



Find your place to

SERVE

Service Opportunities at Grand Lake United Methodist Church • 2020

Where are you called to SERVE?

"...Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Mark 10:43-45

Serving others was at the heart of Jesus' ministry and it is fundamental to the call of all who choose to follow Christ. At Grand Lake United Methodist Church, learning to serve is central to our mission, which is making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

As you flip through the following pages you will see a summary of the many ministries that make up Grand Lake Church. We believe that in this list there are opportunities for every person who is a part of Grand Lake UMC to find a place to serve!

So go ahead...check it out! Find *your* place to serve!

For questions or additional information, please contact the Grand Lake UMC church office at (419) 586-6621 or office@grandlakechurch.org.

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HOW TO GET STARTED:

When you find a ministry that interests you, or an area where you may feel called to serve, please simply fill out the "I Want to Serve!" interest form found inside the back cover of this Serve Magazine. Drop this in the offering plate during Sunday morning worship or drop it off in the church office...

...or fill out an interest form online at grandlakechurch.org/iwanttoserve.

COMMITTEES

Grand Lake UMC depends on several committees to help provide leadership for key areas of the church. Each year in the Fall the church elects members to fill spots on these committees. If you are interested in serving on one of these or feel like you have gifts that may align well with one of these teams, please indicate your interest and your name will be given to our nominating team for further consideration. See the following committee descriptions...

Finance Committee:

This team oversees all financial matters for the church and leads the budgeting process.

Administrative Council:

The Administrative Council has the highest level of governing authority in our local church. It is comprised of representatives from various committees and ministries.

Staff Parish Relations Committee:

This team functions like the Human Resources department for the church. They are responsible for caring for all matters relating to staffing and appointed clergy.

Scholarship Committee:

This team leads the process of distributing college scholarships through Grand Lake United Methodist Church.

Trustees:

This team handles all matters related to Grand Lake's buildings and property, as well as legal and insurance matters.

Trust Accounts Committee:

Trust Accounts manages funds and assets that have been given to Grand Lake UMC through memorial and other gifts for various ministry uses.

Lay Leadership Committee:

Lay Leadership is responsible to prayerfully discern nominations for all the elected positions and committees of the church.

AUDIO/VISUAL MINISTRY

Almost all of Grand Lake's programs and ministries utilize media and sound. If you like technology there are several teams that could use your help.

WAYS TO SERVE:

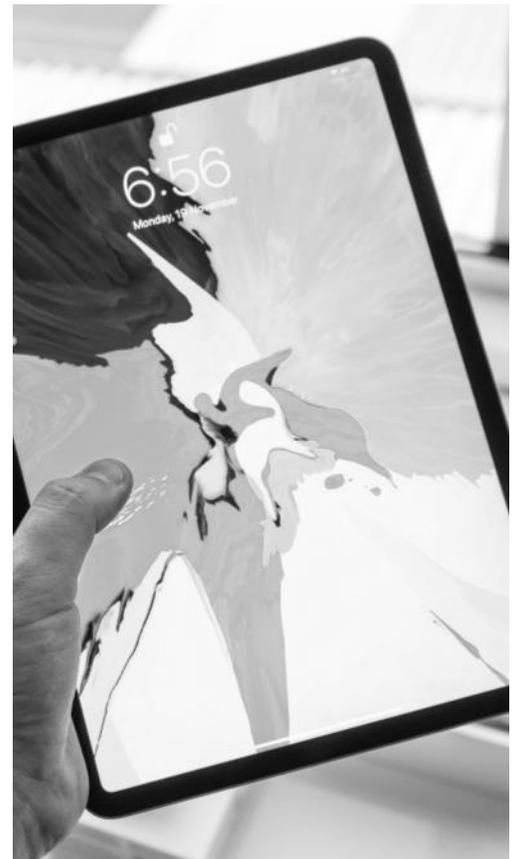
- Run the slides on Sunday mornings at either/both services.
- Run the camera on Sunday mornings that records the services.
- Get trained on our sound system and serve as a sound technician.

COMMUNICATIONS

With all that God is doing at Grand Lake United Methodist Church, communications is extremely important. We communicate through many means and there are many ways you can help!

WAYS TO SERVE:

- Serve as an office volunteer to help answer phones during staff meetings.
- Help prepare mailings.
- Help fold and mail the Tacklebox newsletter.
- Help with special projects, like assembling this Serve Magazine and the Grow Magazine!



