

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/Singers, Contact: Haram Hwang, Haram@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: Tom 'Donnell thomasodonnell03@yahoo.com

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: Deb Lusnia, deblusnia@aol.com

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: Christine O'Donnell, Christine@thecollegechurch.org

Welcome Center

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

Contact: Christine O'Donnell, Christine@thecollegechurch.org

Sound

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

Contact: Kirk Wassmann, kirkwassmann@cs.com

Projection and Livestreaming

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

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: Joan Huntley, huntleys@comcast.net

Living Room

The Living Room is a place where people can go after the service to ask questions about the sermon, Jesus, the Bible, Christianity and College Church. Living Room hosts are good listeners, hospitable, thoughtful, mature in their faith, and lovers of Jesus and people.

Contact: Bill Hodgeman, Bill@thecollegechurch.org

Children & Students

Nursery

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

Contact: Stacy Wintsch, dswintsch@gmail.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: Stacy Wintsch, dswintsch@gmail.com

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 - Bill Hodgeman, Bill@thecollegechurch.org

High School - Haram Hwang, haram@thecollegechurch.org

Summer Theatre Intensive

Each summer kids ages 8-16 participate in a two week "camp" that includes games, actor training, lively discussions, rehearsals and Bible studies which culminates in two theatrical performances. Recent performances have included The Hiding Place, The Velveteen Rabbit and The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe. Opportunities abound to help with costumes, set design, logistics and direct involvement with kids.

Contact: Jasmine Myers, jasmine@thecollegechurch.org

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: Bill Hodgeman, bill@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

Roots and Go!

Roots and Go! are our two foundational discipleship courses that are offered every year. Roots is designed to help people become rooted in their relationship with Jesus, in Christian community and in God's Word. Go! is designed to help people understand what the Kingdom of God is all about and to identify the people and places God is sending them in His Name. These courses are led by teachers and table group facilitators.

Contact: Jessica Burke, jessicalauren@gmail.com

Neighborhood / Outreach Ministries

Partnering in Northampton

In September 2022, we hired Naomi Desilets to serve as our first ever part-time Community Partnerships Director! Naomi is passionate about mobilizing the church to partner with our community to serve our community—especially the most vulnerable. Naomi is hard at work developing relationships and assessing the needs and strengths within our congregation and community. In the coming months she'll be inviting us to get our hands dirty, and to discern together how God has uniquely gifted us to love our neighbors.

Contact: Naomi Desilets, naomi@thecollegechurch.org

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.welcomehomenorthampton.org

Contact: Keegan Pyle, k.pyle@diospringfield.org

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

CRU / International Students

Pete & Betsy Baglow serve international students at UMASS through a ministry called CRU. One of the ways we support their work is by practicing hospitality with international students, especially around holidays like Thanksgiving and Easter.

Contact: Betsy Baglow, betsybaglow@gmail.com

Homeless Outreach

College Church has been in community with the homeless for many years: hosting a cot program, soup kitchen and free medical clinic and later serving a hot breakfast to bridge the “gap” when no other services and warming stations were available. We currently are discerning how to best support these neighbors as the needs and services in our community change. Members of College Church also serve the homeless through the MANNA Soup Kitchen and Cathedral of the Night

Contact: Dick Pelosi, richard.pelosi@wne.edu
Or Darleen Corbett, kenwoodwoman2@comcast.net

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: Susan Lucey, dslouie29@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: Louise Brown, j613ouisi@yahoo.com

Library Team

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

Contact: Dave Rittner, dgrittner@charter.net

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: Fran Fern, franadmincc@gmail.com

Visitation Team

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

Contact: Tibby Dennis, ecdrom828@yahoo.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