

First Congregational Church of Western Springs

Time & Talents Pledge 2019

Name _____ Not in Realm yet? Would you like an invite? Yes_____

Please indicate areas where you would like to get involved during this next year.

I am called to serve in the life of the church.

Check all that apply.

- Altar flower delivery - deliver to a member after worship, or on holidays
- Altar flower donations - donate money for flowers in worship
- Childcare volunteer
- Greeter - occasionally greet on Sunday mornings prior to worship
- Labyrinth guide - help participants on their prayer walk
- Lay liturgist - occasionally read prayers/scripture for Sunday morning worship
- Office volunteer - volunteer to help with office tasks as needed
- Sharing testimony or story
- Sponsoring a new member
- Sunday School teacher or assistant - work in a team at any age level
- Usher - serve on a team for Sunday morning worship

I am called to volunteer with one or more of our local, urban, or global mission partners.

Check all that apply.

- Adult mission trips - 3-10 day duration
- Building projects - through Rebuild Chicago or similar partners
- Local volunteer opportunity - might require a weekly/monthly commitment
- One-time mission opportunities - receive information as needed
- Refugee family resettlement - assisting with all aspects of helping refugee families
- Woman's Society rummage sale - various opportunities at our bi-annual sales

I am called to share my professional or creative gifts with the congregation.

Check all that apply.

- Professional Skill to share** _____
- Acting and drama
- Bulletin board/scrapbooking
- Creative writing
- Event planning/decorating
- Graphic arts/design
- Photography
- Quilting, sewing, or knitting
- Storytelling

I am called to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

Check all that apply.

- Adult Chancel Choir - perform during worship and rehearses Wednesdays 7:30-9pm
- Contemporary Spirit Worship Band - perform contemporary, sacred, and secular music
- Special music in Sunday School
- Special music during worship
- Steel drums - perform 3-4 times/year and practice on Tuesday evenings
- Tower Chimes handbell choir - rehearse every Tuesday from 9:00-11:15am



I am called to grow in faith and fellowship by participating in a small group ministry.

Check all that apply.

- Bible Study - 6 week bible study sessions, meets Thursday, 7pm
- Dining for Women - raising awareness & resources for women in the 3rd world
- Men's Breakfast - Saturdays (1st/mo) 7:45am, light breakfast & a program
- Moms in Faith - Friday mornings, 9-11am, childcare provided
- Evening Moms in Faith - Wednesdays (2nd/mo) at 7pm
- Parents of Teens - Wednesdays (1st/mo) at 7pm, program on faith & parenting
- Seek.Pray.Love Book Club - faith exploration through book discussion
- Thursday Women's Book Group - meets Thursdays 9-11am
- Watercolor Class - weekly on Wednesdays, all levels
- Woman's Society - inter-generational focus on fellowship, hospitality, and service

I am called to care for my mind, body, and spirit through wellness ministries.

Check all that apply.

- Annual Congregational Health Screening and flu shot clinic
- Faith & Flow Yoga - Tuesdays at 10:45am, all levels
- Tai Chi - gentle exercise to energize you on Tuesdays 9:30am

I am called to support those in our community in need.

Check all that apply.

- Caregiver support group
- Called to Care - training program for lay caring ministry
- Congo Cooks - make meals for members of our congregation as needed
- Grief support - formed as needed
- Prayer shawl ministry - knit while praying for the ones who receive shawls
- Prayer team - pray daily for concerns of members shared with the team
- Provide transportation - provide for older adults who need assistance

I am called to serve the church through committee work.

Check all that apply.

(Constitutional committees - the Nominating Committee will receive your name in spring 2019)

- Christian Education - manages programs and policies for youth/adult Christian education
- Christian Ventures - explores spiritual growth opportunities beyond traditional worship
- Diaconate - assists the clergy with worship services and other caring ministries
- Endowment - oversees the investment portfolio of the Second Century Endowment Fund
- Executive - handles the human resource responsibilities of the church
- Finance & Stewardship - establishes and monitors the annual budget and giving campaign
- Mission & Outreach - determines financial support and develops volunteer opportunities
- Music - provides direction and assistance with the church's music ministry
- Nominating - identifies and recommends members to fill committee positions each spring
- Properties - handles the care and custody of the church, including repairs and improvements

(Non-constitutional committees)

- Adult Christian Exploration - develops Sunday morning seminar ideas
- Children's Ministry - offers activities to families for enhanced spiritual growth
- Green Team - promotes environmentally responsible behavior within the church and its members
- Technology Team - advises Properties committee on technology updates
- Welcome Team - help to greet visitors on Sunday morning

Thank you! Please return with your annual pledge. Any other questions about getting engaged this year? Contact Jeannette@wscongo.org.