



# MINISTRY LINK

How is God calling you to use your spiritual gifts, talents, resources and experiences? Explore how you can respond to the call by linking into ministry and service opportunities that utilize your unique gifts:

- Review this Opportunity List to discern which items you want to learn more about.
- Browse the Ministry Link Fair in the church gymnasium on Sept. 30, 9:55-10:15 and 12:15-12:35.
- Sign up for more information at Ministry Link stations, or complete this form to be contacted.

## I WANT TO BE LINKED TO:

CHECK ALL AREAS YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT.

### 1. Welcoming Ministry

- o Greet visitors at worship services
- o Make follow-up contact with visitors
- o Engage members/visitors in church life
- o Help plan welcoming activities

### 2. Fellowship/Kitchen Ministry

- o Create fun and delish fellowship opportunities
- o Flip pancakes, fill tacos - cook for events
- o Set-up, serve and clean up events
- o Run the Hobart!

### 3. Music Ministries

- o Joyfully share your voice in a choir - adults or children
- o Join the choir as a "Seasonal Singer"
- o Ring handbells - adults or children
- o Play an instrument for worship
- o Play in a Ukulele Choir
- o Sing/play at Assisted Living, Hospitals, as needed

### 4. Worship Team

- o Serve as an acolyte
- o Usher for worship services
- o Usher for special events and services
- o Serve Communion on first Sunday of month
- o Serve Communion at special services
- o Offer skills for a skit, drama or dance in worship
- o Speak up as a reader or liturgist
- o Get creative with the worship design team
- o Paint backdrops or create new tapestries
- o Prepare sanctuary for Christmas - tree, wreath

### 5. Congregational Care Ministries

- o Prepare to serve by attending Nov. 2&3 training
- Stephen Ministry**
  - o Listen and promote healing, training required
- Congregational Care**
  - o Deliver Communion to our "unwillingly absent"
  - o Write CareNotes to acknowledge times of joy/concern
  - o Facilitate activities to appreciate staff
- Funeral Care and Grief Support Ministry**
  - o Prepare food, host funeral receptions
  - o Usher, parking assistance for funeral services
  - o Arrange flowers for funeral receptions
  - o Visit, support those who grieve
  - o Help facilitate Grief Support Workshop
- Divorce Support Ministry**
  - o Help facilitate Divorce Recovery Workshop
  - o Visit, support families in divorce
- New Baby Ministry**
  - o Prepare and deliver a meal to family with infant
  - o Visit, support family with newborn
- Flower Team Ministry**
  - o Grow or purchase flowers to donate to ministry
  - o Arrange and deliver flowers as needed
- Prayer Team Ministry**
  - o Receive and pray about joys and concerns
  - o Create prayer shawls, quilts

### 6. Children's Ministries

- o Share vision as member of Children's Ministry Council
- o Join a teaching team for Sunday School
- o Substitute teach in Sunday School, as needed
- o Help plan/coordinate an event - Advent Workshop, Holy Week Walk, Wonderfully Made, VBS
- o Provide specific help during events - set up, supplies, leading groups, publicity, food, station aid, etc.
- o Engage 5th graders in a service project (FISH)
- o Make Children First happen! - plan, recruit, supply, set-up, or coach the children in practice
- o Refresh the children's activity kits in the sanctuary
- o Share computer skills for data entry
- o Organize/monitor ministry supplies and storage areas

### 7. Youth Ministries

- o Teach "Sunday Connect" for Middle or High School
- o Lead worship, discussion at Sunday afternoon Youth Group
- o Support monthly social/service events (drive, chaperone)
- o Provide food for special events, as needed
- o Chaperone youth on out-of-town day or mission trips
- o Develop 1-1 relationship with student in confirmation process
- o Teach a session of Confirmation Class on a specific topic
- o Partner to pray for a youth in confirmation or on a mission trip
- o Manage forms, email lists and mailings to support ministry

## 8. Professional/Administrative Support

- Share CPA or Financial Planning skills
- Share Human Resources expertise
- Use marketing acumen to promote church mission
- Research and evaluate community/mission needs
- Organize/manage curriculum resources for adult SS
- Prepare a study series for presentation to adult classes
- Gather/assess attendance at church activities
- Be a "Handy Helper", on call to facilitate minor maintenance, decoration and improvements to church facility
- Use your Green Thumb on a Church Grounds Crew
- Greet guests and answer phones in church office

## 9. Special Services, Committees

- Support Fall Festival (Oct. 28) or Cookies With Santa (Dec. 8):
  - Set-up Team
  - Food/Beverage Service
  - Prize/Craft station
  - Information Table
  - Tear Down Team
- Envision, organize, sponsor or host short term community-wide studies:
  - Financial Peace
  - Marriage Enrichment
  - Grief Recovery
  - Spiritual Growth
  - Support for Caregivers
  - Other suggestions \_\_\_\_\_
- Serve on a church committee:
  - Outreach Steering Committee
  - Staff-Parish Relations Committee
  - Finance Committee
  - Stewardship Committee
  - Permanent Endowment Fund Committee
  - WUMP Preschool Advisory Council
  - Welcome Committee
  - Fellowship/Kitchen Committee
  - Congregational Care Committee
  - Worship Committee
  - Nominating (Lay-Leadership) Committee
  - Adult Ministries Council

## 10. Outreach Ministries

- Collect and organize resources for asylum seekers at the border
- Deliver donated food to Granite Shoals food bank
- Research and evaluate local outreach opportunities
- Research and plan national, international missions
- **Hurricane Recovery** (Early Response Team/Volunteers in Motion)
  - Join a work team to help people affected by natural disasters
  - Prepare meals to send with work teams
  - Partner to pray for a member of the work team
- **Feed My People**
  - Set-up, cook and host at 1st Tuesday breakfast for homeless
- **Mobile Loaves & Fishes**
  - Prepare food at commissary for distribution from ML&F trucks
  - Encourage individuals who are homeless through food distribution
- **Women's Storybook Project of Texas**
  - Visit a women's prison to record mother's voice
  - Pack books, other tasks at office in Building M
- **Habitat for Humanity**
  - Share construction skills on current home build
  - Plan, prepare or deliver lunch to construction crew
- **University High School**
  - Mentor a student in recovery at this sober high school
  - Share an expertise at a "Fun Friday" session
- **Got Nets?**
  - Engage in neighborhood development through providing and installing basketball nets
- **Servants on Stand-by (SOS)**
  - Share your spontaneous enthusiasm in real time to be on call (via email) when an outreach opportunity emerges quickly (flood buckets, refugee re-settlement, dignity bags, etc.)

USE SIGN-UP SHEETS AT THE MINISTRY LINK  
FAIR OR COMPLETE AND TURN IN THIS FORM  
TO BE LINKED TO MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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