HOSPITALITY

As a congregation, we want to offer radical hospitality and be the “Welcoming Face of Jesus!” At Grand Lake UMC we feel it is our responsibility to welcome and serve each person that walks through our door each Sunday! Training will be offered to all those serving in the following areas.

WAYS TO SERVE:

- Help with special hospitality events: dinners, potlucks, etc.
- Deliver or bake cookies for “First Time Visitor” Guest Bags.
- Be a Greeter for special occasions – Christmas Eve, Wednesday nights, Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Easter, etc.
- Help prepare refreshments for Sunday morning in St. Paul’s Fellowship Hall or in the Montezuma Commons.
- SP - Be a Greeter on Sunday mornings at the 9:00am Traditional Worship or 10:30am Contemporary Worship.
- SP - Usher – Pass out bulletins, help persons find a seat when needed and collect the offering at the 9:00am Traditional Worship or 10:30am Contemporary Worship.
- SP - Welcome Center – Assist visiting guests in the Lobby at the 9:00am Traditional Worship or 10:30am Contemporary Worship.
- MZ - Be a Greeter on Sunday mornings at the 9:30am Worship.
- MZ - Usher – Pass out bulletins, help persons find a seat when needed and collect the offering at the 9:30am Worship.

WORSHIP PLANNING

We have two key teams that help to shape our weekly worship and special worship experiences. If you like to think creatively and have a heart to worship God, you may be a candidate for one of our worship planning teams.

WAYS TO SERVE:

- Be a part of our Traditional Worship Planning Team.
- Be a part of our Contemporary Worship Planning Team.
- Help plan special worship events.

COMMUNION

The Lord’s Supper or Holy Communion is a sacrament of the United Methodist Church that recalls the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ through the bread and wine which symbolizes the body and blood of Christ. At Grand Lake UMC we celebrate this meal the first Sunday of each month.

WAYS TO SERVE:

- Help prepare the elements.
- SP - Help serve communion at St. Paul’s campus at either the 9:00am or 10:30am Worship.
- MZ - Help serve communion at Montezuma’s campus at the 9:30am Worship.

SANCTUS CHOIR

The Sanctus Choir is a group comprised of people who love to sing. The choir sings at the 9:00am Traditional Worship at St. Paul’s each Sunday, September-May, and for special occasions. The choir is always looking for singers to join the family! It is also able to use various instrumentalists to enhance the music.

WAYS TO SERVE:

- Join the Sanctus Choir.
- Join and/or lead the Handbell Choir.
- If you play an instrument, share your gifts during worship.
- Offer your sewing skills to help repair choir robes.



PRAISE BAND

The Praise Band is comprised of volunteer artists who offer their talents and gifts to the Lord by honoring Him through music. The band plays at the 9:30am Blended Worship at Montezuma and at the 10:30am Contemporary Worship at St. Paul’s. Above all else, we worship the Lord!

WAYS TO SERVE:

- Join the Praise Band (sing or play an instrument).
- Help with set-up and tear-down on Sunday mornings.



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PROJECT

MATTHEW 25 PROJECT

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.

- Matthew 25:35-36

At Grand Lake UMC, one of our core beliefs is that real faith leads to real action. As a church we want to do everything we can to help people serve Christ as they serve people.

We believe Jesus calls us to offer hope to all persons, especially the hurting, broken and those in need.

We also believe a healthy biblical community is committed to using the unique gifts of church members to facilitate all God-centered ministries. At Grand Lake UMC we have many ways for people to serve both within our church family and outside in a hurting world.

Check out some of the ways you can serve in the missions...

HARVEST TABLE

Harvest Table originated in April of 2010 and is our food ministry that offers free meals to anyone on Saturday mornings from 10:00am-12:00pm throughout the year. There are no income guidelines or restrictions; we simply offer a warm meal to anyone who walks through the doors of Grand Lake UMC. Harvest Table is located in the Fellowship Hall on the lowest level of our main church building.

WAYS TO SERVE:

- Cook and set up (arrive at 8:30am).
- Serve food (arrive at 9:30am).
- Offer hospitality, talk with guests, serve beverages, carry trays, and clear tables (arrive at 9:30am).
- Clean up (arrive at 10:30am).
- Donate items monthly.
- Just show up anytime! Anyone is welcome to serve even if it's for a short time!



CALL CAFÉ

Grand Lake UMC is partnering with CALL Café to help cook and serve dinners every three months at the Junior Fair Building at the Mercer County Fairgrounds, Celina. Doors open at 4:30pm and meal is served at 5:30pm.

