

Church of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Item Descriptions for Time & Talent Forms

ACOLYTES: 3rd-12th grade youth assist in services processing with the cross, helping with communion, offertory, etc. *2-4 services per month, more around Christmas and Easter.*

ADULT EDUCATION: Includes the following:

EFM (EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY): The EFM program provides people with education to minister.

Ordained and laity work side by side to bring about God's kingdom on earth. *Wed. Evenings at 6:30 p.m. Jan-Dec. Four-year program, sign up one year at a time.*

INQUIRERS' CLASS: For adults interested in being Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church. Not just for those interested in Confirmation; it is for everyone with questions. *One 4-hour session, typically on Saturday morning.*

QUIET DAYS & RETREATS: Several opportunities for personal and spiritual growth, including Advent and Lenten Quiet Days, Lenten programs and Sunday forums.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: Since 1980, the parish women have held a retreat for fellowship, fun and reflection at Adelynrood (Byfield, Mass.). *One Friday overnight in Sept.*

ADULT HANDBELLS: Non-auditioned. 7th grade through adults. Plays at 9:45 & 11:15 services almost

monthly. *Rehearses Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm.*

ALTAR GUILD: Open to all parishioners. Some members clean & set up for services on Sundays, weddings & funerals.

Other members take care of the linens or vestments, while others do the floral displays for Thanksgiving, Christmas & Easter. *3-5 hours every 6 weeks: 4 meetings a year.*

BELLRINGERS (See also Junior Bells & Adult Handbells): Auditioned. 7th through 12th grade, rings at Holiday Stroll, Deck the Halls, Easter & other events at CGS and in the community. *Rehearses Wednesdays 7:30-9:00pm.*

COFFEE HOUR SUPPORTER: Host or help bring food to Sunday morning breakfasts/coffee hours, and clean dishes. *Varies as Spirit leads you.*

COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE & SUPPORTER: Works with CGS leadership and vestry to identify and expand outreach ministries. assists with planning and oversight of any new and existing outreach ministries. *Meets 8-10 times during the year at CGS.*

CGS MEN: Men's group meets for breakfast, and fellowship. *Once per month- 1st Saturday of the month.*

CGS WOMEN: Women's group meets for food, fellowship and guest speakers. February is a special program, catered Christmas party & Yankee Swap, & Dine out in May.

Once per month- Sept-May 2nd Monday.

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION: Teaching the baptismal covenant to children age 3 to 6th grade, set up feast or lead a group activity. *Sunday mornings, Sept-June plus 4 teacher meetings per year. Must take Safe Church training.*

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH SUPPORTER: Help with substitute teach either Godly play or Youth, chaperoning an event.

COMPANION MINISTRY: Companions visit parishioners homebound due to illness, chronic conditions or aging. Visitors maintain bond between parishioners and church community, deliver flowers at Christmas and Easter to hospitalized or shut-in parishioners. *2 hours/month. Must take Safe Church training.*

OFFICE STAFF SUPPORTER: Help with office, email and mailings. *1-2 hours/month.*

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Oversees volunteer networks supporting parish events such as Maundy Thursday and Homecoming as well as sponsoring other events. Food, parish hall setup/cleanup, other tasks. *2-3 hours/month.*

FELLOWSHIP SUPPORTER: Volunteers bring food to potlucks and Sunday morning breakfasts/coffee hours, set up chairs for events, clean dishes and set up tables. *Varies as Spirit leads*

you.

FESTIVAL/AD HOC CHOIR: Non-auditioned. For singers interested in short-term commitments.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Works with rector, vestry to budget, track and disburse funds to meet financial obligations of church. *1 hour/month.*

FOYER GROUP: Share potluck dinners with a small group (8-10) of your fellow parishioners. Members of each group take turns hosting the group. Open to both singles and couples. *3-4 gatherings in members' homes per year.*

FRONT DOOR AGENCY MINISTRY SUPPORTER: Organize & schedule monthly outreach activities aimed at supporting the direct needs of the Front Door residents and vary throughout the seasons and year. Also bringing food from CGS to FDA, general volunteering, or FDA office help. *Meets 3-4 times during the year at CGS.*

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE & SUPPORTER:

Includes the following:

HARVEST FEST: Work with Committee to host meal and benefit auction. *3-4 hours in Oct. and Nov.*

SCRIP CARDS: Purchase these gift cards to help raise money for CGS at no extra cost to you. Also, volunteers needed to help sell cards Sundays at coffee hour.

