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nurture and service to all people.



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Youth
ages 7-13

Opportunities For Ministry 2008

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Opportunities for 7-13 Year Olds at Unity

“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:8

This brochure highlights most of the volunteer opportunities for kids ages 7-13 in 2008. There are many ways youth who have not yet been confirmed can share their time and talents at Unity.

Grown ups and teenagers aren't the only people with talents from God. God is calling us ALL to share our gifts of time, talent and treasure no matter what age. Check it out!

Church Mice:

Keep it neat! Helpers are need to keep offering envelopes and friendship pads stocked, as well as pencils sharpened. You could neaten the sanctuary for church during the week (after school or on Saturday) before the Sunday service. Or, you could clean up in between Sunday services (before going to Sunday School).

Crafts:

Feeling creative? Various craft opportunities exist to help the many ministry teams at Unity. Banners, flower arranging, drama, poster making, photography, you name it!



“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve...” Mark 10:45

Dimes for Hunger:

Isn't it amazing to think about people being really, really hungry? Walk through a local grocery store and think about how much food we have access to, and then think about how it feels for so many in the world—in our own community—who do not have access to basic food needs. Unity asks all members to participate in collecting one dime per meal over the course of one month. The money raised goes to hunger programs in Honduras, Guatemala, and in our area. Volunteers help with publicity and participate in this program.

CROP Walk:

Every October, this 6.2 mile walk or 1 mile fun walk, takes place to raise money for the hunger programs of Church World Service. 25% of the money raised in our area stays in our area for ongoing hunger programs here. Walkers are always needed and welcome!

American Red Cross Bloodmobile:

While not old enough to donate blood yet, youth age 7-13 are able to help with other parts of Unity's many bloodmobiles. Maybe you'd like to make cookies or brownies for donors while they rest after giving blood. Maybe you would like to help with publicity and sign-ups.

Seasonal Missions:

There are special, seasonal projects throughout the year that 7-13's are perfect for. At Thanksgiving, the Thanksgiving cornucopia is collected and displayed in the sanctuary. During Advent, the Angel and RAINdeer Trees are coordinated and displayed. Other projects include the Rainbow of Caring, Souper Bowl Sunday, the collection of eyeglasses, and others. Volunteers are needed to help coordinate, oversee, publicize and participate in these projects.

“Let each of you lead the life...to which God called you.” 1 Corinthians 7:17



Shepherds:

New members join our church about once a month. Often these members are families with kids your age. Wouldn't it be nice to help those new kids feel welcome? Wouldn't it be nice to help those new kids understand about GCs, childrens choir, Sunday School and more? Shepherds are paired with new members to help make them feel at home in a new place. This is what being friendly is all about!

Usher:

Would you like to come to church a little early and help hand out bulletins? With adults helping, 7-13's make great ushers. Additional work might include passing the offering plate, checking the pews after the service, collecting friendship pad sheets after the 11:00 am service, and more. Training and adult pairing is required.

Greeters:

Maybe you are super friendly and like meeting new people. Greeters arrive before either service and welcome members and visitors as they come into the Sanctuary for worship.



“I praise you, for I am wonderfully made.” Psalm 139:13-14

Seasonal Decorations:

Do you have an eye for decorating? There are opportunities to set up, decorate, and pack up seasonal decorations for the sanctuary and other areas throughout the church during each season. Special projects include setting up and maintaining the Advent Wreaths and other special holiday decorations.

Junior Choir:

Do you like to sing? Junior Choir may be just the ticket for you. This is open for 2nd through 6th graders. Practice time is Sundays 4:30-5:15pm, and the choir is an important part of the worship service throughout the year.

Musicals/Dramas:

There are times throughout the year when some dramatic and musical assistance is needed. If you would like to be included when these events come up, this is for you! It might be a skit for a 5th Sunday Breakfast or Congregational Dinner, or a speaking role during a special worship service.

Instrumentalists:

Do you play an instrument? There are opportunities for instrumentalists (or groups of them) for worship services and other programs.

“We are God’s work of art.” Ephesians 2:10



Lay Leader in Worship:

Would you like to have an active leadership role during a worship service? Both adults and youth assist in worship leadership for regular Sunday worship services and special services. This leadership might include scripture readings, leading the prayer, and leading the Call to Worship. Training is required.

Communion Preparation:

This is not just for adults. 7-13's can help as part of a team that prepares the communion elements for the Lord's Supper. A training class is offered and is required. Adult pairing is required.

Gardening, Landscaping Care, and Work Days:

While the adults are cutting limbs and shaping bushes, you could be spreading mulch or planting seasonal flowers. Flower beds need weeding, leaves need to be raked, and walkways need to be swept. This is a great way to get out and move a little!

GCS:

This youth program for grades 4-6 is awesome! Come together with other kids your age for Christian fellowship, growing your faith, and preparing for Junior High Youth Group. Meetings are twice a month on Sundays (dates will be announced) from 5:15-6 pm. The program consists of three parts: Bible drills and thrills, Christian mission in our community, and dealing with daily problems in a Christian way. Also planned are some FUN afternoon outings! You know this sounds like fun, so join in!

 **"We are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand." Isaiah 64:8**

Nursery:

Do you enjoy hanging out and playing with little kids? Middle school youth are invited to help in Unity's nurseries with a parent.

Nursing Home/Shut-in Visitation:

Would you like to go and visit someone who isn't able to get out much, either because they are elderly or because they are ill? A friendly face is wonderful gift to people who are unable to get out of the house much! Training is required and adult pairing is required.

Send Cards to those in need:

Would you like to send cards to people who need to know that there are people thinking of them in their time of need? Training is required and adult pairing is required.

Prayer Chain:

Join the phone or email prayer chain to pray and spread the word as requested.

"God saw everything that had been made and indeed, it was very good." Genesis 1:31





“Now the gifts God gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.”

Ephesians 4:11-12