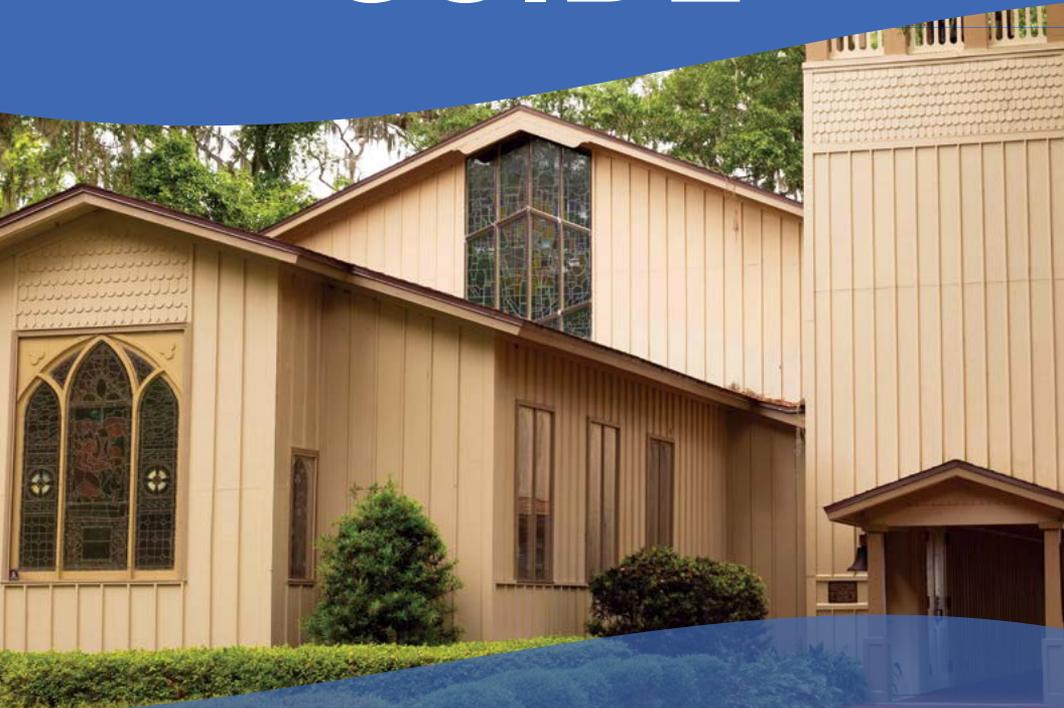




# MINISTRY GUIDE



Church of Our Saviour exists to help people  
wherever they are on their spiritual journey,  
to live into a personal and intimate  
relationship with Jesus Christ.

# Come *Grow* with us!

Have you been wondering how to get involved or who to contact? I am so happy to present to you the first edition of the Church of Our Saviour Ministry Guide. Now at your fingertips is an easy-to-navigate guide to all of our current ministries, Bible Studies, and service opportunities.

All of us were made by God to know Him, enjoy Him, and glorify Him. To do all these things, God has gifted us with our beloved church community. Whether we are receiving or serving, the goal is always to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ. To that end, we encourage you to participate regularly in three areas:



We **CONNECT** With God and Others in our weekly worship services.  
We **GROW** Towards God and Others as we read and learn the Scriptures.  
We **SERVE** For God and Others as we love our neighbors in our community.



These are like three legs of a stool – they work together to provide a firm foundation for our faith in Christ. As we make a habit of each of these activities, we will find ourselves growing closer to God over time – knowing him, enjoying him, and glorifying him as we were made by him to do!

This Guide briefly describes the ministries at Church of Our Saviour associated with each of these three areas, and lets you know who to contact for more information. The church staff and ministry leaders are happy to answer any questions you may have. So get involved, and get growing!

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Rector, Church of Our Saviour



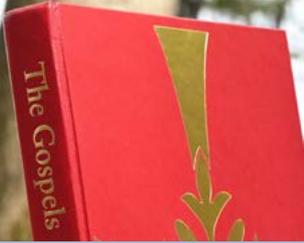


# CONNECT

## With God and Others

*These are ministries of Worship and Welcome.* Because God made us in His image, He made us to be relational beings; He made us to have a flourishing relationship with Him, and to have healthy, life-giving relationships with others. Church of Our Saviour has many opportunities to help you Connect to God, and to do so within a wonderful community. We also have lots of opportunities for you to help others Connect to God.

