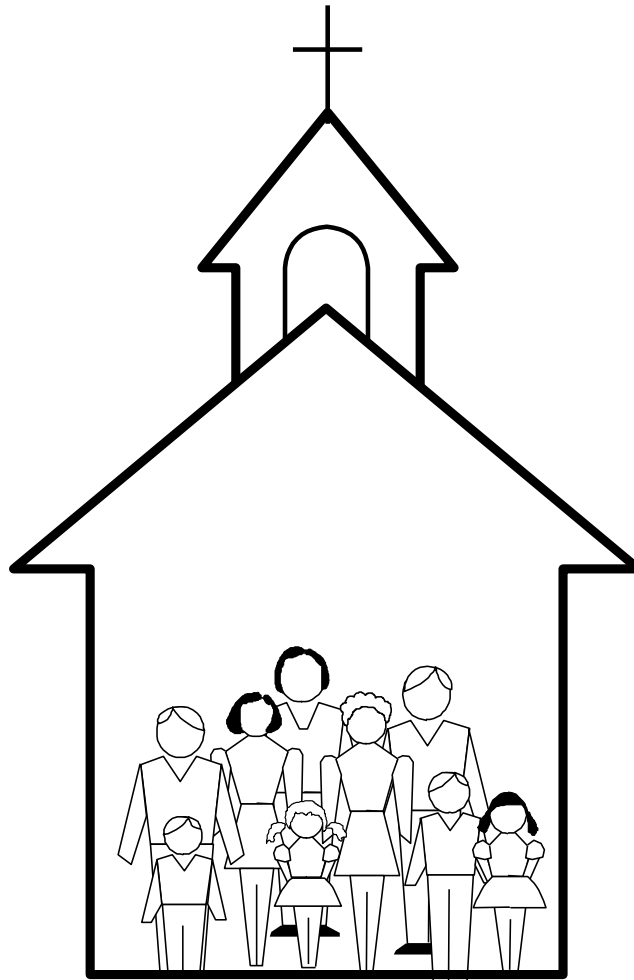


The following pages offer a detailed listing of volunteer ministry areas that you might feel led to participate in at Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church. Please read over this information prayerfully before making your decision. Then check in the designated area on your ministry menu where you will serve.

# *“Making A Difference”*



through our  
**Volunteer Ministry Opportunities**  
at  
**Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church**

## ADMINISTRATION

1. **Receptionist (Office Volunteer)** - Work in the church office helping with making copies, sending letters, typing, stuffing and addressing envelopes and other general office work. One (4) hour period per week
2. **Help edit the weekly Bulletin** (MS Word, done via e-mail.)
3. **Prepare Newsletter for Mailing** - Fold, insert, and sort newsletter as a small group.
4. **Help compile or edit Church Directory**

## TECHNOLOGY SKILLS FOR MINISTRY NEEDS

6. **Digital projector** – operate when needed
7. **Digital camera** – operate and take pictures at church functions
8. **PC Networking & Hardware** – set up or maintain
9. **Software Proficiency (ACS, Access, Excel, Power Point, Front Page,**  
**Other: \_\_\_\_\_)** – operate above listed programs
10. **Webpage Maintenance** – maintain/update church webpage
11. **Accounting & Financial Software**

## NURSERY MINISTRIES/CHILDREN

12. **Nursery Coordinator** - Identify and schedule volunteers (2) for each Sunday's services and special services to keep nursery. Provide list of volunteers to callers, church office and post one in nursery. Ensure environment is safe, clean and well stocked and nursery volunteers are educated per guidelines.
13. – 15. **Work in Nursery** - With another adult take care of the children that are left in your care. Use safety and infection guidelines. Parents can be summoned from sanctuary by video display. Leave nursery clean and in order.
16. **Yard Stork Ministry** - When a new baby is born, place stork in yard of parents, after getting their approval. Pick up stork after 5 days and return to church.



17. **Visit New Parents** - Visit new parents, carry the rose and bulletin, and assist with the yard sign (optional).

18. **New Baby Recognition** - Ensure a picture of the new baby is placed on the specific bulletin board along with the family information, the Sunday following the baby's birth.

## CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRIES

19. **Arrange Fellowship events for Children** – plan, coordinate and provide party/activities for children
20. **Assist/Accompanist for pre-school choir**- Play the piano for the children to sing.



