

Time and Talent Ministries Guide September 2025

Fr. Richard: General Ministries – caring for our parish, our friends, and our community

Maria Miller: Mission In Action – coordinating outreach for our neighbors and community

Barbara Strauss: Stewardship – coordinating the gifts of time, talent and treasure

Cullen Senger: Parish Staff Support – assisting staff with bulletins and announcements

Linda Dozier: Vestry – serving on the leadership and governing board of CEC

Fr. Richard: Evangelism – determining ways of spreading the Gospel in the world

Jason Werner: CEC Boy Scout Troop 2008 – assisting with CEC chartered scout troop

Jill McDonald: Pet Blessings – providing a special day of blessing for our furry friends

Fredrick Khoury: Buildings and Grounds – coordinating volunteers to keep our facilities beautiful

Fr. Richard: Worship – creating an inviting and meaningful worship experience

Beth Sterling: Lector/Reader - contribute to our congregation's worship by reading the first lesson and leading the congregation in the psalm or reading the second lesson and the prayers of the people during the service.

Tony Martinez: Usher - greeting and welcoming people as they enter church, distributing worship materials, and assisting with the offertory.

John Willbanks: Acolyte – serve God and CEC by assisting the priest and deacon with tasks, rituals and customs which are a part of our worship service.

Dave Gravis: Choir – leading and ministering to the congregation through song, creating a unified and meaningful worship service glorifying God, and serving as a spiritual community for its members.

Cindy Gravis: Intercessory Prayer Partner - individuals committed to praying privately for and with others during the communion portion of the service, acting as spiritual partners with congregants.

Richard Wallstrom: Technology – a team that works behind the scenes to bring the gospel to the world and the congregation through audio amplification, video livestreaming and projection of the written word on the Sanctuary walls, helping everyone receive the Word of God.

Delinda Woltring: Altar Guild – a team that works behind the scenes to ensure the sanctuary is prepared and maintained for worship and special events like babptisms, funerals and weddings.

Beth Sterling: Lay Eucharistic Minister/Communion Server - a trained layperson authorized to assist in the administration of the consecrated bread and wine of the Eucharist

Jill McDonald: Flower Guild - volunteer responsible for ordering and maintaining floral decorations to beautify the worship space for services, holidays, and special events.

Maria Miller: Nursery Supplies Volunteer – volunteer responsible for supplying a variety of diapers and cleansing cloths in the three changing stations: Nursery of the Family Life Center, the guest bathroom in the Stone House, and the changing station in the upstairs Technology/Cry Room area of the Sanctuary.

Fr. Richard: Christian Education/Formation: inspiring others to be followers of Christ

Lea Melvin: Children's Ministry (CM)/ Adult Volunteers – volunteers who assist the Children's Ministry Lead with the lessons, crafts, and games to convey and enhance what is being taught for that season of the liturgical calendar.

Lea Melvin: Children's Ministry Teen/Young Adult Volunteers – volunteers of high school or college age who assist the Children's Ministry Lead with the lessons, crafts, and games to convey and enhance what is being taught for that season of the liturgical calendar This includes set up and clean up assistance. Volunteer hours qualify for service hours and are signed by the Ministry Lead.

Ruth Sobieralski: Roots – Youth Group - volunteers who assist the Rector and Roots Youth Group Ministry Lead monthly with activities and discussion topics related faith and Christianity for 6th through 12th Grades to prepare and inspire them to be followers of Christ. Quarterly service projects provide an opportunity for faith in action.

Lea Melvin: Vacation Bible Adventure – volunteers assist in leading small groups, with crafts or games, or helping with logistics like setup, registration, and photography. Volunteers help by creating a positive safe environment for children to learn about their faith, participate in activities, and build relationships.



Christian Education/Formation (cont'd)

Fr. Richard: Senior Shepherds – members 55 and older gather on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 12:00pm, for a potluck luncheon, to learn different facets of our faith, or other faiths, enjoy game days, outings, and engage in volunteer crafts and activities for community outreach.

Bill Sterling: Discipleship Group - members of all ages gather on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 6:00pm, for a potluck dinner, to study either the gospel or the epistle for the following Sunday. Members share their ideas and thoughts about the readings and learn from one another.

Linda Dozier: Wellness Commission – based on the Living Compass Initiative to help members live healthy, balanced lives through classes, retreats, seasonal devotions. Individuals and groups can find practical ways to find more balance and wellness in every area: Heart, Soul, Strength and Mind.

Fr. Richard: Adult Sunday Classes – the Rector or a guest leads members through fascinating areas of church and world history, teaching members about the foundation of the Episcopal faith, studying books, manuscripts and teachings across our faith to strengthen our foundation as followers of Christ.

Mary Wybenga: Tuesday Book Club – members of all ages gather on Tuesdays at 10:030am to discuss and share about the current book they are reading. Members choose a book from a list they prepare, for example: C.S. Lewis, Henry Nouwen, Richard Rhohr, and other authors. For members, Book Club opens us to new ways of understanding our faith and helpful ways to live our lives.

Bobbie Wallstrom: Congregational Care – caring for our members

Fr. Richard: Pastoral Care – volunteers provide our members prayer, comfort and compassion during illness, loss of a loved one, or other life changing challenges. In person home and hosptial visits, or phone conversations are available.

Mary Wybenga: Feed My Sheep – volunteers serve members meals on a temporary basis during illness, bereavement or after hospitalization or adversity. Volunteers also prepare meals for our CEC freezer to provide food for anyone in need to take at any time.

Cindy Gravis: Prayer Ministry – volunteers dedicated to praying for the needs of our parish family. Volunteers receive an email list of prayer requests from the Ministry Lead and are asked to pray for those on the list.

Richard Wallstrom: Eucharistic Visitor – volunteers that visit homebound members who are unable to attend the church service in person, and administer the Holy Eucharist.

Kathy Augustine: Bereavement/Encouragement – a volunteer that sends cards and letters of sympathy, prayers and encouragement for those members facing difficult times, or the loss of a loved one.

Mary Wybenga: Prayer Shawl – volunteers that knit and crochets shawls, scarves, caps and blankets for anyone in need of comfort, including oncology patients. Knitting and crocheting lessons are included.

Tom Foster: Invite, Welcome, and Connect – hosting events and celebrations

Sarah Martinez: Ad Hoc Community/Special Events – assisting the Ministry Lead with the Lenten Pancake Supper, picnics, and parties.

Linda Dozier/Bobbie Wallstrom: Community, Conversation and Cookies – providing and serving refreshments after the 10:30am service on a volunteer sign up basis and cleaning up afterward. Training is provided.

Delinda Woltring: Receptions/Funerals/Weddings – assisting the Ministry Lead with setting up the Sanctuary and/or Parish Hall for Bishop's Receptions, and other more formal occasions.

Susan and Hal Seewald: Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) Ministry – volunteers who provide a welcoming space and maintain refreshments for our local sheriffs.