WAYS TO SERVE:

- Donate salads or desserts on Tuesday dates.
- Cook and set-up (arrive 3:00pm).
- Serve food (arrive 5:30 – 7:00pm).



APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT

ASP provides one of the most rewarding structured service opportunities in the nation, bringing thousands of volunteers from around the country to rural Central Appalachia to repair homes for low-income families. After a few days of hard work repairing homes with ASP, your hands will grow a little tougher, your arms a little stronger, and your relationship with God a whole lot deeper. This is a chance to be the real hands of Christ and work to improve life for those who are in need by serving one week in the Summer. ASP offers a mission trip for Jr. and Sr. High students.

For information, contact Mark at 567-644-8348, Jerry at 419-733-4107 or the church office at 419-586-6621.

WAYS TO SERVE:

- Attend an ASP Mission Trip.



GOOD WORKS MISSION TRIP

Good Works offers a Community of Hope for those struggling with poverty in rural Appalachia, providing biblical hospitality through shelters, residential care, job experience programs, creative volunteer service opportunities and community development in the context of Christian Community.

The Good Works mission trip is a 36-hour mission project in Athens, OH. We leave Grand Lake UMC on Friday and upon arriving in Athens, OH we serve a meal to approximately 150 people who are in need. We spend the night at the Good Works facility and Saturday we are assigned to a work project. We invite you to come and be a part of this wonderful mission experience!

WAYS TO SERVE:

- Join us for the next trip in the Fall.
- Assist with preparation work for the trip.



INNER CITY MISSION TRIP

This is a mission trip that takes place in an Inner City in the United States. This mission team serves the homeless and hungry, and spends time in the designated urban city experiencing opportunities to pray for others and build new relationships with them. Prayerfully consider how you may be a part of this mission trip. Ages 14 and up.

For more information, please contact:
Tammy Barger 419-305-5238
Jessica Fisher 937-621-4131

WAYS TO SERVE:

- Attend an Inner City Mission Trip.



GLOBAL IMPACT CELEBRATION (GIC)

What is GIC? This is a 3-5 day annual event held at Grand Lake UMC in the Spring that will allow us to celebrate and walk alongside the many missionaries that Grand Lake UMC supports both financially and prayerfully. The GIC will "Activate" the power of missions by creating an awareness of our missionaries, an excitement of what our missionaries are doing, and the opportunity to participate in a mission area in which you are passionate!

WAYS TO SERVE:

- Be a part of the GIC planning committee.
- Get involved by helping or leading a specific area leading up to the GIC. (Hospitality, Audio/Visual, Missions Banquet, Outreach, Displays, etc.)
- Participate during the GIC.

G.R.O.W INTERNATIONAL

GROW home was started in 2009 to rescue abused children in Thailand, providing a safe place for them to live, grow, heal and hear about Christ. GROW also reaches out to the families through relationship building, parenting classes, and sharing the Gospel. Family members are coming to know Jesus as their personal Savior, and as a result, communities are being impacted.

WAYS TO SERVE:

- GROW welcomes teams and visitors to our campus with a variety of service opportunities. GLUMC will be sending a team on mission to GROW. Prayerfully consider being a part of this mission team.
- Stateside, GROW is looking for additional board members, grant writers, communication team members and more. Visit their website at grow-worldwide.com or contact Jeana Harley (Executive Director) at 330-465-9617 or jharley@grow-worldwide.com.

WGM / LARRY & ANGIE OVERHOLT – HONDURAS

Larry and Angie have been missionaries for over 25 years. They began serving underprivileged youth in Escuela El Sembrador. They then moved to Honduras to work in Hurricane Mitch relief efforts. Following the relief effort they began working in Community development and Church-planting. They have established ten churches, started a vocational school, opened the first Professional Technical Nursing High School in Honduras and most recently started a ministry outreach in the community of Apacilagua.

WAYS TO SERVE:

- There are opportunities to go on mission, donate supplies, or provide financial support. Contact Larry & Angie at larry.overholt@wgm.org or the GLUMC International team for more details.



WYCLIFFE / BRIAN & BETH SCHWARTZ – PHILIPPINES

Brian and Beth serve as missionaries providing quality Christian education to families in Christian ministry. Together they serve in many capacities including facility managers, interim business administrator, security officer, teacher of scripture engagement and helping to repair and rebuild homes that were devastated by flooding. Brian and Beth continue to distribute printed Bibles as they are able.

WAYS TO SERVE:

- Pray for the Schwartz Family
- Contact Brian_Schwartz@sil.org or the GLUMC International team for ways you can serve in this ministry.

