

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

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.}

Grief Share - Facilitators | Volunteers needed to facilitate Grief share ministries to the community. Training & support are provided. {Multiple # of People Needed / Weekly / 2 Hrs.}

Senior Adult Leadership Team | Volunteers are needed to meet as a group to plan & 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, 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.}

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}

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Chaperone - Confirmation Retreat | Travel with Confirmands to our awesome camp. Help chaperone a small group of students while at the retreat. {1 Time Per Yr. / Weekend / All Day & Night}

Chaperone - Summer Camp | Travel with the youth ministry to one of our awesome camps at Blue Lake (Revive). Responsible to help chaperone a small group of students while at the camp. {5 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. {5 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 - lead a small group during the school year. {6 People Needed / 1 Time Per Wk. During School Yr. / 1 Hr.}

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 / 1-2 Times Per Wk. / 1-2 Hrs.}

Youth Events Volunteer | Help with various events throughout the year by providing food, hosting gatherings, & chaperoning. 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 & discuss youth ministries. {Multiple People Needed / 1 Time Per Mo.}

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}

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.}

Kidz Eatz - Volunteers | Volunteers pack & distribute food items to combat hunger in children of Baldwin County. {Unlimited # of People Needed / 1-2 Times Per Mo.}

Prodissee Pantry - Filling Boxes | Pre-bagging fresh produce on Monday mornings & pre-filling boxes with dry goods on Wednesday evenings. {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. {5-7 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.}

Prodissee Pantry - Warehouse Food Distribution | Tuesday mornings Prodissee Pantry distributes food to the community. {10 People Needed / 1 Time Per Wk. / 3 Hrs.}

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/Give Aways | Help distribute school items to children during open houses or give aways in conjunction with Prodissee Pantry shortly before school begins. {Unlimited # of People Needed / 1 Time Per Yr. / 4 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.}

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Children's Leadership Team | Volunteers are needed to meet as a group to plan, discuss, & implement 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 at least 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 for Kidz University (Pre-K through 5th grades) 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 (Preschool-3/4, Kindergarten-2nd Grades, or 3rd-5th Grades). {Multiple People Needed / Weekly Or Bi-Weekly}

Discipleship Hour | Volunteers are needed to lead age level specific classes. They teach stories, lead activities, etc. Discipleship Hour classes are provided for children including Preschool/Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grade, 3rd grade (How to Use My Bible class), 4th & 5th grade, & 6th grade. {Multiple People Needed / Weekly or Bi-Weekly}

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 / 3 Hrs. / Work In Shifts}

Nursery Volunteer | 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 or Wednesday Evening Activities}

Children's Church | Volunteers are needed to lead 3 year old - 3rd grade children through lessons & activities during 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, group leaders, directors. You can also help with preparation & work days leading up to VBS week. {Multiple People Needed / 1 Time Per Yr.}

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.}

Contact New Members / Visitors | Volunteers needed to contact or pay a visit to new visitors & members to make them feel welcome. {Unlimited # of People Needed / Various times & dates / 20 Minutes}

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

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}

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 | Transport members to & from various events. This requires a Commercial Driver's License. {Multiple People Needed / Various Dates & Times}

Drive Small Church Bus | Transport members to & from various events. Does not require a Commercial Driver's License. {Multiple People Needed / Various Dates & Times}

Wednesday Night Supper - Volunteers | Check reservations in, collect donations, help set up & take down hot bars, clean up, etc. on Wednesdays. **Set Up** - 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. {Multiple People Needed / 1 Time Per Wk. / Various Rotations/Hours} **Take Down** - 4:30-6:30 p.m. {Multiple People Needed / 1 Time Per Wk. / Various Rotations/Hours}

Weekday Office Receptionist | Receptionist duties for the church office on a regular or substitute basis. Answering & directing calls, directing guests, & miscellaneous projects as needed. {Multiple People Needed / 1-2 Days Per Wk. / Various Shifts}

FAMILY MINISTRIES

Family Ministries Team | Volunteers are needed to meet as a group to plan & 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}

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 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.}

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

Music - Handbells | If you play the handbells or would like to learn, join us at practices on Sundays at 3:00 p.m. Performances would be during special times of the year for worship services & occasionally at other venues throughout the year {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 9:45 a.m. on Sundays & then lead music at our Contemporary worship service at 11:00 a.m. Other rehearsals as needed. {Unlimited # of People Needed / Weekly or Bi-Weekly / 2 Hrs.}

Music - Sanctuary Choir | Sing unto the Lord a new song. Practice Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. as a group. Sing Sunday mornings at the 8:45 a.m. traditional service. All levels of singing ability are welcome to join our choir. We sing a mix from Mozart to good ole time gospel. {Unlimited # of People Needed / Weekly / 2 Hrs.}

Usher - Traditional or Contemporary Worship | Hand out worship bulletins, help worship attendees, answer questions, 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.}



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 & multiply the kingdom of God.

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