



# Ways to Serve

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN MORRISTOWN

# BEFORE YOU BEGIN...

Take a moment to pause, breathe in, feel God's love surrounding you.

Now, exhale that love—let it flow outward as a blessing to others.

This simple act of breathing in and out reflects the rhythm of our faith: receiving God's boundless love and sharing it with the world.

At the heart of everything we do is worship—a sacred time where we gather to say “thank you” to God for all God has done. But worship doesn't end there. To truly live out our faith, we need to refill our spiritual cup by **drawing in God's love**, and then pour it out by **serving one another and our community**.

This booklet is designed to guide you in discovering ways to serve both within and beyond the walls of our church. You may find opportunities here that surprise you—ways to serve that you might not have considered before.

As you explore, we invite you to thoughtfully fill out the next page. Use it as a tool to prayerfully discern which service opportunities resonate most with you.



# WHAT SPEAKS TO YOU?

Circle or highlight the phrases below that speak to your heart.

May they help guide you toward service that aligns with your strengths, passions, and calling.

## SERVICE SETTING

Remote or behind-the-scenes

Individual or one-on-one

Small group (intimate and relational)

Big group (energetic and collaborative)

Flexible or independent

## FOCUS OF IMPACT

Supporting individuals in need

Building relationships

Serving children and youth

Caring for the elderly or homebound

Impacting the greater community

## PERSONAL STRENGTHS

Hospitality

Organization and Logistics

Teaching or Mentoring

Creative Expression

Hands-on Work

Advocacy and Outreach

## PERSONAL MOTIVATION

Sharing God's love and kindness

Feeling a deeper connection with others

Using and developing my unique talents

Growing in faith and spirituality

Bringing joy and encouragement to others

Helping bring about meaningful change

# WORSHIP

## ACOLYTES | YOUTH

Being an acolyte provides teens in grades 7 - 12 with an opportunity to fully participate in worship. Our Acolytes assist at the 10:00 am worship service, carrying the light of Christ into the Sanctuary before service, lighting the candles on the Communion table, and carrying the light out to the world at the end. Acolytes may receive the offering, offer prayer of dedication, or read the first scripture reading.

## DECORATIONS | ADULTS

Help decorate our sanctuary for Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Do you love decorating for the holidays, working with flowers, planning new ways to celebrate in our church? You could be a big help during the Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons as we prepare the Sanctuary for those special services.

## LAY READERS | YOUTH & ADULTS

As a Lay Reader, you'll have the opportunity to read Scripture passages aloud, leading the congregation in meaningful reflection and connection to God's message. No prior experience is necessary. This is a fulfilling way to deepen your faith while supporting our church community.

## LIVESTREAM TEAM | YOUTH & ADULTS

Bring our worship service to our online congregation. It's fun, it's easy, you can do it! For sound: you need to pay attention to who is speaking and push their mic button. For text overlay: you need to follow written directions to upload prepared slides; pay attention to the order of worship; click a computer arrow. For the camera: pay attention to what is going on during worship; plan ahead for the best camera to use, click on that camera's button.

## PEW MAINTENANCE | YOUTH & ADULTS

Spend about an hour once a month to straighten up our pews after worship. This can be done any day of the week at whatever time is convenient for the two-person team.

# WORSHIP

## WELCOME TEAM | ALL AGES

Is there a better way to get to know your fellow church goers than saying hello on a Sunday morning - *No!* Serving on the Welcome Team includes handing out bulletins, collecting the offering and retrieving attendance sheets after worship. It is a vital part of PCM's culture to demonstrate hospitality and many people join our church based on our friendliness.

# MUSIC

## CHANCEL CHOIR | ADULTS

A choir open to high school students and adults who seek to make excellent music in a safe space for all people. This choir leads services throughout the year and prepares major works with an orchestra.

## CHILDREN'S MUSIC | CHILDREN

Music is a common language that people all around the world can understand. At PCM, we love to sing and play instruments to express our joy and love for God. We invite your child to come and explore music with us!

## CHANCEL RINGERS | YOUTH & ADULTS

An adult handbell ensemble, ringing intermediate and advanced music. This group rings during services about five times per year and on Christmas Eve.