GINGERBREAD VILLAGE & HOLIDAY

STROLL SUPPORTER: Help at event, also baking, decorating, auctioning houses in annual fundraiser. 3-4 hours in Nov.

HARLESS SCHOLARSHIP

COMMITTEE: \$500 college scholarship given annually to CGS graduating high school seniors Applications available in church office in April.

HARVEY SHAW MEMORIAL CAR

SHOW: Volunteers to help organize, get sponsors & door prizes & help on day of event. Held in October.

JUNIOR CHOIR & JUNIOR

BELLRINGERS: Non-auditioned. 2nd grade through 8th grade, sings/rings monthly at Children's Eucharists; rehearses Wednesdays, 5:10-6:25pm.

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: LEM's perform duties of Lectors/Lay readers and administer the chalice during Communion. Specially licensed LEMs take Communion to homebound. 2-4 services per month, more around Christmas and Easter.

LECTOR/LAY READER: Responsible for reading the lessons, Psalms, and Prayers of the People during the Eucharist. 2-4 services per month, more around Christmas and Easter.

NASHUA SOUP KITCHEN & SHELTER: Zoom meetings to discern how CGS might play a role in supporting it's operation. The goal is to establish

what potential needs the shelter will have & how we as a congregation might be able to meet them. Anticipated shelter opening in the fall of 2021.

NURSERY: Provide child care during church services at Christmas & Easter and other selected church events. Must take Safe Church training.

PASTORAL CARE & SUPPORT

MINISTRY: Lay people providing care for other parishioners-calls or driving to Church. According to need.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Screens, reviews, interviews and recommends candidates for positions at church (staff and clergy). Varies.

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY: Email group provides a way to fulfill our Christian duty to pray for one another in times of need. Prayer list members include the request during their personal prayer time.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE & SUPPORTER: Help maintain, beautify building and surrounding land. 2 hours/every other month.

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING: Sunday school teachers and select other volunteers' course on protecting youth, children, and vulnerable adults.

SENIOR CHOIR: Non-auditioned. Sings at the 9:45 service Sept- May, Christmas Eve, Good Friday & Easter. Rehearses Thursdays 7:15-

8:45pm.

SERVE IN ELECTED POSITIONS:

Includes the following:

INTERFAITH COUNCIL: Meets once a month with local clergy of several religions to discuss matters of common concern.

DIOCESAN COMMITTEE: See <http://www.nhepiscopal.org/> to see how you can help at the Diocesan level.

DIOCESAN SOUTHERN

CONVOCATION REP: Elected position; meets monthly with other reps and clergy of 10 southern NH Episcopal churches to discuss concerns. 3-year term.

VESTRY: Parishioners elected to represent congregation. Along with ministers, they support activities and maintain church functions, help seek personnel when needed, and legislate financial matters. One hour/month plus three-day Sept. retreat. 3-year terms.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE &

SUPPORTER: Help parishioners pledge, and realize their financial, time/talent pledges. 2 hours /month May-Nov; more in fall.

SPECIAL EVENTS SUPPORTER:

Volunteers bring food to special events or funerals, set up chairs for events, clean dishes and set up tables. Varies as Spirit leads you.

THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY

DINNER: In partnership with Christ the King Lutheran Church to coordinate volunteers for the day, distribute community flyers, sign up for food donations, cook/serve/decorate/cleanup/setup. Once/year on Thanksgiving Day.

USHERS: Assist Sunday and special services by greeting people, handing out bulletins, taking the offering, directing communicants to altar rail and putting the church in order after each service. Teams work one service monthly, more around Christmas and Easter.

WELCOME & SUPPORT COMMITTEE:

Help maintain pastoral care of church community. Much of work done via phone and email. Some providing of rides, meals and home visits occasionally needed. 1-2 hours/month.

YOUTH (TEEN) MINISTRY: Help host, organize and participate in youth events as they move into adult Christianity. Varies.

Contact the church office for any questions about any items on the T&T Form – 882-5352