

Growing Together



Rooted in Hope

Volunteer & Discipleship
Opportunities at



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Sunday, October 5, we began our Stewardship Campaign - *"Growing Together, Rooted in Hope"* a season of reflection and prayer as we consider how God is calling us to give of our time, talents, and financial gifts in the year ahead.

Centennial's Leadership Board has identified three priorities that will guide us in 2025-26:

1. Engagement Beyond Worship - helping folks take the next step into small groups, service opportunities, and volunteering.
2. Children & Youth Ministry - strengthening how we nurture and empower our young people.
3. Our Future Together - clarifying who we are as one church and how we move faithfully forward.

On Sunday October 26th, we'll invite everyone to submit their financial pledge for the coming year and consider personal "next steps" in each of the three focus areas.

This booklet is a great way to find different volunteer and discipleship opportunities at Centennial that you can commit yourself too in this coming year!



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Internal Volunteer Opportunities



Communion Volunteers (Roseville Campus)

Communion is served the approx. 14 times a year. The first Sunday of the month, in addition to Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday. Communion Stewards: Training Provided

Purchase and prepare the elements (grape juice & bread) for communion. Chris Rohde bakes gluten free bread for communion and it is kept in the Linden Lounge kitchen freezer. Set up instructions are posted in the sacristy. After the service there is a small amount of clean up that had to be done. Reimbursement forms can be completed and put in Greg Wagner's mailbox in the office.

Currently we have two Stewards sharing this position and would welcome at least two more volunteers.

Communion Stewards:

Arrive approx. 30 minutes before the service to get instructions, most often you will be serving the communion cups.

It's helpful if you sit closer to the front during the service.

Currently the Pastors are asking folks to serve just before the service. We'd love to have folks sign up before Sunday using REALM.

Thank you for considering volunteering!

Contact Vicki Griffin - vickigriffin@hotmail.com or 651-737-6680

Greeters (Roseville Campus)

As a reconciling church we want to be sure that everyone feels welcome and invited to join our church family! It is also important to let members know that their participation in Sunday worship is important, and we are glad they are here. One way we can reach out is by greeting people as they come to church.

You can choose to greet each month on the same Sunday of the month or you can choose to greet less frequently. Sunday morning time commitment is 8:40am-9:00am.

Sign up today at the Sunday Morning Volunteers table or contact Laurie Resch | laureiresch3427@gmail.com | 612-508-8863

Ushering (Roseville Campus)

Do you enjoy meeting and greeting people? Are you interested in helping to prepare the Roseville sanctuary for services, collecting the offering and assuring that everyone feels welcomed? If so, please consider joining the Ushering Team at the Roseville campus!

Ushers arrive 15-30 minutes before the service start time and stay afterwards for about 15 minutes. Anyone can be an usher and there is always one or more experienced usher scheduled every Sunday who will provide training and answer questions. A monthly schedule is posted in the small room near the name tags at Roseville (a.k.a. The Ushers' Closet) and you can leave a note or your contact information for the ushers there. The posted schedule includes Sunday services and special services, such as Holy Week and Christmas Eve services and seasonal events such as the annual Christmas Concert.

If you are interested in learning more, please sign-up at the Welcome Fair, reach out to any of the ushers before or after the Roseville services or contact Suzanne Sancilio (skmsancilio@gmail.com).

Roseville Campus A/V Team

Two volunteers are needed every Sunday in addition to the following evening services, Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, and Maundy Thursday. Training will be provided and you will always have a trained person working with you.

PPT and SOUND This involves following the bulletin and advancing the slides to coincide with what is happening. The sound mixer is preset and may need just a little bit of adjusting during a service. This is where we like to start volunteers, once you become comfortable with this aspect of the booth we'd be happy to train you on the camera and streaming.

CAMERA and STREAMING We live-stream to several locations in the church each Sunday as well as to our YOUTUBE channel. Our equipment is set up with many presets so it is fairly easy to use. We're happy to train/shadow you until you feel comfortable on your own.

Contact Vicki Griffin - vickigriffin@hotmail.com or 651-373-6680

St. Anthony Park Campus A/V Team

Sunday morning volunteers to help at the St. Anthony Park Campus with A/V needs. Email Eric Bjorklund | ebjorklund@centennialumc.org

Sunday Morning Volunteers (St. Anthony Park Campus)

For Sunday morning volunteers like communion servers, greeters, and worship host we have a clothes pin system! At the coffee bar you can grab the clothes pin for the role you want to do that day! Just make sure to put it back on your way out.

Centennial Hospitality Team

Centennial Hospitality Volunteers are the embodiment of Christ's love in action. When visitors and members alike walk into church, hospitality is the gentle hand that assures them they are valued, cared for, and welcomed into a community of faith. Our ministry is essential for offering a space that offers friendliness, kindness, and belonging, laying the foundation for spiritual growth and fellowship. It's the perfect way to meet and get to know people in our church and beyond.