## RINGERS-ON-THE-GREEN | YOUTH

A youth handbell choir that regularly leads services throughout the year. These commitments include Christmas Eve. The group has varying levels of musical experience and ability and are committed to excellence in all they do. All middle school and high school aged students are always welcome to join and learn how to ring!

# OUTREACH

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACK DRIVE | ALL AGES

Join us as we partner with Table of Hope in their annual Backpack Drive to provide Morris County students with basic school supplies. Through donations and volunteer efforts, you can help students get off to a great start this fall!

## JAN'S CLOSET COMMUNITY CLOTHING BANK | ALL AGES

Jan's Closet, PCM's free community clothing bank, is open to the public twice a month with an assortment of new and gently used clothes for children and adults. We are thrilled to be able to provide this important outreach support to our community! Duties include sorting/folding clothing, greeting guests, packing bags, restocking seasonal items.

## NOURISH.NJ MEAL PREP | ADULTS

Help serve the Dover community by preparing nutritious meals at Nourish.NJ's state-of-the-art kitchen. Please join us in serving vulnerable neighbors, supporting a great nonprofit partner, and enjoying fellowship with PCM community members!

## LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS PROGRAM | ALL AGES

The Morris County Correctional Facility (MCCF) Christmas Gift Bag Program is a heartfelt outreach initiative supported by our church community every year. We invite you to join us in donating essential items to create gift bags for 350 individuals at the facility, helping to provide comfort and connection during the holiday season. Volunteers meet to assemble the gift bags and bake cookies for those who may feel forgotten.

# OUTREACH

## OPERATION LOVE | ALL AGES

Help spread some Christmas joy to Morris County families and senior citizens in our community! Every year, we look for volunteers to purchase gift cards, wrap gift boxes, and deliver gift bags to our neighbors, ensuring they are able to celebrating Christmas and the holidays.

## SPRING & FALL FOOD DRIVES | ALL AGES

Support our local nonprofit partners and help combat food insecurity by volunteering for the PCM Spring Food Drive. Take a PCM shift in front of a local grocery store to encourage shoppers to donate nonperishable food items. Your time will make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need.

## TABLE OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY | ADULTS

Join PCM volunteers at the Table of Hope Food Pantry, located at Bethel AME Church in Morristown, on the second Thursday of each month from 12:00–2:15 pm. Duties include sorting/bagging food, loading groceries, directing traffic, and cleanup. Volunteers of all abilities are welcome; pantry operates rain or shine.

## WINTER COAT DRIVE | ALL AGES

As the chilly days of winter approach, let's come together to ensure our neighbors stay warm! Your contributions will help provide warmth to those in need.

# CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

## CHILI COOKOFF | ALL AGES

Support our annual Chili Cook-Off by volunteering in a variety of ways! You can showcase your culinary skills by cooking a chili, helping to host or run the event, or assisting in gathering community partner auction items to make the event even more exciting. This is a fun and rewarding opportunity to bring our community together for a great cause, all while enjoying delicious food and lively competition.

## CONFIRMATION MENTORS | ADULTS

Make a lasting impact on our Confirmands' faith journeys! As a mentor, you'll guide, encourage, and support a student as they explore the foundations of their faith, helping them deepen their understanding and grow spiritually. This role is an incredible opportunity to build a meaningful relationship with a young person, share your experiences, and walk alongside them in their confirmation process.

## RISE MISSION TRIP | YOUTH & ADULTS

Members of our PCM high school youth and adult leaders serve with RISE for one week each year during the summer. Teams repair homes of residents in Appalachia (New York) who, because of financial or physical reasons, are unable to maintain their homes. During the evening, programs conducted by the RISE staff link the daytime work experience to scripture and the lives of RISE volunteers.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELPERS | YOUTH & ADULTS

This is an exciting opportunity to share God's love through fun, creative activities, songs, and stories. Whether you're leading crafts, guiding games, or helping with group activities, you'll have a blast while making a lasting impact on the faith of our children. Your energy and enthusiasm will help create an unforgettable experience that fosters growth, friendship, and spiritual exploration. Join us for a week full of laughter, learning, and service!



# ADULT MINISTRIES

## ADULT EDUCATION | ADULTS

Help make our weekly adult education gathering, Doughnuts and Theology, a success by volunteering in one of several important roles! You can bring doughnuts, make coffee, manage the sign-up sheet, or run the technology to ensure our sessions go smoothly. Each role is simple yet vital in creating a welcoming and enriching experience for everyone. We are also looking for volunteers to bring salad or dessert to our monthly Faith on Film movie night.

