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**Frequently Asked Questions:**

**How long is my commitment?**

Six months...until August 2022.

**When does the new season of**

**volunteers start?** Sunday, February 6.

**Do I have to be a member to serve?** No.

Some ministry teams require background checks or auditions, but everyone is welcomed.

**What about children and youth?**

Children will find age-appropriate ways to serve in their ministry area, but all youth (6<sup>th</sup> grade and older) are invited to join adult ministry teams.

**Can I sign up for more than one team?**

Yes. It all depends on your ability and availability. But don't sign up for too many teams and become overwhelmed by your new schedule. Stay healthy.

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Sign up online at [roystonfirstumc.org](http://roystonfirstumc.org) before February 1 or visit [www.facebook.com/roystonfirstumc](https://www.facebook.com/roystonfirstumc) anytime!

You can also sign up on January 30 at the 2022 Ministry Expo. Simply stop by the table and sign up to serve in the ministry area of your choice. Additional information will be available at the Ministry Expo.

## **WORSHIP**

**Host Team- Julie Lewis / 1southernjulie@gmail.com (9 AM)**

**Matt Parker / matt@roystonfirstumc.org (11 AM)**

Join a team of people who get to create a welcoming environment for those who attend worship. Help set the tone each Sunday. Join in roles such as greeting, handing out Worship Bulletins, guiding folks in from the parking lot, and sharing a welcome gift. Helpers are assigned to a rotation and asked to work only one Sunday per month. *Serve at least once per month on a regular rotating schedule.*

**Worship Set Up (9 AM)- Amy Skelton / skeltonma@gmail.com**

This group works to help manage the sacred space on Sunday mornings for our contemporary worship service. Before each service, a team member will prep the room (including Sacraments), help with decorations, and work with others to enable the service to run smoothly. *Serve at least once per month on a regular rotating schedule and as needed for special events.*

**Altar Guild (11 AM)- Linda McCarthy / linda1here@gmail.com**

This group works to help manage the sacred space on Sunday mornings for our traditional worship service. Before each service, a team member will prep the room (including Sacraments), help with decorations, and work with others to enable the service to run smoothly. *Serve monthly on a rotating schedule and as needed for special events.*

**Media Team- John Laird / johnlaird1999@gmail.com (9 AM)**

**Matt Parker / matt@roystonfirstumc.org (11 AM)**

This team brings worship to life by managing the sound, lights, and screen content during worship. There are three roles for each service – operating the sound board, controlling the lighting, and using a program to display media on the screen (contemporary service only). Training will occur to give you all the help you need. Prior experience is not needed, just a general comfort level with technology. Serve at contemporary and/or traditional worship services. The goal is to schedule you to serve at the style of worship you usually attend. *Serve at least once per month on a regular rotating schedule and as needed for special events.*

**Chancel Choir- Rachel Fleeman / rachel@roystonfirstumc.org**

Sing in the choir at the 11:00 worship service and special services, as necessary. Attend weekly choir rehearsal on Wednesday evenings. *Serve weekly and as available.*

**Handbell Choir- Rachel Fleeman / rachel@roystonfirstumc.org**

Be a ringer! Help with the choir at selected special services and periodically throughout the year in Sunday morning worship. Attend scheduled rehearsals. *Serve weekly and as available.*

**Praise Band- Rachel Fleeman / rachel@roystonfirstumc.org**

**Amy Skelton / skeltonma@gmail.com**

If you play an instrument and/or sing with excellence and love the idea of serving God with your gifts as you lead God's people in worship, then sign up to be a part of our band. Auditions will be held, striving to create a spiritually strong, consistent group who works well together, takes the responsibility seriously and sounds awesome! *Serve as available and needed on a weekly basis. Signing up here will begin the audition process.*

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

### **Nursery Helper – Heather Woods / [heather@roystonfirstumc.org](mailto:heather@roystonfirstumc.org)**

Take the best possible care of our most precious Sunday attenders and their parents. Love to hold babies and see the bright light in young minds and hearts? Join in. *Serve on a regular rotating schedule. Background check required.*

### **Sunday School Helper- Heather Woods / [heather@roystonfirstumc.org](mailto:heather@roystonfirstumc.org)**

Help teach children about an active relationship with Jesus Christ using a prepared lesson and materials. Ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Helpers serve during 10 AM Sunday School hour. *Serve on a regular rotating schedule. Background check required.*