A signature aspect of our ministry includes preparing and serving coffee, snacks, and meals, which encourages fellowship and belonging across all generations.

Serve once or serve often, we have volunteer roles that are flexible for busy schedules. No special skills are required. We have roles to fit a wide range of interests.

We invite volunteers to sign up to help with:

Sunday Coffee Hour

Wednesday Night Suppers

Funeral Receptions

Vacation Bible School Dinners

Special Church Gatherings

Kitchen and Supplies Organization

If you are interested in volunteering with Centennial Hospitality reach out to Diane Anderson (dbanderson@comcast.net) or Dodie Woodis (dodiewoodis@gmail.com)

Liturgist (Reading Scripture)

We are always looking to have church members be involved with worship by reading the scripture! If you are interested in this please indicate this on your connect card or email Pastor Jen Anderson | janderson@centennialumc.org.

Crewsers

Centennial's **R**esourceful **E**nergetic **W**illing **S**ervants **E**agerly **R**epairing **S**tuff.

We are a group of handy people who build, fix, and paint things around both Centennial campuses.

Crewsers work on the first Tuesday of each month from 9AM to Noon. We alternate between campuses each month. There is a set list of things to accomplish that differs from month to month.

Contact: Steve Rohde srohde@centennialumc.org

Saturday Crewsers Volunteer Group

This is a list of people who could be available on Saturday 2-3 times a year to take on projects such as: cleaning the exterior windows each spring, painting entire hallways, or cleaning out and organizing rooms around both churches. No prior experience required!! There will be people to organize, supervise and show you what to do.

Contact: Steve Rohde srohde@centennialumc.org

FaithWalk Volunteers

FaithWalk is our version of Sunday school. Kid's begin worship with their families and are dismissed to FaithWalk about 10-15 minutes into the service. We do not have FaithWalk on the first Sunday of the month so that kids and volunteers can join us for worship and communion.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with FaithWalk at both campuses.

If you are interested in volunteering please reach out to the Children & Youth Minister, Lauren Rheingans | lrheingans@centennialumc.org

Youth Mentors

We are looking for youth mentors to help out with our youth group on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00pm. We are looking for volunteers who want to help in planning and leading or volunteers to just be present and support the youth during events. Contact Lauren Rheingans | lrheingans@centennialumc.org.

Trunk or Treat 2025

Sign up to be a volunteer for this years Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 25th, from 4pm-6pm in the St. Anthony Park Campus parking lot. We are looking for volunteers to host trunks, manage the fire pit, distribute candy, and work the Cocoa bar. Sign up at the Roseville Connection point or through realm. Questions? Contact Annika McClintock | amcclintock@centennialumc.org

Compassion in Action

COMPASSION in ACTION is an email list of those who sign up to be informed about various needs that emerge within the church and community. Requests have been for specific household items, job or housing referrals, moving assistance, other one-time assistance, emergency funds for a particular need, and others. These emails serve to notify you of such requests to give you the opportunity to respond to any of them. If you would like to be on this email list, sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Jack Griffin / _jackgriffin@hotmail.com / Annika / amcclintock@centennialumc.org. / or Anita Mayfield / k.anita.mayfield@gmail.com

Open Doors

The Open Doors Team works to make Centennial an inclusive and welcoming place for members, visitors, and the community. Our goals are to find ways to better reach those not currently involved at Centennial and to enrich the welcome all people receive when they come to Centennial.

Schedule: Whenever you have time or interest to start or work on a project. Open Doors advocates meet as a group once in mid-summer for conversation about programs and goal setting for the coming year.

Location: Wherever you see the need. Open Doors seeks to work seamlessly across both campuses.

Who can participate: Open Doors needs open hearts and open minds. All ages and abilities welcome. Your experience and skills can help us see how we can be more inclusive.

Contact: Marsha Linden, marshalinden@edinarealty.com; Deb Dietzman, debdietzman@gmail.com.

Care Team Ministry

Care Team Ministry is a church based program that responds to the non-medical “quality-of-life” needs of individuals and families - those not routinely fulfilled by existing social service programs. Care teams function as extended family members serving individuals and families through friendship and practical support, including activities such as friendly visits, light household chores, shopping assistance, transportation, support for family caregivers, and meal delivery. Contact Rev. Tiffany McDonald | tiffmc@gmail.com

Visual Arts Ministry Team

This group displays art that the church owns, as well as create temporary displays of art.

Meetings are usually 3-4 times per year. If decisions are needed between meetings, we use email to communicate. You do not need to be an artist to be on this committee, just a person who wants to be involved in decisions about the art on display in the church.

