

Why Service Hours?

We volunteer because it is one way for us to “live out” our faith. (We also live out our faith by attending worship, praying, reading the Bible, and giving.) For the sake of Confirmation requirements, I want to know that you have volunteered for at least 15 hours each year of Confirmation. (Both inside the church and/or out in the community! Volunteer with activities and organizations and people you enjoy!) You can “prove” that to me by turning in this piece of paper. (You can make a copy and keep the original, if you prefer. Or, you can email me a copy as well!)

As students you may also want to keep track of this information for future reference. Many applications (for jobs, colleges, and scholarships) ask you to share your volunteer experiences. And, many institutions are looking for a commitment to service – not just a one time activities but continued involvement. (Some ask for a “total number of hours”, others will ask for a “total number of years”!) The good news is: if you start now, even “one time activities” will build to “years” of service by the time you graduate!

You may want to use this piece of paper solely for the purpose of tracking 15 hours a year for Confirmation. Or, you may want to go “above and beyond” the 15 hour Confirmation requirement to both grow in your faith and build your resume’.

Ideas for Service Hours?

The most popular way to complete all 15 service hours at one time each year is to volunteer with Vacation Bible School during the summer. Other options for working with children include teaching Sunday School and volunteering in the nursery. Another very popular way to earn service hours is to partner with our church’s Hunger Team for their quarterly meal service at the Union Gospel Mission. (The meal service includes delivering the food trays to members of the community, visiting with them, and cleaning up after the meal.) But truly, the sky is the limit! There are so many different service opportunities both within and outside of our church! (Another great resource would be reading our monthly newsletter! Seasonal opportunities like Holiday Bell Ringing or the church Rummage Sale are almost always available!) If you need help or would like more ideas, just ask! I would be happy to connect what you like to do with what’s happening in our church and in our community!