

The Happening

FEBRUARY 2024

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Unity: Unified Through Christ - (Young Adult Ministry)

Our group was formed in May 2023, after we graduated from high school. Most of us were previously active members of the UTC youth group, but after graduation, we realized that we couldn't continue with the youth group anymore. So, we decided to form Unity, our own young adult group. As close friends for almost a decade, we didn't want to lose our bond or fellowship. Unity has given us the chance to maintain our connection and comfortably begin our new journey as young adults.

We remain dedicated to our church and have been actively involved in various activities such as helping behind the coffee bar on Sunday mornings and fundraising for the FALLtoberfest in October. Our weekly meetings take place every Sunday, following the Contemporary service for our Bible lesson. Our goal is to create a community for young adults within our church where we can all grow in faith and support each other through life's challenges. Unity has become a safe haven for us to share our struggles and triumphs, and we are grateful for the opportunity to continue our spiritual journey together. We welcome new members who are searching for a place to belong and grow with us.

We are grateful to our church and the Missions Team for selecting us as February's Mission of the Month. With your generous support we will be able to expand our reach and impact, and help more young adults find a place where they feel accepted and supported. Our mission is to create a space where everyone feels heard, valued, and loved. With the funds from this Mission of the Month, we will be able to organize more events and provide resources for our members. We are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead of us and look forward to continuing our journey with Unity. Thank you for your support and belief in our mission. Together, we can create a more inclusive and supportive community for young adults within our church.

Scripture of the Month

"Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live! You can make this choice by loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him. This is the key to your life."

Deuteronomy 30:19-20a

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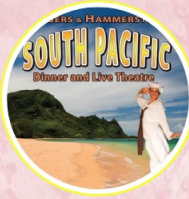


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Update on Salvation Army's Bell Ringing Campaign - Karen Ransbury



I would like to express my gratitude to all those who signed up and participated in the Salvation Army Tampa Command's bell-ringing campaign at Publix. Despite facing

inclement weather and colder temperatures, everyone persevered and contributed to raising funds for individuals in dire need.

Our bell-ringing began on November 25th and continued from Monday through Saturday, 10am to 6pm, for 25 days straight. We had a total of 79 workers who put in a collective 102 hours, with 18 individuals working more than once.

Together, we were able to collect an impressive \$15,186.11. I am extremely grateful for the efforts of all those involved in this initiative. Your contribution has made a significant difference in supporting the less fortunate members of our community. Well done!



**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH
10:30AM**

Beginning at 10:30AM there is an optional Round Table Discussion followed by a sit down luncheon at noon.

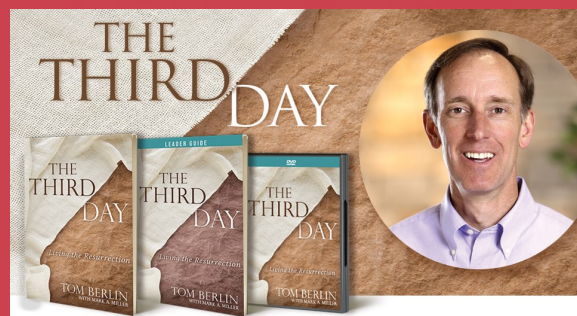
Guest Speaker: Annetter Burke Lytle

“Finding the Parents of Jacob S. Perry (1827-1914): The Research Process in Action at 10:30 am and Find Our Ancestors by Researching the Neighbors”

The cost is \$18.00 per person for the meal and the presentations. For reservations and meal choice contact Vicki at 360-608-1647. Make your check payable to SBGS, and mail it to South Bay Genealogical Society, PO Box 5202, Sun City Center, FL 33571

***Your check must be received by
February 8th, 2024***

Lenten Bible Study Starting Soon



STARTING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

A LENTEN BIBLE STUDY will be offered by Pastor Debbie beginning Monday, Feb. 12, 4:30 – 5:30 PM in Room 30, using Bishop Tom Berlin's latest book, *The Third Day*. This is a six-week Lenten study focusing on the experiences of several characters around Jesus during his final days, their despair at losing him, and the surprise and joy that awaits them in the Resurrection. Bishop Berlin explores the way that the resurrection of Jesus Christ profoundly changed the lives of those who followed him and how it can transform ours as well.

I hope you will want to come and learn how Jesus' resurrection offers us hope and the assurance that God is present not only in our brightest moments but also in our darkest hours.

