

The ABC's* of Christ Episcopal Church

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Acolytes

Ministry: To serve at the altar at Sunday services and other services as requested. Teams are scheduled on rotation.

Time: On a six-week rotation

Age: Completed 3rd grade and up

Contact: Molly Stevenson at 242-5115 or Jim Elliott at 245-7930

Altar Guild

Ministry: To serve on teams to prepare church and altar for services; clean and maintain serving pieces; arrange flowers

Time: On a five-week rotation

Age: Adults (except Junior Altar Guild)

Skills: Be dependable, follow instructions

Contact: Judy DeMott at 242-4104 or Laura Paine for Junior Altar Guild at 241-7016

Bible Study

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

Ministry: To participate in class and discuss assignments

Time: Once a week plus assigned readings and work

Age: College and up

Contact: The Rev. Peter Ingeman at 242-5115

or Tammy Borders at 560-5889

Break Bread

Ministry: To work with First Presbyterian Church to deliver meals to shut-ins. Previously known as Meals-on-Wheels, the program needs volunteers.

Time: One hour, two days a month

Contact: Church office at 242-5115

Canterbury Club/Episcopal College Ministry

Ministry: To provide meals and spiritual direction to college-age group at the Canterbury meetings

Time: Once during a semester

Skill: Cooking and sharing God's love

Contact: Pat Bezona at 242-8289

Chalice Administrators

Ministry: To assist in serving communion at all services

Time: On a five-week rotation

Age: 16 years or older

Skills: Commitment

Contact: Father Peter at 242-5115

Children's Choir

Ministry: To teach children the fundamentals of good singing and music-making while preparing anthems for Sunday services. Choir Leader needed; call the office at 242-5115.

Christ Church Softball Team

Ministry: To enjoy sports fellowship

Time: Practice, games; approximately 2 hours, twice a week during the season

Age: 16 years and up

Skills: Team spirit

Contact: Paul Stevenson at 560-8526

Cursillo, Ultreya and Reunion Groups

Ministry: To lead other lay persons to a closer walk with Christ

Time: Cursillo: one weekend, once a year

Ultreya: 4 hours, twice a year **Reunion Groups:** 1 hour, weekly

Age: Adult

Contact: Sandy Sandbach at 244-9796 or

Jim Drazdowski at 249-0895

Daughters of the King

Ministry: To pray daily and other services as directed by Rector

Time: Daily prayer; monthly meetings

Age: Over 21

Skills: Commitment

Contact: Pat Bezona at 242-8289

Dominican Republic Mission Trip

Ministry: To serve God as you help create worship and learning space for children and adults in the Dominican Republic

Time: A week in June; pre-trip meetings and preparation

Age: Adults

Skills: The willingness to work

Contact: The Rev. Tar Drazdowski at 242-5115

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

Ministry: As women of faith, we are called to worship, called to study, and called to Christian action.

Contact: Volunteer coordinator needed; call 242-5115

EFM: Education for Ministry

Ministry: To study a course, offered through the University of the South, including Bible, church history, theology, and philosophy

Commitment: 4 years, weekly meetings except summers

Age: Adult

Skills: Reading and discipline

Contact: Nancy Richardson at 244-7626 or

Bill Nunn at 247-1371

Episcopelicans

Ministry: To develop fellowship around athletic activities, especially walking and running

Time: Races, individual training, post-race fellowship

Skills: Endurance is more important than speed

Contact: Beth Baker at 245-8828 or join Facebook group

EYC

Ministry: To provide fellowship with Christian youth

Time: Wednesday nights during the school year

Age: K-5, 6-8, 9-12th grades; Adult volunteers

Skills: Love of youth, planning

Contact: Beth Baker at 245-8828 or

Father Peter at 242-5115

Food Bank

Ministry: To combat hunger by providing food to non-profit agencies in the area

Time: Volunteers needed for various amounts of time

Contact: Phyllis Hiers at 244-5942

Foyer Groups

Ministry: To meet in small groups for fellowship among our church family

Time: Once a month for 6 months; new groups form annually

Age: Adults

Skills: Telephone or email to coordinate meals

Contact: Frances Crawford at 242-0741

Habitat for Humanity

Ministry: To work with other organizations and churches to eliminate substandard housing and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. This ecumenical group encourages volunteers from all walks to build houses in partnership with needy families.

