



2026 Ministries

You are invited into ministry! Please read on to learn more about the many ministries of St. Francis Church. See what catches your attention, and consider serving. Pray on it, and ask those currently serving about the ministry. See Rev. Maggie or call the office to be directed to next steps.

Join in! You belong here!

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LITURGY AND SUNDAY SERVICE MINISTRIES

Acolyte—Acolytes are children or adults who serve at the altar by carrying the Cross or torches, assisting with setting the table, and receiving both the elements to be blessed and collection plates.

Altar Guild-- sets the altar in preparation for Eucharist. They set out the wine and bread, and the vessels and linens we will need. After service, they will clear the altar and clean each piece carefully—it is more than “doing the dishes”—it is prayerful work, done in teams of two or three. Generally, a team is scheduled to serve once every four weeks. We welcome men, women and teens to join us.

Eucharistic Minister—The Lay Eucharistic Ministers or LEM carry the Gospel forward, read the second lesson, and lead the prayers of the people. They are expected to prepare to read the Scripture appointed, and check the pulpit for the correct Prayers of the People before the service. They also serve Communion, passing the chalice.

Flower Guild-- Members remove flowers not taken by donors before the Saturday morning delivery of flowers. They help set up and clean up decor after Christmas and Easter.

Greeters- Create a friendly environment, welcome attendees, help find or make name tags, give newcomers brochure, answer questions, and direct newcomers

Lector-- reads the selection from the Old Testament and the Psalm. A lector is told what readings to prepare well in advance of each Sunday, and is expected to practice aloud beforehand, and check the lectern and microphone position before the service, so that it is prepared for all to hear God’s word.

Usher- greets all at the door of the church, passes out bulletins, helps with seating, answers questions, brings up the elements, passes the collection plate and brings it forward, and generally assists in the safety and comfort of the service.

Choir--supports congregational singing, and may sing arrangements alone as well. They gather before service to practice the hymns that are upcoming with Erik Pittman, our organist/choir master/music minister. We have choir robes to fit all sizes, and would love to welcome more voices to join us!

Hospitality Teams—set up for coffee and provide nibbles for our gathering after the service. Hospitality teams are scheduled every 4 weeks. If you would like to field another team to support our Hospitality Hosts, or join in an existing team, Becky Gautreaux will help with arrangements.

Children’s Formation--Volunteers lead a mixed elementary age Sunday School group in Bible study and Christian formation beginning at 9 am Sundays in Cameron Hall. Volunteers must take all required Safe Church Training.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Food Pantry -- delivers food to CommUnity Hands after monthly collection. Volunteers can help with delivery, and distribution of food as well.

St. Brigid's Guild- This is a ministry of hosting funeral receptions. Volunteers set up, and welcome guests, refresh platters and beverages, and clean up.

CommUnity Hands – Three volunteers serve one Thursday morning each month, taking applications and assessing qualification for utility payment assistance.

Community Outreach Team- plans and produces events that draw the community to St. Francis. Includes volunteers for Pumpkin Patch, Garage Sale, Pet Blessing, Gumbo Lunches.

Family Ministry Team--plans and produces Breakfasts with Santa and the Easter Bunny, and Vacation Bible School to welcome families and share Christ's love

FELLOWSHIP AND IN-REACH MINISTRIES

Senior League- Members meet for fellowship, occasional speaker or program and send greetings to others who can no longer get out to join them. Members sign up to provide refreshments, set up, clean up, and provide greeting cards.

Hannah's Hands- Craft group meets for fellowship and support, and participates in out-reach activities, often including their own handiwork.

ECW- Women of the Church meet for fellowship, service and support of the Church and Diocese. Activities include Pumpkin Bread baking and sales, *I Love ECW* fundraiser for greater Episcopal Church Women's organization, and involvement in Diocesan-wide activities.

Men's Club- Men of the Church gather for fellowship and service. They host parish breakfasts quarterly, and serve at other parish functions.

New Adventures – This group meets for fellowship outside of usual workday hours. Meetings include a monthly coffee gathering at a local coffeeshop, and may include other meet-ups.

Eucharistic Visitors - Eucharistic Visitors go through screening and training before bringing Holy Communion to those who cannot join in-person church services.

We are open to new ideas! Are you called to a ministry not listed? See Rev. Maggie with your ideas.

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As you explore your call to ministry, use this space to jot notes or take down names of people who might have insight to share with you.