



St. Stephen's

Episcopal Church and School

Commitment to Ministry Form 2023

Read about the many ministries of St. Stephen's, and prayerfully reflect on how God is calling you to participate in the life of the parish. On Sunday, September 17, we will gather in McArthur Hall between services to meet ministry leaders and sign-up for those that in which you have interest.

You may also return this completed form via email to office@ststeve.org

Worship Ministries

- Acolytes:** assist priest in essential duties for the smooth flow of liturgy
- Altar Guild:** prepare Worship Services, care for altar & sanctuaries
- Audio Visual Team:** help with Sunday live-stream
- Communion Bread:** bake the bread regularly used for Worship
- Choir:** lead singing during Worship
- Greeters:** welcome and invite the congregation, and especially newcomers, into full participation in the life of the church
- Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** train to serve as a lay leader during eucharist services
- Lectors:** Proclaim scripture and read prayers at worship services
- Ushers:** distribute service leaflets & alms baskets, assist worshipers find seating, direct worshipers to communion, and help keep the worship space neat

Youth & Children Ministries

- Nursery:** Help supervise the nursery during 10:30 AM worship
- Children's Sunday School:** Leads and teaches Children's Sunday School during 10:30 AM worship
- Parents Night Out:** help with childcare and activities during monthly Parent's Night Out
- Children's Choir:** Help with, or sign up your children, to participate in Children's Choir
- Youth Group:** regular group meeting of the youth in the parish; ministry is under development and will be revealed soon!

Pastoral Care

- Celebration of Life:** Assists, prepares, and coordinates receptions for memorial services
- Community of Hope:** Christian community of lay chaplains united in prayer, providing pastoral care, along with the clergy, to the community
- Daughters of the King:** an international order of women dedicated to prayer, service, and evangelism
- Grief Share:** provides help and encouragement after the death of a loved one
- Prayer Shawls:** meet and knit shawls to support those in need
- Prayer Warriors:** through intercessory prayer, fulfill submitted prayer requests

Social Ministries

- ECW:** Episcopal Church Women help raise funds to meet the needs of the church and community
- Feast of Friends:** small group ministry meeting monthly for a meal and fellowship
- Gardening Angels:** maintain the various gardening areas around the church campus
- Great Generations:** fellowship-based gathering with lunch, programs, and music
- Kitchen Angels:** keep the kitchen clean and coordinate snacks for events

Lifelong Learning

- Bible Babes:** women who meet weekly on Monday to study the Bible and broaden our Christian journey
- Christ Centered Prayer:** weekly contemplative prayer group
- Cursillo:** a retreat to help gain tools for living their Christian faith in order to enthusiastically share the joy of knowing Christ with others. Also includes *Ultraya*, a regular gathering of those who have attended Cursillo
- Discovery Class:** learn more about joining the Episcopal church through Baptism and Confirmation
- Lifelong Learning:** participate in the educational offerings of the parish
- Men's Bible Study:** an ecumenical group including breakfast, study, and prayer
- Seekers:** women who meet weekly on Thursday to study the Bible and other books broaden our Christian journey

Mind/Body/Wellness

- Trailblazers:** supports the maintenance and upkeep of the nature trail and labyrinth
- Yoga:** weekly gentle yoga on the mat or in the chair

Outreach Ministries

- Helping Hands:** Assist in maintenance of church grounds and facilities, or church members in need with their home maintenance
- Order of Naucratus:** an organization of ethically minded hunters and fishers who share their harvests with those who are hungry
- Roadside Cleanup:** clean two sections of highway on a quarterly basis
- Santa Ministry:** provide needy families in the Wimberley area with gifts and food for Christmas
- St. Stephen's School Board:** Serve as a church representative of our primary outreach ministry, SSES (3 year term)

Leadership Roles

- Vestry:** Serve on the elected governing body of the parish (3 year term)
 - Fellowship Committee:** Vestry Committee that organizes and plans various gatherings
 - Finance Committee:** Vestry Committee that helps guide the Vestry and Rector to support the financial needs of the community
 - Worship Committee:** Vestry Committee that helps support the liturgical offerings of the parish
 - Outreach Committee:** Vestry Committee that oversees and coordinates outreach ministries of the church
 - Stewardship Committee:** Vestry Committee that helps support the Vestry and Rector with the time, talent, and treasure needs of the community

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