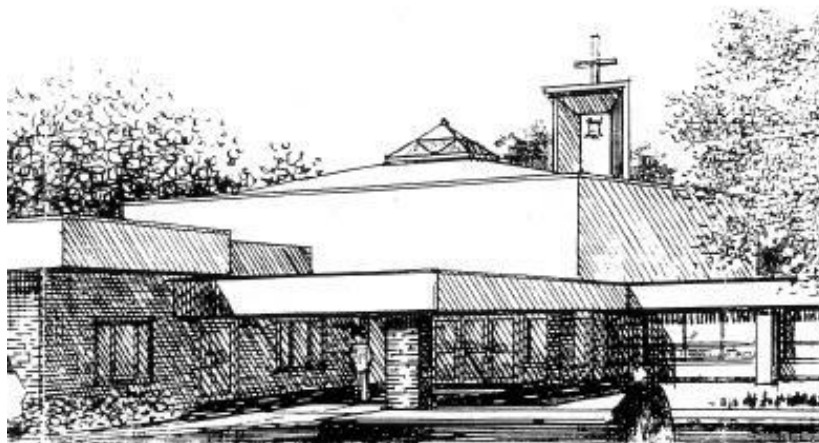


# How to Get Involved at GPC\*

*We welcome your gifts of  
presence, passion and treasure  
in support of our ministries.*



Many of these ministries offer opportunities to participate and to lead. If you are interested in learning more about any of them, please contact the folks listed or our Office Administrator, Karen Kozlowski at [office@gatespres.org](mailto:office@gatespres.org) or 247-5292.

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## **Mission/Outreach**

- St. Joe's Tuesday lunches (Tracy Burkovich)
- St. Joe's Saturday meal (quarterly) (Al Waugh)
- St. Joe's third Sunday lunch (on-site, monthly) (watch for Sign Up link via email when new dates are added)
- Fourth Saturday food ingathering (Mission team email)
- SWEM (Jody LaRose)
- Mission team membership (Mission team email)
- People's Pantry Food delivery (Tom Ward)
- SWEM Christmas baskets (Mission team email)
- Cameron Community Ministries Christmas gifts (Mission team email)
- Mission projects and trips (as announced)
- Collection of cans and bottles for deposit rebates (Mission team email)
- Weekend Food Ministry

## **Caring Ministries**

- Deacons team (still missing one deacon)
- Organizing social gatherings – ice cream truck, potluck meals
- Memorial service team (Irene Ward)
- Childcare back care provider (Dan Charcholla)
- Visiting
- Meal train
- Coffee hour
- Valet parking
- Prayer chain (Ginny Smith)

## **Music Ministry (Roy Smith)**

- Adult & Youth choir
- Instrumental music
- Solo offerings
- Providing special music – instrumental or vocal

## **Adult Formation (Laura)**

- Bible study – currently Tuesdays at 4pm
- Book studies – as announced
- Second Hour presentations – once off or series of discussions on various topics
- New member classes (as needed)

## **Managing our resources**

(time, talent, treasure)

- Elder – still spots open on Session (Laura)
- Generosity team

## **Worship Ministry**

- Liturgist, Greeter, Usher (Sheri MacFarlane)
- Children's sermon (Carrie Dykes)
- Communion server (must be ordained elder or deacon) (Sheri MacFarlane)
- Special worship service planning and leadership – retelling of books of the Bible (recently we have retold Jonah and Esther), special liturgies for Holy Week, children's Christmas pageant, children's celebration Sunday (Laura)
- Public worship team (Sheri MacFarlane)
- Seasonal decorating/undecorating the sanctuary (Sheri MacFarlane)

## **Children and Youth**

- Junior choir (Debbie White)
- Sunday school (Katie Steinmiller)
- Providing special music – instrumental or vocal (Roy Smith)
- Liturgist in regular Sunday worship (Sheri MacFarlane)
- Youth group gatherings (as announced)
- Presbytery wide offerings (as announced)
- Confirmation class (as needed)
- Mission or Camp experiences (as announced)
- Annual Coffee House (as announced)
- Christmas pageant (Katie Steinmiller)
- Children and Youth celebration Sunday (Katie Steinmiller)
- Service as youth deacon, youth elder or youth trustee (Laura)

## **Care of the building and grounds**

(Bill Dassero/Chris Thornton)

- Trustee team
- Mowing
- Gardening
- Building
- Budget
- Snow management
- Building use
- Building maintenance – light electrical and plumbing work, oversight of building projects (like roof, parking lot, brick sealing, plumbing etc.)

## **Starting your own ministry**

- Is God calling you to start a new ministry in the church? We want to listen with you. Please contact Pastor Laura. Let's talk about how to support what you are dreaming about doing with God.

## **Connecting with the wider community**

- Serve on presbytery teams such as... (Laura)
  - grants working group
  - racial justice working group
  - mission linkages working group
  - congregational learning day team
  - trustees
  - healthy congregations
  - collaborative youth ministry
  - Big Picture Team
  - Presbytery meeting delegate
- Volunteer with local partners, including...
  - ROCUbuntu ecumenical team – working together on issues affecting refugees, poverty, housing, incarceration, moral budget etc.
  - SWEM (Jody LaRose)
  - People's Pantry (Tom Ward)
  - St. Joe's (Laura)
  - YWCA (Tom Ward/Laura)
  - Cameron Community Ministries (mission team email)
  - Tutoring at local schools
  - New York State Council of Churches (Laura)
  - UR faith community (mission team email)