

CARING MINISTRIES



volunteer opportunities

Bereavement Teams

Bereavement Teams rotate off a schedule and offer receptions to a family after the funeral of a loved one. Light refreshments are served. We have three teams that rotate for each funeral: Team Emmans, Team Reid, and Team Stensrud. If you are interested in joining any of these teams, please email Mary Parker (mparker@christelca.org).

Care Team

The Care Team provides meals to a member of the congregation and their family after a surgery or hospitalization and can provide rides when necessary to a church member. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please email Mary Parker (mparker@christelca.org).

Gathered in Prayer

meets Wednesdays at 9 a.m. • in the Worship Parlor

This group meets weekly and prays over the needs of the church and the world. If you are interested in joining this group, please email D'Linda Highum (dlindahighum2@gmail.com).

Centering Prayer

meets 2nd and 4th Mondays from 12-1pm • in Worship Parlor

We practice Centering Prayer, a silent form of Christian prayer. Centering Prayer is a way to deepen your experience with God. Open to all, whether you are familiar with Centering Prayer or not. If you are interested in joining this group, please email Laura Tang (laurattang@gmail.com).

Noah's Helpers

This group is made up of volunteers who reach out to our senior members (75 and older) to offer prayer, encouragement and support. We will be available to offer listening support and will do our best to assist with other personal needs such as those involving food, supplies and other needs as appropriate. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please email Caroline Diffley (cdiffley@christelca.org) or Jennifer Fagan (jfagan@christelca.org).

The Food Stork

Assist in meal preparation and delivery for new moms and their families. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please email Taylor Daniels (tcdaniels17@gmail.com).

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by their Stephen Leaders to offer care to people who are hurting. A Stephen Minister typically has one care receiver at a time and meets with that person once a week for about an hour. Stephen Minister training is an engaging, energizing experience that features a mixture of presentation, video, group discussion, skill practice, and spiritual growth activities. Please email Mary Parker (mparker@christelca.org) to find out more about this ministry.

OUTREACH & SERVING *opportunities*

McPIE Daytime Teams

Tutors Work with a particular teacher or a particular student once a week or more at your convenience.

Contact: Susan Brackett (sbrackett@carolina.rr.com)

Teacher Partners Support a teacher with monthly encouragements.

Contact: Jeanne Hunt (huntjeanne961@gmail.com)

Teacher Appreciation Luncheons Help provide and/or serve lunch to teachers on Early Release days about 4-6 times a year.

Contact: Melinda Dale (melinda28226@hotmail.com)

Family Support Team Help provide, pack, hand out, or deliver grocery bags and fresh produce in season to identified families.

Contact: Lisa Heirigs (lheirigs@christelca.org)

Copy Service Copy Crew is a good way to volunteer an hour or two of your time each week (or every other week if we have enough volunteers). This helps out the amazing teachers by saving them time because we make their copies for them. Don't worry if you don't know how to make copies, training will be provided!

Contact: Sharonda Morgan (smorgan@christelca.org)

McPIE Family Night Teams

For ten Tuesdays in the fall (and another series in spring) we provide dinner, relationship and activities for McClintock Middle School (MMS) students and their families. There are many ways to be involved:

Transportation 15-passenger vans are used to transport several clubs to nearby venues on Tuesday afternoons (3:45-5:30 p.m.) and evenings (6-7 p.m.); and then possibly to take some families home after Family Night activities (7:15 p.m.). CDL drivers could use the church's 22-passenger bus as well. Drivers and navigators used in each van/bus.

Contact: Sharhonda Morgan (smorgan@christelca.org)

Meals Set up and serve meals that Mike Wallace prepares; and clean up (5-6:30p)

School Store Hand out free school supplies during dinner (5:15-6:15p).

Registration Greet and sign in students and families before dinner (5:15-6:00p).

Younger Siblings Provide care and activities for preschool and elementary school siblings (6:15-7:15p).

Middle School Clubs Help with an array of clubs for MMS students (6:15-7:15p).

Adult Offerings Help with ESL, Getting Ahead, Woman's Journey, and other parent options.

Floater Fill in wherever needed on any particular Tuesday, when available.

Contact: Angela Davis (adavis@christelca.org)

McPIE Summer Opportunities

Freedom School Signups available May - June, contact Dee Dee Petronis (dpetronis@christelca.org).

