

Spiritual Gift Offering

“Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed... there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.”

So wrote the Apostle Paul to the church and about the church (1 Corinthians 12). He added that each one of us in the church is given gifts of the Spirit to use for the common good. It is true! God has given us gifts to use. We have seen them in each other. “Spiritual gifts” put in us by the Spirit. Some are recognized and well used. Other spiritual gifts are waiting to be identified and brought out. But they are there within, ready to be claimed in the life of the church for the glory of God.

The **Spiritual Gift Offering** is just what it says: an invitation for each of us to offer to Christ Church the *spiritual gifts* that we have in us. Or that others see in us. Then we will continue to seek ways to put each other’s gifts into practice, strengthening the church’s mission and ministry.

Please read through and prayerfully consider how your Spiritual Gifts can be used at Christ Church. Place a check mark on the lines beside each choice. If there are more than one in your family, *put first names or initials* beside your choice. Please bring this list to worship on **Sunday, May 10**, or mail it to/drop off in the church office the week of May 11.

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The Gift of Administration

“And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues.” (1 Corinthians 12:28)

_____ **Elder:** assist and support pastor in the spiritual affairs of the church; attend Spiritual Council and Consistory meetings once a month.

_____ **Deacon:** serve on Consistory, leadership in stewardship, securing funds, mission of the church, trustee role; attend Consistory meeting once a month.

_____ **EOA Delegate:** represent us at Eastern Ohio Association meetings.

_____ **Ohio Conference Delegate:** represent us at Ohio Conference annual meeting.

The Gift of Artistry

“Let them praise his name with dancing...” (Psalm 149:3a)

_____ **Drama in Worship:** participate in skits during worship or on special occasions.

_____ **Living Nativity:** portray a person from the nativity scene during Orrville’s “Home for the Holidays” celebration. No speaking parts, and just a twenty minute shift the Friday after Thanksgiving.

The Gift of Hospitality

“Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.” (Romans 12:13)

_____ **Greeter:** welcome worshipers on Sunday mornings.

_____ **Usher:** assist worshipers on Sunday mornings. Pass out bulletins, gather prayer cards and offering during worship, and tidy up the pews following the service.

_____ **Usher for Funerals:** assist guests, pass out bulletins during memorial services.

_____ **Host:** greet and welcome parishioners before the worship service, specifically visitors.

_____ **Funeral Dinners:** provide food or assist a crew with preparing and serving a funeral meal for families at their time of loss.

_____ **Coffee Hour:** provide refreshments for coffee hour (2nd Sunday of the month) on an as needed basis.

_____ **Fellowship Committee member:** help plan/coordinate special events (Ice Cream Social, Cookie Carry-In, Daughters Event, Third Sunday Potlucks, etc.)

The Gift of Leadership

“...the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver in generosity; the leader in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.” (Romans 12:8)

_____ **Liturgist:** assist in leading worship; read Scripture

_____ **Acolyte:** light/extinguish candles on the altar (third graders on up)

_____ **Worship Committee member:** work with pastor to plan worship setting, music, leadership and special services (Hanging of the Greens, Maundy Thursday, etc). Members also schedule liturgists, ushers, and greeters, as well as Brenn-Field services and special music during the summer months.

_____ **Mission Committee member:** oversee mission teams (Disaster Relief, Habitat for Humanity, Miller Ave., etc.) and projects; connect members to service opportunities; interpret UCC wider mission.

_____ **CCCNS Board Member:** oversee and support preschool program and teachers

- _____ **Stewardship Ministry Team member:** prepare and set church budget; lead annual stewardship campaign; help create and publish annual Mission Plan book.
- _____ **Youth Ministry Team member:** work with Youth Coordinator in youth ministry programs.
- _____ **Youth Ministries Council:** serve on committee which works directly with the Youth Coordinator to oversee aspects of the Youth Ministry Program.
- _____ **Christian Education Committee member:** work with Christian Ed. Coordinator to oversee aspects of CE ministry; help with curriculum, CE events, etc. Meet 4th Monday of every other month.
- _____ **Policy and Personnel Committee member:** work with committee to oversee church employees.
- _____ **Pastoral Relations Committee member:** support pastor and family and interpret and mediate any problems between pastor and congregation.
- _____ **Green Team Member:** help educate the congregation on environmental issues involving the church; learn how to care for God's creation.
- _____ **OIC Committee Member:** (Outreach, Identity & Communication). Interpreting Christ Church to the community and inviting others into the church.

