



Liturgical & Parish Life Ministries Guide

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wonder + invitation + joy

Acolytes

Acolytes help each Sunday during liturgy. Carrying the processional cross, helping set the Holy Table, and holding the Gospel book for proclamation of The Good News are very important liturgical roles.

Altar Guild

Each Sunday we use a variety of different vessels and linens in the course of worship. Throughout the year a team of dedicated volunteers prepare for the services and keep the elements of our liturgy clean and in good order.

Book Club

They say there is 'nothing like a good book'. The book club identifies good reads for the group to share and discuss.

Caring Ministry

The church is home to some of the most solemn moments in a person's life. Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, & Funerals are major life events that call for a special level of care. Our caring ministry group offers that care at times people need it the most.

Choir

Music is a critical part of worship, and we are privileged to have a very talented music director, a world class organ, and a wonderful choir. The joyful sounds are a great gift to us all and an invitation for others to join in.

Communications

How often do we hear that 'good communication is everything'? Our communications team has responsibility for keeping our parish family and the greater community informed of everything happening at St. Christopher's. The Weekly Update, Facebook Page, website and other supporting communications are opportunities to keep information flowing.

Community Garden

Our community garden generates a healthy bounty of beautiful vegetables that help supply The Gathering, Hephatha Church and other feeding ministries. We always need people to weed, feed, and harvest our crop.

Confirmation

High school age kids are invited to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation. Through the program year they will learn about the elements of our faith, as they prepare to confirm the baptismal covenant.

Emerging Church

Our ever-changing culture and emergence of succeeding generations calls on the church to recognize The Holy Spirit stirring among us in varying ways. The Emerging Church Group focuses on encountering God through different experiences, including a weekly contemporary worship service!

Evangelism & Discipleship

The word 'evangelism' may seem a bit intimidating, and yet Jesus calls us to actively spread The Good News in the world. This team invites and welcomes people of all walks of life to share in a faith journey together.

Fellowship

Church vitality is found in five major areas - worship, discipleship, ministry, evangelism, and fellowship. As a family of faith, we embrace all these, where a sense of fellowship, hospitality, and community refreshes our souls. We have many important fellowship events at St. Christopher's that call for help from a team of volunteers.

Flower Ministry

The flowers that adorn the altar each Sunday bring beauty and refreshment to our sanctuary, and are usually dedicated in memory of loved ones passed, or in celebration of life. They are often taken to members that are unable to join us for worship, bringing joy into their life. Our flower ministry coordinates and often personally arranges the flowers - a true labor of love.

Good Grief

It may seem that only Charlie Brown would use a term that describes grief as good! This weekly Fall series led by Deacon Tom Binder at 9 am on Sundays is an exploration into personal grief - understanding it, living into it, and the good that comes from it.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

For the infirmed, or shut in among our community, it is a great joy to have one of our LEMS bring the sacrament of Communion to them. Each week we send them forth with a reserve Communion kit to make those visits and share the Body of Christ and the Blood of The New Covenant.

Lectern Team

Our Sunday Eucharist begins each week with The Liturgy of The Word. Our lectern team reads the lessons of the day and also leads us in the prayers of the people.

Living Compass

A focus on wellness is an imperative for individual and church family alike. Living Compass programs help us focus on heart, mind, soul and strength.

Men's Group

Quarterly fellowship opportunity for the men in the parish.

Mission & Outreach

As disciples of Christ we reach beyond our own walls in answer to God's Mission. Creative use of our time, talent, and treasure helping those around us is a ministry priority for St. Christopher's.

Morning Prayer

Wednesdays at 7:30 am we gather in the Williamsburg Room for Morning Prayer. Using the Daily Office of the Book of Common Prayer, we center ourselves in worship to begin our day.

Stewardship/Legacy

St. Christopher's has a long tradition of generosity. The building, grounds, memorial garden, and ministries have been possible due to decades of dedicated support for St. Christopher's. Our stewardship and legacy committee is committed to continuing that tradition.

Sunday School

There may be no greater ministry than the Christian formation of our children. They are the future for St. Christopher's and the greater community. Dedication to their spiritual development is a top priority.

Usher/Greeter

Welcome and invitation are critical to congregational vitality. Our usher/greeters make sure that people feel they are a valuable part of our community, whether they are new or long-standing members.

Vestry

The Vestry has responsibility for overall management of our Parish. Working with the Rector, it addresses the vitality, sustainability and growth initiatives of the parish.

Women's Group

Quarterly opportunity for fellowship for the women of the parish.

Yoga

Monday nights Yoga @ 6:45. Sign up and bring your mat! Taught by Rachelle Naiman, Rachelle received her training and certification through Yoga One. Yoga incorporates breath with physical movement, and can offer peace and emotional growth to every individual. Enjoy new levels to physical strength and mental clarity. Namaste!