



Commitment to Ministry Form 2024

Read about the many ministries of St. Stephen's and prayerfully reflect on how God is calling you to participate in the life of our parish. Each year, we gather in McArthur Hall between services to meet ministry leaders and sign up for those in which you have an interest. You may also return this completed form via email to office@ststeve.org.

Worship Ministries

- Acolytes:** Assist the priest with essential duties to ensure the smooth flow of the liturgy.
- Altar Guild:** Prepare worship services and care for the altars and sanctuaries.
- Communion Bread:** Bake the bread used regularly for worship.
- Choir:** Lead singing during worship.
- Greeters:** Welcome and invite the congregation, especially newcomers, to fully participate in church life.
- 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 and alms baskets, assist worshipers with seating, direct worshipers to communion, and help keep the worship space neat.

Youth & Children Ministries

- Children's Sunday Formation:** Lead and teach children's Sunday formation.
- Parent's Night Out:** Assist with childcare and activities during monthly Parent's Night Out.
- Melody Makers:** Help with or sign up your children for the children's choir, Melody Makers.
- Youth Group:** Participate in or sign your children (6th - 12th grade) up for regular youth group meetings.
- Youth Sunday Formation:** Lead and teach Youth Sunday formation.

Pastoral Care

- Celebration of Life:** Assist, prepare, and coordinate receptions for memorial services.
- Grief Share:** Provide help and encouragement after the death of a loved one.
- Prayer Shawls:** Meet and knit shawls to support those in need.
- Prayer Warriors:** Fulfill submitted prayer requests through intercessory prayer.

Social Ministries

- Gardening Angels:** Maintain and beautify the church's garden areas.
- Great Generations:** Fellowship gatherings with lunch, programs, and music.
- Kitchen Angels:** Keep the kitchen clean and coordinate event snacks.

Lifelong Learning

- Bible Babes:** Weekly Monday group for women to study the Bible and deepen their Christian journey.
- Christ-Centered Prayer:** Weekly group for contemplative prayer and spiritual reflection.
- Cursillo:** Retreat and ongoing program to equip participants with tools for living and sharing Christian faith, including Ultreya gatherings.
- Discovery Class:** Learn about joining the Episcopal Church through Baptism and Confirmation.
- Sunday Adult Formation:** Engage in the parish's educational offerings.
- Men's Bible Study:** Ecumenical group for breakfast, Bible study, and prayer.
- Seekers:** Weekly Thursday group for women studying the Bible and other texts to enrich their Christian journey.

Mind/Body/Wellness

- Trailblazers:** Assist with the maintenance and upkeep of the nature trail and labyrinth.
- Yoga:** Weekly gentle yoga sessions, available on the mat or in a chair.

Outreach Ministries

- Order of Naucratius:** An organization of ethically minded hunters and fishers who share their harvest with those in need.
- Roadside Cleanup:** Participate in quarterly cleanup of two sections of highway.
- Santa Ministry:** Provide gifts and food to families in need in the Wimberley area during Christmas.
- St. Stephen's School Board:** Represent the church on the board of our primary outreach ministry, St. Stephen's Episcopal School (3-year term).

Leadership Roles

- Vestry:** Serve on the elected governing body of the parish (3-year term).
- Fellowship Committee:** Vestry member who plans and organizes parish gatherings.
- Finance Committee:** Vestry member that guides the Vestry and Rector in meeting the financial needs of the community.
- Worship Committee:** Vestry member that supports and enhances the parish's liturgical offerings.
- Outreach Committee:** Vestry member that oversees and coordinates the church's outreach ministries.
- Stewardship Committee:** Vestry member that assists the Vestry and Rector with managing time, talent, and resources for community needs.

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