CHRIST FAITH HOME FOR CHILDREN - INDIA

CFHC serves needy sections of India, especially abandoned babies, destitute children, and deserted women. CFHC meets the needs of the orphaned and abandoned children by showing the love of God by holding, feeding, educating, caring for and rescuing them from their circumstances.

WAYS TO SERVE:

- Pray for Christ Faith Home for Children
- Financial Support
- For more information contact: Sunitha Joe at sunithajoe@christfaithhome or the GLUMC International mission team.

FCA GRENADA- BEVIN STANISLAUS

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) is a Christian sports ministry to see the world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes. On the island of Grenada, Bevin Stanislaus has made a solid foundation for FCA and has already met with many schools, the Caribbean Sports organization and the Grenada minister of sports to open the doors to FCA across the country. He has started his first Huddles (youth group) in his hometown of Mt. Rich and the Grenada Christian Academy. There are already over 200 youths being touched by this ministry.

WAYS TO SERVE:

- Pray for Bevin and the youth
- Financial support and or donation of sports equipment
- There will be opportunities to serve on a mission trip. Contact the GLUMC International mission team for future mission trip dates.



ALEX & ELIZABETH MINIUM/ETHNOS360

Alex & Elizabeth Minium, along with their five children, are missionaries in the Philippines serving a remote area through helicopter support. The missionary teams depend on the Ethnos360 Aviation airplanes and helicopters to be the supply line for virtually everything they need. Alex has been trained to fly the Ethnos360 aircraft which provides: transportation, medicine, groceries, building supplies and office supplies, as well as an aircraft that shuttles children back and forth to school, brings work crews and medical teams to these remote areas, as well as providing lifesaving medevacs for missionaries and village folks alike. When disaster strikes, the Ethnos360 aircraft are sometimes the only ones positioned to provide relief flights in impenetrable regions.

WAYS TO SERVE:

- Pray for the Minium Family
- Financial Support
- For more information on how you can serve in this mission contact GLUMC International team.



REV. GLADSTONE - INDIA

Rev. Gladstone was called by God into the ministry in 1971. He began to serve as a missionary Evangelist with India Every Home Crusade. Rev. Gladstone has served in villages and slum churches and his desire is to win souls for Christ. He reaches the unreached and he trains young people to preach and plant churches.

WAYS TO SERVE:

- Pray for Rev. Gladstone
- For other ways to serve contact David & Sheila Undersingh at dsundersingh@gmail.com or Rev. Gladstone at Gladstone_rev@yahoo.com.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

OCC brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world by partnering with local churches and ministry partners to deliver gift-filled shoeboxes and the life-changing Good News of Jesus Christ and His love. Since 1993, more than 168 million shoeboxes have been delivered to children in need in more than 160 countries and have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child, a mission project of Samaritan's Purse.

WAYS TO SERVE:

- Pack a shoebox.
- Donate money to help with shipping boxes overseas.
- Host a packing party.
- Volunteer to work a shift at St. Paul's campus during national collection week.
- Pray for the collection sites and shoeboxes.



UGLY SLEEPING BAGS

Winters are harsh and a sleeping bag can mean the difference between life and death for less-fortunate individuals who are forced to sleep outside. At Grand Lake UMC we are committed to making sleeping bags to distribute to those in need.

WAYS TO SERVE:

- Donate your time: The blankets are tied together with yarn (no sewing experience necessary). A group meets the first Wednesday and the third Thursday of each month from 6:30-8:00pm in St. Paul's Fellowship Hall during the school year.



A CHILD'S HOPE

A Child's Hope was created to provide information and support to people looking into Foster Care and Adoption and those who are already going through the process. We also collaborate with Mercer and Allen County Child Care Services to provide items in need for foster families. Our annual event, Breah's Pajama Drive, is held in December.

WAYS TO SERVE:

- Assist with Breah's Pajama Drive.
- Donate pajamas, socks, underwear, diapers and wipes.



OTHER WAYS TO SERVE

Beyond these Grand Lake ministries, there are many other ways to serve in our community. Below are a few of the organizations, ministries or projects that we partner with in our community. Each of these ministries have multiple ways for servants to get involved. If you would like more information about any of these ministries, please contact the church office and we would be glad to connect you!

