

Volunteer Opportunities at First Congregational Church, UCC

- † **Administrative/Office Assistance:** Receptionist, typing, clerical, mailings, computer data input.
- † **Adult Bible Study:** Weekday and evening sessions September - May.
- † **Adult Studies:** Sunday Mornings at 11:15 a.m. Studies on the Bible and current issues.
- † **Blood Drive:** Worker, donor.
- † **Building Maintenance:** Carpentry, general maintenance, cleaning, grounds care, video tech.
- † **Card Ministry:** Help send cards of encouragement and affirmation to those in our church family, such as birthday cards to shut-ins, get-well cards to hospitalized, thinking-of-you when needed, church sympathy, Christmas cards/Easter cards/Thanksgiving cards to shut-ins; grieving cards. Birthday cards to young children.
- † **Choir - Chancel:** All who like to sing are welcome. Rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. September - May. Sing for worship with warm-ups at 9:15 a.m.
- † **Choir - Other:** Treble (Grades 1-4); Descant (Grades 5-8); High School (Grades 9-12) Youth Choirs provide an opportunity for children and youth to learn sacred music, and to participate in the worship life of the congregation. Rehearsals on Wednesdays.
- † **Child Care:** Provide child care services during worship.
- † **Christmas Pageant:** Help organize a special worship experience using text, drama, and music.
- † **Church Friend:** Provide contact for new member(s) to become acquainted with and involved in the life of the church.
- † **Church Governance:** Various committees, sub-committees, Council that make the church a congregationally based church.
- † **Coffee Hour:** Help fellowship time refreshments. Sign on bulletin board in kitchen - easy, spelled-out instructions.
- † **Communion Servers:** Be part of a communion serving team at worship. Usually two to four times a year. For men and women and teenagers.
- † **Community Table:** An ecumenical effort to feed hungry/homeless. Serving tables; food preparation; support activities.
- † **Confirmation:** Be a mentor or assist with teaching.

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- † **Cooking/Serving:** Lunches, suppers. Primetime Friends has a once-a-month noon meeting necessitating food preparation. Other special events, regular and special, may feature a dinner or snack preparation.
- † **Covenant Groups - Women:** Weekday morning and evening groups. A time of sharing and meditation.
- † **Covenant Groups - Men:** A time of sharing and meditation of spiritual journeys.
- † **Drivers:** From time-to-time church members who do not drive may need transportation. As a courtesy effort, drivers would provide the means to run errands, attend appointments.
- † **Flower Ministry:** When Sunday flowers are left for pastoral care distributions, we divide flowers into small bouquets and put them in clean, small, wide-mouthed juice bottles which are then wrapped for identification and distribution. We also arrange for a red rose on the altar to celebrate a birth, a white rose for a death.
- † **Food Pantry:** Promote food for needy. Take food to the pantry. Assist the food bank in a variety of ways.
- † **Funeral Servers/Supporters:** Provide help when funerals are followed by a fellowship time at church; telephone committee; dining room and kitchen help or bake bars; Be a part of a Funeral Committee.
- † **Greeters:** Be 'welcomer' at worship services. Usually two or three Sundays a year.
- † **Habitat for Humanity:** Housing for low income families. Skills in building houses (good directions given), or work on promotion, or fund raising in office.
- † **Koinonia:** Families and singles that gather the first Sunday evening of th month to hold small worship services and discussions, followed by fellowship and games.
- † **Lay Reader/Liturgist:** Worship Committee arranges for lay participation in worship. The lay reader/liturgist joins the minister in conduct of worship, including leading prayer, announcing hymns, directing worship elements.
- † **Lay Ministry Volunteers:** The Lay Ministers are responsible for implementing the church's program of intentional spiritual care for members of this congregation under supervision of the program coordination team and the pastor of the church. those who serve as Lay Ministers are expected to take part in all training programs, complete assignments made by the program coordinating team and to report promptly.
- † **Librarians:** The church maintains several libraries: adult lending, church school. These need care and oversight. Help needed to supervise, organize, and maintain.
- † **Men's Fellowship:** 6:45 a.m. meeting of men for continental breakfast, program, and informal fellowship.
- † **Music:** Instrumental, vocal, piano, organ - special services, accompanist.

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- † **Nursery Helpers:** Provide adult care for nursery children during worship
- † **Prayer Chain Ministry:** A unique method for many members to receive and give prayer requests. A coordinator will collect prayer requests from a variety of sources; the coordinator calls leaders of the six prayer chains; chain leaders start the chains.
- † **Prime Time Friends (Senior Fellowship):** Help plan short programs. Help in dining room or with kitchen clean-up the third Wednesday of every month; cooks needed.
- † **Sponsor New Members:** Be a sponsor to new member of the church.
- † **Sports Event Organizing:** As part of our ministry of fellowship, the church often organizes sports events (golf, tennis). Help organize and provide logistical support.
- † **Stewardship:** Yes, the necessary task of raising funds to meet our budget, some people actually volunteer for this! It's more fun than you think!
- † **Sunday School:** September - May each year. Teach or assist in Sunday school classes (curriculum provided).
- † **Tellers:** Following the collection of the worship service offering, two persons record the offering.
- † **Ushers:** Be part of an ushering team at worship. For men and women and teenagers.
- † **Visitation:** Take an older members as a person to visit once a month and befriend.
- † **Wedding Committee:** Act as planner; Host or Hostess for planning with bride and groom. Be at rehearsal and wedding. Twice a year, usually.
- † **Young Adult Group:** An important aspect of our total ministry to all age groups is the Young Adult Ministry. This focuses on persons of post-high school through late twenties, particularly college age. Task includes contacting, organizing, planning, involvement in church life.
- † **Youth Groups:** All ages. Worship, recreation, singing, prayer, group building, service projects. Be an assistant leader, or assist in a variety of ways (including meals and snacks).