### **Kids' Church Helper- Heather Woods / [heather@roystonfirstumc.org](mailto:heather@roystonfirstumc.org)**

Assist with our children's worship experience using a prepared lesson and materials. Ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Helpers serve during either our 9 AM and 11 AM worship services. *Serve on a rotational basis – usually one per month – at 9 AM and/or 11 AM. Background check required.*

### **Wednesday Night Wild Helper- Heather Woods / [heather@roystonfirstumc.org](mailto:heather@roystonfirstumc.org)**

Assist in small groups of children's programming. Work with children as they do hands on activities to help learn a heart for God. Ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Helpers serve on Wednesday evenings from 5:45-7:45 PM. *Serve weekly for a semester (about 18 weeks). Background check required.*

### **Special Events Helper- Heather Woods / [heather@roystonfirstumc.org](mailto:heather@roystonfirstumc.org)**

Assist with special events throughout the year (Easter Egg Hunt, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Harvest Fest, etc). *Time varies. Background check required.*

### **Vacation Bible School Helper- Heather Woods / [heather@roystonfirstumc.org](mailto:heather@roystonfirstumc.org)**

Assist with Vacation Bible School from June 26-30, 2022. Several types of roles available including acting, small group shepherd, crafts, games, registration, and more. *Time varies. Background check required.*

### **Preschool Reader- Erin Dove / [preschool@roystonfirstumc.org](mailto:preschool@roystonfirstumc.org)**

Read a book to our preschool students during the week. Reading times will need to be scheduled with the teacher. *Time varies. Background check required.*

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

### **Prepare a Meal for Wednesday Night- Matt Parker / matt@roystonfirstumc.org**

Prepare and serve a meal for youth on a Wednesday night. Schedule and suggested meals provided. *Serve on a rotation basis.*

### **THRIVE Breakout Group Leader- Matt Parker / matt@roystonfirstumc.org**

Serve as a small group leader on Wednesday nights for youth in grades 6-12. You will be provided a curriculum and facilitators guide. *Serve weekly for a semester (about 18 weeks). Background check required.*

### **Sunday School Helper- Matt Parker / matt@roystonfirstumc.org**

Help teach youth (grades 6-12) about an active relationship with Jesus Christ using a prepared lesson and materials. Helpers serve during 10 AM Sunday School hour. *Serve on a regular rotating schedule. Background check required.*

### **Special Events Helper- Matt Parker / matt@roystonfirstumc.org**

Assist with special events throughout the year (Pancake Supper, retreats, mission trips, summer events, etc). *Time varies. Background check required.*

### **Drive/Chaperone for Youth Outings- Matt Parker / matt@roystonfirstumc.org**

Drive and/or chaperone youth for special outings, events, and retreats. *Serve as needed. Background check required. Drivers must have a clean driving record.*

## **ADULT MINISTRY**

### **Sunday School Facilitator- Julie Ridgway / jridgway1953@gmail.com**

Sunday School classes are opportunities for adults to grow in their understanding of God and how God works in our lives. Leaders help to facilitate discussion based on an approved curriculum. *Classes meet on Sunday morning at 10 AM. Preparation time may be 2-3 hours; varies on curriculum and nature of the group.*

### **Small Group Leader or Assistant- Julie Ridgway / jridgway1953@gmail.com**

Small Groups are opportunities for individuals to grow in their understanding of God and how God works in our lives. Groups can meet on a short-term (6-8 weeks) or long-term (12 weeks or more; sometimes continuous) basis. The Assistant Leader will help the group leader with care concerns of group participants, and be available to fill in as needed in the absence of the leader. *Groups meet for 60-90 minutes one time per week. Preparation time may be 1-2 hours; varies on curriculum and nature of the group.*

### **Prayer Team- Julie Ridgway / jridgway1953@gmail.com**

The Prayer Team commits to praying for those in the congregation and local community who express a desire for prayer. Additionally, the Prayer Team will meet to pray for the mission and ministries of the church. Volunteers will commit to being active in prayer and occasionally assisting in corporate prayer during worship services. *Serve time varies throughout the year.*

## **HOSPITALITY**

**Bereavement Team- Lynn Pruitt / lapruitt35@gmail.com**

**Sallie Watkins / salkinsabc@gmail.com**

Help with hosting families during funerals and memorial services at the church. Host by being the greeter, assisting with the meal, and clean up. *Serve as needed.*

**Help with Weddings- Candy Smith / smith2601@att.net**

Help with hosting weddings at the church. Host by being the greeter, preparing the facility for the wedding, setting the atmosphere, overseeing the ceremony and reception, and clean up. *Serve as needed.*

