



**Wesley Freedom  
United Methodist**



# **Serving Together 2024 Service Catalogue**

*Our Vision*

*To live in a thriving faith community where  
all people are enriched and transformed by  
God's grace.*

# EMPOWERED TO *Serve*

*“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...”  
~ Acts 1:8*

God has given each of us unique gifts and passions so that we can share God’s goodness through service. Still, we wonder if we have enough, know enough, or are enough to make a meaningful contribution. As you consider how you may be called to serve, we invite you to hear these promises:

1. As you step out to serve, the Holy Spirit will activate your gifts and empower you in ways you never knew possible.
2. You are not alone, we serve together and support each other along the way.
3. As you serve you are likely to grow in faith and deepen your sense of belonging.

**This brochure provides an overview of opportunities to serve with Wesley Freedom UMC. Our needs are highlighted throughout the brochure as noted:**

★ Top Needs

✋ Top Picks for Kids

Y Top Picks for Youth

**To express interest in serving, fill out the response card and place it in the offering plate or take it to the Welcome Desk.**

**In Christ,**

**Pastor Jenny & The Leadership Development Team**

# Life Group & Adult Bible Study Leaders

In 2024 we are focused on helping each worshiper find a meaningful community of belonging. A significant piece of this is the establishment of new groups with new leaders.

Contact Pastor Jenny ([jsmith@wesleyfreedom.org](mailto:jsmith@wesleyfreedom.org))

## ★ Life Group Leaders

Life Groups are small, weekly gatherings of persons in a similar phase of life or common interest. Life Group Leaders are asked to lead one of these groups by preparing a meeting space, and leading discussions with provided curriculums and study guides.

**Who is God nudging you to gather with?**

Local young adults, singles, daytime parents, parents navigating teenage years. Parents praying for grown children, adults with particular interests, or empty nesters?



## ★ Adult Bible Study Facilitators

We are seeking to add to our team of Bible Study leaders. This can include table leaders at a pastor led study, Disciple or Believer study classes, ongoing Sunday School or weekly classes, and short-term studies based on particular seasons or interest. If you enjoy discussing scripture and encouraging belonging in small group settings, we are eager to support you.

## Racial Justice Team

We are seeking a diverse group of persons to help organize opportunities for WFUMC to develop the skills to confront racism & work towards justice and reconciliation.

Contact Angie Spessard  
([angie.dolph@gmail.com](mailto:angie.dolph@gmail.com)).

# Leadership Teams

Our congregation is guided by teams of members. Church Council provides overall leadership and is made up of the leaders of teams and ministry areas. The teams below equip the work of the church caring for spaces, resources, and staff.



## **Generosity Team** - 3 New Persons Needed

We are seeking creative and passionate persons to foster a culture of generosity through communications, gatherings, and worship moments. Contact David Schafer ([dschafer@liftoffdc.com](mailto:dschafer@liftoffdc.com)).

## **Leadership Development Team** - 3 New Persons Needed

Support our staff and empower our congregation to serve. Skills in HR valuable. Chair: Mike Stebner ([stebnermr@yahoo.com](mailto:stebnermr@yahoo.com)).

## ★ **Finance Team** - 3 new persons needed

Develop our church budget and financial practices, oversee the treasurer, and ensure every dollar is carefully used.

Chair: James Mailhot ([jameswfumc@gmail.com](mailto:jameswfumc@gmail.com)).

## **Board of Trustees**

Provide oversight & work hands-on to ensure that our campus is safe, well maintained for ministry, and serve as the legal officers of the church.

Chair: Mark Gage ([mgage@nb-bga.com](mailto:mgage@nb-bga.com)).

## ✋ Y★ **Hands on helpers needed for grounds & Building Repair**

Tell us what you love to do, outside or inside, to help with our basic church maintenance. Tasks vary, so there is something for all interests and capabilities. For more information contact Elaine Curtis ([elcurtis3@yahoo.com](mailto:elcurtis3@yahoo.com)).

