

## Acolytes

- ✝ Bring the light of Christ into the sanctuary by lighting the altar candles during the prelude for the worship service.

**Description of ministry:** Children interested in this ministry want to be a part of the worship time by lighting the altar candles at the beginning of the worship service.

**Special skills or talents needed:** All children who are in second grade or above are welcome.

**Time commitment:** Sundays at the beginning of the 10:30 worship service.  
Flexible—Sign up for the Sundays that you are available.

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## Altar Angels

- ✝ Prepare the sanctuary for weekly and special services.
- ✝ Change the banners, paraments and candles.
- ✝ Maintain the sanctuary and altar area.

**Description of ministry:** Persons interested in this ministry appreciate the visual beauty of the altar and sanctuary and want to use their talents to prepare the altar, change the banners, and maintain a beautiful appearance to the sanctuary.

**Time commitment:** Attention to the sanctuary before and/or after the worship services one Sunday a month

**Length of commitment:** One year

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## Communion

- † Prepare the altar for the service of communion on the first Sunday of each month.
- † Prepare the elements of juice and bread for the altar before the service.
- † Remove the elements after the service.

**Description of ministry:** Persons interested in this ministry understand the beauty and importance of communion to the life of the church. Preparing for the sacrament of communion includes preparing the altar, preparing the bread and juice, and removing the elements after the service.

**Time commitment:** Flexible—The first Sunday of each month during the 8:30 and/or 10:30 worship

**Length of commitment:** One year

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## Fine Arts

- † Perform skits and plays that connect us with The Creator.
- † Inspire the congregation by dance to interpret Biblical passages and ideas.
- † Engage the visual arts in the spiritual life through photography.

**Description of ministry:** Persons interested in this ministry want to use their talents to offer more ways to experience God in the worship service. Drama, dance and photography are valuable ways to connect with God.

**Special skills or talents needed:** Experience in the areas of dance, drama, and/or photography.

**Time commitment:** Flexible—Time necessary for rehearsals and then presentation on Sunday morning worship at 8:30 and/or 10:30

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## Lay Reader

- ✝ Assist with the worship on Sunday mornings by leading the call to worship, opening prayer and the affirmation of faith for the congregation.

**Description of ministry:** Persons interested in this ministry want to be a part of providing a meaningful worship experience for the congregation by leading the call to worship, opening prayer and the affirmation of faith.

**Time commitment:** Flexible--Sundays during the 10:30 worship

**Length of commitment:** Lay readers would serve on a rotating basis

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## Podcaster

**Description of ministry:** This position records the worship service, scripture, and sermon using a PC program called Audacity. An introduction is added to the recorded service and saved in MP3 format (audio) for placement on the church website and church podsite. Some members can automatically download this via iPOD or iPAD or can listen on a home PC on the church website.

**Special skills or talents needed:** A desire to offer the sermons from the worship services in a modern format. Training is provided. You will need a PC laptop and Audacity program and game file. Recording takes place in the loft at Calvary and would require climbing stairs.

**Time commitment:** Be available for recording at the Sunday worship services. Additional time at home to prepare the podcast for posting.

**Helpful information:** The sound and media team is looking for persons to serve as substitute podcasters in case the current podcasters are ill or unavailable. This role will likely expand when we move to the new building and possibly include video podcasting as well.

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## Praise Team

- ✝ Sing praises to God with other singers every Sunday.
- ✝ Willingness to learn or ability to play instruments, strings, percussion, keys, etc.

**Description of ministry:** Persons in this ministry love to sing and/or play instruments in praise to God and understand the privilege of leading others in worship.

**Special skills or talents needed:**

**Time commitment:** Rehearsals are from 7:00-8:30 pm on Thursday nights. The praise team arrives at the church at 7:30 for a final rehearsal before the 8:30 worship service.

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## Sound & Media Team

### Audio Presentation of Worship Service and Events

**Description of ministry:** Persons interested in this ministry want to enhance the worship service through the best possible audio sound presentation. In addition to the Sunday morning worship services, the worship media team is available for praise team and choral rehearsals, weddings, funerals, and other events where audio presentation is required. The audio tech insures that equipment is set up and tested to provide an opportunity for all to hear and understand the service presented. Audio techs assist worship leaders and others in the use of the equipment.

**Special skills or talents needed:** Training is provided but some knowledge of audio systems, sound boards, and connections is welcomed.

**Time commitment:** Rehearsals, VBS, worship services, special events, weddings, and funerals require audio techs. Audio technicians would rotate responsibilities.

**Helpful information:** Sound board and systems are in the loft at Calvary and would require climbing stairs to access and work systems. The new building could have multiple sound systems to operate in different areas of the church.