Science Camp Limited internships for high school students, contact Angela Davis (adavis@christelca.org).



Other Outreach & Serving Opportunities

Growing to Give Community Gardens

Work with gardeners at the South Land community garden to grow and harvest fresh produce for our neighbors.

Contact: Chris Barkoukis (cbarkoukis@gmail.com)

Crisis Assistance Ministry Clothing Drive

Bring new or gently used clothing to donate to our neighbors in need! Drop off clothing Monday-Friday at the Outreach Office. On Sunday, the blue bins will be outside the Outreach Office doors. Join a team to help deliver clothing donations to Crisis Assistance Ministries on Spratt Street.

Contact: Neal Mann (nealmann@bellsouth.net)

Knitters for Christ

meets 3rd Sundays at 10 a.m. • Cornerstone cafe area

We meet once a month to make prayer shawls, prayer squares, etc. to bless several organizations. Crocheters welcome as well; we will teach if you can't knit or crochet but want to learn. All supplies are donated.

Contact: Sandy Harris ([704-364-8652](tel:704-364-8652) or coolmom@bellsouth.net)

Quilters for Christ

meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. • Center Six

Imagine the comfort that comes from a hug during a time of deepest need. Through a simple combination of fabric and thread, you can reach out to those in need throughout the world, not wrapping them in your arms, but wrapping them in the work of your hands. If you can not make the Wednesday mornings, you can still be part of this ministry by cutting out or sewing squares at home. No experience necessary.

Contact: Lois Witham (lowitham@carolina.rr.com)

Soup Kitchen - A Roof Above

Group prepares and serves a meal on the 3rd Sunday of every month at A Roof Above. Contact: Celeste Lupo-Hack (celestelupohack@aol.com)

Refugee Support Group

Assist refugees by providing transportation, coordinating donations, helping with paperwork, and introducing them to American culture and to our city.

Contact: Chris Youse (christopheryouse@gmail.com) or Elizabeth Marquardt (marquardt.elizabeth@gmail.com)

Thanksgiving Meals

Contact: Sharonda Morgan (smorgan@christelca.org)

Christmas Shopping Event

Contact: Angela Davis (adavis@christelca.org)

Blood Drives

Quarterly drives take place at each campus through One Blood and American Red Cross. You can help host and/or plan to give blood 4x each year.

Contact: Dave Deeds (ddeeds@bellsouth.net) and Dawn Weisenberger (dhw1965@att.net)

Room In The Inn - A Roof Above

During the winter months, typically December through March, Christ Lutheran hosts our neighbors one night a week through A Roof Above. Stay tuned to weekly E-News for updates on dates and signup information.

Contact: Lane Goode (lane.goode@gmail.com)

Kairos Prison Ministry

This group supports two weekend retreats each year at a NC Correctional facility. Participants receive training from Kairos and join a team that shares the love of Christ with the incarcerated in obedience to Jesus' words "I was in prison and you visited me" (Matthew 25). Open to all adult men.

Contact: Ed Eddleman (ed.eddleman@edata-charlotte.com)

Thrivent Action Teams

If you are a Thrivent member, you can host one or two Thrivent Action Teams each year. Thrivent will provide up to \$250 seed money for your project. We are willing to help you find and decide on a project that interests you. Even without having financial accounts with Thrivent, you can become an associate member for a few dollars and host an event. Thrivent members also have the option of Choice Dollars and can direct those dollars to our Benevolence Team.

Contact: Dee Dee Petronis (dpetronis@christelca.org)

Charlotte Rescue Mission Meal Provider

1st Monday of every month • 907 W. 1st St.

4-8 volunteers are needed each month to cook and serve dinner for CRM's Rebound program. Great for individuals or a small group! Call or text leader to volunteer. Each participant will need to fill out a form.

Contact: Melinda Dale (704-277-0868)

Faith Ministry

We hope to send a volunteer team to Mexico with this fabulous organization twice a year (March and July).

Contact: Tenny Shifley (tcshifley@carolina.rr.com)

CROP Walk

Annual community-based walk & fundraising event to support local hunger fighting efforts. Save the date for this year's Walk to End Hunger on October 6.

Contact: Ken Sumlin (kdsmlin@bellsouth.net)



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