## ★ **Occasional Church cleaners needed**

Do you enjoy seeing results, cleaning, or serving in tangible ways?

We need a few folks willing to do basic cleaning during custodian vacations and/or during high ministry times. Contact Joe DuBritton ([jdubritton@wesleyfreedom.org](mailto:jdubritton@wesleyfreedom.org))



# Care and Community



## **Funeral Meal Ministry**

Join our team of dedicated persons as we care for those in bereavement through food & hospitality. Assist in preparing & serving meals after funeral services.

Contact Pat Hasenei  
(pat.hasenei@gmail.com)

## **★ Care Team**

Do you enjoy being in relationship with seniors or bringing a prayerful presence into hospital, hospice, or home? We are eager to identify persons willing to give 1-4 hours a month for visitation/care ministry. You may carry communion elements to a senior, pray with persons before surgery on the phone, or help the pastors respond to needs. Appropriate training provided.

Contact Pastor Jenny  
(jsmith@wesleyfreedom.org)

## **Special Events Team**

This vibrant and active ministry involves all things food, hospitality and presentation. We are looking for servants who enjoy any aspect of food related special events. These events range from sit-down dinners to outdoor cookouts. No experience necessary, just a desire for fellowship and fun! Contact Cindy Shruell

(cshruell@wesleyfreedom.org)

## **Prayer Chain**

Do you feel called to support your community through prayer & intercession? Join our email prayer chain to confidentially receive requests and commit to include them in your daily prayers.

Contact the Church Office  
(office@wesleyfreedom.org).

## **Y Card Team**

Help us welcome new worshipers, celebrate life events, or offer comfort by sending cards. Supplies and needs provided. Contact Cindy Shruell at  
(cshruell@wesleyfreedom.org)



# Ministry With Children

Contact Sherry Perrine, Director  
([sperrine@wesleyfreedom.org](mailto:sperrine@wesleyfreedom.org))

## ★ Summer Nursery

Summer is the perfect time to try out serving in the Nursery! Our Nursery opens 10 minutes prior to the 9:30 and 11:00am services. The focus is to help children feel safe and nurtured and to help parents make smooth transitions into worship. Please commit to one or two Sundays this summer.

## Y★ Fall Sunday School Team

We are seeking servants to fill our teaching teams as we look ahead to the fall. Age/Grade level classes are offered during the 9:30am service. Teams allow for flexibility and enrich the experience for our students as we help them grow in faith. The Nursery is open during both the 9:30 and 11:00am service.

## Y★ Wesley Wednesday: KIDS

Do you love helping kids grow in faith? Do you want to support families as adults engage in discipleship? We are seeking adults and teens to help on this faith walk as kids engage in learning, fellowship, and fun. It is a place where kids can connect in their own discipleship small group. Class is 6:30 - 8:00pm. Hands on time is 6:15 - 8:15pm.

## ★ Sunday Morning Support Team

Seeking a team that would serve as greeters and guides during our 9:30 Sunday School Hour on a rotating bases. The team would provide the following:

- Arrive at 9:15 to greet families as they arrive and guide new families to classrooms.
- A willingness to step in to sub or provide extra hands on classroom assistance.
- Assist during Sunday School Events, Fire Drills, Assemblies, Palm Parade, Food Sunday.
- Record Sunday School Attendance and track trends. Send out "Missing You" cards.

## VBS Leaders, Helpers & Support Team

Join our VBS Ministry Team as we prepare to welcome campers to Scuba VBS the week of July 14th-19th. We will be "Diving into friendship with God".

We are still in need of some station leaders, set up and clean up, hospitality and decorations. VBS is an exciting and FUN packed week that you don't want to miss!

## 👋 Y Fall Readiness Team

There is a lot to do before Fall Kick Off on September 8th. Do you love to organize? Work behind the scenes? Clean and prep? This could be the perfect way for you to serve.