Worship Media team would also provide cross-training for other ministry positions such as the visual presentation aspect of the Media Shout program.

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## Sound & Media Team Member

**Description of ministry:** Persons interested in this ministry want to enhance the worship service through the best possible audio and visual presentation. In addition to the Sunday morning worship services, the worship media team is available for many other events such as weddings, funerals, meetings and rehearsals where audio and sound presentation is required. Team members might record the podcast, set up equipment, use the computer to present visuals, or operate the sound board.

**Special skills or talents needed:** Training is provided. Most equipment and activity is located in the loft at Calvary and would require climbing stairs.

**Time commitment:** As appropriate for events and personal schedules. Plan to commit 2 hours minimum with a maximum of 8 hours.

**Helpful information:** Having enough sound and media team members is critical to the success of many activities and events. Currently this ministry is short-handed. As more people are trained, team members will be able to share in these responsibilities and be more available to staff the number of activities and events that require this technology.

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## Traditional Music Ministries Chancel Bell Choir Member

- ✝ Play wonderful music for the worship service by ringing bells.
- ✝ No experience necessary.

**Description of ministry:** The Chancel Bell Choir of St. John's United Methodist Church is a fun group for anyone wishing to be a part of Music Ministries! Contrary to what one may think, based upon the complex and substantial musical product that is heard in service, participation in bells requires no musical prior musical experience! The ability to count to the number "4" is helpful, but not always necessary.... Don't believe it? Come and observe one of our practice sessions, and realize that you too, can produce beautiful music as part of group in the English Handbell tradition! From season to season, we do occasionally have a vacancy for the bells that are waiting for you to take them up and ring them!

**Special skills or talents needed:** As described above, the ability to count to "4," and the good graces to smile when the director tells a story that is remotely funny!

**Time commitment:** Bells ring in two "seasons," fall and spring. Practices are held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the music rehearsal room at Calvary/St. John's UMC. We usually present on average, once every six weeks in these two seasons, with more service activity toward the Christmas and Easter seasons. The Chancel Bell Choir takes a summer "vacation" from mid-June to mid-August.

**Helpful information:** All are cordially invited to come and see how much fun ringing in the group can be. Better yet, ask a current member of the group how much fun it is to ring!

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## Traditional Music Ministries Chancel Choir Member

**Description of ministry:** The Chancel Choir of St. John's United Methodist Church provides inspirational service music to the congregation on an almost weekly basis, and engages in two "major extended works" per year; at Christmas and Easter. In addition to praise, one who engages in the making of music usually experiences a great and unique sense of satisfaction and fulfillment that can reach the very core of an individual's being. The sense of belonging and fellowship within the group only adds to this sense of well-being and accomplishment as we collectively illuminate the divine word through the sacred gift of music! Now is the time for you to experience this extraordinary gift for yourself!

**Special skills or talents needed:** Come as you are! You may think you can't sing. The director of the group knows different, so don't use that well-worn alibi. All voice types are welcome, even if you think that your voice is the answer to the "missing link" of singing. Now is the time to "Sing a New Song," and do what you have always wanted to do anyway; Strike the Harp and Join the Chorus!

**Time commitment:** The Chancel Choir meets and sings regularly during the two "long seasons" of fall and spring, with a "vacation" from July through mid-August. We realize that many may not be able to attend rehearsal/service all of the time, so do not let that be a hindrance to your participation/membership in the group! Come and enjoy when you can! Rehearsals are from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 or 8:30 p.m. (depends upon the time of year and what we are preparing to present in service) on Wednesday evenings at Calvary/St. John's UMC.

**Helpful information:** All are cordially invited to come and see how much fun singing and being with the group can be. In addition to being wonderfully talented, witty, and not to mention handsome, the director of this group is not the typical "uptight" choir master that many may have endured in school, etc. We can almost guarantee that once you take that "first step" in to rehearsal, you will be glad you did (and you will keep coming back!). Time to stop wishing that you were "up there" with us when we do some really fantastic stuff, and take that first step (into our rehearsal hall!) The time is now, and we have been waiting (patiently) for YOU!

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## Usher

- ✝ Pass out bulletins.
- ✝ Assist people to find available seating.
- ✝ Take worship counts.
- ✝ Assist with offering.
- ✝ Assist with communion.
- ✝ Straighten sanctuary.

**Description of ministry:** Persons interested in this ministry want to make people feel welcome in the worship service. Ushers pass out bulletins, assist people to find available seating, take worship counts, assist with the offering, assist with communion, and straighten up the sanctuary after the service.

**Special skills or talents needed:** A welcoming smile and a helpful attitude

**Time commitment:** One Sunday a month during the 10:30 worship

**Length of commitment:** One year

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