Books are available now in the church office for \$10.

Walk to *Emmanuel* 72 Hour Journey

How to be a better disciple for Jesus.
15 different talks to grow closer to God.
Time for meditation.
Meals and transportation provided.

Women's Walk

April 4-7, 2024

Men's Walk

April 11-14, 2024

Registration Deadline: February 15th
For more information contact
Victoria Sorensen at
victoria@sccumc.com

SCCUMC Devotional Book: A Resource for Lenten Reflection and Spiritual Growth

The season of Lent is a special time for reflection and spiritual growth. As we prepare for Easter, it's important to take time to focus on our relationship with God and deepen our faith. That's why the staff of SCCUMC has put together a devotional book specifically for this season.

This devotion book is designed to guide you through each day of Lent, with inspiring reflections and prayers to help you connect with God. Each devotion was submitted by a member of our staff, with their unique insights and perspectives on our Lenten journey.

We hope that our devotional book will be a valuable resource for you during this special season. May it help you to deepen your faith, and draw closer to God as you prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The books will be available for free, although donations are appreciated. You can pick up your copy on Sunday mornings before or after service, starting February 11th.

The 'Happening' with UTC Youth

Our Under the Cross (UTC) Youth group is excited to be back in session after the holiday break and to start the New Year with a bang! We've got plenty of exciting activities and events planned for the upcoming months, and we can't wait to share them with our members.

From game nights and movie screenings to community service projects and outdoor adventures, our group has something for everyone. We're also diving into a new Bible lesson titled "Prayer" by Frances Chen which will help students learn how to pray, what they should pray for, and why it's important to communicate with God.

We're committed to creating a safe and inclusive space for all youth in our community, and we believe that diversity is a strength. Our primary objective this year is to promote respect and understanding among our members.

If you're interested in joining our UTC Youth group or know someone who would be, we'd be thrilled to have you! Our meetings are held every Monday from 6PM-8PM, and we're always looking for new friends. Whether you're seeking new friendships, fun activities, a relationship with God, or opportunities to give back to your community, our group is the perfect place to get involved. Come join us for unforgettable experiences and memories that will last a lifetime!



WORSHIP

-Jeff Jordan

Every time I think of you, I thank my God.
[Philippians 1:3 CEV].

Paul's words ring true for ME every time I think of my church! Yes, I love family and friends, but my church family (for the last 16 years, btw) has become the source of my strength and joy in the Lord! So, thank you, thank you!!

Now here's what's happening in Worship Arts this month...

With an early Easter on the horizon [March 31st], all our musical ensembles as well as those community groups that make UMCSCC their home, are scrambling to get prepared for that holiday season. The Chancel Choir has been rehearsing a wonderful Easter cantata based entirely on spirituals that you are sure to love. Our handbell ensembles are preparing for: (1) the upcoming Florida Handbell Festival; (2) Easter; and (3) a concert in April. Our praise and worship team, *Broken Together*, is preparing for a Shrove Tuesday (February 13th) concert that will follow a traditional pancake (and sausage!) dinner that evening. They are also preparing for the Easter season. Special thanks to our Worship Leader, Maria Leasure, who continues to help to bring so much to our contemporary offering both on the platform and off!

We also have a Memorial Service for Larry Gable on Friday, February 2nd at 2PM and a Wedding Ceremony (!) on Wednesday, February 14th. Some of you will remember Don Carr. His memorial service will be held at First UMC, Bradenton at 11AM on February 20th.

This IS the season, and I ask for your prayers for me and for Your Church Family! Finally, and once again, I love this church and this wonderfully supportive family of faith. Thank you for your never-ending love and encouragement!

Soli Deo Gloria

Children, Youth, & Young Adult

SHROVE TUESDAY *Fundraiser*

**Tuesday, February 13th
6:00pm - 7:30pm**

Are you curious about what Shrove Tuesday is? It's also referred to as Pancake Tuesday or Pancake Day, and it always occurs the day before Ash Wednesday. Join us as we celebrate this special day with good food and great company!

We invite you to a night of delicious pancakes, sausage, and cooked apples. Following the meal of our talented Praise Team, "Broken Together" will present a concert that you won't want to miss!

Tickets are available for purchase in the office at \$5 for children and \$10 for adults.