**Kitchen Crew- Beverly Biers / waynebiers@outlook.com**

**Claudia Kay / 815claudia@gmail.com**

Help keep our kitchen clean and stocked with supplies. This crew will regularly monitor the kitchen and schedule work days to clean and stock the kitchen, as needed. *Serve as needed.*

**Wednesday Night Supper Helper- Candy Smith / smith2601@att.net**

Help with hosting Wednesday Night Suppers. Host by being the greeter/cashier, preparing the tables, setting the atmosphere, serving the meal, and clean up. A fun team that gets leftovers on a regular basis! *Serve on a rotating schedule at least once per month.*

**Special Events- Candy Smith / smith2601@att.net**

Assist with special events (usually held about once per month) by helping with set up, serving food, and clean up. *Serve on a rotating schedule or as needed.*

## **SUPPORT SERVICES**

**Count Offering Money- Jennifer Doster / jennifer@roystonfirstumc.org**

Meet with Jennifer on Monday morning to count the offering money from Sunday worship services. This usually requires about 30 minutes. *Serve on a rotating schedule.*

**Office Helper- Jennifer Doster / jennifer@roystonfirstumc.org**

Work with Jennifer to complete project type tasks such as data entry, answering phones, mailing, organization, and preparation for Sunday morning and church-wide events. *Serve as available on a regular weekly or monthly basis.*

**Buildings and Grounds Team- George Dick / coffeeman@thealpacabean.biz**

Help with upkeep and maintenance of facilities and lawn. This may include scheduled work days and working on projects as needed. *Serve as available.*

**Safety and Security Team- Matt Parker / matt@roystonfirstumc.org**

Help to promote a safe and secure campus by ensuring proper health and safety protocols are implemented and maintained. This opportunity is ideal for those in the medical field or first responders. *Serve as available on a regular weekly or monthly basis.*

**Communications Team- Jennifer Doster / jennifer@roystonfirstumc.org**

Help with planning and implementing the communication strategy of the church. This may include website maintenance, social media, print publications, and more. *Serve as available on a regular weekly or monthly basis.*

## **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

### **Rainbow Pantry- Matt Parker / matt@roystonfirstumc.org**

Help with collecting canned goods and other supplies for Rainbow Pantry 3-4 times each year. Volunteers can also help at the pantry by stocking shelves and assisting with food distribution twice per month. *Serve quarterly or as available.*

### **Franklin County Mentor Program- Janet Brown / janet.brown675@gmail.com**

Meet with an assigned student at a school in Franklin County for 30 minutes each week. Mentors spend time with students talking with them and offering encouragement and support. *Serve on a weekly basis.*

### **Royston CARES- Matt Parker / matt@roystonfirstumc.org**

Help with supporting faculty and staff at Royston Elementary School through the Royston CARES initiative. Throughout the year, we will send cards and deliver gifts to teachers and faculty. Volunteers may be asked to assist with providing a meal during Teacher Appreciation Week. *Serve as available on a monthly or quarterly basis.*

### **Community Resource Services- Matt Parker / matt@roystonfirstumc.org**

Help as needed with client needs such as moving furniture or assisting with client services. *Serve as available.*

### **Friday's Child- Leigh Ann Munro / labmunro@gmail.com**

Volunteers meet each Thursday to prepare weekend food bags for approximately 30 children at Royston Elementary School. These bags are delivered to the school on Thursday after 3:30 PM and distributed by teachers to kids on Friday. *Serve on Thursday afternoons as part of a rotating schedule.*

### **Community Meal at Canon UMC- Janet Brown / janet.brown675@gmail.com**

Help prepare and serve food at the Community Meal held each month at Canon UMC. The Community Meal feeds approximately 75 people on the second Thursday of each month. *Serve as available on the second Thursday of each month.*

### **Assist with Blood Drives- Matt Parker / matt@roystonfirstumc.org**

Help with hosting a quarterly blood drive in the gym at Royston First UMC. Blood drives are usually held on the third Thursday of the month every three months from 1:00-6:00 PM. Hosting includes opening the building, assisting with needed supplies, clean up, and closing the building. *Serve as available on a quarterly basis.*

### **Fellowship of Christian Athletes- Matt Parker / matt@roystonfirstumc.org**

Help provide a meal for the Franklin County High School FCA on Monday night at 7 PM. This will be twice during the semester. Volunteers can also help with the Royston Elementary FCA on the last Friday of the month at 3:15 PM at the school. *Serve as available or monthly.*