

RISING MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH 2024-2025 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARD DESCRIPTIONS

Acolyte

Acolytes are worship leaders who carry in the light and light the candles at the beginning of worship and carry the light out at the end of the service. They may also help in other worship leadership responsibilities during special services. Training is offered for those in fourth grade and up who would like to serve.

Card Ministry

Would you like to send cards to people who need to know that there are people thinking of them in their time of need? You will be paired with a long-term care or homebound member of our church and asked to send them a card or note 3-4 times a year. It could be like having a special pen pal!

Children In Worship

Children in Worship (CIW) is a special worship service for children ages 4 through 1st grade. Volunteers are needed for CIW during both the 8:45 am and 11:00am worship services. Middle School and High School youth are able to serve as volunteers. All volunteers working with children must participate in Safe Place Training.

Church Mice

Keep it neat! Helpers are needed to keep offering envelopes and Welcome Pads stocked, as well as pencils sharpened. You could neaten the sanctuary for church during the week or before the Sunday service. Or, you could clean up in between Sunday services (before going to Sunday School).

Communion Preparation

Serve on a team to prepare the communion elements for Sundays when the Lord's Supper is celebrated. A training class is offered. Preparation occurs on the Saturday before Sunday communion, as well as before, between, and after worship on Sunday, and for special services. Teams normally prepare communion once or twice per year. Bread bakers are also needed. Parent or Guardian pairing is required.

Cookie Baker

This team provides home-baked cookies for the receiving of friends before or after a funeral at Unity, or whenever cookies are needed.

Family Event Helper

Volunteers are needed to help with events for children and their families each year like the Birthday Party for Jesus and Easter Egg Hunt. Youth may assist with set up, clean up or running a station at the event. All volunteers working with children must participate in Safe Place Training.

Family Promise Set-up or Meal Host (w/adult)

Family Promise is a local non-profit organization that provides meals, shelter, support services, and life skills training for homeless parents and children. Unity participates in this mission by providing sleeping rooms and meals in our church to homeless families for one week four times per year. With a parent or guardian, youth can help set-up for the week, prepare and serve a meal, or help clean-up after the week of hosting.

Go MAD Day

This intergenerational day of service offers a wide variety of mission options that children, youth and adults can participate in to make a difference in our community. Usually held on a Saturday in the fall, youth may sign up for the project of their choice and work alongside other church members to serve in and learn more about one of the agencies that Unity supports.

Grands Camp 2024 Volunteers

Middle and High School youth are able to serve as volunteers for this day camp for grandparents and their young grandchildren held for three mornings in early August. Volunteers will set up, clean up, serve snacks, and help with crafts, games and/or mission projects. All volunteers working with children must participate in Safe Place Training.

Greeter/Offering Assistant

Would you like to come to church a little early and help hand out bulletins and welcome people as they come into the Sanctuary for worship? Additional work might include passing the offering plate, checking the pews after the service, collecting Welcome Pad sheets after the 11:00 am service, and more. Being a Greeter or Offering Assistant is a great way to help with the worship service. Training is required.

Ice Cream Social Team

This team organizes and prepares homemade ice cream, other frozen dessert, or cookies for this yearly church-wide gathering, which occurs in August. Volunteers are also needed to assist with set up and/or clean up.

Instrumentalists

Opportunities for instrumentalists during worship include playing as children come forward for Children's Time, playing a solo for the prelude or offertory, playing a hymn accompaniment, or playing with one of our choirs. All types of instruments and all ages are welcome!

Kaleidoscope Ministry Buddy

Buddies are needed to be one-on-one support so that people with disabilities can participate in worship, Sunday School, and other ministries of the church. Lead Buddies serve with their assigned friend an average of two Sundays per month. On-call Buddies will serve as a substitute when the lead buddy is unavailable, and when on-call, will be available during the Sunday School hour through the 11am service for new children and visitors once every four-six weeks. All volunteers working with children must participate in Safe Place Training.

Lay Leader in Worship

Children, youth and adults can assist in worship leadership for regular Sunday worship services and special services. This leadership might include leading the Call to Worship, leading prayers, and reading scripture. Training is required.

Nursery

Careful supervision of our young children is a priority in our nurseries. Although Unity provides a paid nursery worker in each nursery room each Sunday morning, volunteers are also needed during both worship services each Sunday (8:45am and 11:00 am). Volunteers are also occasionally needed during some weekly events and special services. Middle School and High School Youth are able to serve as assistants in the Toddler/Preschool Nursery. All volunteers working with children must participate in Safe Place Training.

Nursing Home/Homebound Visitation (with adult)

Would you like to go and visit someone who isn't able to get out much, either because they are elderly or because they are ill? A friendly face is a wonderful gift to people who are unable to get out of the house much! Training is required. Parent or Guardian pairing is also required.

Seasonal Decorations

There are opportunities to set up, decorate, and pack up seasonal decorations for the sanctuary and other areas throughout the church during each season. Parent or Guardian pairing is required.

Second Harvest Food Truck

Would you like to help distribute food to those in need? Youth volunteers can assist adult volunteers from Unity and other congregations in our area on the assigned work day with tasks such as unloading the truck of food, filling grocery bags, greeting guests, and distributing food to individuals.

Vacation Bible School 2024 Volunteer

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a fun-filled one-week experience for children ages 4 years through completed 5th grade. VBS is held during the summer and it includes Bible study, music, games, crafts, and more. Many opportunities to serve are available. Middle School and High School youth are able to serve as volunteers. All volunteers working with children must participate in Safe Place Training.

Vocalists

Vocalists may be used as soloists or in duets or small groups. There are opportunities to share your gifts of music in this way at both worship services as well as special services throughout the year.

Worship Bag Preparation

Worship Bags are available in the Narthex for young children who stay in the worship service on Sunday mornings to help them follow the service and have some hands-on activities to do. Volunteers are needed to replenish Worship Bags following the 11:00 am service or during the week. Training is required. Parent or guardian pairing is also required.

Youth Choir

This choir is open to all middle and high school students who are interested in singing. This group meets on a seasonal basis and may sing several times a year for worship services and special occasions such as Christmas and Youth Sunday.

Youth Handbells

All youth, grades 6-12, are invited to participate in a handbell choir just for you! This group meets on a seasonal basis and may play several times a year for worship services and special occasions. The ability to read music is helpful, but not required.

Youth Leadership Team

The Youth Leadership Team is open to 6th through 12th grade youth. The purpose of the Youth Leadership Team is to create a place for youth to openly discuss ideas and topics they want to implement into the youth ministry at Unity Presbyterian Church. Our hope is to provide a foundation for youth to grow continuously within their faith and church community.