**Interested in supporting families at seasonal events?  
Join our Family Ministry Team!**



# Ministry With Youth

Contact *Tim McKenzie*

([tmckenzie@wesleyfreedom.org](mailto:tmckenzie@wesleyfreedom.org))

## Youth Group Adult Leaders

★ Our ideal leader loves God, is always up for fun, and has a desire to offer love and support to our young people.

*You will be amazed by how much you learn about life, grow in significance within our community, and feel the healing energy of God by being a part of our vibrant Youth Ministry.*

High School Ministry

- Sunday, 6:30 - 8:30pm

Middle School Ministry:

- Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:30pm

### **Y** *High School-aged Mentors:*

Confirmation and MSM need reliable authentic, and enthusiastic High School Mentors! High Schoolers who serve as mentors bring relatability and generational stability to Youth Ministry, and we cannot have a successful program with them.

### ★ *Youth Administrator volunteer position:*

Want to help with Youth Ministry behind the scenes? Consider being an Administrative Volunteer! Organize social media, have input in the weekly emails, and pitch in with general tasks alongside a happy and motivated office staff.

## 2024-25 Confirmation Adult Leaders Needed

Sundays, 9:15 - 10:45am

Be part of a leadership team that helps to bring 8th grade Confirmands closer to Jesus in their discernment of saying 'yes' to being a part of His Church.





# HOPE RISING

## HopeRisingCenter.org

Hope Rising Resource Center exists to improve the mental health and well-being of ALL people by offering therapeutic services, recovery programs, and resources. If you are willing to join a team, contact [Shannon at sreinhardt@wesleyfreedom.org](mailto:sreinhardt@wesleyfreedom.org)

Hope Rising is enthusiastic about exploring partnerships with college interns, navigating insurance paneling, and managing finances.

If you have a passion for research, experience in insurance, or enjoy working with numbers, we invite you to become part of the Hope Rising family!

**Fundraising Team:** Do you enjoy event planning, getting to know partners in the community, organizing and developing ideas? Join Fundraising lead Rae Ann Schafer on the Fundraising Team.

**Blessings Closet Team:** Help on a rotating basis to collect, organize and pass out hygiene items on Mondays from 10:00am - 12:30pm.

### ★ Young Adult Mission Trip January 2025

We are building a team of you adults to serve a week with “Least of These Ministries” in the Dominican Republic. Our mission will include feeding programs, building projects and ministry with children. Contact Pastor Jenny ([jsmith@wesleyfreedom.org](mailto:jsmith@wesleyfreedom.org))



# MISSION TEAM

## *Join the Missions Team!*

*Help us plan and execute local, national, and global missions. Mission Trips, Rise Against Hunger, First Fruits Farm, Agape Mission, Angel Tree and more. Contact Roger DeShong, RogJul@comcast.net.*

## **Y Community Table**

Community Table is a ministry of Wesley Freedom and Eldersburg area faith communities. We serve free community meals at noon on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Lynda Wilhelm, (wilhelmlk91@yahoo.com).

## **South Carroll Food Pantry**

SCFP gives free, fresh, and non-perishable foods on the 4th Saturday of each month from 8:30am - 11:30am. To volunteer to help during the pantry, or with fresh food pick-up, contact Mark DeVault, (mdevault4@gmail.com).

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## **Wesley Freedom Heart for Refugees**

We are now serving 2 families - one in Elkridge, and one right here in Sykesville. These families are in need of fellowship as well as rides to appointments, the store, etc. If you would like to join the team, contact Roger DeShong - (RogJul@comcast.net)

## **Mission Trip to Summersville, WV**

### **September 22nd - 27th 2024**

We are returning to Summersville, WV to serve with the "WV Ministry of Advocacy and Workcamps" again.

We'll stay in the Summersville Presbyterian Church that has a fully stocked kitchen, shower facilities, and cots for sleeping.

