

# 2024 SERVE Book



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# How to Use the SERVE Book

This booklet is an invitation to grow in your discipleship and commitment to Christ through your service. Our mission at First United Methodist Church is to be a servant church where new and lifelong Christians are becoming deeply committed followers and servants of Jesus Christ.

As we continue to Grow Deep, Grow Wide, and Grow Joy, our hope is that we experience God's grace through Jesus Christ to become centered on loving God and loving neighbor and that all our neighbors experience the same.

The following pages are brief descriptions of First United Methodist Church's ministry opportunities to serve. It will be a valuable tool for helping you find places to live out your faith and experience God's grace through Jesus Christ. It also helps us to organize into ministry teams to ensure we are fulfilling our calling to be a servant church.

Will you please take a few minutes to review the service opportunities? Look for opportunities that align with your gifts, passion, or curiosity.

If you are currently volunteering in an area and would like to continue, please still sign up for that area so we can add you to this ministry team again as we are trying to build a database of where FUMC is committing to serve.

Please do not wait to be recruited to volunteer for a specific ministry. You are invited to listen to your heart, think about your gifts and passions, and find opportunities to be in service in our church and our community. If you serve in other ways that are not listed, I encourage you to list them so we can celebrate and pray for your servant ministry.

If you have questions about a particular ministry, please call the church office (620-241-3626) and they will connect you to the person associated with that ministry.

When you've finished reviewing the SERVE Book and are ready to sign up, please visit [www.mcphersonfumc.com/SERVEBook](http://www.mcphersonfumc.com/SERVEBook) and sign up! If you don't use a computer, then just **circle the ministry areas** you'd like to volunteer for and drop this booklet by the church office! Thanks for serving!

# Worship Experience Ministry Team

*Our Worship Experience Ministry Team helps to enhance the worship experience providing vital support for our worship services. The ministry roles on this team are overseen by our Administrative Assistant.*

Ministry	Description of Service	Frequency of Service
<b>Usher</b> 8:30 AM Service -and/or- 10:15 AM Service Christmas Eve 2023	Be a welcoming presence on Sunday mornings through handing out bulletins, receiving the morning offering and helping guests find a seat.  <i>Circle your preferred service time and if you'll help on Christmas Eve <u>this year</u>.</i>	Once a month or whatever fits your schedule
<b>Greeter</b> 8:30 AM Service – and/or- 10:15 Am Service Christmas Eve 2023	Be an intentional, welcoming presence before worship begins by welcoming guests into the building at entryways before the Worship Service.  <i>Circle your preferred service time and if you'll help on Christmas Eve <u>this year</u>.</i>	Once a month or whatever fits your schedule.
<b>Communion Steward</b> 8:30 AM Service	Pick up juice and prepare elements before 8:30 AM worship service as well as serve communion.	Once every other month
<b>Communion Server</b> 8:30 AM Service – and/or- 10:15 AM Service Christmas Eve 2023	Take part in Holy Communion by serving the bread or cup during the worship service.  <i>Circle your preferred service time and if you'll help on Christmas Eve <u>this year</u>.</i>	Once every 2 months
<b>Liturgist</b> 8:30 AM Worship Service – and/or- 10:15 AM Worship Service	Lead worship by reading the scripture lesson.  <i>Circle your preferred service time.</i>	4 times a year
<b>Worship Tech Team</b> 8:30 AM Worship Service – and/or- 10:15 AM Worship Service Christmas Eve 2023	Assist in the sound booth helping with video, audio, or worship slides for our Sunday worship services.  <i>Circle your preferred service time and if you'll help on Christmas Eve <u>this year</u>.</i>	As Needed
<b>Sanctuary Pew Preparation</b>	Straighten pew Bibles and hymnals and replace supplies in the sanctuary pews.	As Needed

# Care Ministry Team

*Our Care Ministry Team is committed to the healing ministries of the church and provides care to our congregation and community. The ministry roles on this team are overseen by our Associate Pastor and dedicated lay members.*

