

NEEDS & OPPORTUNITIES

We give thanks that the Spirit activates various gifts and abilities within us that enable us to be a community of faith and care for one another and the community. The life of the congregation depends on the contributions of time and talent of its participants. There is a variety of ways to serve.

PRIORITY NEEDS AT THIS TIME:

With the rotation of several Council Committee Chairs and members in early 2015, the priority needs become more significant requiring urgent action to address with willing volunteers. The following committees are in need of members and or chairs/coordinators. A brief description of the position and the key functions of the committees have been included. Please consider taking a turn to help out.

- **Christian Development (CD):** Many new members needed. This committee looks after the many activities that nurture the children, youth and adults in faith development. Main functions are: Messy Church, Sunday School and Youth, Book Club, Spirit and Spud Sunday, White Gift Sunday, Faith Conversations and the Church Picnic.
- **Outreach & Social Action Network:** Co-ordinator/Representative to Council needed. This is not a committee as such, but rather a network which consists of many groups or 'circles', the members of which have a meeting once a year. The main activities include:
 - **Outreach and support to the local community:** Four reverse offerings a year, collection of gently-used winter clothing, food collected in the Narthex, the Mitten Tree, White Gift Sunday with items distributed to various agencies that help the less fortunate
 - **Wider World:** Bridgehead Products, Amnesty International, Riverside Grannies, partnership with Providence Methodist Church in Kingston, Jamaica, including supporting the Wesley Basic School in Dallas, Jamaica. Activities include fundraising events; concerts, fashion shows, etc., held by the Riverside Grannies, the annual Jamaica Night held to support the Providence Methodist Church in Jamaica.
- **Fund Raising:** Coordinator/Representative to Council needed. This is not a committee, but rather a network of fundraising activities that are carried out by dedicated groups (circles) of people, who have a meeting once a year. The Fundraising Coordinator position could be shared by two or three people, and will likely change as ideas develop.
- **Communications:** Members needed. Exciting things are happening! A new website is under development, and a presence on social media is a very real possibility. Key functions presently: the website and the events calendar. One or more volunteers are essential, to replace the current webmaster, once the new website is launched to keep it current.

RECURRING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE:

Sunday morning requirements:

- Scripture readers
- Greeters/ushers
- Coffee preparation/clean-up
- Communion Servers

Annual Bazaar – usually held sometime in November:

- Telephoning congregational lists for bake table donations
- Volunteers to help set up and clean up
- Table volunteers during the bazaar

Annual Berry Sales Fundraiser held in late Oct/early Nov:

- A few volunteers to help with unloading the truck on delivery and distributing the berries.

Annual Citrus Fundraiser held in late Nov/early Dec:

- Volunteers to help with unloading the truck and sorting fruit. A few hours of fun and mild exercise!

Annual Garage Sale – usually held on the last Saturday in April:

- Volunteering as a member of a sales ‘department’ team.
- Volunteers for the set-up and sales rosters to help set up preparations and clean up afterwards.
- Sales Tables volunteers during the bazaar.

Work Parties:

- People to help with maintenance and improvement of our building and property – usually held a few Saturdays during the year.

If you would be interested in volunteering for any of the above opportunities for service, please leave your name and phone number with Lou in the office at (613) 733-7735.

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