**ACOLYTES | ALTAR GUILD | LECTORS/READERS**  
**CHALICE BEARERS | LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**  
**FLOWER GUILD | INTERCESSORY PRAYER TEAM**  
**LIVESTREAM TEAM | USHERS/GREETERS**  
**MUSIC MINISTRY | NEWCOMER MINISTRY**



## ACOLYTES

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Acolytes lead us into worship by carrying crosses, banners, torches, and more. We invite children and youth in grades 3 and up, and any interested adults, to take part in this ministry of leadership and celebration. To learn more or get involved, contact our Acolyte Director, Debbi Gentry.

## ALTAR GUILD

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The Altar Guild organizes the sanctuary and other spaces for our worship services. Altar Guild teams prepare the church for worship by setting, cleaning up, and resetting the altar before and after services. To learn more or to join this vital behind-the-scenes ministry, please contact Theresa Meyers.

## LECTORS/READERS

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Lectors read scripture in worship for the whole congregation to hear. In the first century church, when most people were unable to read, the texts were read aloud for all to learn. Lectors serve in this ancient tradition, providing engagement with the scriptures in a communal way. For more information on becoming a lector contact George Robbins.

## CHALICE BEARERS

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Chalice Bearers offer the wine during services of Holy Communion. Because the Eucharist is central to our worship, this is an important and meaningful ministry – to those serving and to those who are served. For more information about being trained as a Chalice Bearer, contact George Robbins.



## MUSIC MINISTRY

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The Music Ministry of Our Saviour principally aids in congregational worship. Our Choir, Choral Scholars, and worship bands offer varying styles of music, both traditional and modern. The Choir rehearses weekly on Tuesday evenings, September through June, from 7-9pm. Volunteer opportunities are available in several areas (not limited to choir members). If you would like to join the choir or have any questions about our musical offerings please contact Bob Moore.

## FLOWER GUILD

 [ministries@oursaviourjax.org](mailto:ministries@oursaviourjax.org)

The Flower Guild arranges the altar flowers to set the stage for a meaningful and beautiful worship experience. For more information about the Flower Guild contact Vivian Freas.

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER TEAM

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During Sunday morning services, a team of prayer ministers is available to anyone who would like to receive prayer. These trained Intercessors lead the parish prayers and volunteer to pray for parishioners in the chapel during communion. To learn more, contact Pam Atkins or Nancy Ray.

## LIVESTREAM TEAM

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The Livestream Team ensures that parishioners who are unable to attend services at church can still worship with their church family. Team members typically serve once every 4-6 weeks and do not need to be particularly tech savvy before being trained. To learn more, contact James Evans.

## LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) take consecrated Communion elements to parishioners who are physically unable to attend church. This wonderful ministry helps people to worship the Lord and reminds them that they are loved by their parish. Those interested in serving as a LEM should contact Diane Gates.

## USHERS/ GREETERS

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Ushers work in teams to help worshipers to feel welcomed and to easily engage in the service. Ushers help parishioners by distributing bulletins, directing communion traffic, and by caring for unexpected needs during the service. After the service, ushers collect and count the offering. For more information about becoming an usher contact Raymond Remmer or Marc Gentry.

## NEWCOMER MINISTRY

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Welcoming guests is critically important to the vitality and the future of the parish! Join the team that helps visitors become part of the COOS family. This important volunteer team hosts welcome events, contacts newcomers, and helps them find their way. Friendly folks interested in building the congregation should contact Wayne and Mary Jo Plummer.

## BREAKFAST TEAMS

 [ministries@oursaviourjax.org](mailto:ministries@oursaviourjax.org)

Breakfast is a long-standing tradition at Church of Our Saviour! Each Sunday morning, rotating teams prepare and serve a hot breakfast. This is a fun ministry for men or women, and a wonderful opportunity for fellowship between services. To learn more or to volunteer, contact John Elisano.

A group of children are sitting on a wooden bench outdoors. In the foreground, a boy with red hair in a green and blue plaid shirt is seen from the back. Next to him is a girl with blonde hair in a light blue shirt, also seen from the back. To the right, another girl in a blue dress is visible. In the background, other children and a woman are partially visible, along with a house and trees. The word "GROW" is overlaid in large white letters across the middle of the image.

# GROW

## Towards God and Others

When it comes to growing in relationship with Christ, we look to the Word of God to be the foundation and guiding light of our faith journey. Whether young, old, or in the middle, we find ourselves being continuously shaped by our experiences with God and one another in community. Our programming at Our Saviour seeks to meet the needs of every age group. We encourage all people to grow in their faith, to seek God's boundless grace in their lives, and to find joy and fellowship throughout their spiritual journeys.

**RECTOR'S FORUM | PARENTING CLASS**

**SUPPER CLUBS | YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**

**WIDOWS & WIDOWERS | BIBLE STUDIES**

## RECTOR'S FORUM

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The Rector's Forum is the principal Adult Christian Formation class at Church of Our Saviour. This class is usually led by the Rev. Joe Gibbes, and is typically a Bible Study that seeks to connect the biblical text to everyday Christian living. Meets Sundays 10:15am-11:00am in the Great Hall. To learn more, contact Elaine Allen.

