



Salt & Light

Fall 2017

What are Salt & Light Ministries?

As a community of faith, Gloria Dei Church is committed to making God's love for all people known in the world. We do this in the daily living of our lives and in the way we treat others. We also do this by presenting opportunities that seek to make a difference by addressing needs in the Philadelphia region and beyond.

On these pages are some of the ways **you** can bring the light of **your** gifts and abilities to bear for the benefit of others. The ministry projects highlighted here help you discover where God is calling you to offer your gifts and resources. You are encouraged to move deeper into a relationship with God by promising to serve in some way (or ways) this next year.

We hope you find a ministry project that speaks to you. May your work be seasoning in the world that brings light as we live into our identity as God's people who **"Love all, serve all, in Jesus' name."**

Pastor Jim

Pastor Karyn

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything... You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid... In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:13-16, NRSV

Ministry Teams

Brief blurbs don't really do these teams justice, but we want to share a snapshot of what each group does.

Altar Guild

Help prepare worship spaces for Holy Communion.

Counting Team

Count the offering and prepare deposits after worship on Sunday.

Finance

Oversee financial matters of the church.

Generosity

Helps the congregation be the best it can be in sharing their time, talents, and treasures with the congregation through quarterly letters, financial statements, and annual campaigns.

History

Help create an archive and be a steward of church documents.

Hospitality

Organize or help at our community events that include food.

Mission

Tasked with overseeing the many missions at Gloria Dei.

How to Connect:

Please circle any group or ministry you are interested in serving with. Return this form to the church office or drop it in the offering plate and we will connect you with the appropriate person.

Aid For Friends

Altar Guild

Blood Drive

Community Meals

Counting Team

Discipleship Group

Finance

Flea Market

Generosity

History

Hospitality

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Property

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Tech Team

Ushers

Values Through Sports

Welcome Team

Women's Ministry

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One to Another

Lay Ministry

Visit our homebound, hospitalized, or others not able to attend worship. Lay ministers offer Communion, a listening ear, and prayers. Lay ministers may also be asked to assist with Holy Communion or help lead Saturday Chapel services.

Senior Lunch & Learn

Where faith, fun fellowship, and learning intersect. Each month's program features a different speaker and time for community building.

Men's Ministry

Men of all ages gather to engage in relevant topics with opportunities for service.

2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 8:00-10:00 a.m. in Sacred Grounds.

*Coming soon-An evening group

Prayer Ministry

This team prays for members and friends of the congregation, our community, and our world!

Women's Ministry

Women of all ages gather to engage in relevant topics with opportunities for service.

Evening Group: Last Thursday of the month from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Sacred Grounds.

Morning Group: Last Tuesday of the month from 8:00-10:00 a.m. in Sacred Grounds

Discipleship Groups

Spend time with a small group each week. Share a meal, learn, and pray together. Become closer to each other and to God. A wonderful chance to build spiritual relationships.

Preschool Hugger

Active seniors! Volunteer in the Gloria Dei Preschool classrooms comforting first-time toddlers and precocious pre-K alike.

Music

Sing or play an instrument during worship.

Property

Help keep the church and campus in great operational condition.

Sacred Grounds

The crew that greets us with fresh brewed coffee, tea, and goodies.

Spiritual Formation Team

Help build up the spiritual and educational lives of the congregation and community through retreats, adult education, small group ministry, and various age level ministries.

Tech

Help record the services, assist in the sound booth.

Ushers

Pass out bulletins, answer questions, collect offerings.

Welcome Team

Welcome everyone to worship on Sundays!

Values Through Sports

Have you ever:

- Read a story to a five-year-old?
- Played basketball in the driveway with a 'tween'?
- Played checkers, Candyland, Go-Fish or UNO?
- Colored outside the lines?

You have all the training you need!!

Every Saturday from 11am to 2pm is your opportunity to spend time with the youth at New Creation Church! **Join the fun—bring a friend—remember how much fun it is to play!**

To make a financial contribution make checks to:
Gloria Dei Church—memo line: Values through Sports



Socks for Shelters

The most welcome gift to someone who lives outside is a pair of warm, dry socks.



Your donation of new socks can be dropped off in the baskets at the entrances to the church.

The **Socks for Shelters** team delivers socks to area shelters.

Beds for Kids

Saturday mornings can be a great time to relax with a cup of coffee and a doughnut...