## LEAD A LENTEN OR ADVENT SMALL GROUP | ADULTS

Small groups are a wonderful way to deepen faith, build community, and explore the meaning of these sacred seasons together. As a leader, you'll guide meaningful discussions, foster connection, and help participants grow spiritually. No prior experience is necessary! Resources and support will be provided to ensure you feel equipped. Join us in creating a space for reflection and fellowship during these special times of the year!

## COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES | ALL AGES

Spread love and encouragement by helping to create care packages for our college students! These thoughtful packages remind them that their church family is thinking of them and cheering them on from afar. Volunteers are needed to gather supplies, assemble the packages, and add personal touches like notes of encouragement. This is a meaningful way to support our students during a busy & often stressful time in their lives.

## JOIN THE ART TEAM | ADULTS

As a volunteer, you'll assist with hanging art shows, organizing show details, and supporting the curation process. Your involvement will help create a welcoming environment where art and faith come together, providing a meaningful experience for all who attend. Whether you have a passion for art or simply enjoy helping behind the scenes, this is a wonderful opportunity to serve while celebrating creativity.

# CARE

## ANNUAL IN-REACH DAY | ALL AGES

Each year, volunteers come together to assist local homeowners with light chores, such as raking, pruning, moving small items, and more, while also enjoying time to visit and connect. Last year, 17 volunteers made a big difference in the lives of six homeowners, and we're excited to continue this tradition. Let's serve and build community together!

## PRAYER CHAIN | ADULTS

As a volunteer, you will receive prayer requests and dedicate time to lifting them up to God, offering hope and strength to those in need. This opportunity is perfect for anyone with a heart for prayer and a desire to intercede on behalf of others. Together, we can bring comfort and encouragement through the power of prayer.

## SAMARITANS | ADULTS

Our volunteers provide transportation to and from appointments for church members unable to drive themselves. Samaritan volunteers are also available for shopping; preparing and delivering occasional meals; help with accounting and filling out forms; and to sit with persons who need companionship or care for a few hours.

## SPRING HILLS WORSHIP SERVICE | ALL AGES

Bring hope and cheer to the residents of Spring Hills, our local assisted living facility! Volunteers of all ages are invited to help run a small worship service, sharing songs, prayers, and fellowship with our neighbors. This is a wonderful way to spread God's love, lift spirits, and make meaningful connections with members of our community who greatly appreciate your time and care.

# CARE

## STEPHEN MINISTERS | ADULTS

Stephen Ministry offers one-on-one Christian-based care and support to both congregation members and nonmembers. The Stephen Minister listens with care, attentiveness, respect and a nonjudgmental attitude. These caring relationships last as long as the need persists —perhaps only a month or two in the case of someone who is dealing with a temporary setback, or possibly a year or more when someone is going through a more significant crisis or transition.

## VISITATION TEAM | ADULTS

Join the PCM Visitation Team and make a meaningful impact by sharing your time with the PCM family. No special training is required — just bring kindness and willingness to sit, chat, and spend time together. This is a wonderful opportunity to build connections, offer encouragement, and bring joy to others through the simple gift of presence. Your visits can brighten someone's day and strengthen our community of faith.

## WRITE SEASONAL CARDS TO COMMUNITY | ALL AGES

This volunteer opportunity is open to all ages, making it a wonderful way for families, individuals, and groups to come together and brighten someone's day. Simply write a heartfelt message, sharing words of encouragement and holiday cheer, and help bring a smile to our local friends. Whether you're young or young at heart, your kindness will make a meaningful impact and show our Spring Hills Assisted Living neighbors that they are loved and remembered.

# COMMUNITY AND MEMBERSHIP

## ALL CHURCH DINNER | YOUTH & ADULTS

Volunteer to host and cook for our monthly All-Church Dinner and be part of a warm, welcoming community experience! You'll have support every step of the way—whether it's planning the meal, prepping the food, or setting up. This is an easy and enjoyable way to serve, and your efforts will bring people together for a time of fellowship and good food.

## CONNECTION AMBASSADOR | ADULTS

Your role will involve connecting with members of the PCM Family, learning more about their lives, and extending a warm invitation to participate in church events and activities. This is a simple but impactful opportunity to strengthen our congregation and help others feel connected to the life of our church.

