

The Church of the Good Samaritan Ministries, Missions & Outreach Directory



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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Acolytes: Youth and adults assist the priests in the Sanctuary during rites of communion, baptism, confirmation, matrimony and burial. Acolyte training is provided. Regular scheduled Sunday duty consists of approximately one service every 4 to 6 weeks.

Contact: Michael Berry 484-875-9294

Altar Guild: Assists the clergy in preparing the Sanctuary and Chapel for Sunday services and other special services during the week. Duties include preparing the communion vessels, laundering of altar linens and vestments, and arranging flowers for services. Teams of 5 meet Saturday mornings between 9:00am-10:00am to carry out preparations.

Contact: Betsy Williams 610-454-0359

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: LEMs serve each Sunday at one of four services, reading the Epistle and administering the chalice. When requested, members also serve at weddings, funerals, and any special service. Members are licensed by the Diocese and serve for a period of three years. Diocesan regulations stipulate that the individual be at least 16 years old and confirmed in the Episcopal Church.

Contact: Arnie Schneider 610-459-2512 or Mary Ernst 610-964-8294

Prayers of the People: Readers lead the Prayers of the People at the 9:00 service every Sunday. This ministry offers the privilege of assisting at the worship service. No training is required but good reading skills are important.

Contact: Arnie Schneider 610-459-2512

Needlepointers: Create kneelers used in the Church. Attendance at monthly meetings is optional. Stitching can be done at one's leisure. This is an opportunity to remember a loved one, an anniversary, or offer a special thanksgiving.

Contact: Pam Hicks 610-651-2850 or Cynthia Smith 610-647-2511

Prayer Ministry: Teams of trained Prayer Ministers are available at every Sunday service during Communion to intercede for you. Email prayer requests may be made year round. In-depth private prayer ministry is available by appointment, with extensively trained Prayer Ministers.

Contact: Mary Ann McClarnon 610-935-2251, mcclmak133@hotmail.com

Prayer Chain Ministry: A phone and email ministry for intercessory prayer with 25 members, Monday through Friday from September through May taking new prayer requests daily and emergency prayer requests as needed. People seeking help for themselves, their family, or for any difficult circumstance are encouraged to phone the prayer chain coordinator. Prayer requests can be for those near or far, and are confidential.

Contact: Margie Shoyer 610-594-9152

Soaking Prayer Chain: Involves prayer ministers who pray daily for those in the parish with long term needs.

Contact: Pastor Beverly Berry 610-644-4040 x213

Ushers: Men and women welcome worshippers as they arrive in the narthex, distributing programs and other information as needed. They assist in the worship service by seating the congregation, collecting and presenting the offering and sacraments and directing the congregation to the communion rail.

Contact: Stew Crumpler 484-902-0470

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Sound/AV Ministry: Our Sound and A/V teams work behind the scenes to help make all of our worship services and special events happen. No experience necessary, just a willingness to serve.

Contact: Jeff Dean 610-430-1844

Adult Choirs: Both choirs for the 9:00 and 11:15 Sunday services learn music from Bach to Britten as well as many excellent more contemporary works. Rehearsals are Thursdays, 7:00pm-9:00pm.

Contact: Rick Zuch 610-644-4040 x228

9:00 Praise Band: This worship team helps lead the 9:00 service (primarily during communion). The team is made up of vocalists and instrumentalists who sing a mix of hymns and contemporary worship songs.

Contact: Ben Capps 330-690-7485

New Chapel Band: New Chapel Band leads the contemporary worship music at the 11:00 service in the church. The band mainly uses guitars, bass and drums, keyboard and vocals. Rehearsals are usually Thursdays, 5:30pm-7:30pm.

Contact: Ben Capps 330-690-7485

Sacred Dance: The Good Samaritan Dance Academy offers classes in ballet, expressive movement, character, pointe, folk and modern dance. Classes are held in the church dance studio for ages 3 through adult.

Contact: Gwen Prestwood 610-644-4040 x773

FELLOWSHIP AND PASTORAL CARE

Freedom in Christ Retreat: This three-day retreat in February combines biblical teachings on Christian principles of growth, healing and wellness with private time to study, reflect and listen to the Lord. It is a retreat for those who already know Jesus as Savior and Lord, and who are serious about growing in that relationship and receiving healing and freedom in their lives.