Contact person: Tammy Nara tammynara18@gmail.com

Garden Group

We love to get our hands dirty so that new life can emerge! If you love to garden, spend a few hours with us digging, planting, watering, and tending to plants on the Centennial Church campuses.

Contact: Kathy & Norm Nelson at 651-633-0836 or nknelsonnb@gmail.com



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External Volunteer Opportunities



Holy Hammers

Holy Hammers is a coalition of 15 churches that work together to provide homes for families who are striving to access affordable homeownership. The relationship between Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity and Holy Hammers started in 1999, and continues to this day. The coalition of churches from the northern suburbs of St. Paul is celebrating its 26th year of partnership with Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity and has committed over \$1.5 million to Habitat's mission. Every year, the coalition churches provide around 500 volunteers that support 8 weeks of construction. The churches also raise an average of \$76,000 toward home sponsorship yearly.

The coalition is strong, but is always willing to welcome new churches! Whether its construction volunteers, folks helping to raise fund, or those who make and help serve lunches for volunteers - Holy Hammers loves to welcome new friends and partners in service.

Habitat not only helps build community through providing families with a permanent home and neighborhood, it also allows workers to connect with each other. Volunteers have a chance to get to know each other better working side by side and sharing time at breaks. All are welcome with no experience necessary. In fact, it is a good place to learn new skills.

Contact Jack Griffin | jacklgriffin@hotmail.com

Project Home

Help assist families experiencing homelessness by serving one weekend a month meals at Interfaith Actions Project Home. Duties include setting tables, serving meals, having dinner with the families, and cleaning up after dinner. No cooking involved.

Location: 1010 Bandana Blvd. W. in St. Paul

We are looking for Saturday or Sunday noon or evening shifts.

If you are interested please email Betty Gumbrell bettygumbrell@outlook.com

Every Meal

Every meal is an organization that fights child hunger through community and school partnerships. They are always looking for volunteers to help pack meal bags. It's a lot of fun and volunteer shifts are only two hours in length. If you have any questions about this opportunity, email Suzanne Sancilio | sksancilio@gmail.com

Compassion Team

The COMPASSION TEAM offers many opportunities for you to participate in local, national and international activities and projects. You are invited to share your interests and talents related to distributing food for children, building houses, assisting with skills classes for immigrants, scholarships for students, tutoring adult English language learners, providing meals for homeless families, missionary support, food shelf collections, seasonal collections and much more.

Schedules and locations vary according to the activity, one-time, short-term or ongoing. Announcements will be in the weekly newsletter with the activity Lead's contact information or you may contact Compassion Ministry Team leaders: Randy Oelschlager / RandyO@fabric supply.com or Anita Mayfield / k.anita.mayfield@gmail.com.

Everyone is invited to participate! Your time and interest in serving is all that is needed



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Discipleship Opportunities



Chancel Choir

Chancel Singers is a vibrant group of folks who love to sing and celebrate life together. Folks 9th grade and up are welcome to join us! No audition is required - bring the voice God gave you and join in!

Rehearsals are each week on Wednesdays from 7:00pm-7:45pm at the Roseville campus in the sanctuary. We usually sing three Sundays each month at the Traditional service at the Roseville Campus.

Contact Jerry Salitros | jsalitros@centennialumc.org

Wesley Ringers

Wesley Ringers is our adult handbell ensemble. New ringers are always welcome! Bell Ringing isn't required, although ability to read music is helpful.

Rehearsals begin September 18th and occur each week on Thursdays from 6:00pm-6:45pm at the Roseville campus in the choir room. We play about once a month for Sunday worship at the Roseville campus.

Contact Jerry Salitros | jsalitros@centennialumc.org

Joyful Ringers

If you've been missing our children's handbell choir or simply want your child to learn a new skill, welcome to Joyful Ringers, Centennial UMC's relaunched children's handbell choir! Your child will learn proper handbell & hand Chime technique, to read music, and to play together as a group. We will have a few experienced ringers helping out at rehearsals. This is a great way for kids to be involved in worship and to build bonds in our church family.

The choir is aimed at grades 2nd-8th, but if your child is younger or older and wants to ring, we can definitely make that happen. The choir welcomes students from both campuses, and we hope to have us ring at Roseville and SAP.

Rehearsals occur on Thursday's from 7-7:40pm in the Roseville choir room (downstairs, opposite the Fellowship Hall) and will continue on Thursday through the school year. Grown-up should plan to remain in the church building during rehearsals. Take the time to relax in the library with a cup of coffee or even attend our rehearsal if you'd like. Contact Susan Webster | susan@treecreek.com

Soulful Singers

The choir is aimed at grades 2 through 12, The choir is for both campuses and we will sing at both campuses. Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 10 from 5:45-6:15pm in the Roseville choir room (downstairs, opposite the Fellowship Hall) and will continue on Wednesday through the school year. I will ask that parents take turns staying with me in the choir room. Please contact Raquel Maas at raquelmchurch@gmail.com or 651-387-2625.

