

## **UNITY YOUTH 2025-2026 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARD DESCRIPTIONS**

### **Acolyte**

Serving as an acolyte is now open to all youth! 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 all youth 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 be asked to send them a card or note 3-4 times a year. It could be like having a special pen pal!

### **Chancel Choir**

This choir is open for adults and youth. The Chancel Choir provides service music for worship on a weekly basis. The choir most often sings for 11:00am worship, but occasionally they sing at the 8:45am service. Special music is provided several times throughout the year, including the Lessons and Carols service in December. Rehearsal is on Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Choir Room.

### **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.

### **Children's Sunday School Teacher or Assistant (High School Only)**

Do you love working with children? Do you have gifts in leadership and teaching? Then you might consider serving as a children's Sunday school teacher or assistant for the coming year. Classes are offered for children ages 4 years through 5th grade each Sunday morning at 10:00 am. Volunteers work on a teaching team, with at least one teacher and one assistant serving each Sunday, and can sign up to serve on weeks they are available. Curriculum and training are provided. 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.

### **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. 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 2025 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.

### **Habitat For Humanity (16+)**

Volunteer to help build and repair homes for deserving families in the York County area. Unity will sponsor work days each year. Workers of all skill levels, 16 years old and older, are welcome.

### **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. 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 Assistant**

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 Visitor**

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 Decorating Team**

There are opportunities to set up, decorate, and pack up seasonal decorations for the sanctuary and other areas throughout the church during each season.

### **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 2025 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.

**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.