OHAAT while delivering a bed to a child who has never slept in one of their own! Your early morning rising will be rewarded with a warm feeling and a bunch of new friends!

You can also support **OHAAT** with the purchase of a \$4 coupon for a Wawa Shortie Hoagie in Sacred Grounds.



I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

John 15:11-12, NRSV

Crafty Caring:

We love to make things to make others feel loved!

Prayer Shawl

The Prayer Shawl Ministry gathers the 3rd Sunday of the month in the Library Lounge Conference Room (between worship services.)

Share conversation and fellowship as well as a love for knitting and crocheting!

Create **prayer shawls** and other **Gifts of Warmth**, such as scarfs and hats to be taken out to anyone in the community in need of hope, prayer, and warm thoughts.

Join this creative community and bring your knitting to church or participate from home.



Pillowcase Project

These hand made pillowcases are given as gifts for children receiving a bed from OHAAT Beds for Kids.

Join the pillowcase project team by:

- Shopping for fabric.
- Assembling pillowcase kits.
- Sewing a pillowcase using a kit.
- Supporting the project financially, just \$10.00 provides fabric for 3.5 pillowcases.



Give Life – Give Blood

Each Spring Gloria Dei Church opens the doors of Christian Fellowship Hall to the American Red Cross. So many people are blessed with the gift of life through the many pints of blood donated that day!

Help with organizing the drive, getting people to sign up to give, and by being a donor if you are able!



June Flea Market

Annual fundraiser for our Youth Mission Trip held the first Saturday in June, **rain or shine!** Serve on the team that gathers, sorts, and helps arranges treasures for sale! For chefs and sous chefs, help in the kitchen. For the directionally gifted, parking lot control and vendor relations is for you!!

Children, Youth, and Family

Family Ministry

Help organize times for learning, service and fellowship!
Intended for families with children partnering together on their faith journey.
Kelly Podlaszewski at kidsandfamily@gloriadei.com

Youth Mentor Team

Journey alongside our youth as they discover faith in our everyday world!! Mentors are important for youth to begin to build relationships with other adults.

Adults may choose to:

- mentor a youth (one-to-one)
- be a leader for one of the youth groups
- serve as an event coordinator
- chaperone activities
- share learning experiences with a youth group

YOUTH GROUPS BY AGE:

Tween 4th-5th – parents and children begin to build community centered in faith.

Affirmation 6th-8th – youth learn the basic practices of faith using examples from our world, faith traditions, and life experiences.

Children's Ministry



Program activities for children from birth through 6th grade

- **Teaching** – Help to shape a child's faith in a classroom setting.
- **Kids' Choir** – Help to lead/organize our youngest voices for occasional times in worship.
- **Nursery Care** – Assist with care for young children from birth to 3years in our nursery during worship and events where child care is available.

Youth Mission Trips

Go into the world to serve, learn and enrich their faith.

Opportunities to serve include:

- organizing & administration of the trip(s)
- possible chaperone,
- help with fundraising,

Workcamp is a weeklong summer trip for youth entering 9th grade to age 21, usually in July.

GDC Hunger Efforts

Food Pantry

Every Sunday you can make a difference!

Bring newly purchased *canned* goods, pasta and cereal to the Founder's Way Entrance Food Cupboard.

Food is delivered to Somerton food banks.



"...I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink..."

Matthew 25:35, NRSV

Community Meals

Every Tuesday night we gather for dinner and fellowship. Join us in a safe environment for a home cooked meal with friends and neighbors. Children's activities are included. We gather anytime after 5:30 p.m. and dinner is served at 6. All are welcome and there is no charge! Sign up weekly to help prepare a dish for this meal.

St. Francis Inn

Help serve meals the 4th Thursday of the month at Saint Francis Inn, located in the Kensington section of Philadelphia.

Aid For Friends

On the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am **Aid For Friends volunteers** come together in Christian Fellowship Hall with homemade casseroles to make meal trays for shut-ins. Join this monthly event in person, send in a casserole or make trays at home with your own leftovers! **Contact Ruth Barber at: twobarbersjr@gmail.com for recipes.**



Shining Star

Gloria Dei's Outreach Mission for Christmas. A **\$30 donation** provides a Christmas meal for a local family. Donations and driver sign-ups begin late November through December. *Donations make great gifts in honor of a loved one! Cards are available for you to send to the person letting them know about the gift.* **Help collect donations, purchase food, pack or deliver meals!** Deliveries are made the weekend before Christmas.