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Description of Service</b>	<b>Frequency of Service</b>
<b>Prayer Team Ministry</b>	Gather together each Thursday morning to remember in prayer each name listed on our prayer request cards.	Weekly
<b>Bus Driver</b>	Transport persons who request a ride to Sunday School and Worship Services. A list of names and addresses will be provided for you. Substitutes always needed.	Average - Once a month
<b>Prayer Shawl Ministry</b>	Be a part of this ministry which works on crocheting or knitting shawls. If you don't know how to knit or crochet, we will connect you with someone who can teach you the simple pattern.	As needed
<b>Congregational Care Minister</b>	Receive training and make monthly visits to people in our church who cannot attend worship or visits to people who are recovering from surgery or acute illnesses.	Monthly / As needed
<b>Funeral Dinners</b>	Make salads and help with setup and clean-up for funeral dinners.	As needed
<b>Healthy Congregations</b>	Join our Healthy Congregations team to oversee grant funding and projects that benefit the health of our congregation and community.	As needed

# Office Ministry Team

*Our Office Ministry Team helps provide support for the church office. The ministry roles on this team are overseen by our Administrative Assistant.*

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Description of Service</b>	<b>Frequency of Service</b>
<b>Church Office Volunteer for Phone Help</b>	Answer the church phone during staff meetings or other times when coverage is needed.	As needed
<b>Special Mailings</b>	Help with large special mailings.	As needed

# Serve Ministry Team

*Our Serve Ministry Team is committed to serving our neighbors and meeting the needs of the community. The ministry roles on this team are overseen by our Outreach Coordinator and dedicated lay members.*

Ministry	Description of Service	Frequency of Service
<b>Food Cupboard / Diaper Ministry Team</b>	Participate in our food cupboard ministry team by purchasing groceries and diapers (using the servant outreach funds), donating groceries, and stocking shelves for First UMC Food Cupboard.	As needed
<b>Hands on Helper</b>	Help people in our church who are ill or homebound by running errands or helping with tasks around the home.	As needed
<b>Odd Jobs Ministry Team</b>	Serve on a team that assists community members with home maintenance repairs and other odd jobs around the house.	As needed
<b>Volunteer with STEPNC</b>	I feel called to volunteer and would like to learn more about ways to use my gifts and talents to support STEPNC (i.e. help kids in poverty, provide a meal, make people in poverty feel welcome here, become an intentional friend to someone in poverty, etc.)	Varies

# Hospitality Ministry Team

*Our Hospitality Ministry Team extends God's welcoming presence. The ministry roles on this team are overseen by our Associate Pastor and dedicated lay members.*

Ministry	Description of Service	Frequency of Service
<b>Welcoming Team</b>	Be a part of a team that looks to intentionally enhance the welcoming environment for newcomers, visitors and members. Be present at the Connect Here table on Sundays to answer questions and give tours of the church or assist with delivering New Visitor Bags.	As needed
<b>Bake Treats</b>	Bake treats for church events and other gatherings.	As needed
<b>Sunday Morning Hospitality Server</b>	Prepare coffee and serve donuts/cookies in the SERVE Center during the fellowship time on Sunday mornings from 8:00-10:15 AM.	Once every other month

# Groups Ministry Team

*Our Groups Ministry Team focuses on discipleship and fellowship opportunities. The ministry roles on this team are overseen by our Associate Pastor, Youth Director, and dedicated lay members.*

Ministry	Description of Service	Frequency of Service
<b>S.W.A.G. Family Ministry Team</b>	Join the team that creates opportunities for young families to grow in relationship with one another and grow in their faith.	As needed
<b>Small Group Facilitator</b>	Facilitate short-term small groups periodically throughout the year.	Periodically
<b>United Methodist Men</b>	Join United Methodist Men and participate in their monthly gatherings.	Monthly
<b>United Methodist Women</b>	Join United Methodist Women and participate in their monthly gatherings.	Monthly

# Music Ministry Team

*Our Music Ministry Team enhances the worship experience through the gift of music. The ministry roles on this team are overseen by our Worship Leader, Organist, and dedicated lay members.*