Contact: Jacki Tase 610-644-4040 x212

Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEMV): Diocesan-trained and licensed volunteers who take communion to the homebound and parishioners who are too ill to attend Sunday worship.

Contact: Pastor Beverly Berry 610-644-4040 x213

Friendly Visitors: Working with the parish nurse, Susan Starke, these volunteers visit parish homebound and nursing home residents. They receive training from Susan and Pastor Beverly Berry on how to pay brief, personal calls upon parishioners who are homebound, isolated, and lonely for conversation and good cheer.

Contact: Susan Starke 610-644-4040 x207

Daughters of the King: Daughters of the King is a religious order of lay and ordained women who take vows to do daily intercessory prayer and to render acts of service to the parish. They are dedicated to a life of Prayer, Service, and Evangelism.

Contact: Pastor Beverly Berry 610-644-4040 x213

Café Good Sam: Sponsored by the Men's Ministry, Café Good Sam offers an opportunity to share food, fellowship and good conversation each Sunday following the 9:00 service (September-June).

Contact: Andy Balsan 410-808-9129

NEWCOMERS AND MEMBERSHIP

Newcomer Ministry: Incorporates newcomers and new members into the life of the parish. Greeter teams hand out mugs, Bibles and information at our church services and give people a warm welcome. Seasonal welcome dinners provide regular fellowship opportunities.

Contact: Ruth Morgan ruth.morgan@good-samaritan.org

GROWING IN FAITH

Adult Discipleship: A variety of classes and courses are available throughout the year. For a complete listing of current offerings, go to the church website under "Growing in Faith." Contact: Jacki Tase 610-644-4040 x212

Alpha: Alpha is a ten-week course designed to help you more deeply explore Christianity and the Christian faith in the context of the modern world.

Contact: Jacki Tase 610-644-4040 x212

Small Groups: Small Groups create opportunities for people to gather on a regular basis for prayer, Bible study and building relationships. There are many different small groups meeting at a variety of times and locations throughout the week. If you would like to know more about small groups or you would like to join a small group, contact: Jacki Tase 610-644-4040 x212.

Women's Ministry: Offers a variety of programs throughout the year, including Saturday Breakfasts with speakers, fellowship events and book groups. Contact Pastor Beverly Berry 610-644-4040 x213

Women's Bible Studies: A variety of Bible studies for women are scheduled morning, afternoon and evening, Monday through Thursday each week. Women of all ages gather to study books of the Bible as well as varied topics. Contact: Pastor Beverly Berry 610-644-4040 x213

Men's Ministry: Open to men of all ages, Men's Ministries provide a variety of opportunities for men to come together for fellowship, support and networking while contributing to numerous in-reach and out-reach activities in the parish.

Contact: George Scheffey 610-407-0941, mensministry@good-samaritan.org

Men's Bible Studies: Throughout the week, various small groups of men meet in and around the community for fellowship, support and Bible study. Groups are open and always forming.

Contact: Steve Schmid 610-420-7657

MISSIONS

International Persecuted Church: Join us as we work to raise awareness of the ongoing struggles of our brothers and sisters paying dearly to follow Christ in incredibly difficult places.

Contact: Bob Zimmerman 610-407-0313, Kevin Hicks 610-651-2850

Short Term Missions Opportunities: Each year, we send out a number of different short term teams to partner with our sponsored missionaries and offer the gifts God has given to them in His broader mission.

Contact: Kevin Hicks 610-651-2850, Deryck Livingston 610-240-4875

Missionary Personnel: The Missions ministry sponsors individuals or families serving in long term missionary work around the world. These missionaries include: Steve and Nancy Brown (Serving in Missions) and Frank and Anne B. (Anglican Frontier Missions).

Contact: Kevin Hicks 610-651-2850

Bolivia Partnership: We currently have a partnership with the diocese of Bolivia. We support the Bishop of Bolivia, Raphael Samuel. We are in relationship with La Trinidad, Cochabamba through Rev Tammy Firestone and with Ninos con Valor in Bolivia, through Tyson Malo. We continue to foster these relationships through visits to and from Bolivia, and the support of programs and initiatives at these churches.