All proceeds go toward supporting our Children, Youth and Young Adult Ministries. Come experience fellowship and kick off the 40-day observance of Lent in a truly memorable way!



Live Entertainment by
Broken Together

OUR LENTEN SEASON
BEGINS



ASH WEDNESDAY

WORSHIP SERVICE

**FEBRUARY 14th
6:30PM**

**COME RECEIVE THE
IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

*Let us remember the love
of God that is poured out
through Christ Jesus on
the cross in His death;
and His defeat of death,
and resurrection that
brings
Eternal Life to you.*

Starting Sunday, February 11 you can pick up
your **FREE** Lenten Devotional Book created by
staff members of your church.

UPDATE: From the Disaster Response Team (DRT)

The DRT wishes to extend their gratitude and blessings to the congregation for their generous support through the Mission of the Month and throughout the year. In 2023, the team also received support through their recycle program, as 2440 pounds of aluminum cans (equivalent to approximately 80,000 cans) and 24,180 pounds of scrap metal (including 61 water heaters and other appliances) were collected, raising around \$3600. The prices of recycled materials are subject to yearly fluctuations. Special thanks to Earl Gall for overseeing this effort.

The DRT also engaged in several day trips to Ellenton to offer assistance to a couple who suffered damage to their mobile home from a storm. The project required the demolition, insulation, paneling, drywalling, and painting of the couple's home. The couple expressed their appreciation to the church for providing this assistance.

The DRT is hosting an Equipment Maintenance Manager training session on March 18, 2024, following the monthly DRT meeting.

If you're in need of some assistance with minor home projects, you'll be happy to know that 'His Helpers' are available to help! Simply head to the church office and sign up for their assistance. The process is easy and straightforward. Once you've submitted your request, a member of the team will be in touch to schedule a time that works for you. Don't let home projects overwhelm you; let His Helpers help you get the job done with ease!



The next meeting is scheduled for February 19 at 2:30 pm in room 19.

About the Disaster Response Team (DRT)

The Disaster Response Team (DRT) is a group of caring, friendly, and talented Christian volunteers from our church and surrounding areas. The DRT provides assistance to others within our local community and church with minor repairs and maintenance. We need people with various skills on our team, including workers with tool skills, cooks, organizers, administrators, and individuals to lend a caring presence. If you are interested in becoming an active member of our DRT, please register on our DRT email database at <http://eepurl.com/gew3MD>.

Nursery News! - Sharon Bennyhoff



It's time to put on your thinking caps, because every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:00, we're diving into a world of fun and discovery! Last week, we attempted to create ice columns and well, let's say the experiment didn't go as planned, but we're still stoked to learn and explore the amazing world God has blessed us with.



Hold onto your storybooks, because we've got some extra exciting news! The Nursery is hosting "Story Time @ The Center" every Thursday from 11:00 to 12:00. It's a weekly storytelling hour for families with kiddos aged 3 to 10. You'll be captivated by the tales and your little ones will gain pre-literacy, literacy and social-emotional skills.



Psst! Don't forget, the nursery is always open for your munchkins aged 3 months to 5 years during the 9:45AM and 11:00AM services. We know that attending church with young children can be challenging, but we want to make it as convenient as possible for you to worship with us. That's why we have a fully-staffed nursery available during our Sunday morning services. Our trained caregivers will provide a safe and nurturing environment for your little ones while you attend the service. We hope that by offering this service, we can help make your Sunday morning experience more enjoyable and stress-free.

Exciting New Vision and Leadership for the New Year - From Your Administrative Council

We are thrilled to announce that our Administrative Council meets on the last Tuesday of every month at 2:00 in Room 30 (except for January, when we meet in Room 11). We want to hear your thoughts, questions, and ideas as we navigate 2024 together. Our goal is to make this year one to remember, and with your input, we know we can achieve it. Please don't hesitate to reach out to any member of your administrative leadership to place an item on our agenda, contact information for each leader is available in the church office. Below are your key leaders:

- Staff Parish Relations: Paul Crosby
- Trustees: Diane Simon
- Ministries: Victoria Sorensen
- Finance: Jack Brooks
- Lay Leaders: Mark Turner and Cindy Schoonover
- Chair of Administrative Council: Linda Whitt

We hope to hear from you soon, and remember - God is blessing SCCUMC every day!



