

Music and Worship (Pt. 2)

Communion Preparation – Shelby Presbyterian Church celebrates the sacrament of communion as a congregation in the sanctuary about 11 times each year, and several times in smaller groups off site. Elders are charged with distributing communion in the service and the Pastor does the words of institution, but it is volunteers who ensure there is bread to break, juice to pour, and also bread and juice to distribute so that all may partake in the sacrament of our communal presence with Christ.

Altar Guild – Each week, the Altar guild sends a team into the sanctuary at Shelby Presbyterian Church to make sure the seasonal colors are correct, the candles are filled with oil, and the materials in the pews are in proper order.

Special Requirements: None. Love of liturgical tradition is a plus.



Flower Ministry – When no one has signed up to provide flowers, volunteers ensure we have flowers/plants on the back of the chancel. Often these are flowers harvested from personal gardens for the glory of God and joy of others.

Special Requirements: Flowers or plants (personal or wild) to share for Sundays, and/or a willingness to arrange them.

Fellowship

Group Activities – Part of becoming more closely knit as a church community is spending time with each other in environments outside of the church buildings. Volunteers are needed to develop and support more of these activities, whether it is bus trips, a return of the “Getabouts,” Mission Trips, Christmas Caroling events, or more.



as the building becomes host to more and more special events, many hands will be needed to make light work.

Wednesday Night Supper Programming – The Wednesday Night Supper program will resume in the fall and part of this weekly event has been lining up speakers and teachers to provide a program to go with the meal. This is an opportunity to share your knowledge by leading a program, or for members to help facilitate bringing in speakers of interest.

Special Requirements: A skill set or knowledge to share, or the willingness and interest in lining up and scheduling speakers.

Caring Ministries



Prayer Ministries – Shelby Presbyterian Church launched a weekly prayer ministry this year for the Lenten and Easter seasons. Praying in groups for the congregation, for individuals and our community, is essential to the health and productivity of a church. Consistent meetings of three or more persons to pray is essential to this ministry.

Special Requirements: A willingness to commit to prayer meetings.

Home Communion and Visitation – Some of your fellow Shelby Presbyterian Church members cannot make it to church and sometimes struggle to leave their home at all. To keep them connected, teams of two, with at least one being an ordained elder, visit these members to offer communion extended from the Lord’s Supper in the sanctuary.



Special Requirements: Every team of two must have at least one elder. To serve vulnerable persons, a background check is required.

Funeral Guild – The funeral guild provides support to the family of a church member in the form of assistance with a repass gathering after a memorial or other meals, if needed. Several teams that rotate this duty to ensure the grieving are comforted.

Special Requirements: None. Flexibility with time is an asset.

Prayer Shawl Ministry – When a person is sick, going through a new challenge, or when a baby is baptized, the Shelby Presbyterian Church Prayer Shawl Ministry is often called on to provide a hand-made prayer shawl, which has been prayed over in anticipation of someone in need of prayer receiving it.

Special Requirements: The ability to knit/crochet.

Support Ministries

Office Volunteers – The office at Shelby Presbyterian Church can be a busy place. Volunteers would be appreciated to help with certain office functions, including mailings, bulletins, newsletters, and even answering the phone. Volunteers would be trained to assist to cover vacations and other busy periods.

Special Requirements: None.

Property Maintenance – Many of the projects in and around the church could be done by using the skills found within our congregation for repair, painting, drywall, plumbing, electric, installations, and more. With the hiring of a new sexton, the church can embark on coordinating and carrying out some long-put-off projects to spruce up our facilities and make them more welcoming, comfortable, and engaging.



Volunteer Opportunities

Ministry Opportunities within Shelby Presbyterian Church

Missions

Outreach/Local Missions – In the 1980s, Shelby Presbyterian Church made a lasting impact in our community when its members, with church support, founded the Food Ministry, the Rainbow Connection, and the Life Enrichment Center. The Food Ministry and Rainbow Connection remain under SPC’s umbrella and within each, there are volunteer opportunities. However, the next great idea may be ready to jump to the forefront, whether it is something new, or the church’s active and visible involvement in existing community groups. Do you have ideas? Are you ready to just jump in, whatever the task may be?



Food Ministry – For nearly 40 years, Shelby Presbyterian Church has been on the frontline in feeding the hungry here in the city of Shelby and beyond through its Food Ministry. On Tuesday mornings from 9-10 a.m., the Food Ministry operates a food pantry stocked by donations from individuals and businesses, along with food secured through the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Special Requirements: None. Individuals with a van or pickup truck who would be able to pick up large donations during the week are needed most.

