

EVERY MEMBER IN MINISTRY



SERVE IN THE CHURCH, THE COMMUNITY, & THE WORLD

At First Church, we believe God has called and equipped every member to serve so that we can be faithful to our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The information in this booklet is a summary of the current opportunities to serve and grow through ministry. God is indeed working in our church. We invite you to pay attention to where God is nudging you to grow and serve out of your giftedness.

"Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." 1 Cor. 12:4-6



Please note the numbers next to each ministry role. These can be used upon registration to help us identify the specific area that you wish to serve in. The information next to the clock symbol is the estimated time commitment for each ministry role.

1. WORSHIP & MUSIC

Contact: Dr. Rick Branch
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1-1. Ushers & Greeters

Welcome congregants, distribute bulletins, assist with seating, and collect offerings in worship services.

🕒 1 Sunday Service per Month (and special services), 1 - 2 Hours

1-2. Communion Stewards & Servers

Stewards prepare, set up, and clean up all communion elements for a service. Servers assist pastors with serving communion during worship.

🕒 One Sunday Service per Month

1-3 Lay Readers

Serve during worship by reading varying texts and passages.

🕒 One Sunday Service per quarter

1-4. Acolytes

Light and extinguish worship candles, assist with offering and communion.

🕒 One Sunday Service per month

1-5. Sanctuary Choir

Open to all adults and sings at either the 8:30am or 11:00am worship services. Rehearses Wednesdays from 6:00 - 7:30pm

1-6. Handbell Choir

This choir plays our four octave handbell set at various services throughout the year. No experience needed. Open to all adults and senior high youth.

🕒 Mondays, 4:15 - 5:15pm

1-7. ICON Guest Musicians & Artists

Open to singers, instrumentalists, and artists of all ages who would like to serve in ICON worship periodically with the ICON Band. Requires an in-person tryout.

🕒 Sundays, 9:30am - Noon

1-8. Seasonal Decorator

Assist the worship committee in decorating the sanctuaries and church campus during liturgical seasons. Includes hanging of the greens, Christmas Trees, as well as set up and/or caring for the Poinsettias, & Easter Lilies.

🕒 Seasonally, 1 - 3 Hours

1-9. Wedding Hostesses

Wedding hostesses are assigned to couples planning their wedding at First Church. Hostesses advise the couple on church policies for their wedding as well as assist them at their rehearsal and wedding day.

🕒 Weekend of wedding + 1 - 3 hours prior

1-10. Funeral Hostesses

A funeral hostess assists the family of the deceased before, during, and after the funeral or memorial service.

🕒 2 - 3 Hours

2. MISSIONS

Contact: Lisa Bond
LBond@FUMCPensacola.com

2-1. Serving the Hungry

Provides 100+ hot meals, clothing, and toiletries for those in need in our community.

🕒 Mondays & Thursdays, 2 - 3 hours, 8:00 - 12:30pm.

2-2. Kids Feeding Program

Help shop for, pack, & deliver food to local schools to meet the needs of hungry children.

🕒 2 times a month, 1 - 4 Hours

2-3. Food Box Program

Receive and distribute food to various food ministries as well pack food boxes for local families and shut ins.

🕒 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 9:00 - 11:00am.

2-4. Bright Bridge Ministries

Provide & serve a meal to 60 individuals who are experiencing homelessness, addiction, & hunger.

🕒 4th Sunday, 3:30 - 6:00pm.

2-5. Disaster Relief

Through our conference connection, this ministry assists communities experiencing disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods through team work trips to clean debris and repair homes as well as provide meals and resources.

🕒 Seasonal, Varies

2-6. Family Promise

Provide food, supplies, fellowship, and support for families experiencing homelessness.

🕒 Seasonal, Varies

2-7. Reading Pals

Mentor preschool children and help them prepare for Kindergarten through the gift of reading.

🕒 One Hour Per Week

2-8. Helping Hands

Helps with minor repairs and odd jobs for our church and community.

🕒 As available, 1 - 2 Hours

2-9 FUMC Ministry Partners

First Church partners with many amazing non-profits throughout our community and the world. We would love to help you get connected with them to learn more about how you can serve. These non-profits include Teaming with Tanzania, JUST Pensacola, Milk-n-Honey Outreach Ministries, Ronald McDonald House, Gulf Coast Kids House, and United Ministries.

