

Opportunities to Serve @ College Church

Sunday Morning Ministries

Worship Arts

The worship arts team plans and facilitates gathered worship services, contributing both music and the spoken Word to ensure Christ-centered worship for maximum congregational participation. The music team incorporates a wide variety of instruments, including vocalists, guitar, bass, drums/percussion, keys, strings and woodwinds.

Musicians, Contact: Nathan Seder, nathan@thecollegechurch.org

Readers, Contact: Betsy Wassman, betsyww@aol.com

Ushers

The ushers help to facilitate a safe, friendly, and well-supported worship service environment – offering hospitality, assistance, and fulfilling other duties related to the service.

Contact: Fran Fern, fran@thecollegechurch.org

Greeters

Greeters provide a warm and friendly first point of contact for people as they arrive on our campus for worship services and special events.

Contact: Fran Fern, fran@thecollegechurch.org

Connections

The Connections Table is the main venue for program, class and event information and registration. Connections Team Members assist people in finding onramps to community, spiritual growth and service opportunities.

Contact: Melanie Lamere, melanie@thecollegechurch.org

Guest Services

Guest Services provides welcome, information and assistance to visitors and newcomers at College Church.

Contact: Melanie Lamere, melanie@thecollegechurch.org

Sound

The Sound Team helps to create an atmosphere that is conducive to worship and quality communication.

Contact: Britani Benoit, britani.benoit@gmail.com

Projection

The Projection Team helps to facilitate worship by making sure that all visual aspects of the service are displayed on the screen.

Contact: Melanie Lamere, melanie@thecollegechurch.org

Altar Prayer

The Altar Prayer Team provides one on one prayer support for attendees after each Sunday morning service.

Contact: Rick & Margaret Light, marglight@gmail.com

Children & Students

Nursery

Our nursery team provides quality and compassionate care for infants and toddlers during our Sunday morning services.

Contact: Bob Goss, hillwoodfarm@yahoo.com

Sunday School

Our teachers help kids to encounter God's truth and understand how they fit into God's Big Story through teaching, play, art, video, music and more. Teachers team-teach and generally follow a schedule of one month on, two months off.

Contact: Deana Willems, deana@thecollegechurch.org

Kids Night

Kids Night provides a mid-week opportunity for kids to gather, eat dinner, play games and grow in their faith. Kids are currently learning the New City Catechism for Kids as a way of forming a gospel-centered identity and developing a vocabulary of faith. *October – April.*

Contact: Deana Willems, deana@thecollegechurch.org

Middle School & High School Youth Group

Youth Group aims to help students develop a lifelong relationship with Jesus through His church. Volunteers build relationships with students that transcend the program, seeking to come alongside students as they journey from childhood to adulthood. Youth group meetings are active and conversation-conducive, giving volunteers opportunities to connect meaningfully with students both one on one and in groups.

Middle School - Contact: Chad & Beth Huntley, chadwickhuntley@gmail.com

High School - Contact: Tom O'Donnell, thomasodonnell03@yahoo.com

Community Life

Small Groups

Small Groups meet regularly in homes or at College Church and are our primary way of living out the gospel in community in the midst of our growing congregation. We currently have groups meeting in a variety of communities across the Pioneer Valley. New Small Groups are launched with the support of our Small Group Coordination Team.

Contact: Dan Dissinger, dddiss@aol.com

Arts Ministry

The art ministry is here to encourage the artists in our midst, as well as introduce new opportunities to learn new skills and polish up old ones.

Contact: Melanie Lamere, melanie@thecollegechurch.org

GROW Experiences

GROW Experiences are classes, seminars, retreats and short-term small groups that help people to grow in their relationship with Jesus. GROW Experiences are developed in partnership with our GROW team. Please let us know if you have the gift teaching or a passion for making disciples.