21. **Assist/Accompanist for Younger youth Choir** – Play the piano for the younger youth to sing.
22. **Creative Christian Hands (Puppet Ministry) leaders** – Participate in a puppet or dowel rod ministry
23. **Fun day coordinator/assist at church picnic** – Coordinate and/or assist with these activities (games/food) once a year.
24. **Easter egg hunt assistant** – Volunteer needed to coordinate, bring refreshments, hide Easter eggs, dye eggs, and organize games. (10 volunteers are needed)



25. **Mother's/Father's Day coordinator (children)** – Coordinate a 3-5 minute program honoring Mothers/Fathers during the worship services.
- 26./27. **Little Light or Younger Youth Group Helper** – Leaders/Assistants to provide planned programs and activities for the children in the specified ages bi-monthly on Sunday afternoons.
28. **Parents Night Out** – Participate in keeping the children for several hours on one Friday night a month. Parents who participate rotate keeping children.
29. **Distribute & update children's activity packets monthly** – Put coloring pages and crayons in plastic bags for children to use during worship services.
30. **Teach VBS (Vacation Bible School)** – Teach VBS to a class aged 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

- 31. **Crafts in VBS** – Plan and coordinate crafts for VBS
- 32. **Music in VBS** – Teach children songs related to VBS material
- 33. **Food for VBS** – Plan, prepare & distribute food for VBS
- 34. **Assist with VBS as needed** – assist with VBS in any way needed
- 35. **Birthday Party for Jesus (Christmas Eve)** – During the Christmas Eve Service, several volunteers are needed to organize and present a birthday party honoring Jesus.



### YOUTH MINISTRIES

- 36. **Youth Group helper/teacher** – Junior & Senior High Youth meet every Sunday afternoon. Also participate in retreats and other activities.
- 37. **Assist with Mission Programs** – help coordinate with youth and Mission Project. Help prepare for project.
- 38. **Assist with Programs** - Present a program in your area of expertise for UMYF or Younger Youth.
- 39. **Provide Transportation** - Provide transportation for UMYF and/or Younger Youth as they fulfill mission and activity goals.
- 40. **Provide Refreshments/Meals** - Provide food for Sunday meetings for UMYF and/or Younger Youth.
- 43. **Chaperone in-town Activities** – assist in planning and chaperone in-town activities
- 44. **Graduating Senior Recognition** - Assist the higher education with recognition program or dedicating altar flowers in their honor, etc.

### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

- 48. **Arrange meetings & socials for young adults** – plan, coordinate, promote & attend meetings & socials
- 49. **Communicate with College Students** - Send cards to college students throughout the year.
- 50. **Care Packages for College Students** - Assist in preparing care packages for the college students during exam times.

### ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION MINISTRIES

- 51. **Operate audio/video System on Sunday** - Operate the audio or video system on Sunday mornings.
- 52. **Sound/Video editing or DVD creation**
- 53. **Operate audio/video for Special Service** – operate audio/video equipment for Special Services
- 54. **Photographer** - Volunteer to be the photographer for one month a year for special events during Sunday worship services and special occasions (new members, infant baptism, etc.).

### LAY LEADER MINISTRIES

- 56. **Usher** - Serve as an usher 4 times a year on Sundays, or funeral and other special services.
- 57. **Greeter** - Meet and greet members and visitors on Sunday mornings at the front doors of church or Sanctuary doors.



- 58. **Lay Scripture Reader** - Assist in the pulpit by conducting a part of the service with the pastor's assistance.
- 60. **Acolyte** – Taking the light of God into the Sanctuary and onto the Table by candlelight.

### WORSHIP MINISTRIES

- 61. **Communion Servers** - Assist the pastor in serving communion.



- 62. **Prepare communion** – Provide the elements for communion, care for the serving cloths and serving containers.
- 63. **Teach or substitute children's church** – prepare & present children's church
- 64. **Present children's moment during worship** – prepare & present children's moment (story, message, or illustration)
- 65. **Participate in hanging of the greens** – prepare for hanging of the greens service & participate in the service

- 66. Altar Flower Coordinator** - Coordinate the opportunities for the membership to provide the altar flowers a maximum of 44 times a year. Coordinate the donation of poinsettias and lilies during Advent and Lent. Arrange the plants during these periods.
- 67. Straighten hymnals** – Straighten the hymnals on the chairs after worship services. Pick up left behind bulletins/inserts, etc.
- 68. Flowers on Altar** - Provide altar flowers 1x/year, in memory, honor or appreciation.



