
MPPC VOLUNTEER DIRECTORY



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MPPC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES DIRECTORY

“You go nowhere by accident. Wherever you go, God is sending you. Wherever you are, God has put you there. God has a purpose in you being there. Christ, who dwells in you, has something He wants to do through you wherever you are. Believe this and go in His Grace, His Love, His power and His peace.” - Rev. Bart Edwards

In our Missional Church, we endeavor to be the hands and feet of Christ in our local community.

This brochure provides what every member of MPPC needs to know about volunteer opportunities in our local community.

The ministries described include our church partners as well as new ministries being actively supported by members of our congregation. Pick your ministry and get involved!



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WINDWOOD FARM

About: Windwood Farm provides help, hope, and healing through behavioral, educational and therapeutic interventions for children at its 110-acre residential campus in Awendaw. Licensed by DHEC, the team provides a multi-disciplinary approach to intensive treatment for psychiatric issues that are negatively affecting the child's personal growth and social development, in his family life, and his ability to achieve academic success.

Volunteer Opportunities: Throughout the year opportunities include helping with campus workdays, special events, fundraisers, organizing donation collections, and engagement/learning activities. Examples: fishing with the boys, being a reading buddy, or helping set up or working at the annual Halloween carnival. With a willing heart, Windwood will work with individuals or groups to make a great experience that fits the volunteer(s) and children alike!

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RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

About: The American Red Cross is a nonprofit humanitarian organization which supplies 45% of the donated blood in the USA. Currently, there is a national blood crisis—the worst shortage in over a decade, posing a concerning risk to patient care. With less than a one-day supply of critical blood types, doctors have sometimes been forced to make difficult decisions about who receives blood transfusions and who will need to wait until more products become available. This is why MPPC is on a mission to help save lives by hosting blood drives 4 times a year. This is a way to have an immediate and lasting impact on the community and individual lives. A blood donation is truly the gift of life!



Volunteer Opportunities: All are invited to donate blood for hospital patients in our neighborhoods and across the nation. Volunteers are invited to come help out at the next blood drive, even if you can't stay the whole time. We can always use people to help with check-in, greet donors, and help with snacks.

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PRESBYTERIAN CAMPUS MINISTRIES

About: Presbyterian Campus Ministries (PCM) exists to see college students radically transformed by the grace and goodness of God. The PCM team of directors, pastors, counselors, and volunteers are passionate about leading college students into meaningful worship experiences and building authentic and safe Christian communities on college campuses. Currently PCM provides bible studies, ecumenical worship gatherings, mental health support groups, and one on one discipleship through The Journey at the Citadel and EmpowHER at College of Charleston and Trident.

Volunteer Opportunities: Provide a meal for one of the on campus gatherings. Commit to praying throughout the week for individual student needs. Become a host family for a Citadel cadet (2 weekends per semester).

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GOD'S GOODS

About: God's Goods Thrift Store is a non-profit business selling gently used clothes, furniture, and housewares. Beginning 11/1/24, it is located in Sweetgrass Mercantile at 3008 N. Hwy. 17. All proceeds after expenses are disbursed to various Christian mission organizations that apply for funds. The idea and energy to establish this ministry came from Ralph and Terri Wetherell, former MPPC members. The organization is staffed by volunteers.

Volunteer Opportunities: The store is open 9-5 Monday through Saturday. Volunteers work in shifts from 9-1 or 1-5. Donations are welcome anytime the store is open.

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EAST COOPER MEALS ON WHEELS (ECMOW)

About: ECMOW delivers nutritious meals daily to local residents who are homebound or temporarily unable to provide their own meals following surgery or illness. ECMOW currently needs volunteer drivers/delivery people and meal packers. Spend just a couple of hours one day each week and make a difference in homebound people's lives. Delivery drivers offer elderly and disabled folks a daily safety check and friendly conversation to those who are isolated and often feeling lonely. Call Kelley at ECMOW (843) 881-9350 to get involved.

Volunteer Opportunities: Pack individual meal trays and coolers for delivery routes OR drive a route and delivering meals to 12-15 persons. Can be done weekly or on a substitute basis.

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I-BEAM

About: I-Beam is a mentoring program aimed at building reading skills, self-esteem and social skills for children who are in need of these services at area elementary schools. Mount Pleasant churches are actively supporting this undertaking in Mount Pleasant schools.

