

**ONWARD**



## **COVENANT SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

We shine the light of Christ more brightly into the community as we grow together. We grow together as we **LEARN** together, **SERVE** together and **WORSHIP** together. Here is a menu of opportunities for your growth at Covenant. Is there something you can do in each area?

<https://covumc.com/serve/service-opportunities/>

# SERVICE

**Appalachia Service Project (ASP)** – *Be part of a team that travels to Central Appalachia for a week in the summer to make homes warmer, safer and drier.*

**Blessing Bag Team** – *Assist with the collection, assembly and delivery of personal hygiene bags to persons in need through The Life Center in Upper Darby.*

**Breakfast with Santa Team** – *Help plan, organize and run the Breakfast with Santa.*

**Bulletin/Newsletter Team** – *Do you enjoy folding and fellowship? Help fold bulletins for worship or fold and label our monthly newsletters for mailing.*

**Camp and Retreat Ministries** – *“God’s place apart, transforming lives.” Volunteer for a week or spend a summer on staff at any of our four conference summer camps.*

**Communications Team** – *Help Covenant share its message in your area of interest: website, newsletter, social media, etc.*

**Extending the Table** – *With the pastor’s blessing, take Communion to those unable to receive it at Sunday worship.*

**Financial Oversight Team** – *Build and monitor the budget, ensure that the church adheres to best financial practices.*

**Good Neighbors Home Repair** – *Spend a Saturday (or another day!) a couple of times a year helping to make a house in Chester County, PA or New Castle County, DE warmer, safer and drier.*

**Harvest Home** – *Encourage food donations in the fall. Sort, pack and deliver donations to local food pantries.*

**Help Build Hope** – *Help Build Hope is a weekend mission project in partnership with Lima UMC. Over the course of one Saturday, a number of walls are constructed for a home being built by a nonprofit organization. Last year we constructed all the first-floor walls for 5 townhouses being built by Habitat for Humanity.*

**Intergenerational Events** – *Volunteers needed to dream, plan, and create events that connect with people of all ages in our community – think Trunk or Treat, Game Night, Bowling, Service Projects, etc.*

**Life Center Meal Team** – *Prepare and/or serve a meal once every other month for guests of The Life Center at 69<sup>th</sup> Street in Upper Darby.*

**Loaves & Fishes Delivery Team** – *Take the food we collect each month at Covenant to Loaves and Fishes food pantry in Prospect Park.*

**Memorial Garden Team** – *Help care for the Memorial Garden and assist with interments as needed.*

**Missions Team – Hands-On** – *The needs in Delaware County (and beyond) are many. Help discern what activities we can directly engage in to meet some of those needs.*

**Missions Team – Long Distance Support** – *God’s love needs to be expressed in many places that we cannot go ourselves. Help discern how we can best support some of these missions to far-off places. Currently we support the work of UMCOR, and the Zimmermans in Nepal.*

**Nominations Team** – *Help connect members of the church with leadership positions that match their gifts.*

**Offering Counter** – *With a partner, count and deposit the offering after worship on Sunday or on Monday.*

**Outreach/Evangelism** – *Help with the planning and execution of events (big and small) that let people know that God loves them and that Covenant is a place where they can see that love in action.*

**Prayer Chain** – *Receive prayer requests on a regular basis to incorporate into your prayer life.*

**Pre-School Ministries Team** – *Work with our Nursery School Director to oversee one of our great gifts to the community: Covenant Nursery School and Children’s Morning Out.*

**Property Team** – Address both the long-term and short-term needs of our buildings and grounds. Monitor the use of our facilities to ensure we are being as hospitable as we can.

**Reassurance Ministry** – Be a part of a team that makes regular calls to members in need of the blessing of hearing a friendly voice on the phone.

**Souper Bowl of Caring** – Distribute flyers, collect and sort canned goods for a huge community-wide food drive in early February.

**Special Event Sexton** – Be on call for outside groups that are using our facility for special events.

**Stewardship Team** – Help promote understanding of stewardship responsibilities throughout the year.

**Stream Team** – Take care of sharing our Sunday morning service online.

**Sunday Refreshments Team** – Set up, serve, and clean up refreshments for Sunday morning.

**Visitation Team** – Visit members of the congregation who are unable to come to church.

**Weeding and Watering Team** – Help maintain the flowers, plants and trees that grace our property.

**Wednesday Willing Workers** – Take care of maintenance and improvement projects around the church that match your skills.