Join Our Team of Drivers

The Sun City Center United Methodist Church is deeply committed to the Meals on Wheels program. Throughout the month of April, we will be delivering meals to those who have signed up for the service in Kings Point and Sun City Center. Meal packages can be picked up at South Bay Hospital between 3:00pm and 3:15pm, and will be delivered to designated locations according to a route slip. Each route takes approximately one hour to complete. Deliveries are made seven days a week, and two sets of drivers are required from Monday to Friday, while one set is sufficient for both KP and SCC on weekends.

If you're interested in becoming a driver, please contact Karen Ransbury at 440-781-0887 or visit her in person for more information.

Introduction to Stewardship -Mike Schoonover

Pastors dread talking about stewardship, why? Because they don't want to appear as if they're prioritizing money over faith. However, stewardship is not solely about donating money. While faithful financial giving is a crucial aspect, it's just one part of the bigger picture. Paul says giving should not be done grudgingly but "each one must give as he has decided in his heart not reluctantly or under compulsion for God loves a cheerful giver."

What does Jesus say about giving, serving, tithing?

He mentions tithing 3 times, not commanding but teaching what tithing should not be. He tells us, "I have not come to be served but to serve." Just as we are all teachers and role models to others, we are stewards of all that God provides, both physical church and our spiritual church.

We thank God for all we have and who he puts in our path. We show our gratitude by caring for each other and being His hands in our home, our church, and our community. That's stewardship!

We are called to find the Christ in others and to be the Christ to others, to tell the good news, not just at Christmas and Easter, but throughout the year.

Discussions of budgets and financial business happen for a short time in the Fall. Stewardship is year-round and should be celebrated by recognizing our pledge, faith commitment, and ministry.

Throughout the year we will hear messages from people who attend SCCUMC on what the church and stewardship mean to them.

It is no accident that we find ourselves here at SCCUMC. God has a plan and we were part of it long before we knew. It's not a coincidence.

I know when Cindy and I travel, at the top of our list upon returning home is Sunday morning and being part of our church.

How do you see people within your church serving God as good stewards? In the choir or praise band, the parking team, at the coffee bar, disaster relief, decorating, arranging concerts and events? Preaching or serving on staff? Perhaps you've greeted and welcomed people or taken the collection. Maybe you served on a committee or visited someone's home or prayed for our church. These are all great examples of being a good servant and a good steward. I like to think that these actions make God smile.

Whether we park our cars or golf carts or get off a bus, when we come through the doors at our church, we are stewards of God's gifts, God's plan, and part of God's kingdom on earth.

May your 2024 be happy, healthy and blessed.

**Friday Night at the Movies
Presents:**

Bring a Friend,
Make a Friend,
Everything is Better
with Sprinkles

**ICE
Cream**

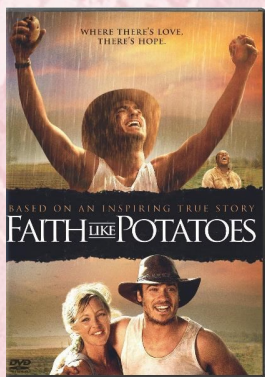
**Social
PARTY**

**FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 9TH**

4:30PM

**Friday Night
at the Movies**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH AT 6:00PM



Frank Rautenbach leads a strong cast as Angus Buchan, an African farmer of Scottish heritage, who leaves his farm to his loyal subjects in the midst of political unrest and racist Africans, and travels north with his family to start a another farming life in Central Africa. With nothing more than a mudhouse on a patch of mud, and help from

his foreman, Simeon Bhengu, the Buchan family struggles to settle in a new country. Faced with ever mounting challenges, hardships and personal turmoil, Angus quickly spirals down into a life consumed by anger, fear and destruction. Based on the inspiring true story by Angus Buchan the book was adapted for the big screen by Regardt van den Bergh and weaves together the moving life journey of a man who, like his potatoes, grows his faith, unseen until the harvest.

This is a free event for our community and church.

Light refreshments are available.

Doors open at 5:30PM.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH AT 8:00AM

Join us for Men's Breakfast led by Pastor Josh. Come be encouraged and challenged through God's word and enjoy a delicious meal together! This is a great opportunity for getting to know other men from your church family. We are always happy to welcome new faces and voices to this group!

