

Time and Talent at Grace Church

Worship Opportunities:

Altar Guild: Members of the Altar Guild make the altar preparations (set up chalice, plates, etc.) before service, and remove them after service.

Acolytes: Acolyte duties include leading the procession and assisting the clergy at the altar. They need to be in fourth grade or older.

Chalice Bearer: A chalice bearer accompanies the clergy at the altar and will distribute wine at communion.

Choir: Choir members lead the music during services. All are welcome to sing in the Grace Church choir.

Counters: Help count the collection plate and prepare the bank deposit. If you have ever been on Vestry, you are eligible to count.

IT support: Help us livestream the in-person service for major holidays, baptisms, and funerals. We have a step-by-step guide to teach you exactly what to do and would train you for your first time. You monitor the computer during the worship service.

Lectors: Lectors read lessons and the prayers of the people during worship services. The readings are provided in a reminder email before their scheduled Sunday.

Ushers: Ushers greet folks as they enter Sunday morning worship, hand out bulletins, take up the offering, bring forward the bread and wine, and help people

find their way to the nursery, Sunday school, and communion.

Mission Opportunities:

Alternative Gift Market:

This holiday market takes place at Grace Church the weekend before Thanksgiving and provides opportunities to financially support those in need. Folks can donate to local charities and receive cards to give to those on their Christmas lists. And crafts and food items are available for purchase that support the fairly traded gift market. Volunteers help with making information posters, setting up booths/craft tables, and general hospitality.

Breakfast Run:

The Breakfast Runs are an opportunity to provide food, supplies and breakfast to people who are living without a home in NYC. This an opportunity for the youth in the parish to be a part of an outreach experience. All are welcome to help with the purchasing of supplies, setting up before the run, or to drive during down to NYC.

Family to Family: This organization helps struggling local families with monthly food deliveries. Volunteers are asked to purchase a box of groceries (using the guidelines put forth for the specific family assigned to Grace Church) and deliver it to the Family-to-Family office in Hastings. Gift cards are also welcome in lieu of, or in addition to, the box of groceries.

Grace Food Partnership:

You pick up boxes of fresh produce from the Church (through the Hastings/Stoneledge CSA- Community Supported Agriculture) on a Monday morning between June and October. Then you deliver those

boxes to San Andres in Yonkers who hosts the Westchester Food Bank each Monday morning. This is such a rewarding ministry and can be done within an hour on a day when you work remotely.

Fellowship Opportunities:

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Coffee Hour takes place in the Parish Hall after the 10 am Sunday service. The Hosts are responsible for providing food and making church provided coffee. You can even pair up with someone else and host as a team! Finally, hosting in the summer is even easier: Grace provides the food and drink, all you need to do is set up and clean up.

Vestry:

Vestry members are the congregational leaders of the Church. In addition to their Sunday counting responsibilities, they are required to attend monthly Vestry meetings, a Vestry retreat held in January, and take charge of the various Grace Church events.

Sunday School/Christian Formation Opportunities:

Assistants in Nursery:

The nursery helper assists the Nursery director in watching the infants through 4-year-olds in the church nursery during the 10 am service.

Assistants in Sunday school:

Sunday school is for children kindergarten through 4th grade. The helpers provide aid to the teacher during class and for special events i.e., the Christmas Pageant rehearsals.

Committee Opportunities:

Property

Committee: Persons on this committee are responsible for determining what the property needs are for Grace Church and overseeing the changes deemed necessary for continued maintenance.

Finance

Committee: The Finance Committee members oversee the financial health of Grace Church.

Mission

Committee: Persons on the Mission Committee help determine the Mission projects Grace Church will be supporting/be involved with throughout the year.