3. ADULTS

Contact: Rev. Emily Kincaid
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3-1. Teacher/Leader

Teach, lead, or facilitate a seasonal group study using Bible or other discipleship resources.

🕒 Seasonal, Varies

4. CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Contact: Jennifer Piver
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4-1. Good Shepherd

Provide caring phone calls and visits to church members who are unable to attend church often, if at all. Volunteers help our members remain connected with their church family. No formal training is required.

🕒 *Visit once a month*

4-2. Stephen Minister

Provide a high-quality level of emotional and spiritual care to people experiencing a wide range of life difficulties. Formal training is required.

🕒 *One Hour Per Week & Twice a Month Meetings/Continuing Ed.*

4-3. Prayer Team Ministry

Confidentially pray over the church-wide prayer list and for individuals who submit prayer requests.

🕒 *Meet Once a Week*

4-4. Card Ministry

Send cards of encouragement to church members and community members to let them know that First Church is praying for them.

🕒 *Send cards up to twice a month*

4-5. Flower Ministry

Deliver bouquets made from the flowers used during Sunday worship. These bouquets are delivered to the sick, homebound, or anyone in need of a brighter day.

🕒 *Mondays, 1 - 2 Hours*

4-6. Casserole / Cookie Delivery Ministry

Deliver casseroles and cookies for those in the church and community who are sick, returning home from the hospital/rehabilitation, grieving, or facing a challenging time.

🕒 *Wednesdays, 1 - 2 Hours*

4-7. Prayer Shawl Ministry

A group who knit and crochet gifts for the community, ensuring them of God's love and comfort in their lives.

🕒 *Tuesdays, 10:00am - 12:00pm*

5. HOSPITALITY

Contact: Sarah Bullock-Head
SHHead@FUMCPensacola.com

5-1. Front Office Volunteers

Assist the front office during normal office hours. Duties include answering phone calls, welcoming visitors and answering questions regarding church events and services.

🕒 *Varies*

5-2. Assisted Parking Ministry

Greet church members and guests, as well as assisting with parking and transporting guests who need extra help.

🕒 *Sundays (30 minutes prior to each worship service)*

5-3. Event Greeters

Welcome and direct visitors for special concerts and events.

🕒 *1 Hour*

6. RUTH'S KITCHEN

Contact: Mici Kuba
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6-1. Food Prep

Cutting and chopping of meal ingredients for dinners and special events.

🕒 *Wednesdays Afternoons and special events, 2 - 4 Hours*

6-2. Cooking

Cooking and baking for fellowship meals and community events.

🕒 *Wednesday Afternoons/Evenings and special events, 2 - 4 Hours*

6-3. Serving

Serving food buffet style or table service for fellowship meals and community events.

🕒 *Wednesdays Evenings and special events, 2 Hours*

6-4. Cleaning

Cleaning/sanitizing dishes, pots, and utensils; cleaning/taking down tables and chairs for fellowship meals and community events.

🕒 *Wednesday Evenings & special events, 2 Hours*

7. COMMUNICATIONS

Contact: Kelsey Seager
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7-1. Data Entry

Digitizing paper forms, recording attendance in database, & updating member contact information in database. Basic computer knowledge is required.

🕒 *1-2 Hours as available*

7-2. Photographer

Assist the communications department by taking photos at events and services.

🕒 *As available, 1-2 Hours*

7-3. Social Media Support

Interact with and responding to online worshipers on Sunday morning Facebook live stream, as well as social media posts.

🕒 *As available, 1-2 Hours*

7-4. Mailings

Prepare seasonal, church-wide mailings by stuffing and sealing envelopes.

🕒 *1 - 4 Hours*

8. PRODUCTION

Contact: Brian Brown
BBrown@FUMCPensacola.com

8-1. Soundboard Operators

Help run sound for the Main Sanctuary or ICON worship services.

🕒 *Sundays, 1 - 3 Hours*

8-2. Computer Operators

Help run the live stream computer for the Main Sanctuary services or the video screens for the ICON worship service.

🕒 *Sundays, 1 - 3 Hours*

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9. KIDS (Preschool - 5th)

Contact: Lisa Bond
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9-1. Sunday School Helpers

Assist Teachers in the preschool and/or Elementary Sunday School classes.