Volunteer Opportunities: Mentor an Elementary school student in the school on a once weekly basis.

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HOPE HOUSE

About: Hope House provide a safe, Christ-centered, temporary home-away-from home for individuals and families who have loved ones in Charleston area hospitals. New volunteers are needed and can work flexible hours.

Volunteer Opportunities: Become a caretaker by volunteering for two-hour shifts in the mornings and afternoons Monday-Friday. Duties include light housekeeping and monitoring guest check-ins. Volunteers also assist with upkeep of landscape and general maintenance of the house. Volunteers also provide frozen meals for the guests as well as providing household supplies.

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EAST COOPER HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

About: East Cooper Habitat for Humanity builds homes with donated funds and volunteer labor. The homes are then sold to hard working families. Our church has a long history of supporting these construction efforts. There are workday and weekend opportunities to help on current home builds. Come do some work, enjoy a lunch with fellow volunteers and meet the new owners who also work to build their new home!

Typical Work Required: Home construction work varies based on the status of the build. Hammers are needed when framing and paint brushes and rollers are needed toward the end of a build. We will have the tools, you will just need to sign up and participate!

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HIBBEN COLD WEATHER SHELTER

About: The Shelter shall offers warmth, safety, hospitality and the love of Jesus Christ to anyone suffering from the cold. The shelter at Hibben United Methodist Church is the only cold weather shelter in Mount Pleasant. This life changing ministry opens on nights when temperatures are projected to be 33 degrees or lower. We provide clean cots, home-cooked dinners, showers, fellowship, hot breakfasts, and transportation in the morning to the downtown area.

Volunteer Opportunities: Set-up before the cold evening, breakdown the next morning, food preparation, hospitality (check in our guests) 7-10 pm, and particularly the overnight shifts (from 10 pm-2 am and 2 am-6 pm). Come experience the Holy Spirit with us as we share the love of Jesus Christ!

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HANDS OF CHRIST

About: The mission of Hands of Christ is to bring Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations together to meet the basic needs of children, showing them Christ's love, by providing clothes and school supplies at the start of each school year. Since 2007 our church has worked with over two dozen congregations and we have served over 60,000 children at over 20 different distribution sites. Volunteers are needed during the three weeks before school starts each fall at various distribution sites.

Volunteer Opportunities: On the day materials are distributed to the children volunteers serve as "shopping buddies," helping the children select their clothing and materials. The time commitment is about 2 hours. The only requirements are that you bring a welcoming heart to help each child, share in the excitement of getting these children ready for school, and make it fun for your "shopping buddy." No experience is needed; you learn what to do in ten minutes!

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FLORENCE CRITTENTON PROGRAMS OF SC

About: Florence Crittenton strives to provide at-risk young pregnant women comprehensive services to help them become self-sufficient and responsible young women and mothers. We value the right of every young woman to obtain the education, skills, and support needed to have a healthy start in life – for both herself and her child.

Volunteer Opportunities: Consider being a host-home to a pregnant or parenting youth or visit florencecrittentonsc.org to sign up for other volunteer and donation opportunities.

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ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

About: The goal of MPPC's ESOL ministry is to help adult students learn or improve their English so that they may participate more fully in the life of our community. Since 2015 we have enjoyed working with more than 300 students from 39 countries around the world. We offer multiple levels of in-person classes, as well as an online class, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings September through November and January through April.

Volunteer Opportunities: We are always looking for volunteers who can help in a classroom or online as assistants or teachers. If you speak English and have a heart for service, you are qualified. No other experience is required!

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FIX-IT (PART OF EAST COOPER FAITH NETWORK)

About: Fix-It is a Mount Pleasant non-profit which assesses and repairs unsafe conditions and damage to homes where the damage threatens to destroy essential elements of the home unless repairs are promptly made. Eligible homeowners typically lack financial resources to make repairs. Volunteer teams from MPPC and other local churches provide skilled and unskilled labor (assisting) to make the repairs. This work is ideal for retirees (regardless of skill levels) willing to respond to the urgent needs of our neighbors.

Typical Work Required: Removal of damaged home components (ie. damaged roofing, water damaged flooring/timbers); followed by construction and installation of replacement materials. Building wheel chair ramps. Painting and sealing exterior repair work to prevent future water damage.