Contact: Kevin Hicks 610-651-2850, Larry Colletta 610-458-5767

OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Good Samaritan Food Closet: The Good Samaritan Food Closet provides nutritious canned and boxed food to dozens of families on a year-round basis. We also provide Easter and Christmas food baskets containing turkeys, hams or chickens and all the fixings. It is an important support system for people struggling here in our own neighborhoods.

Contact: Charlene Fitzwater or Jeff Moretzsohn 610-644-4040 x219

Christmas Projects: Each December we partner with a number of regional and national ministries to help provide more than 300 Christmas gifts for hurting and needy individuals. It's a huge project that yields a mountain of wrapped presents giving us a tremendous opportunity to give back of the huge love poured out for us in Christ.

Contact: Frank DiLeo 610-751-2233, Jeff Moretzsohn 610-644-4040 x219

Christmas Tree Outreach: The Christmas Tree Outreach is a seasonal opportunity for fun, fellowship and ministry within our surrounding community. Trees are provided for donations with proceeds going to support the needs of the community.

Contact: Jane Balsan 410-268-0551, Jeff Moretzsohn 610-644-4040 x219

Kensington Partnership: The Free Church of St. John in the Kensington area of Philadelphia is an Episcopal church serving a community with one of the lowest per capita incomes and highest densities of children in the state of Pennsylvania. This partnership offers a variety of ministry opportunities including Wednesday evening programs for children and adults, volunteering with St. John's Sunday evening youth group and mentoring individual youth from St. John.

Contact: Kevin Hicks 610-651-2850

New Life Thrift Shop: The Thrift Shop operates as a ministry of the church providing low cost clothes, books, household items and knick-knacks. Open Tuesdays through Saturdays, the shop offers good fellowship and relational evangelism opportunities.

Contact: Rose Smith 484-639-6375

Good Works, Inc.: Good Works is a Christian nonprofit organization that exists to improve the living conditions of low-income families in Chester County. We transform substandard houses into warmer, safer, and drier homes; and despair into hope. Parishioners from Good Sam have formed a Good Neighbors Team who accept the responsibility and the blessing of restoring one family's home from start to finish. We engage in all manners of construction and repair utilizing all skill levels. The group works together every fourth Saturday throughout the year. We also concentrate efforts in a one week summer camp. (www.goodworksinc.org)

Contact: Rusty Smith 610-644-1654

CityTeam Ministries: CityTeam is a non-profit organization serving the poor and homeless in Chester and Delaware County. They provide hot meals, safe shelter, showers, and clean clothing to the homeless population. There is a recovery program for men who are on the road to destruction from drugs and alcohol. CityTeam also reaches out to low-income families through supplementary food boxes, essential baby food and supplies, summer camp, and many seasonal special events. The goal of CityTeam is to transform lives by sharing the love of Christ. Many parishioners from Good Sam have taken part in special events throughout the year including Back to School, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter Food Boxes and Christmas Toys. There are also many ongoing opportunities to serve including tutoring adult education, helping pack weekly food boxes, serving a hot meal to the public, starting Bible studies within the city of Chester, mentoring a recovery client, and many other opportunities. (www.cityteam.org)
Contact: Kevin Hicks 610-651-2850

Bridge of Hope: Bridge of Hope is a ministry for those who want to faithfully exemplify Christ's love to single mothers and children who are homeless or facing eviction. The ministry focuses on holistic, long-term solutions to poverty and homelessness using church-based mentoring groups. (www.bridgeofhopelcc.org)
Contact: Kevin Hicks 610-651-2850

Amnion Crisis Pregnancy: Amnion exists to provide critical, Christian care, counsel and support for women going through challenging pregnancies. It is a place of compassion and guidance, providing a harbor of protection in a difficult time. Amnion provides free pregnancy tests and medically accurate information, and will review all options if a pregnancy test result is positive. Amnion understands the need for a place to process, think through options and to feel safe. Amnion serves clients from Delaware, Chester, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties.
Contact: Kevin Hicks 610-651-2850