**White Tag Christmas Tree Team** – Help to organize and conduct the annual White Tag project, collecting gifts for underprivileged children and teens served by several agencies in Philadelphia.

## **HERE ARE SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES WITH ORGANIZATIONS THAT WE SUPPORT IN DIFFERENT WAYS.**

**CASA – Court-Appointed Special Advocates** is an organization that trains volunteers to advocate for children in the foster care system. Spend a few hours each month being a listening ear and strong voice for a child in challenging circumstances.

**CityTeam** – A Christian ministry based in Chester, they are looking for volunteers to help with food and clothing distribution, special holiday deliveries of food and gifts, and people to help give their clients a special dinner experience at their Grace Café.

**Fostering Hope Delco** – Fostering Hope offers tangible support to foster children and the families that care for them. Volunteers collect needed supplies, offer respite support, and connect families and children with necessary items.

**Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry** – Help with distribution of food to clients at the pantry on Tuesday afternoons or evenings, or Thursday afternoons. Unload and sort deliveries at other times during the week.

**Turkey Fund** – A service program of the Springfield School District. Volunteers are needed around the Christmas holiday to help make deliveries of food.

## **LEARNING**

**Adult Sunday School Team** – We don't need Bible scholars, just folks who enjoy learning new things, sharing their knowledge, and encouraging others.

**Babyfold (Nursery) Volunteer** – A great way to show our little ones that they are the beloved children of God.

**Children's Sunday School Team** – Be a part of the team that guides kids in forming their faith in Jesus.

**Confirmation Mentor** – Help our youth explore what it means to be Christian, Methodist, and a member of the Covenant community as they consider confirming their faith and church membership.

**Library** – Help ensure that our written resources are well-organized and helpful for the spiritual growth of our members.

**Small Group Leader** – A small group is any regular gathering of a small group of people with a shared interest, and that gathering includes a time of prayer. Would you like to lead a gathering of people with shared interests?

**Small Group Member** – A small group is any regular gathering of a small group of people with a shared interest, and that gathering includes a time of prayer.

**Vacation Bible School** – We always need volunteers to serve snacks, tell stories, sing songs, play games, etc. as we partner with Shorter AMEC to share God's love with the community.

**Youth Group** – Walk alongside our middle and high school students through their highs and lows. Volunteer leaders needed to play games, go on adventures, and explore faith.

## WORSHIP

**Acolytes** – Help prepare people for worship by lighting the candles as our service begins and signify the end of our worship time by bringing the light of Christ into the world.

**Chancel Choir** – For those in 9<sup>th</sup> grade or older. We rehearse once a week and share the gift of song most Sundays from September through May.

**Children's Choir** – A place for our youngest singers to share their gifts. They sing in worship once a month from September through May, and rehearse weekly during that time.

**Communion Team** – prepare for Communion Sundays.

**Covenant Ringers** – Enjoy the blessings of being part of a musical team that rings handbells in worship once a month from September through May, and rehearses weekly during that time.

**Decorating Team** – Enhance worship and other activities of the church with decorations that reflect the season.

**Greeting Team** – Make people feel welcome as they come in to Wesley Hall for worship.

**Lay Readers** – We have a rotating schedule of people who enjoy sharing God's word during the worship service.

**Pew Maintenance** – Help maintain the sanctuary by checking the pews each week to be sure everything is in place.

**Special Music** – In the summer and at other special times, there are opportunities for vocal and instrumental soloists to share their gifts in worship.

**Usher Team** – Collect prayer cards, make sure people have bulletins and communion cups as needed; eventually help collect the offering when that becomes safer to do. Light the candles when there isn't an acolyte.

**Worship Planning Team** – work with the pastor to ensure that our Sunday morning and other special worship services are the best they can be. Evaluate content and scheduling of services.

## THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

All of the work of the church is supported by the Leadership Team, which is a body elected by our church each year. This team has ultimate responsibility for the finances, property and paid staffing for the church. They meet monthly to evaluate how the church is doing in achieving goals we have set for ourselves and in the broader task of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The team consists of three classes of three members who serve for three year terms, along with the Lay Leader (a person or persons who seek to be the voice of the congregation), the Lay Delegate to Annual Conference (Annual Conference is a gathering of lay people and clergy from across the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference), and a Youth Representative.

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## Tell Me More/Let Me Tell You More

I am interested in learning more about the following ministry opportunities:

Here are some things that I am interested in, that I didn't see in the brochure:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_