- 69. Assist with Weddings** - Available to assist the church with weddings.
- 70. Clean Choir robes** – maintain choir robes and collars by getting them dry cleaned when necessary
- 71. Donate Flowers for Worship**
- 72. Acolyte Coordinator & Assistant** – Coordinate the acolytes by training volunteers, preparing a yearly schedule and assisting them on Sunday as needed. Ensure there are material resources as well as acolytes. Solicit assistance in keeping robes clean and pressed. Assistant runs program in absence of Coordinator.
- 73. Window Arrangements** - Assist with arrangements throughout the year.
- 74. “Pew” Maintenance** - 1 month a year. Each Sunday in your month ensure that pencils are sharpened and in each pew and in fellowship pad. Restock offering envelopes, fellowship forms and congregational manuals in each pew. Notify Trustees of light bulbs needing to be replaced.

## MUSIC MINISTRIES



- 75. Praise Band Instrumentalist** - Volunteer to play instrument in praise band for special occasions and Sunday services.
- 76. Praise Band Vocalist** – Volunteer to sing in praise band for special occasions and Sunday services
- 77. Participate in a choir** – Sing in a Choir
- 78. Handbell Ringer** – Play in the hand bell choir.
- 79. Play synthesizer, organ or piano** – Volunteer to play synthesizer, organ or piano for special occasions and Sunday services
- 80. Set Up Music Equipment** - Set up/take down mic/amp etc. and operate sound.

- 81. Lighting, Risers & Microphones** – help with put up and take down as well as help maintain items
- 82. Liturgical Dance** – Teach/assist liturgical dance

## MISSION MINISTRIES

- 83. Assist at local Food Pantry**- Donate or Sorting.
- 84. Assist at local Closes Closet**- Donate or Sorting.
- 84. Meals on Wheels** - Deliver meals or assist with the delivery of meals.
- 85. Meals on Wheels** – Volunteer to help.



- 86. Our Daily Bread Food Ministry**
- 87. Habitat** - Work on Habitat houses on designated days.
- 88. Serve on Work Team** - Participate on Mission work teams. MPUMC hopes to send at least one team of volunteers each year on a cross-cultural experience.
- 89. Christmas Food Baskets** - Assist with putting the fruit baskets together and delivering them to the homebound.



- 91. Transportation to Doctor, etc.** - Provide transportation for the elderly or physically limited to the doctor or to other appointments
- 92. Toys for Tots** - At Christmas bring new toys to be distributed to needy children.
- 93. Shoe Box Ministry** - At designated time (November) fill a shoebox with supplies for needy children.
- 94. Adopt a Needy Family** at Christmas with other members by providing items on their dream list.

## EDUCATION AND SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRIES



**104. Teach pre-school Sunday School** – prepare & present Sunday School lesson to pre-schoolers

**105. Teach Children elementary Sunday School** – prepare & present Sunday School lesson to elementary aged children

**107. Substitute Sunday School Teacher** – prepare & teach a Sunday school class when regular teacher is unavailable

**108. Attend Disciple Bible Study** – make a multi-week commitment to learn more about God

**110. Go to Walk to Emmaus** – A 3 day/3 night retreat that calls forth and renews Christian discipleship. The experience takes a look at faith as a lifestyle. It is a structured weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christians and builds up leaders in the Body of Christ.

**111. Attend a short-term Bible Study** – attend and participate

**113. Sunday School Teacher for Youth** – prepare & present Sunday School lesson to youth

**114. Bible study leader** – prepare & lead group in Bible study

**115. Sunday School Teacher (adults)** – prepare and lead a Sunday school class for adults

## WELCOMING MINISTRIES

**117. Quick visit team member** – Help with bringing a mug to the home of first time visitors

**119. Visit Newcomers** - Visit Newcomers, thanking them for attending and answering their questions about what the church has to offer them

**120. Assist with welcome baskets** – assemble materials for new members

## EVANGELISM MINISTRIES

**121. Will help host fellowship time after the Worship Service** – prepare and set up a small amount of snacks and coffee.

**122. Newcomers orientation meetings** – Participate in Newcomers Orientation by joining in discussion, copying, collating material, giving tours, etc.

**123. Neighborhood group leader** – Host & participate in neighborhood fellowship and/or study meetings

**124. New Member packages** – Assemble materials for new members

**126. Telephone follow-up** – make phone calls to visitors and members who have been sick or in need

**127. Wednesday night dinner volunteer** – plan, prepare and/or coordinate: Provide entre' or side 1x per year or help set-up.

**128. Christmas Celebration: Lights & Construction (coordinator/assist)** – coordinate/assist in placement and layout of lights

and other decorations on church and on church grounds

**129. Christmas Celebration “Living Nativity” (Costumes/Props)** – provide/maintain/produce/fit costumes and props needed

**130. Christmas Celebration “Living Nativity” (Cast/Crew)** – secure cast, explain details of Living Nativity, conduct rehearsals and give cues during actual event.