Contact: Bill Hodgeman, bill@thecollegechurch.org

Neighborhood / Outreach Ministries

GAP: Homeless Ministry

Each morning most of the local shelters require their residents to vacate their facilities by 7am. During the winter months many of these residents are cold and hungry and have nowhere to go. The GAP Program helps to address this “gap” by providing a warm space, a hot breakfast, and friendly faces. Volunteers prepare and serve breakfast, and help foster a welcoming, compassionate and supportive community for our guests. *November – April.*

Contact: Darleen Corbett, kenwoodwoman2@comcast.net

Straight Ahead: Ministry to Kids in Lock Up

Volunteers share the love of Christ with students in lock-up facilities throughout the region through friendship and Bible Study. For more information, visit www.straightahead.org.

Contact: Marc O’Neil, marc@straightahead.org

Circle of Care: Refugee Resettlement

Northampton is planning to receive 51 refugees in 2017. In partnership with Catholic Charities, we are providing a “Circle of Care” around a refugee family. The Circle of Care may be called upon to provide transportation, childcare, language training and other supports to help families transition to a new culture. Find more information, visit www.welcomemenorthampton.org

Contact: Megan Jones, meferrier@gmail.com or Karen Sorrentino, pkjt@verizon.net

Prison Ministry

Volunteers provide mentoring for inmates at the Hampshire County Jail and House of Corrections. Training is provided.

Contact: Enrique Benejan, ebenejan@gmail.com

Springfield Rescue Mission

The Springfield Rescue Missions meets the physical and spiritual needs of the hungry, homeless, addicted, and poor by introducing them to Christ and helping them apply the Word of God to every area of their lives. Volunteers assist with food service, meal distribution, food and supply drives and other services. Learn more at www.springfieldrescuemission.org

Contact: Lenore Brooks, lbrooks@springfieldrescuemission.org

Behind the Scenes

Facilities

Our facilities team manages the buildings and grounds that make up our campus. Volunteers repair and maintain the facility, organize fall and spring work days, prioritize and execute improvements and oversee the custodial team.

Contact: Ken Strong, klstrong@comcast.net

Campus Development & Nature Trails

A team is working to develop the lower half of the property into multi-purpose space to serve our congregation and community. This includes the development of athletic fields, nature trails, and other recreation spaces.

Contact: Bob Goss, hillwoodfarm@yahoo.com

Garden Team

The Garden Team plans, develops and maintains the gardens on our campus, helping to provide places of beauty and rest for our congregation and neighbors to enjoy.

Contact: Meg Eakin, gem267@gmail.com

Wednesday Night Prayer

Join others to lift up College Church: its leaders, ministries, people and neighbors. This group meets in Room 9, just inside the lower entrance to the main building, every Wednesday from 7-8pm.

Contact: Cathie McCoy, kasuma724@aol.com

Monday Night Missions Prayer

This is a regional gathering aimed at connecting the local church with the global mission through fellowship with, and prayer for, our growing team of cross cultural workers. All are invited! Dinner is served. Mondays, beginning at 6pm.

Contact: Doug Culver, deccu2001@gmail.com

Library Team

The Library Team provides quality books and other resources for the congregation.

Contact: Dave Rittner, dgrittner@charter.net

Book Table

The Book Table provides books at cost before and after Sunday services. Featured books usually align with current sermon series and GROW classes.

Contact: Bonnie Webster, b_j_webster@yahoo.com

Helping Hands

Helping Hands, managed by the deacons, mobilizes individuals to provide practical help for people in need, such as: meals, child care, transportation, house repairs, yard work and help managing finances. Contact the deacons if you are able to assist. A Helping Hands Survey is conducted each November.

Contact: Dave Rittner, dgrittner@charter.net

Visitation Team

The Visitation team, managed by the deacons, mobilizes individuals to visit those who are homebound, hospitalized, rehabilitating, or recuperating at home.

Contact: Pam Dissinger, dddiss@aol.com

Design Team

The Design Team works to improve the overall look and feel of our church campus, helping to make our environments more hospitable, functional and beautiful. If you have an eye for design, photography, or simply the ability and willingness to help put up a fresh coat of paint, let us know!

Contact: Melanie Lamere, melanie@thecollegechurch.org