## FELLOWSHIP EVENT VOLUNTEER | ALL AGES

Supporting a variety of events throughout the year, you will help to create a welcoming and joyful atmosphere for our church community. Your tasks could include bringing food for small group potlucks, making popcorn for Movie Nights, preparing cocoa for Cocoa and Carols, cooking for our monthly Fellowship Luncheons, or assisting with hosting our Fall Kick-Off. Your support will help make each event memorable and meaningful for all who attend!

## HOST FELLOWSHIP HOUR | ALL AGES

As a host, you'll provide light refreshments, set up, and encourage meaningful conversations among attendees after worship concludes. It's a simple yet impactful way to build relationships, foster community, and share the joy of fellowship. Whether you're organizing snacks, brewing coffee, or just ensuring everyone feels at home, your hospitality will help strengthen the bonds of our church family!

# COMMUNITY AND MEMBERSHIP

## HOST PROSPECTIVE MEMBER LUNCHESES | YOUTH & ADULTS

As a volunteer, you'll play a key role in ensuring new visitors feel comfortable and connected to our church family. Your welcoming presence, along with assisting with meal setup and guiding guests through the event, will create a friendly atmosphere where prospective members can learn more about our community and find their place in it.

## ONLINE WORSHIP CHAT HOST | ADULTS

You will serve as a welcoming presence for those attending worship remotely. Your role includes greeting online worshippers, sharing the Peace of Christ, and answering any questions they may have during the service, just as you would in person. You'll help create a sense of connection and community for those participating virtually, ensuring they feel included and supported. This volunteer role can be done from the comfort of your home and is an excellent way to engage with our church family, no matter where they are!

# BUILDING AND GROUNDS

## EVENT RELATIONSHIP MANAGERS | ADULTS

Act as a relationship manager representing PCM at larger on-site events, hosted by external organizations; engage and collaborate with both staff and external partners to ensure seamless interactions.

## LIBRARY MAINTENANCE | ADULTS

Did you know that PCM has its own library at the Parish House? Join our volunteer team to help with ordering and organizing books and magazines, as well as processing new arrivals to be placed on the shelves. We hold monthly meetings to collaborate, share ideas, and stay connected

## PROPERTY MAINTENANCE | ADULTS

Volunteers will assist with a variety of tasks, including planting flowers, trimming bushes, weeding, and maintaining the overall cleanliness and appearance of our outdoor spaces. Whether you have a green thumb or just enjoy lending a hand, your help will make a big difference!

# FINANCE

## AUDITING TEAM | ADULTS

Would you like to see the church's finances up close? No need for a financial background to be one of our volunteer church auditors. We make it easy for you with step by step instructions and checklists to guide you. Also this project is self-guided and you can do it on your own time.

## COMMEMORATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE | ADULTS

Share your ideas and thoughts with the Commemorative Subcommittee on meaningful uses of donated Commemorative funds to benefit various age and interest groups within the PCM church family, consistent with commemorative giving objectives.

## GRANT SUBCOMMITTEE | ADULTS

Lighten the load for church finances - research grant opportunities and write proposals for grant awards. All it takes is a computer!

# MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

## STAFF SUPPORT | ALL AGES

Our staff is the core of the PCM family. Show them some love. Say THANK YOU. Ask how their day/week is going. Ask if you can be of help. The staff and congregation of PCM work together in ministry of each other and our community.

# WHAT IS YOUR “PLUS TWO?”

There is power in the written word. Now that you’ve taken some time to explore the many ways to serve our community, within and beyond the walls of our church, what is your “plus two?” Fill it out below.

WORSHIP  
+ 2

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How do you plan to  
breathe in God’s love?

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breathe out God’s love?

**SIGN UP AT [PCMORRISTOWN.ORG/START](https://pcmorristoryn.org/start)**

SO, WHAT’S NEXT?

We invite you to take the next step by signing up to breathe out God’s love.

Visit [pcmorristoryn.org/start](https://pcmorristoryn.org/start) and select the service opportunity that resonates most with you. Once you’ve made your choice, we’ll handle the rest! We will connect you with the right people and resources to help you get started. It’s that simple—just one click to begin sharing God’s love in a meaningful way.