St. Anthony Park Worship Band

The worship band plays namely at the SAP campus of Centennial UMC, but will also play on occasion at the Roseville campus. Multi-generational band runs through music on Sunday morning at 9am and then plays the Sunday service at 10:30am. Please contact Eric Bjorklund if interested. Email: EBjorklund@CentennialUMC.org

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sunday mornings from 9:30am-10:30am at the St. Anthony Park Campus. Participation is open to ANYONE! No preparation is needed, folks can join at anytime and do not need to sign up. Each week we will dive deeper into the scripture that will be used for the week's sermon. Contact Alan O'Donnell | arodonnell@hotmail.com

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Wednesday evenings from 6pm-7pm at the Roseville Campus in Asbury 1. Participation is open to ANYONE! No preparation is needed, folks can join at anytime and do not need to sign up. Each week we watch a video (material from Les Feldick Ministries) followed by discussion. For personal study, it's recommended to bring/use a study bible but bibles will be available if needed. This fall we will delve into end time (Apocalyptic) areas of the bible including Daniel and Revelations with many segues into other scriptures. Interested but time/day doesn't work? Let me know. If there is enough interest on an alternative time/day, I am willing to offer a second class or optionally, include a zoom link. Contact, Mark Meyer, m1meyer@protonmail.com

Connectivity

This is a group who meet weekly to connect through our faith in God and our trust in each other. This group examines contemporary theology, followed by discussion according to our beliefs. We learn from one another. Join Connectivity on Sunday morning at 10:30am on zoom or in person in Asbury 1 at the Roseville Campus. Contact Max & Marilyn Delong | mdelong@umn.edu or Jim and Jan House | house001@umn.edu

Women's FaithWalk

Want to gather with a group of women for thought-provoking conversation? Then Women's Faith Walk (a book group) is for you! This group meets once a month. Our book selections include both fiction and non-fiction. Discussion leaders are volunteers from within the group. You are welcome to come one time or every time!

Schedule: Meet on the 4th Monday of the month in person in Asbury 1 at the Roseville Campus or via zoom from 7:00pm-8:30pm.

Contact: Liz Murray eamurr41@earthlink.net

Adults With Disabilities (FLAMES)

We grow in faith through hands-on-scripture lessons, service and social activities. From Wacky Olympics to puppetry, Psalms to communion, our activities reflect life for persons with cognitive and intellectual disabilities and other life challenges.

FLAMES meets on the 2nd Sundays in person at 8:00am in Asbury 5 at the Roseville Campus.

Contact Debby Newman | debbyandeve@gmail.com

Pastor Jen Anderson | janderson@centennialumc.org

FaithWalk

What is FaithWalk?

FaithWalk is our version of Sunday school. Kid's begin worship with their families and are dismissed to FaithWalk about 10-15 minutes into the service. We do not have FaithWalk on the first Sunday of the month so that kids and volunteers can join us for worship and communion.

What ages does FaithWalk include?

FaithWalk is for kids Pre-K to 5th grade. For those kids who are younger (6 weeks - 3 years) we have Nursery Care at both campuses.

How do I get my child involved?

If you plan to have your child attend FaithWalk please fill out the 2025-2026 children and youth registration form. This gives our FaithWalk volunteers important information like their emergency contacts, allergies, and media release questions.

Contact Lauren Rheingans | lrheingans@centennialumc.org

Youth Group

What is it?

Build relationships, serve others, learn about God! Centennial Youth meet weekly. The format of the night varies, and activities include: small groups, service projects, game nights, and more!

Who can attend?

Youth group is for middle school and high school aged kids.

When does youth group meet?

Youth group meets on Wednesdays beginning September 10th from 6:30pm-8:00pm typically at the Roseville Campus.

How do I get my child involved?

If you plan to have your child attend Youth Group please fill out the 2025-2026 children and youth registration form. This gives our FaithWalk volunteers important information like their emergency contacts, allergies, and media release questions.

Who do I contact?

If you have questions or concerns reach out to our Children & Youth Minister, Lauren Rheingans; lrheingans@centennialumc.org

United Women in Faith

The mission of United Women in Faith (UWF) states "United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship and education so they can inspire, influence, and impact local and global communities. We offer small group gatherings, presentations, mission work, and kinship. Look out for UWF events in the Centennial News, on the UWF Bulletin board at the Roseville Campus, and the website. All are welcome to join UWF. There is no formal process for joining or special skills needed, please come and get to know us!