## PARENTING CLASS

 [ministries@oursaviourjax.org](mailto:ministries@oursaviourjax.org)

This class is a group discussion of relevant parenting topics from a biblical perspective. Parents with children of any age are invited to participate. The discussion is usually led by our Associate Rector, the Rev. Trent Moore, and uses a variety of platforms to help address the busy lives of our parents. Meets Sundays in the Conference Room from 10:15am-11:00am. To learn more contact Fr. Trent.

## SUPPER CLUBS

 [ministries@oursaviourjax.org](mailto:ministries@oursaviourjax.org)

Supper Clubs offer a small group of 8-10 parishioners the chance to fellowship over a meal and share a devotional thought or message. Groups can meet in homes, restaurants, coffee shops, etc. Each club is initially only committed to 3 gatherings, and may meet for more if they wish. This is a great way to get to know others in the parish! To participate or host a club, contact Emily Tsunemori.

## WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

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This ministry provides much-needed Christian community and fellowship for parishioners and friends that have lost a spouse. This group gathers on the first Friday night of each month for a meal and games in the friendly confines of a parishioner's home. If you are interested being a part of this ministry, contact Paula Suhey.

## YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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The Youth Ministry (6th-12th grade) and Children's Ministries (birth-5th grade) live into the church's mission and vision by engaging, encouraging, and empowering families of children and youth to grow in Christian faith and service. These thriving ministries have always been at the heart of Our Saviour's identity. For more information on these programs and how to involve your children, visit [www.oursaviourjax.org](http://www.oursaviourjax.org).

### GETTING INVOLVED

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the program for our kids and youth. These special and gifted teams of parishioners share a love for Christ, their church, and for young people.

There are many ways to serve the next generations, including:

- Lead small group Bible study or Sunday classes
- Chaperone Youth events or trips
- Serve on our Leadership Councils
- Provide weekly meals or weekend refreshments
- And more!

### DISCOVER WHERE YOU MIGHT PLUG IN BY CONTACTING:

**EMILY TSUNEMORI** Director of Children and Family Ministries



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**HANNAH BARDIN** Director of Youth Ministry



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**HANNAH BARDIN** with the youth serving at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.



# BIBLE STUDIES

## WOMEN'S GROUPS

### **Wonder Women**

Monday Evening from 7:00pm-9:00pm in the Conference Room.

### **Wednesday Women's Bible Study**

Wednesdays with two sessions: 9:00am-10:30am and 10:30am-12:00pm, both in the Great Hall.

### **Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study**

Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30 in the Family Life Center.

## MEN'S GROUPS

### **Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study**

Tuesdays from 8:30am-10:00am at Bob Evans Restaurant.

### **Thursday Evening Men's Group**

Thursdays from 7:00pm-8:00pm in the Great Hall.

## CO-ED GROUPS

### **Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study**

Wednesdays from 3:00pm-4:30pm. Currently meeting in the Conference Room.

Please contact Elaine Allen, [eallen@oursaviourjax.org](mailto:eallen@oursaviourjax.org) for more information about adult Bible Studies.

## YOUTH MINISTRY GROUPS

During the formation hour on Sundays (10:15am-11:00am), youth are invited to small groups in the Family Life Center (FLC). Youth in 4th-12th grades will meet in small groups in the FLC for formation and Bible study. Sunday Morning Small Groups are for 4th-6th grades, 7th-9th grades, and 10th-12th grades.

**Youth Group** is on Wednesdays from 6-8pm in the FLC.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY GROUPS

**NURSERY CARE** for children ages infant-5 years is available each Sunday from 9:00am-12:30pm.

**KIDS' WORD/CHILDREN'S CHAPEL** meets each Sunday during the 9:15am service in the Children's Chapel for ages 3-3rd grade.

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** meets each Sunday morning 10:15am-11:00am

**PRESCHOOL CLASS** - meets in the Nursery

This class is geared toward our Pre-K group and uses a combination of Godly Play, Bible story time, and related crafts to teach children about the love of Jesus. Class is led by the nursery manager.

**WHAT'S IN THE BIBLE?** – meets in the Children's Chapel

This class for grades K-3 teaches children about God, the Bible, and faith through lectionary-based lessons, songs, and related crafts. Class is team-taught by a talented group of leaders who love children and love Jesus.

**4/5/6 CLASS** – meets in the Family Life Center

The transition to middle school and youth group can be a big jump! This small group style class for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders gives them a space that bridges that gap. Class is taught by a wonderful team of leaders who love having fun and facilitating meaningful discussions about God and living a life of faith.