For more information contact Tim Boyer@ (timjoboyer@gmail.com), 443-506-3105



# Sunday Morning Ministries

## WORSHIP SUPPORT

### ★ Greeters & Ushers

Welcome worshippers into our building and the sanctuary with a warm smile & greeting. Assist during worship with the offering and bringing the congregation forward for communion. Contact Donald Kropfelder (dkrop1313@gmail.com)

### Sunday Morning Coffee

Do you enjoy making coffee or assisting in prep and clean up on Sunday Mornings? Contact Cindy Shruell, (cshruell@wesleyfreedom.org)

### Offering Counters

Join our Sunday morning counting team to receive & record the offering and prepare it for deposit. Contact Elaine C. (elcurtis3@yahoo.com)

### ★ Acolyte Coordinator

Help recruit, train, and schedule children & youth to serve as acolytes during services.

## COMMUNION SUPPORT

Do a variety of tasks to enable the congregation to receive communion. Opportunities include baking bread, setting the altar, and serving the elements.



## LITURGISTS/ READERS

Read scripture and lead congregational liturgy for traditional services.

## TECH TEAM

Operate technology (cameras, slides, sound mixer, lights) at services. We'll train you!



To serve on Sunday morning or in a music ministry, contact Dan Eschliman (deschliman@wesleyfreedom.org).



# Music Ministry

Share Your Musical Gift in Worship!

## **Y** ★ Children & Youth Music Ministry

Looking for interested persons to help with the revitalization of children and youth music ministry. If you love Jesus, music, and connecting with young people, contact Dan Eschliman for more information. If you are a child, youth, or parent who wants to be involved in music ministry, contact Dan to let him know what you want to do, so this can be considered as new plans are made.

## **Y Brass**

*Directed by Mirrel Wothers*

Rehearses Thursdays @ 5:00pm.  
Plays monthly, September-June.

## **Chancel Choir**

*Directed by Dan Eschliman*

Rehearses Wednesdays @ 6:30pm.  
Sings weekly for 9:30am Traditional Worship, September-June, and occasionally at 8am, or for special services.

## **Handbells**

*Directed by Sue Steiner*

Rehearses Sundays @ 10:30am.  
Plays in traditional worship about once each month, September-June

## **Y Worship Band**

*Directed by Dan Eschliman*

Rehearses Mondays @ 7:30pm, and leads worship with a rotating lineup at 11am.



# YOUNG ADULTS

Our community has many young adults who are engaged in service, worship, and other areas. We are eager to give opportunities for young adults in our congregation and neighborhood to establish community with each other and share spaces for growing in faith or serving together. If you are 18-30 and would like to be included this ministry or if you are 30+ and would like to support this ministry contact Pastor Jenny ([jsmith@wesleyfreedom.org](mailto:jsmith@wesleyfreedom.org))

## BEHIND THE SCENES

Contact Cindy Shruell  
([cshruell@wesleyfreedom.org](mailto:cshruell@wesleyfreedom.org)).

### **Office Volunteers & Admin Support**

Serve in our office preparing mailings, printing and placing materials.

### ★ **Tuesday Office Support**

Volunteer to care for the office on Tuesdays, 9:30 - 11:30am during our staff meeting.

### ★ **Editor in Chief**

Does a misprint make you crazy? Are you available to review print and email communications on Thursdays.

### **Bulletin Board & Displays**

Are you creative and eager to help persons connect? Adapt and design one of our communications boards!



## Christmas Bazaar

### **Leadership Team**

Help guide the future of our Bazaar by serving on the leadership team. We are specifically looking this year for an inventory chairperson!

### **Craft Group**

All are welcome to join us in the Fall for projects of all skill levels.

### **Create & Donate Your Works of Art!**

Skilled at knitting, wood working, or something else? Donate something special to the Silent Auction!

Contact Sherry Perrine  
[sperrine@wesleyfreedom.org](mailto:sperrine@wesleyfreedom.org)