Contact: Dick Saeger at 244-4644

Hand Chimes

Ministry: To participate in special music

Time: Practice and play at services

Skills: Read music

Contact: Ben Stroup at 242-5115 or

Sue Ellen Rumstay at 242-7935

Happening Reunion Group

Ministry: To maintain commitment of Happening

Time: Twice a month

Age: High School

Needs include: Meals, snacks, drinks, art supplies.

Contact: Beth Baker at 245-8828

Helping Hands

Ministry: To assist with various needs in the community i.e. Adopt a Haven Family, Partnership for Health Clinic, Pop Tabs for

Ronald McDonald House, Toiletries for LAMP

Time: Minimal, usually purchasing items to donate

Skills: None

Contact: Deacon Patricia Marks at 242-5115

Hospitality Committee/Coffee Hour Hosts

Ministry: To coordinate refreshments for special events in the church's life.

Time: As needed; ordinarily less than once a month.

Age: Adults

Skills: Hospitality

Contact: Gil and Natalie Gjertsen at 241-1791

L.A.M.P. - Lowndes Area Ministries to People

Ministry: To work with L.A.M.P. to provide a wide range of support to those who are homeless

Contact: Church office at 242-5115

Lay Readers

Ministry: To read scripture at services

Time: As scheduled, approximately once a month

Age: High School and up

Skills: Clear speaking voice

Contact: Father Peter at 242-5115

Literacy Volunteers

Ministry: To work with the adult literacy program at Valdosta Technical College to tutor adults who wish to earn a G.E.D. or who want to improve their reading, writing, and communication skills. Training is provided for tutors.

Contact: Deacon Patricia Marks at 242-5115

Manna

Ministry: To provide a meal for a family in event of illness, birth, or death.

Time: Time to prepare or purchase and deliver a meal

Age: Adult

Skills: Dependability

Contact: Laura Paine at 241-7016

Men in Blue

Ministry: To prepare food for special events

Time: A few hours per session as needed

Age: High School and up

Skills: Willingness to have fun and cook on the grill

Contact: Dave Clark, Jerry DeMott, Buddy Pitts, or Steve Roberts through the church office at 242-5115

Nursery

Ministry: To watch children during church services when paid staff is unavailable

Time: 2 hours on Sunday a.m. or Wednesday p.m.

Age: High School and up

Skills: Love and patience with children

Contact: Beth Baker at 245-8828

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

Parents' Morning Out

Ministry: To assist and reach out to community parents
Time: Monday through Friday
Age: 6-months old to 4-years old
Contact: Caitlin Kirk at the church office at 242-5115

Pastoral Care

Ministry: To visit those who are ill, homebound, or living in nursing homes and provide support for those who are grieving or in any kind of need
Time: As available
Age: Adult
Skills: Caring and compassion
Contact: The clergy at 242-5115

Photography

Ministry: To provide photographs of Christ Church events
Time: Any time you can contribute
Contact: Julius Ariail at 559-7329

Planned Giving

Ministry: To provide meaningful financial support to Christ Church and its ministries through a bequest in a will or other gift vehicle
Time: Consultation with your advisors.
Contact: Sandra Fletcher at 244-5033

Preschool

Ministry: To prepare God's children through education
Time: After Labor Day until mid/late May
Age: Adults to help with 2½- through 4-years olds
Contact: The church office at 242-5115

Prime Timers

Ministry: Fellowship
Time: First Thursday of the month at noon; location varies
Age: 55+
Skills: Enjoy food and fellowship
Contact: Joyce Dunmire at 244-8086

St. Francis Choir - 11:30 a.m. service

Ministry: To provide service music and lead singing
Time: Monday, 6 p.m. practice & Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
Skills: Musical ability/interest
Contact: Maggie Roberts

St. Francis Ministry

Ministry: To provide funds for animals in crisis
Contact: Josie Parten at 794-2624 or Karen Gunter at 794-8146

