



2026

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

SOUTH MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." – Matthew 5:16

OUR CHURCH. OUR COMMUNITY. OUR WORLD.

SMPC is a wonderful place for all ages to serve! Whether you give your time, talent, or resources, your participation matters. We hope you will join us in serving and sharing God's light within our world; we encourage every member to find at least one way you can meaningfully engage in 2026.



SERVE OUR CHURCH

Sunday Mornings Opportunities

- Welcome Team (Greeters) - Families welcome!
- Ushers
- Acolyte (Grades 1-5)
- Children and Youth Liturgist (Grades 3-12)
- Children's Worship Helper
- Coffee Grounds/Muffin Ministry
- Lemonade on the Lawn

Interested in serving our church? Contact Rev. Melissa White, Associate Pastor of Care and Congregational Support, to get connected: Melissa@smpchome.org

Congregational Care and Support: Support members of the congregation through various life stages and events by serving in one of the following ministries.

- Baby Ministry
- Bereavement Team
- Care Mail Team
- Meals Ministry
- Prayer Chain
- Transportation Ministry
- Flowers for Worship



SERVE OUR COMMUNITY



The Missions/Outreach Committee partners with agencies in our community and world that address these main focus areas:

- Housing Solutions
- Feeding The Hungry
- Educational Equity
- Supporting the LGBTQ+ Community
- Racial Equity Education

We hope you try one (or many!) of these opportunities to serve this year!

American Red Cross Blood Drives

Save lives by giving blood! We also need volunteers to assist with checking people in during blood drives. We will host a blood drive on the following Saturdays: March 7, May 2, August 8, and November 7. Contact: Bill Ramsey, bill.john.ramsey@gmail.com.

Bagged Lunches for Roof Above

Each month, we collect and donate 100 bagged lunches to Roof Above, an organization working to end homelessness in our city. This is a great activity to do with children or to gather with friends on a Friday night and make bags together before the Saturday drop-off. Contact: Julie Durham, julierdurham@gmail.com.

Breakfast for Center of Hope

Each month, SMPC preps, cooks and serves breakfast for guests at the Salvation Army's Center of Hope, a local women and children's shelter. Contact: Lee Martin, leewilsonmartin@gmail.com.

Desserts for Center of Hope

One Sunday a month, we deliver desserts for the women and children who temporarily call Center of Hope home. Homemade or store-bought donations are welcome! Contact: Terry Gaines, terryg@carolina.rr.com.



Mentor a High School Student through UrbanPromise

UrbanPromise provides Charlotte's children and youth with the spiritual, academic and social development necessary to become Christian leaders determined to restore their communities. This is a great opportunity to build a relationship with a local high school student on your own time and is incredibly impactful for students. Contact: Rev. Lindsey Odom, lindsey@smpchome.org.

Provide Dinner at Time Out Youth

Grab a few friends and provide a meal at Time Out Youth, an organization dedicated to creating affirming, supportive spaces for LGBTQ+ youth in our community. Volunteers are encouraged to stay and fellowship during the community dinner. Sign-ups are available throughout the year. Contact: Rev. Lindsey Odom, lindsey@smpchome.org.

Room in the Inn

Room in the Inn provides a safe, warm spot for our unhoused neighbors to sleep and receive three warm meals during the winter months. Volunteers will help with dinner, overnight stays or breakfast and cleanup at Sardis Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 15 and Sunday, March 1. Contact: Amy Matthews, amymatthews1117@gmail.com.

Shelter Ministry

Meets in Mecklenburg Hall on the second Thursday of every month at 9:30 a.m. to fill empty medicine bottles with body wash for Roof Above. Contact: Carol Morgan, morgancc43@aol.com.

Tutor at Smithfield or Sterling Elementary

If you are flexible during a weekday, tutoring can make a huge impact on elementary school students! Tutor for one hour a week with Heart Math or Augustine Literacy Project. Contact: Kathy Graham, kathyspeech@carolina.rr.com.

Deliver Bread to Dilworth Soup Kitchen

We receive bread from Panera and deliver it every Friday morning to the Dilworth Soup Kitchen. Contact: Lisa Gilleland, LSC13@cornell.edu.

Intergenerational Service Projects

Join one of our church-wide service projects. 2026 events will include a donation drive/service event to support Time Out Youth in February, Easter meal kits in April, back-to-school backpacks for Smithfield Elementary in August, and Thanksgiving Meal kits in November. Contact: Rev. Lindsey Odom, lindsey@smpchome.org.

Seasonal Service Opportunities

Participate in seasonal service opportunities, including the food drive for Nourish Up in the fall, ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, and participating in the Angel Tree and Alternative Gift Market in December. Contact: Rev. Lindsey Odom, lindsey@smpchome.org.



SERVE OUR WORLD



SMPC has a long-standing history of partnering with two organizations in Haiti:

1. Friends Empowering Haiti: SMPC's support of Friends Empowering Haiti includes funding school food, a medical clinic, building repairs and more.
2. EWO: SMPC members sponsor students to ensure children in Haiti get an education and access to a healthy meal each school day. In addition to a monthly sponsorship of \$40, participants can exchange letters with their student in Haiti!

To learn more about SMPC's work with Haiti, watch our "Mission Stories," a collection of videos where we interview SMPC members and Ewo staff about the history and impact of our work and how you can get involved. Scan QR code to find the collection.



MISSIONS/OUTREACH FUNDS DISTRIBUTION



In 2025, SMPC distributed \$130,172 in benevolence dollars to the agencies SMPC supports. Scan the QR code to see how the funds were distributed.



Let us know how God is calling you to serve and share God's light in the world by completing the Service Opportunities Interest form via the QR code or smpchome.org/serve.

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