



How Is God Calling You to Serve?

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Do you want to draw closer to God while making a difference in other people's lives? Do you want to set a good example for your children or grandchildren as you grow personally, both spiritually and socially? Do you want to work collectively with others while adding variety to life by doing something new to you? If yes, then experience these valuable benefits by serving in a ministry at St. Mark's!

God has granted each of us with the gifts of time and talent to further His kingdom at our church. There are many wonderful ministries in which you can become active, so which one is right for you? Ask yourself these questions:

1. Given a choice to do anything you wanted, what would it be? Do you want to learn new skills or give to an area of interest outside your usual routine?
2. What skills do you have to offer? You may be unaware that the skills you have could help others. If you are having a challenging time identifying skills to offer, ask three people who know you well what skills they think you have to give in service to the Lord.
3. How much time do you have to offer? Did you know that extensive research shows that individuals who commit at least one-two hours a week in service are less likely to have ill health later in life and, in fact, are more likely to live longer?
4. Which age group do you want to serve?

To help you match your interests and skills to a lay ministry, learn more by asking questions of these St. Mark's leaders:

- Altar Guild – Dorothy Dawlearn ■ Music Ministry – Dr. Steve Godowns
- Christian Formation for Youth; Kids' Kingdom – Chris Abbott ■ Godly Play – Jeanne Reaves
- Outreach Ministry – Arlene Rivenes or Barbara Scheibner ■ The Sewing Guild – Jeanne Reaves
- Hospitality; Ushers and Greeters – Melissa Hamon
- Daughters of the King – Lynnett Alderson or Barbara Scheibner
- Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) – Melissa Hamon



Usher John Brown hands out service programs.



Our choir serves by making a joyful noise unto the Lord.



The hospitality team prepares Sunday refreshments.



Christian Formation teachers help children learn the Bible while having fun!

As you begin to decide how to serve in a ministry, say this prayer of guidance from *The Book of Common Prayer*, page 832.

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



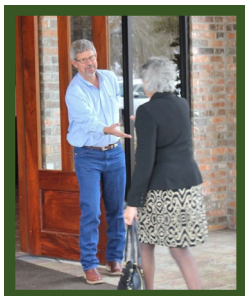
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WHO IS HELPING TO BUILD OUR BUILDING?

St. Mark's would like to thank Douglas Horn, the Bass Construction superintendent who is overseeing construction of our new Education/School Building. As the superintendent, Doug provides leadership to field foremen and subcontractors and ensures the successful completion of trade work. At times, he manages up to 100 people as he works closely with the Project Manager to ensure the timely, quality completion of the construction process.

Doug comes to us with over 25 years of experience in the construction business, including both residential and commercial building. Doug says that his goal for the St. Mark's building is simple: "I plan to build you the best new facility possible while keeping cost in check". When you see Doug on our Building job site, please say a heartfelt "thank you!".



All are welcomed to
St. Mark's by **greeters**.

Is God calling you to serve? Come work for the Lord. The work can be hard, the hours can be long, and the wages are nonexistent. But the retirement benefits are out of this world.