

Committees of the Church provide a way for people to minister in a personal area of interest. Expectations and events vary for each group, so please talk to the committee chair for more details. Some of the committees are:

<i>Outreach</i>	– <i>Paul Vecchi</i>
<i>Hospitality</i>	– <i>Doug Seehafer</i>
<i>Transition</i>	– <i>Dave Bucy</i>
<i>Christian Education</i>	– <i>Susan Parks</i>
<i>Ministry Development</i>	– <i>Brenda Seehafer</i>
<i>Youth Ministry</i>	– <i>Dn Peg Bernhard</i>
<i>Stewardship</i>	– <i>Sharon Kavanagh</i>
<i>Evangelism</i>	– <i>Bob Bernhard</i>
<i>Worship</i>	– <i>Jan Hedberg</i>

A complete listing can be found in the separate Ministry Directory brochure.

Good Samaritan Vestry is the governing body of the church and is comprised mainly of lay people. Vestry members are elected in January at the Annual Meeting for a three-year term. To qualify to run for the vestry, one must be a pledging member of the church for at least six months, be at least 18 years old, and have taken communion regularly during the year. Expectations include a monthly meeting, assigned times for office duty on Sunday mornings, liaison duties with parish committees in your area of ministry and various other tasks throughout the year.
Contacts: The Rev. Chuck Christopher and Bob Ringo (or current Senior Warden)

Episcopal Churchwomen (ECW) is a group open to all women of the parish. Those who participate have opportunities for fellowship and service throughout the year. Generally the ECW meets at 9:00 a.m. on the first Tuesday of the month for programs and fellowship. There are also luncheon meetings and other special meetings throughout the year.
Contacts: Dale Barnecott and Helen Dickason

Men's Fellowship and Breakfast is an opportunity for men of the church to take turns presenting topics of interest, to enjoy each other's company, and to have a good meal. Open to all men, the group meets in the lounge on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, starting at 7 a.m.
Contact: Larry Hannah

For information about how to reach the contacts listed in this brochure, or if you have any questions, please call the parish office!



Ways to Become Involved

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We live to serve Christ in joy and love, growing in ministry to each other, our community and the world.

Worship Ministries are ways in which you can become involved on Sunday mornings. There are several opportunities available:

Ushers play an important role of hospitality. The overall role of an usher is to help members of the congregation to feel comfortable and safe. An usher is usually the first person one meets when coming into church. They greet people, pass out bulletins, and distribute welcome bags to visitors. Ushers also collect and present the offering, and help direct the flow of the congregation during communion. After the service, they help tidy the church for its next use and count the offering money. People who volunteer for this ministry are often scheduled one to two times a month on a particular usher team. Training is expected.
Contacts: Bob Bernhard and Jim Wohlwend

Acolytes assist in worship by serving at the altar and helping in other ways. Acolytes often carry items in the opening and closing processions, help the clergy to prepare the altar for communion, and generally assist in worship. Those who volunteer for this ministry are provided with vestments, and are usually scheduled once or twice per month. Training is available and expected. Those who serve as acolytes are also invited to participate in the annual diocesan Acolyte Day, which includes a Eucharist with the bishop, a meal and then an OSU football game.

Contact: Jan Hedberg, Acolyte Master

Lectors participate in the worship service by reading the Bible lessons aloud from the lectern. These readers come from the congregation, and help to proclaim the Word of God. People who have clear reading voices and are comfortable reading in front of large groups are encouraged to participate. Those who volunteer for this ministry are usually assigned to read once every six weeks. Training is provided.

Contact: Deacon Peggy Bernhard

Eucharistic Ministers help in the distribution of communion, either by administering the chalice during the Sunday worship service and/or by taking communion to those who are unable to come to church. Parishioners who attend worship services regularly and participate fully in the church community may be considered for this ministry. Those who volunteer for this service are provided vestments and are often scheduled once or twice each month. Training and licensing by the diocese are required.

Contact: Deacon Peggy Bernhard

The Altar Guild prepares the worship space. These ministers work behind the scenes. They regularly maintain those items used during the service: vestments, candles, vessels, and linens. This responsibility is essential for worship on Sundays as well as throughout the week. Training is provided, and is open to both men and women.

Contacts: Susan Richardson and Pat Wohlwend

Music Program opportunities are available for those with vocal and/or instrumental abilities. There are no formal auditions, but those wishing to participate should talk to the Director of Music.

The Good Samaritan Choir sings at the 9 a.m. service during the school year, as well as other occasional events and is open to adults and teens. This choir rehearses on Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. in Simpson Hall and on Sundays at 8:15 a.m.

Contact: Dr. R. Ward Scott, Music Director

The Handbell Ensemble also welcomes adults and teens. They play about once a month during the service and for other special events, and they rehearse every Monday at 7 p.m. in the choir loft.

Contact: Steve Peters, Handbell Director

Children's Choirs are available for those aged 4 to 15. The *Cherubim* Choir sings for specific services, while the *Seraphim* and *Angelus Choirs* have regular opportunities to sing on Sunday mornings. Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 3 p.m. (Cherubim), 4 p.m. (Seraphim), and 5 p.m. (Angelus). Adults who would like to assist during rehearsals are encouraged to volunteer.

Contact: Laura Relyea, Children's Choirs Director

This pamphlet offers just a sampling of what you can do to become involved at Good Samaritan Episcopal Church. For a more detailed and thorough description of ministry areas, and in order to find out which area might best suit you, please refer to the Ministry Opportunities booklet available at the parish office.