Ministry	Description of Service	Frequency of Service
<b>Worship Vocal Quartet</b>	Be a part of the worship quartet that leads the 8:30 worship in song. Rehearsals are at 8:00 AM on Sundays.	Once a month
<b>Worship Ensemble</b>	Be part of an instrumental worship ensemble leading hymns during the 8:30 AM worship service.	Once a month or as needed
<b>Praise Team</b>	Be part of the praise team that leads the 10:15 service in praise and worship. Rehearsals are 5:30 PM on Wednesdays and 9:30 AM on Sundays.	Weekly or as needed
<b>Bell Choir</b>	Our bell choir usually plays twice per year at Christmas time and Easter time. Minimal experience is required.	Twice per year
<b>Vocal Choir</b>	Our vocal choir usually sings twice per year at Christmas time and Easter time.	Twice per year
<b>Special Music</b>	Do you love to sing or play an instrument? We would love for you to share your gifts through special music.	As needed

# Building & Grounds Ministry Team

*Our Building & Grounds Ministry Team ensures the building and grounds are well-maintained. The ministry roles on this team are overseen by our Custodian and dedicated lay members.*

Ministry	Description of Service	Frequency of Service
<b>Building Maintenance Team</b>	This team meets monthly to discuss the ongoing maintenance needs of the building and grounds. They make decisions and recommendations to the Leadership Board.	Monthly
<b>Property Maintenance</b>	May include painting, repairs, lawn care, or other projects as requested by the Building Maintenance Team including care of parking lot and sidewalks. Only interested in a specific area? Circle your preference below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mowing Team</li> <li>• Flower Bed Maintenance</li> <li>• Parking Lot &amp; Sidewalk Cleanup &amp; Weed Control</li> <li>• Snow Removal on sidewalks</li> </ul>	As needed
<b>Church Cleaning Volunteer</b>	Assist with general cleaning, (i.e. – vacuuming, cleaning glass, etc.)	As needed
<b>Set-up / Tear Down for events</b>	Assist with set-up and tear down for events, primarily in Hess Hall.	As needed

# Youth Ministry Team

*Our Youth Ministry Team supports our youth group and youth ministries. The ministry roles on this team are overseen by our Youth Director.*

Ministry	Description of Service	Frequency of Service
<b>Youth Group Sponsors</b>	Help with Wednesday evening gatherings, transportation, and just being available to help the youth during activities.	Weekly
<b>Bring Treats to Youth Group</b>	Provide Treats for Youth Group.	As needed
<b>Confirmation Mentor</b>	Be a part of Confirmation experience! You'll be paired with an 8 <sup>th</sup> grader and participate in retreats, classes, and service projects!	February to May as scheduled
<b>Prayer partner for a youth</b>	Volunteer to connect with a youth as their prayer partner.	As needed

# Children's Ministry Team

*Our Children's Ministry Team supports our children's ministry, KidsZone, and Vacation Bible School. The ministry roles on this team are overseen by our Children's Coordinator and VBS Coordinator.*

Ministry	Description of Service	Frequency of Service
<b>Nursery Volunteer</b>	Serve in the nursery on Sunday mornings taking care of our babies and young children.	As needed
<b>Children's Sunday School Teacher or Companion</b>	Teach or assist our children by building relationships and helping them learn the stories of the Bible and the Christian faith.	Once a month
<b>KidsZone Leader or Companion</b>	Lead activities around a Bible theme including Bible stories, games and hands-on activity centers. Youth and adults needed.	Each Wednesday for a 10-week session
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Mentor</b>	Assist the 3 <sup>rd</sup> graders with their new Bibles, helping them navigate through the Bible.	Sept. – Nov. Wednesday Nights
<b>Vacation Bible School Leader</b>	Volunteer to lead as an activity center leader, rotation leader, 5th grade experience leader, snacks, meals, crafts, decorating and much more! Youth and adults needed.	Daily during Vacation Bible School

## Build Your Own Ministry Team

*Is God calling you to a specific ministry or to connect to the community in a certain way? Our ministry teams are flexible and can change as the gifts and needs of the congregation and community change. Let us know if you are feeling called to serve in a way that is not listed in the SERVE Book and we can help you discern that calling and equip you for the work.*

Example: In 2023, we noticed that our playground needed some attention and improvements. We identified a couple of people who are passionate about kids and have the gifts needed for the project. They put out a call for volunteers and a temporary Playground Improvements Ministry Team was formed. They used their gifts for a specific purpose and timeframe.

*Please jot down your passion / gift / idea in the blank space below.*