

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

ACOLYTES: 5th-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.*

ALTAR GUILD: Responsible for care/cleaning of Sanctuary, cleaning/mending of altar linens, vestment maintenance, and setup of the altar for services including weddings and funerals. Altar floral decorations for special church holidays, too. *4-5 hours/month; four meetings per year.*

BELLRINGERS (Adult and Youth): Two groups that occasionally perform music in worship services. *1 hour/week. TBD*

BIBLE STUDY (KERYGMA): Intensive adult program. *Multi week courses; time TBD by participants.*

CGS INSTRUMENTALISTS: Bring your brass, woodwind or stringed instrument and play music at Xmas, Easter and other services during the year. *Several different ensembles perform. Can be a few hours a year up to a few hours a month as you decide.*

CGS WOMEN: Women's group meets for food, fellowship and guest speakers. *Once per month Sept-June.*

COMMUNICATIONS/WEB SITE: Help update CGS Web site, email and mailings. *1-2 hours/month.*

CROP WALK: Annual interfaith fundraiser combatting hunger. Involves walking 2-6 miles and signing up sponsors for your fundraising.

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.*

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. Sept-June. Four-year program, sign up one year at a time.*

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 EVENTS: 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.*

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

FLOWER DELIVERY: Delivers altar flowers immediately after the last service to hospitalized or shut-in parishioners. *2 hrs/mo..*

FOYER GROUP: 8-10 member fellowship groups. Open to both singles and couples. *3-4 gatherings in members' homes per year.*

FRONT DOOR VOLUNTEERING: Help moving furniture, yard work, preparing meals, office help, etc. Also volunteering for Gourmet Festival, and other major annual fundraisers. *Varies.*

GINGERBREAD VILLAGE: Help at event, also baking, decorating, auctioning houses in annual fundraiser. *3-4 hours in Nov.*

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

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

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. *Two 2-hour sessions, typically on Saturday mornings.*

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

JUNIOR CHOIR: 3rd grade to youth sing once a month, in church; more around Christmas and Easter. *One hour per week.*

KERYGMA: See *Bible Study*.

KLINK'S KRAFTERS: Make items to sell at Harvest Fest. Time TBD

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.*

LAY VISITORS: Companions visit parishioners homebound due to illness, chronic conditions or aging. Visitors maintain bond between parishioners and church community. *2 hours/month.*

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.*

MEMORIAL GARDEN: Help maintain area behind church where urns containing ashes of parishioners are buried.

NURSERY: Provide child care during church services and other selected church events. *1-2 hours/month.*

OUTREACH COMMITTEE: Meet 3-4 times a year to organize smaller outreach activities.

PASTORAL CARE: Lay people providing care for other parishioners. *According to need.*

PENNY DRIVE: Fall fundraiser for Front Door, some stationary volunteer sites, some neighborhood canvassing. *One or two 3-hour shifts.*

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

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: 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.

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.

SENIOR CHOIR: Sing in the 9:45 services Sept.-June, and a few more around Christmas and Easter. No auditions. *Practice 7-9pm one evening each week.*

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teaching the baptismal covenant to children age 3 to 6th grade. *Sunday mornings, Sept-June plus 4 teacher meetings per year. Must take Safe Church training.*

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. *2-4 services per month, more around Christmas and Easter.*

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.*

WELCOME & CRISIS 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.*

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.*

YOUTH: 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