Gideons: Most of us think of the Gideons as those folks that place Bibles in hotel rooms. That's just a small piece of their overall ministry. More than this, they help place the Bible into the hands of people literally around the world.
Contact: Arnie Schneider 610-688-3418, Fred Shoyer 610-594-9152

YoungLives: YoungLives is part of the greater evangelical organization of Young Life, which has been ministering with love to teenagers all over the world for more than 60 years. For high school and middle school girls who are pregnant or are raising a child on their own, that love takes the form of YoungLives, a ministry especially for teen moms and their babies. The mission is to treat each mom and her child with unconditional love and respect, offering teen moms relief from the isolation and struggle of their daily lives, and give them hope for the future. Volunteer mentors provide friendship, parenting advice and help meeting the practical demands of raising a child.
Contact: Pam Bennett 610-251-9724

Fair Days: Join us for Fair Days each summer, with hundreds of vendors, entertainment and food. Proceeds support the missions and outreach ministries at Good Samaritan. Look for the Missions Ministry booth at the fair!
Contact: Kevin Hicks 610-651-2850

Christian Financial Counseling: Trained counselors who work one-on-one (confidentially) and in small groups with families and individuals to help them develop a comprehensive, biblically based spending plan that includes giving, saving, investing, and debt reduction strategies.
Contact: Chuck Kramer 610-933-2331 or Jeff Moretzsohn

Benevolence committee/HELPS: Emergency assistance is given to individuals and families for practical living needs including rent, food, transportation, utilities costs, medical expenses, and necessities for infants and children. When appropriate, the committee will identify and mobilize available resources to address the needs of clients in a holistic manner.
Contact: Jeff Moretzsohn 610-644-4040 x219

GOOD SAMARITAN DAY SCHOOL

Good Samaritan Day School is an educational ministry of the Church of the Good Samaritan. The school provides traditional nursery and kindergarten classes for children between the ages of 2 and 6. The Toddler/Parent program offers 2 year olds the opportunity to attend school once a week with a parent or caregiver.

Contact: Barb Condit 610-644-6181

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

GoodSam Kids on Sunday Mornings

Nursery (0-2) and Toddlers (2-3): 8:50am to 12:15pm

Pre-K and K (4-5) and Elementary (1st-4th): 8:50am to 10:00am & 10:50am to 12:00pm

Please sign children in to Pre-K class or 107 and 109 for Elementary children. They will be returned to you during the services.

Contact: Tracy Defina 610-644-4040 x206

Club 56: Small Group ministry at 9:00am and 11:00am for 5th and 6th graders. The group also meets for social and service events throughout the year.

Contact: Bethany Dixon 410-443-8373

VBS: A wonderful summer Bible learning experience for children ages 4 through fifth grade, held each year during the last week of June from 9:00am-12:00pm. Also includes crafts, games and music activities. It is a true intergenerational event with youth, adult leaders and sixth graders as counselors in training. Friends and neighbors are welcome.

Contact: Tracy Defina 610-644-4040 x206

Marriage and Parenting: For upcoming courses and information contact Tracy Defina.

Contact: Tracy Defina 610-644-4040 x206

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

Youth Group: Youth in sixth to twelfth grades meet on Sundays from 4:00pm-6:00pm in the Walton Hall to have fun, worship, and explore their faith together. Youth volunteers help by leading small groups, running games, providing snacks, or spending time connecting with individual students. Youth Group meets September - May.

Contact: Jonathan Hobbs 610-644-4040 x238, Bethany Dixon 410-443-8373

Middle School Bible Study: Meets every Sunday morning at 9:00. Seventh and eighth graders meet in Room 237. We go through books of the Bible and explore how the scriptures are relevant to our lives. Class goes to 9:45 at which time, students are dismissed to join their parents in the 9:00 service.

Young Adults and College Students: Our church is full of young adults, from students at local universities to parents with small children. Our goal in young adult/college ministry is to create a space for developing a rich and deeply committed community, one in which we care for one another, welcome strangers into our midst and grow in Christ together. There are many opportunities for fellowship and growth for people in this group.