This Month's Menu:

Biscuits and Sausage Gravy, Breakfast Potatoes, Apple Cinnamon Oats, Scrambled Eggs, Pepper Crusted Bacon, Sausage Links

Men's Breakfast is the third Thursday of each month. Cost is \$10.00. Sign up in the office by February 11th.



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH AT 10:00AM

We are looking forward to seeing all you wonderful ladies at our next brunch. Our program for this month will be one of our own, Carlyn Laurent, who will share with us the Life and Music of Mary Martin. Using her musical talent, Carlyn will share Mary's inspiring story about being a chicken farmer's daughter from Texas who became Peter Pan and captured America's heart, by recounting the memorable songs of her career. So, come tap your toes and sing along with this lighthearted, unforgettable music.

This Month's Menu:

Assorted Muffins, Scrambled Eggs, Hickory Smoke Bacon, Pork Sausage Links, Tater Tots, Fresh Fruit Salad

Ladies Brunch is the fourth Wednesday of each month. Cost is \$10.00.

Sign up in the office by February 25h.

Thank God It's Variety (T.G.I.V.)

-Larry Hirschak

The winter concert calendar is full of exciting events and Thank God It's Variety! The schedule for the month of February has a great mix of music and styles for your enjoyment.

Starting off the month on February 2nd is Keith Allyn with a "Neil Diamond Tribute". Allyn has been entertaining audiences for over 20 years and will be performing hits like *Hello Again*, *Sweet Caroline*, *Play Me*, *Song Sung Blue*, *Brother Love*, *Pretty Amazing Grace* and *America*. This show is designed and produced to appeal to everyone.

Whether you are a Neil Diamond fan, a Keith Allyn fan, or simply a fan of quality entertainment and showmanship, prepare to take a journey that will leave you amazed.

On Friday, February 16th, Sunday Drive will be making a much-requested return appearance to our sanctuary. What happens when you put the sounds and styles of Karen Carpenter, Ray Stevens and Randy Travis all on one stage? An Exciting / Fun night that you won't forget! Sunday Drive is a multiple Dove Award-nominated group from Knoxville, TN, composed of Jeff Treece and his wife, Misty, and brother, Dusty. The group is known for their smooth harmonies and Misty's rich, Karen Carpenter-style vocals. Their goal is to present a joyful and upbeat experience that uplifts and encourages, while taking the audience's mind off everyday life struggles. Whether singing secular or gospel songs in their concert, Sunday Drive strives to be a light to the world and to share the Good News of their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

On Sunday February 18th, you are encouraged to spend an afternoon enjoying another Rasmussen Artist Series event with the gifted talents of Angela Massey and Caroline Owens who make up the Astralis Chamber Ensemble. The Astralis Chamber Ensemble is an innovative and dynamic duo performing with much acclaim across the globe. Through creative programming and presentations on the works performed, Astralis aims to make classical music more accessible. These award-winning musicians represent decades of experience performing across many of the world's major venues. The Duo will be performing "Romanza" for Flute and Piano. This is a Valentine program sharing love stories and expressive works by Schumann, Rachmaninov and Reinecke.

Finally, on Friday, February 23rd, you can enjoy the outstanding Celtic sounds of The Sky Family. The Sky's Celtic Revival is a Christ-centered program full of high-energy Celtic fiddle music, dance, good humor and heart-warming inspiration. Originally from Prince Edward Island the family regularly attracts people from all over the country with their contagious rhythms and engaging program. With their unique blend of fast-paced Celtic music, humor and testimony, The Sky Family engages audiences from coast to coast with heartfelt worship and toe-tapping music. This should be an evening to remember!

As you can see, the month is a buffet of musical genres. Please come and enjoy!!

From the Ledger

-Bill Turner

At our church, we believe that faithfully serving God leads to blessings for our community and its ministries. We view tithing and offerings as an act of worship, obedience, celebration, and thanksgiving to the Lord. We encourage you to sign up for automated giving and would be happy to walk you through the steps to do this if you need assistance.

We're pleased to announce that in December, we received \$259,947, offset by \$149,171 in expenses. This leaves us with \$110,777 in income over expenses. Our year-to-date income is \$2,228,652, and our year-to-date expenses are \$2,493,306, resulting in a \$264,654 deficit through December.

We're also proud to announce that our mortgage balance is down to \$1,622,187 from \$1,814,706 as of January 1st, 2023.