St. Gregory Choir - 9:30 a.m. service

Ministry: To provide service music and lead singing
Time: Wednesday, 7:30-9 p.m. practice & Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
Age: Middle School and up
Skills: Match pitch, follow conductor, interest, commitment
Contact: Ben Stroup at 242-5115 or Sue Ellen Rumstay at 242-7935

Saturday Night Eucharist

Ministry: Eucharist with guitar music
Time: Service at 6:00; Dinner follows
Skills: Musicians, readers, acolytes, cooks, worshipers
Contact: Tar + at 242-5115

Soup Kitchen

Ministry: To serve meals to the hungry at lunch time. The Community Soup Kitchen, located at 601 N. Lee Street (The old Leila Ellis School), is open Monday through Friday; serving meals between 11:30 and 12:45 daily. Volunteers need to be there between 10:30 and 11:00.
Contact: Judy DeMott at 242-4104 or the soup kitchen at 247-6178

Stewardship

Ministry: To support the mission and ministries of Christ Episcopal Church through annual giving
Time: Complete and mail a pledge card in the fall
Skills: Commitment to the church and its work
Contact: Office for pledge card at 242-5115

Stitchers of Love

Ministry: To create needlework for individuals in need of a tangible reminder of God's love. Most items are knitted or crocheted but other types of needlework are also welcome.
Time: Meets two hours on Sunday, biweekly
Skills: Willingness; lessons available
Contact: Deacon Patricia Marks at 242-5115

Sunday School - Youth

Ministry: To share God's word and Christ's teaching
Time: Weekly during the school year
Age: High school and up may teach and will need to complete training course
Skills: Love of young people
Contact: Beth Baker 245-8828 or bethbaker@bellsouth.net

Sunday School - Adults

Meets in the front room of parish hall. Topics and teachers vary. All adults are welcome.

Third Sunday Lunch

Ministry: To provide a soup and sandwich lunch for the parish
Time: Following the 11:30 service on the third Sunday of each month between September and May
Skills: Provide sandwich fixings or make soup
Contact: Sylvia Warrick at 244-3170 or Wayne Ellerbee at 242-4374

Transportation

Ministry: To volunteer from time to time to provide transportation to church services and for special occasions
Contact: Church office at 242-5115

Tutoring

Ministry: To offer tutoring assistance for grade school children.
Time: Once a week on Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. or as needed.
Contact: Tar+ at 242-5115

United Thank Offering

Ministry: To offer daily thanks for blessings, the ingathering of UTO blue boxes for loose change provides funding for projects and programs that meet compelling human needs and/or that expand the mission and ministry of the church.
Contact: Helen Tucker at 242-1900

Ushers

Ministry: To provide structure for movement of parishioners for all services; greet, distribute bulletins, and Quiet Books; and direct traffic flow for communion
Time: Once a month
Age: High school and up
Skills: Friendly, helpful
Contact: Helen Tucker at 242-1900

Vacation Bible School

Ministry: To share God's word with children in the summer
Time: Four days a year plus pre-planning days and clean up
Age: All (Teachers and Helpers: high school and up)
Skills: Love of children, teaching, cooking, athletics, arts & crafts
Contact: Beth Baker 245-8828 or bethbaker@bellsouth.net

Vestry

The vestry, a 15-member group, meets with the rector on the third Monday of the month to make decisions affecting the life and ministry of the parish. The term of office is three years, and the church elects five new members in November by majority vote.

The Vineyard

Ministry: To provide a monthly newsletter for the parish
Time: 40 to 80 hours a month or any time you can contribute
Skills: Graphic design, writing, photography, labeling
Contact: Julia Ariail at 559-7329 or Molly Stevenson at 242-5115

Website

Ministry: To provide current information on the church Website
Time: As needed (usually several hours each week)
Skills: Website design, graphic skills, technical knowledge
Contact: Jim Drazdowski at 249-0895

Work Days

Ministry: To clean and repair church property
Time: As needed (usually several hours on a Saturday)
Age: Children and adults
Skills: Weeding, painting, carpentry, cleaning, etc.
Contact: Watch for announcements in Sunday bulletins

We encourage each member, regular attendee, and guest of Christ Church to share your time and talent by devoting an hour or two each week in service through the church.