Contact: Ben Capps 330-690-7455, Kylie Roberts 540-471-9859

RESOURCES

The Vestry: The vestry is the body of elected church members that, with the clergy and lay staff, lead our parish. Their job is to provide for the upkeep of our facilities, maintain fiduciary responsibility for the parish, and work with the rest of the leadership in discerning and implementing the mission God has given for the parish. Persons serving on the vestry are elected for a three-year term as part of the church's Annual Meeting.

Contact: Mac McCausland, Rector's Warden 610-566-4822

Office Volunteers: Serve as administrative assistants within the office. Tasks include answering the telephone and general administrative tasks based on a person's skills and interests.

Contact: Jeff Moretzsohn 610-644-4040 x219

Counters Ministry: Meet Monday mornings at 8:30am to count, tabulate, summarize and post parishioners' weekly tithes and offerings.

Contact: Chuck Kramer 610-933-2331

Communications: Would you like to help improve communications at Good Samaritan? You could by just volunteering to help in one of the following areas: help with publicity, write articles for church publications or local newspapers, take photographs of parish events or critique our website (www.good-samaritan.org) to keep it current and accurate. Contact Barb Hohorst 610-644-4040 x224

Library: Good Samaritan's Library has been noted as one of the best church libraries in the area, having more than 7,500 books, CDs and DVDs. A wide range of topics is covered from a Christian perspective for all ages and levels of interest. There is an extensive fiction collection. A corps of volunteers supports the library to keep it running smoothly. Contact: Jeff Moretzsohn 610-644-4040 x219

Music Librarians: The music library is located on the ground floor opposite the upper level choir room door. On Wednesdays between 1:00pm-3:00pm a small group of volunteers process the music currently being sung by the choirs. No expertise in music is required - only knowledge of alphabetical and numerical orders plus a desire for good fellowship and some prayer. Contact: Mary Walmsley 610-644-7453

Recording Ministry: The Recording Ministry provides CD and DVD copies of worship services, Dr. Chris Hall's Bible study classes, church forums, concerts, and other activities. Sunday sermons are available online at www.good-samaritan.org. Contact: Dave Weightman 484-678-3986

Ministries and Your Spiritual Gifts

The Holy Spirit has given each of us gifts that God uses to help others see and experience God’s love. Brief descriptions of 20 spiritual gifts appear below, based on the original 20 Greek words cited as spiritual gifts in Romans 12:6-8, Ephesians 4:11, 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 and 12:28-30.

Spiritual Gift	Description
Proclamation	Seeing the will and works of God in the world and clearly communicating them to others
Servanthood	Selfless, sacrificial and loving in ministry to others
Teaching the Faith	Ability to clearly explain faith to others so that they can apply it in their lives
Encouragement	Ability to inspire, motivate, comfort, affirm and be present to encourage others to meet life's challenges
Generosity	Sharing ones whole self joyfully
Nurturing Leadership	Leading by sheltering, modeling, guiding, and promoting personal growth for others
Mercy	Extending kindness and compassion to others
Wisdom	Mature, skillful judgment, perceptiveness and diplomacy
Knowing	Having a deep personal relationship with Jesus and sharing insights with others
Faith	Unshakable trust and conviction in God's faithfulness
Healings	Miraculous ability to bring God's healing to others
Miracles	Miraculous events, great and mighty deeds revealing God's kingdom on earth
Discernment	Distinguish true from false teachings, good from evil intentions and right from wrong actions
Tongues	Communicating verbally with God using unfamiliar language
Interpretation of Tongues	Ability to understand and explain speech of those speaking in tongues
Apostleship	Encouraging, spreading faith, caring for and organizing others
Helping	Assisting with practical deeds, willing to do whatever is necessary, particularly in crucial times
Visionary and Managing Leadership	Knowing the way, focusing on goals, keeping groups on track and mobilized for a common cause
Evangelism	Sharing good news of salvation in simple ways which touch people where they most need to feel God's love
Shepherding	Gathering people together, protecting them from harm and trouble, close to Jesus

Source: Haugh, K.C. (1998) *Haugk Spiritual Gifts Inventory*. St. Louis, MO: Tebunah Ministries. “We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.” (Romans 12:6a)

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” (1 Peter 4:10)

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