## Bible Days/TRUNK or TREAT

**131. Bible Days/Trunk or Treat Coordinator** – plan, prepare & coordinate food and other tasks.

**132. Bring Food** – hot dogs, burgers, chips, drinks...etc.

**133. Paint Faces** – bring face painting materials and paint children’s faces.

**134. Decorate Car** – decorate at least the trunk of your car or bed of your truck with a Halloween them or motif matching your game.

**135. Provide Game** – man a game that you set up in the trunk or your car, bed of your truck or on the ground just behind your vehicle. This also includes candy to pass out to children.

**136. Provide Hay Ride** – provide Hay, trailer & truck

## CARE MINISTRIES

**140. Daytime visiting team** – visit sick/in need during the day

**150. Writing caring notes** – write, address & mail care notes to those sick and in need

**151. Bereavement ministry** – conduct meetings to aid people in the bereavement process

**152 Provide a care meal (Casserole Club)** – prepare and take food to people during times of need

**153. Visitor for shut-ins** – Offer companion to a shut-in

**154. Nursing home ministry** – Visit and participate in Bible discussion, fellowship, or singing.

**155. Hospital ministry** – visit/sit with/bring needed items to those in the hospital

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

**156. Deliver flowers** – Deliver the altar flowers to homebound or ill. Put a card in flowers that communicates where the flowers are from.

**157. Bowling** – go bowling with the senior adult members

**158. Sewing group**– form a group & sew blankets, hats, etc. for new mothers, etc.

**159. Attend Senior Adult Group** – interested in attending a Senior Adult Group?

**160. Trip participant** – participate in day trips

- 161. Dine out participant** – dine out with the senior adult members
- 163. Attend Exercise/other classes** – Participate in a class or teach

**BBQ/Stew**

- 164. BBQ/Stew coordinator** – plan, prepare & coordinate food and all other items needed for Dinner/Festival
- 165. Help with BBQ/Stew** – Help prepare food.
- 167. Provide food for meal** – Provide food for event
- 168. Provide cake/pie/desserts** – Cook and bring pies, cakes and puddings for dessert and/or auction
- 171. Work on day of BBQ/Stew** – generally assist with anything on day of dinner/festival

**BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND LANDSCAPING**

- 172. Painting** - Assist with painting classrooms, hallways, etc.
- 173. Carpentry** - Minor carpentry repairs.
- 174. Electrical Work** - Assist with electrical work.
- 175. Plumbing** – Assist with plumbing work.
- 176. Feed/weed/seed group** - Team of members who routinely care for the lawn by fertilizing, seeding and weeding (not routine mowing). Trim shrubbery, edge sidewalks, etc. to beautify our grounds.
- 177. Work Day (2x/year)** - Work on interior and exterior for non-routine cleaning and repairs.
- 178. AC//Heat**
- 179. Playground Upkeep** – make any repairs necessary and maintain mulch
- 180. Upkeep of one area of shrubbery** – keep trimmed and mulched

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

- 181. Interested in attending UMW meetings** – attend a UMW meeting here at the church
- 182. Hostess/Host for Christmas Celebration** – Serve as a host/hostess during Christmas Celebration.
- 183. Book Club** - Meet regularly to discuss specific books.
- 184. School Kits** - Prepare kits for kids in need.
- 185. Health care kits** – Prepare kits containing general hygiene items

**UNITED METHODIST MEN**

- 186. Interested in Attending UMM Meetings** – attend a UMM meeting here at the church
- 187. Interested in Regional Men’s Conferences** – attend occasional Regional Men’s Conferences

**PRAYER MINISTRY**

- 188. Participate in Prayer Group** – become a member of the Prayer Ministry & commit to praying for the church, congregation, pastor and special requests
- 189. Sunday Prayer** – Pray prior to worship service for each participant and pastor to be filled with His spirit. Each Sunday for one month/year.
- 190. Review Prayer Request Forms** - After the worship service, review requests for prayer.



- 192. Pray for Each Worship Participant**
- 193. Prayer Partner** – Pastor's Prayer Partners - Pray for the pastor and the worship services.

**OTHERS**

- 194. Wherever the Church Needs Me** - What an opportunity this may be for you! If you’ve looked over the commitment menu and just cannot decide where your abilities may best serve the Lord, pick this one. Volunteers are always needed to fill in and do things around the church.
- 195. – 200.** \_\_\_\_\_ If you didn’t see what you were looking for, write it in!