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DEE NORTON CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

About: The mission of Dee Norton is to lead and coordinate a child-focused, community-wide response to prevent abuse, protect children, and heal families. Dee Norton is a safe, child-friendly place to turn when there is a concern about abuse or trauma. There are two locations in downtown Charleston and in Mt. Pleasant. The professionals at Dee Norton take a full-spectrum approach to ensure that children and families receive all the resources they need so that abuse and trauma do not define who a child is or the person they will grow up to be.

Volunteer Opportunities: Dee Norton seeks volunteers to play with children and interact with families in the lobby while they are waiting to be seen. Volunteers can read books, play games, or just chat with the families. All volunteers are required to attend an orientation and pass a Child Abuse Registry check before volunteering with children.

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EAST COOPER COMMUNITY OUTREACH (ECCO)

About: East Cooper Community Outreach provides assistance to people in need and facing financial hardship who live or work east of the Cooper River. Assistance includes a wellness food pantry, clothing closet, and financial assistance. ECCO also has onsite medical and dental services for those meeting program criteria.

Volunteer Opportunities: Please support MPPC's "Grocery Bag Sundays" to keep the ECCO food pantry stocked! Volunteers at ECCO work in the front office, the food pantry, the clothing closet, and assist with client transportation. Volunteers are also needed for the monthly Farmers Market, which is held every third Thursday of the month. ECCO also offers a family friendly volunteer opportunity on the first Saturday of every month from 9am-noon, when parents with children under age 18 can volunteer. In addition, anyone can volunteer and support ECCO by hosting a food drive in their neighborhood or by donating clothing or hygiene and cleaning supplies. For more information, email volunteer@eccocharleston.org or call 843-416-7111.

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LANDMARKS FOR FAMILIES (FORMERLY CYDC)

About: Landmarks for Families is an agency that seeks to empower and equip our community's most vulnerable children by providing a safe environment, educational support, and career readiness in collaboration with families and community partners. Its vision is that all children will have loving and stable families and a nurturing community empowering them to lead successful lives. Landmarks for Families offers residential, educational, and enrichment services to children and community-based prevention services to at-risk families

Volunteer Opportunities: Transportation, homework help/academic tutoring, committee members/advisory council, construction/painting, landscaping/maintenance, fundraising events, seminar guest speaker and life skills coaching. Volunteer opportunities vary in time, duration, and location.

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Landmarks for Families Volunteer Coordinator: Victoria Stegall: victoria.stegall@landmarksforfamilies.org

REFUGEE SUPPORT MINISTRY

About: MPPC became involved in supporting refugee families in 2022 when Lutheran Services, SC was helping Afghan refugees fleeing the Taliban. In partnership with Providence Church (Daniel Island) and Westminster Presbyterian, MPPC has been supporting Nadia Paikan and her four children since August 2022. Nadia and her children live in West Ashley and pray that her husband Fraidoon will be able to leave Afghanistan to join them.



Volunteer Opportunities: Providing transportation to Nadia and her family for work, medical, school, daycare, and other services. Assist MPPC member Maryanne Davis in tutoring the children in English on Saturday mornings. Nadia and family need our prayers as well.

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CHARLESTON AREA JUSTICE MINISTRY (CAJM)

About: CAJM is a 40+ network of faith-based congregations whose members are culturally, economically, geographically, and religiously diverse. CAJM's goal is to make the Charleston area a more just place in which to live and work. Network teams from member congregations work together to empower marginalized people in our communities. We accomplish this by conducting research on problems in the community, educating community members, and then publicly addressing the root causes of, and solutions to, poverty and injustice in our area.

Volunteer Opportunities: Our MPPC Justice Ministry Network Team is continually seeking additional members who care, and want to do something about injustice and inequity in our Charleston area.

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ANGEL TREE

About: Each Christmas over 200 gifts are bought, wrapped and delivered to our church by MPPC members for delivery on to children in our community. Guidance counselors at local elementary schools and Windwood Farms home for children provide the names of children, and their siblings as well, who might otherwise go without gifts. Our congregation helps make the holiday season a joyous, peaceful and stress-free time by purchasing a gift for these Angels!

Volunteer Opportunities: Angels will be available mid-November. All gifts are due back by the second weekend in December so they can be distributed before schools dismiss for the holidays. Other volunteer opportunities would include helping to sort and organize the gifts once they are returned as well as helping to load the presents into cars when the school comes to pick up their gift.

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