Soup Lunch – Weekly lunches prepared by volunteers and served in Ellis Hall have been a vital part of the Shelby Presbyterian Church food ministry. Unfortunately, this was shut down by the pandemic. However, during the COVID surges, volunteers cooked and delivered meals to the hospital for medical and support staff. Plans are underway to revive this program and resume weekly meals for our neighbors.



Special Requirements: Basic kitchen competence is needed. Strong cooking skills, especially for large numbers, is a plus.



Blood Drive Volunteer – Every other month (on the third Tuesday) at Shelby Presbyterian Church, members and individuals from the community drop in to donate blood in support of our community. To make this possible requires not only the beloved staff of the Red Cross, but also volunteers who set everything up, check people in, run the canteen, and clean up.

Discipleship for ALL Ages

Adult Sunday School Facilitator/Teacher – Every Sunday, Shelby Presbyterian Church offers religious education for adults at 9 a.m. Available classes include bible studies, book studies, and even support groups. Facilitators/Teachers are needed who would be willing to lead or participate in an existing class, or even take on leading a new class offering.

Special Requirements: A desire to share your faith and facilitate discussion in Sunday School.

Children’s Sunday School Teacher/Aid – Every Sunday, Shelby Presbyterian Church offers religious education for children at 9 a.m. before the service. Currently, the breakdown is three classes (Pre-K, K-2, 3-5), though this is adjusted based on the ages of the kids attending. Teachers receive a curriculum based on the lectionary readings for the day so the kids have a foundation for when they enter the church service. Every room should have two volunteers who are not related.



Special Requirements: A desire to share your faith by teaching young kids. A background check is required.

Youth Sunday School Teacher/Aid – Every Sunday, Shelby Presbyterian Church offers religious education for children from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Currently, the breakdown is two classes (6-8, 9 -12), though this is adjusted based on the ages of the kids attending. Teachers receive a curriculum to facilitate learning and discussion, so the youth are better engaged in their faith. Every room should have two volunteers who are not related.

Special Requirements: A desire to share your faith and an appreciation for youth. A background check is required.



Wednesday Nights are for Kids Leaders – Each week from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., children from K to 5 are invited to participate in Wednesday Night programming that includes games, learning about God through scripture, and participating in children’s choirs (bell/choral).

Special Requirements: An appreciation for children. A background check is required.

Youth Leaders – Each week the youth are invited to share a meal, conversation, and activities to build community with each other and cohesion in the church as they encounter God’s love for them. Youth programs are typically on Sunday nights during the school year, at different times during the week in the Summer, and even at people’s houses when they can host. Youth leaders would assist the Minister of Christian Education and Families, and even fill in as leader.



Special Requirements: An appreciation for young people. A background check is required.

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Music Ministries – Each week the Shelby Presbyterian Church leads our congregation in song. Additionally, members of the church formed a Bell Choir for Easter and will do so again in the fall for Christmas. Some members share their talents through traditional solos or contemporary offerings. If you have a musical talent, or interest, you are invited to share it with the church. Whether you have talents for traditional worship or you have an interest in contemporary music, let us know!



Special Requirements: A willingness to share your talent.

Lay Assistant/Liturgist – Each week, members of the congregation serve in the Worship service by leading Shelby Presbyterian Church in prayers and reading scripture. In addition, there is a need for online liturgists who would develop a more interactive experience online by facilitating conversations and sharing information from the bulletin in the comments section.

Special Requirements: A willingness to read in public for the Lay Assistant, and for the online Liturgist, a basic competency in social media.



Nursery – Shelby Presbyterian Church has long supplemented its nursery program with volunteers who ensure that we always have coverage of two unrelated adults or more watching over the youngest members of the church.

Special Requirements: Basic childcare competency. A background check is required.

Moments with Children – Each week at Shelby Presbyterian Church a special moment is carved out for a sermon directly to the youngest members of the church, some of which go to nursery afterward, while the others return to their seats with a basic foundation of what to listen for in the main message. This is typically done by the Minister of Christian Education and Families, but there is a desire to diversify the voices for the children and build more relationships.



Special Requirements: A desire to work with the pastoral staff to craft a message for the youngest in the church.

Sound Board and Video Technician – Each week volunteers are responsible for ensuring that the Shelby Presbyterian Church services are broadcast live to Facebook and YouTube. These volunteers set up and adjust microphones, along with camera angles and other aspects of the broadcast.

Special Requirements: A basic proficiency in using computers and applications.