- CALL Food Pantry
- Angel Tree (provide gifts for local children at Christmas)
- OUR Home
- Shoes for Water through Water Step (a project led by St. John Lutheran Church that collects new and used shoes that help build water wells in developing countries)
- House of Hope
- Choosing Life Pregnancy Center
- KMH—Kingdom Harvest Ministry (Bible Release Program)
- Spirit & Truth—Pastor Matt Reynolds
- Time to Revive—Tiffany Williams

CAREPARTNERS

CarePartners is an amazing ministry in which willing and trained lay people offer intentional care to a designated family or individual in the church and/or community. This care is designed to build a personal relationship with those that are homebound or in the nursing homes, but not limited to this. This is a wonderful and rewarding way to share the love of Jesus with others.

WAYS TO SERVE:

- Become a CarePartner.

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Some CarePartners and other servants help Grand Lake UMC distribute Communion to persons from our church family who are unable to attend Worship at the church. This is a great way to extend the love of Christ to these important members of Grand Lake UMC!

WAYS TO SERVE:

- Volunteer to take Communion to folks that are homebound or living in a nursing home.

MEAL DELIVERY

Grand Lake UMC helps deliver meals on Wednesday evenings to people who cannot make it out to the church for dinner. You can help take a warm meal and show care to these folks!

WAYS TO SERVE:

- Deliver meals to those that are homebound.

FUNERAL MEALS

The United Methodist Women help lead this important care ministry that demonstrates love through food for families after a funeral or memorial service.

WAYS TO SERVE:

- Offer to make a dish for funeral meals.
- Help serve at funeral meals.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (BIRTH-6TH GRADE)

The vision of Grand Lake Kids is to partner with God and parents as each child discovers real hope for real life! If you would like more information about serving in the children's ministry please contact Pastor Matt Overman at 419-586-6621 or by email at moverman@grandlakechurch.org.

SP Sunday Opportunities (September-May):

- SP - Nursery servant – Help the Nursery staff for 1 hour on Sunday morning during Worship at 9:00am or 10:30am 4-6 times/year
- SP - Nursery Check-In Leader - Help check children into the Nursery from 10:00-10:30am 4-6 times/year
- SP - Class Room Leader/Assistant - Prepare and lead the provided lesson during 9:00am or 10:30am Worship 4-6 times/year
- SP - J.A.M. Leader/Assistant – Sunday mornings from 10:00-10:30am
- SP - Substitute – Lead a Sunday class as needed at either 9:00am or 10:30am.

SP Sunday Summer Opportunities:

- Summer Classes - Preschool - lead or assist with the preschool class June-August at either 9:00am or 10:30am
- Summer Classes - School age - lead or assist with the school age class June-August at either 9:00am or 10:30am

SP Wednesday Opportunities:

- Class leader/Helper – Wednesday nights September - May from 6:00-7:30pm
- Substitute Teacher – Lead a Wednesday night class as needed.
- Nursery Worker - Help the Nursery staff from 6:00-7:30pm on Wednesday nights September-May, 4-6 times/year

Vacation Bible School

- VBS is an important aspect of reaching people and helping them to discover Real Hope for Real Life in Jesus. Each Summer we have a team of 75-90 people from five different churches gather to minister to 200+ children. The Summer of 2020 is going to look and feel different, but we are convinced that *Jesus Power Pulls us Through*, and that is the theme of Rocky Railway At-Home VBS for 2020.

Other Opportunities:

- Puppet Team - Direct and coordinate a new puppet ministry. Conduct practices, develop a program and help it to grow.
- Children's Bell Choir - Direct and coordinate a new Children's Bell Choir. Conduct practices, develop a program and help it to grow.
- Real Life Moms - Provide supervision and activities for children, nursery & preschool, from 9:30-11:00am on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.



YOUTH MINISTRY (7TH-12TH GRADE)

Sunday Mornings:

Youth meet in the Greenhouse from 10:30-11:30am (during Contemporary Worship) for a lesson and a time for discussion, except the first Sunday of the month, where the Youth serve at St. Paul's at 10:00am and attend Worship.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Share a message
- Assist in the group discussion or activity

Wednesday Evenings Youth Group:

Every Wednesday starting at 6:00pm the Youth gather in the Greenhouse for announcements, games, snacks, worship, prayer, and a message. If you have a heart and passion for teenagers, this is definitely the place for you. There are so many different areas to serve in this ministry, including sharing a message and leading or planning a snack or game.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Share a message
- Leading a small group
- Leading games
- Providing snacks
- Transportation
- Hanging out with teenagers!!

Special Events:

As a Youth ministry, we are always planning the next event, so there are all kinds of ways to help out if you want to get involved!

- Provide Food
- Drive or chaperone
- Host

Young Adults:

- Host a group
- Host an event





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