🕒 *Sundays, 9:30 - 10:45am*

9-2. Sunday School Story Tellers

Read the week's Bible story to Preschool and/or Elementary Sunday School classes.

🕒 *Once a month or once a quarter, Sundays, 9:45 - 10:45am*

9-3. Sunday School Greeters

Greet families at the Preschool entrance or at the top of the stairs in the Elementary wing to ensure guests are welcome, get into the facility, and help them find where they need to go.

🕒 *Sundays, 9:30 - 9:50am*

9-4. Children's Choir Helpers

Assist with Children's Choir for Elementary age children.

🕒 *Wednesdays, 4:30 - 5:15pm (Fall, Winter, & Spring)*

9-5. Kid Connect Helpers

Assist with KidConnect activities for Pre-School and Elementary age children.

🕒 *Wednesdays, 3:00 - 4:30pm (Fall, Winter, & Spring)*

9-6. Decorators

Help us decorate for events like VBS, Easter Egg Hunt, or special parties.

🕒 *Varies*

9-7. VBS Volunteers

Assist with Vacation Bible School as a crew leader, greeter, decorator; or with snacks and registration. VBS work days also take place February–April at various times.

🕒 *2nd Week of June, 1 - 4 hours/day*

9-8. Nursery Volunteers

Join other volunteers and paid staff in spending time with babies on Sunday mornings, Wednesday Nights, and weekly gatherings as needed.

🕒 *1 - 2 Hours*

9-9. Chaperones

Help chaperone and drive for retreats, overnights, and field trips.

🕒 *Varies*

9-10. Creative Team

Help provide crafts for various activities, as well as decorate our bulletin board and hallway.

🕒 *Varies*

10. STUDENTS (6th - 12th)

Contact: Geoff Cook
GCook@FUMCPensacola.com

10-1. Sunday School Greeters

Meet students and welcome by name at the Youth Building.

🕒 *Sundays, 9:30 - 9:50am*

10-2. Small Group Leaders

Lead a small group of 8-12 people in discussions based on the message for the evening.

🕒 *Preparation Time & Sunday Evenings, 2 Hours*

10-3. Game Leaders

Prepare and lead games for Sunday Evening Youth.

🕒 *Preparation Time & Sunday Evenings, 2 Hours*

10-4. Youth Choir Helpers

Assist with Youth Choir (no choir experience needed, mostly just being another adult in the room).

🕒 *Sundays, 4:30 - 5:30pm (Fall, Winter, & Spring)*

10-5. Mid-High Week Volunteers

Help lead and chaperone Mid-High Week (middle school VBS).

🕒 *2nd Week of June, 4 Days, times vary*

10-6. Eggstravaganza Coordinator

Organize, recruit, cook eggs, and work with Youth Ministry for Annual Fall Kick Off the Sunday after school starts.

🕒 *4 - 6 Hours*

10-7. Food Volunteer

Get on the rotational schedule to prepare and serve breakfast during Sunday school or dinner for Sunday Night Youth.

🕒 *Sundays, 9:45am or 5:00pm*

10-8. Wilderness Trail Chaperone

Chaperone for summer trip and lead your hiking group on the Appalachian Trail in July and in small group throughout the year.

🕒 *10 days on trip, plus 2 - 3 hours per month*

10-9. Sr. High Progressive Dinner Volunteers

Open your home and make a meal for the senior high.

🕒 *2nd week in December*

11. OPERATIONS

Contact: Mici Kuba
MKuba@FUMCPensacola.com

11-1. Campus Gardener

Beautify the flower beds on campus seasonally with our Gardening Group.

🕒 *As available, seasonally*

11-2. Maintenance Support

Help around campus with various jobs such as painting, polishing, and other light duties.

🕒 *As available, 1 - 2 Hours*

11-3. Drivers

Drive groups for ministry off-campus events and trips. May be asked to drive a personal or church vehicle.

🕒 *As Needed, 2 - 4 Hours*

11-4. Organizers

Seasonally clean & organize Children's Ministry supply room, Resource Library, and Medical Closet.

🕒 *As Available*

11-5. Library Volunteers

Help maintain and organize our library resources, online catalogue, & historical archives.

🕒 *Wednesdays, 9:00am - Noon*