The Gift of Mercy

“Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers? He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.” (Luke 10:36-37)

- _____ **Healing Service leadership:** use gifts of healing and compassion to help lead and plan monthly service (meets on 4th Monday of each month, planning on rotating schedule).
- _____ **Prayer Chain:** pray for urgent needs of members and others; receive weekly updates via e-mail or phone call.
- _____ **ICU Team member:** join an “Intentional Caring Unit.” Make phone calls, visits, write notes/cards to Christ Church family members in times of grief, hospitalization, bereavement, and celebration. Teams rotate throughout the year.
- _____ **Merry Cooks:** prepare one part of a meal for church members in times of emergency, hospitalization, new baby, etc.
- _____ **Provide Transportation to Worship:** pick up/drop off, and assist church members to and from worship on Sunday mornings.
- _____ **Provide Transportation to Appointments:** transport church members to and from medical appointments, etc.
- _____ **Deaconesses:** deliver CD's, bulletins, and DVD's to homebound and those in nursing homes.
- _____ **Parish Nurse:** help check blood pressures on the first Sunday of the month; be on-call for church members to ask questions on a rotating basis.

The Gift of Music

“Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud crashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! (Psalm 150:3-6)

- _____ **Chancel Choir:** adults and youth of all ages, rehearse at 7:30 on Wednesday evenings, September-May.
- _____ **Carol Choir:** grades K-6, rehearse Wednesdays at 6:30-7:15.
- _____ **Bell Choir:** hand bells, adults and youth age 12 and older, rehearse Wednesdays at 6:30.

- _____ **Youth Choir:** grades 6-12, rehearse as needed.
- _____ **Instrumental Groups:** all instruments, rehearse as needed, youth and adults.
- _____ **Special Music:** vocal/instrumental on special occasions or for summer worship.
- _____ **Contemporary Choir:** all enthusiastic ages and voices, rehearse periodically throughout the year.

The Gift of Service

- “Love the Lord with all your heart and soul and mind. And love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matthew 22)*
- _____ **Sound Technician:** operate sound system during worship, weddings, funerals.
 - _____ **Nursery Care Team:** care for children ages 1-K in the nursery during worship.
 - _____ **Emergency/Special Events Babysitter:** as needed during special services/events at church.
 - _____ **Kid’s Club Kitchen Crew:** help prepare/clean-up dinner for Kid’s Club participants on Wednesday evenings, October-March.
- Office Help:** as needed to assist the secretary
- _____ answer phone
 - _____ fold bulletins (10:30 a.m. on Friday mornings)
 - _____ fold newsletters (9:00 a.m., last Thursday of the month)
- _____ **Substitute Custodian**
- _____ **Mission Trip Participant:** youth, adult, or intergenerational.

The Gift of Skilled Crafts

“...and I have filled him with divine spirit, with ability, intelligence, and knowledge in every kind of craft, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood in every kind of craft.” (Exodus 31:3-5)

- _____ **Building Maintenance:** help with upkeep of our property; electrical work, plumbing, carpentry, etc.
- _____ **Ground Maintenance:** help with upkeep of our property; maintain flowers/shrubs, lawn mowing, etc.
- _____ **Technology Committee member:** work with the committee on technological aspects of church.

The Gift of Teaching

“Go and make disciples of all nations...” (Matthew 28:19)

- _____ **Lead Children’s Time:** on as needed basis; mostly when we have a substitute pastor.
- _____ **Sunday School Teacher:** lead or co-teach a Sunday school class for preschoolers through adults.
- _____ **Vacation Bible School:** coordinate, teach, help, or provide music for Vacation Bible School. Runs for 4 days during summer.