To expedite the delivery of your year-end statements, please ensure that we have your correct email address in our system. If we don't have your email, we'll send you a statement via U.S. Mail. We appreciate your patience and grace as we work through this process.

From the bottom of our hearts, we extend our gratitude for your stewardship and faithfulness to our church and its ministries.

Vivacious Ministries with Victoria Sorensen

While we are already into the month of February of the New Year, I want to take a moment to share with you what our church ministries and our community accomplished in 2023. As you know, we hosted events and activities that allowed us to connect with our community and bring people to our church campus to experience the love of Christ.

Events such as our Community Back-to-School Fair, FALLtoberfest, the Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Madrigal Dinner, Sights and Sounds, Friday Night at the Movies, and our wonderful Concert Series, allowed us to not only serve our community but also provide a sense of belonging to a family.

I was so fortunate to connect with many community organizations, this past year, which some of you are members of, to help us take care of children, youth, young adults, families, and our senior population. As you know, it “takes a village” to take care of others and make a significant difference whether it is through your time, your talents, or your generous donations, every aspect of giving is critically important to “make a difference” in our community.

Listed below are a few of our behind-the-scenes accomplishments that changed lives in our community because of your contributions and the contributions of our community organizations:

- The Back-to-School Fair collected and provided backpacks, school supplies, socks, shoes, and pantry items to over two hundred families.
- The church fed over five hundred people, including the homeless, during our Thanksgiving Dinner .
- Monetary donations enabled us to purchase twenty-seven turkeys for Thanksgiving dinners for underserved families at the Lord’s Lighthouse in Wimauma.
- Individual members of the congregation donated books, toys, bedding, a sleeping bag, and hygiene items to help the local children and youth.
- Athletic clothing and underwear donated through our Angel Tree were distributed by church members to children and youth who attend seven schools in our community.
- Community members purchased Christmas gifts for seventy-five children at Thompson Elementary School who would not have received any otherwise.
- Community and congregational donations enabled us to purchase Christmas gifts, pantry food, pizza and cupcakes, and Christmas stockings for a Christmas Party which served over two hundred children and their families.
- Monetary donations totaling over \$800.00 purchased gift cards and food for several families including a family of seven and a family who has members in Hospice care.
- Teachers received gift baskets from our Friendship Circle to provide a pick-me-up for all they do for the children and youth in our schools.

As you can see, we served so many families, children, youth, and seniors in our community last year. By my rough estimate, over 1,000 families were provided for through your generosity, and the generosity of our community partners, whether it was through your monetary donations or your time.

I would be remiss if I did not mention a few of our community donors that helped with all these wonderful things last year. A special “Thank You” to The Michigan Club, Kings Point Pickle Ball Club, The Masonic Park and Youth Camp, and Gannon University for their contributions. In addition, I would like to thank the Friendship Circle, and all the members of our church family who made a difference not only to our church family but also those in our community.

In 2024, we will continue to do God’s work in the community as well as in our church family, but we need your help to continue our wonderful work. We are in need of people who are willing to answer the call to serve and help us make this year another successful one, by using your spiritual gifts and talents to serve not only the church but our community.

If you are interested in being a Servant Minister, please reach out to me by emailing me at victoria@sccumc.com, giving me a call, or filling out the form on the next page so we can find a way for you to serve our church community and those in need in our local community.

God Bless you in this new year !

Servant Minister Interest Form

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Preferred way to be contacted: Phone _____ Email _____

Best time to contact: Day _____ Evening _____

When are you available to serve? (Circle any that apply)

Monday AM PM

Tuesday AM PM

Wednesday AM PM

Thursday AM PM

Friday AM PM

Saturday AM PM

Sunday AM PM

Have you served before? Yes ____ No ____

Please describe how you have served?

Where do you feel God calling you? Please check any areas you are interested in serving.

- Administration Front Office (Answering Phones, Filing, 1st time visitor follow-up)
- Audio, Visual and Lighting
- Book Store
- Community Outreach (Examples: Alzheimer's Walk, Community Back-to-School, Health Days, 1st Responders,)
- Family Ministries (Children, Youth, Young Adult, Van Drivers)
- Greeters
- Hospitality: (kitchen support, luncheon support, Drive-thru lunches)
- Music (Choir, Bells, Praise Team)
- Pantry
- Parking Team
- Respite Ministry
- Spiritual Growth: Bible Studies
- Worship: Communion setup, Ushers, Memorial Services