# SERVE

## For God and Others

Learning to serve others like Jesus did is vitally important to growing in Christ. There are countless ways to serve in response to God's goodness in our lives. Some serve other parishioners through ministries of Pastoral Care, while others feel led to serve beyond the church walls. Our Saviour partners with ministries, schools, and nonprofit organizations throughout the city of Jacksonville and the Diocese of Florida to bring comfort to those in need. We seek to share in God's mission of reconciling the whole world to one another and to God.

PASTORAL CARE | COMMUNITY OUTREACH  
CHURCH IN-REACH

# PASTORAL CARE

## SHEPHERDS

 [ministries@oursaviourjax.org](mailto:ministries@oursaviourjax.org)

Every member at Our Saviour has a Shepherd. The Shepherds' role is to reach out to each parishioner in their flock, listen and care, and then link those facing challenges with our ministries that offer the support and encouragement they need. To find your Shepherd or to become a part of this ministry, contact Sarah Stanley, Pastoral Care Coordinator at [pastoral@oursaviourjax.org](mailto:pastoral@oursaviourjax.org).

## GRIEF GROUP

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 [info@oursaviourjax.org](mailto:info@oursaviourjax.org)

Those experiencing grief often need an understanding support community. Our Saviour's Grief Group uses *Beyond the Broken Heart*, an eight-week Christ-centered grief ministry for those who have lost a loved one. The study aims to explain the spiritual and practical issues of grief and suggests specific coping strategies. Within the sanctity and community of this group, there is opportunity to share with others and receive the spiritual and emotional encouragement that leads to a life of renewed hope and joy.

This program is presented periodically. Participants are not required to share, but are provided with a safe environment in which to express as little or as much as is needed.

To learn more or to participate contact [ministries@oursaviourjax.org](mailto:ministries@oursaviourjax.org).

## FLOWER DELIVERY MINISTRY

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These dedicated parishioners divide the weekly altar flowers into smaller bouquets and deliver them to parishioners in hospitals, care facilities, or private homes during both seasons of loss and celebration. To learn more or to volunteer contact Carole Brock.

## BIRTHDAY CARD MINISTRY

✉ [ministries@oursaviourjax.org](mailto:ministries@oursaviourjax.org)

In this modern age of quick texts, group emails and video chats, we've lost the sweetness of opening a mailed card and reading someone's handwritten words. Our Saviour sends hand-written birthday cards to each parishioner, sending words of faith, friendship, and encouragement. To learn more or assist with this ministry, contact Melinda Oliwa.



# FOR THE COMMUNITY

## LIVE NATIVITY

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The Live Nativity is a unique outreach ministry of Our Saviour, and a gift of God's grace to our community. This live walk-through production gives visitors a unique way of observing Christmas with their family, while sharing the Gospel message. A large volunteer cast and support crew is needed to run successfully each night. It's such a wonderful way for to serve the community, and have fun with our church family along the way. If you want to learn more or be a part of this ministry, contact Joe Nuetzi or Susie Lawson.

## CROWN POINT ELEMENTARY

 [ministries@oursaviourjax.org](mailto:ministries@oursaviourjax.org)

Our Saviour volunteers work to support and encourage faculty and students at Crown Point Elementary School. We do so through prayer, donations collected for various needs to serve our teachers and classes, and encouraging letters. Look for more ways to support them in the future. To learn more or how to get involved contact Lynn Iseman.

## MEALS ON WHEELS

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Parish volunteers receive and then deliver nutritious meals for home-bound seniors in the Mandarin area Monday-Friday. Deliveries may generally be completed in one hour, typically beginning around noon. To learn more or volunteer contact Sharon Copeland.

## HER SONG

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The Mission of Her Song is to interrupt the cycle of human trafficking and lead the exploited to freedom through Survivor Care, Victim Outreach, and Education. There are many ways volunteers can support this ministry. To learn more about this wonderful ministry or how you can help contact Wayne and Mary Jo Plummer.

## MANDARIN FOOD BANK

✉ [ministries@oursaviourjax.org](mailto:ministries@oursaviourjax.org)

The mission of the Mandarin Food Bank is to provide emergency food and clothing to those in need in the Mandarin Community. Our Saviour supports the Mandarin Food Bank through financial, food, and clothing donations. Donations may be dropped off in the Great Hall. To learn more or to donate contact Jim Carter.

## HABIJAX (Habitat For Humanity In Jacksonville)

✉ [ministries@oursaviourjax.org](mailto:ministries@oursaviourjax.org)

The Mission of HabiJax is seeking to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope. To learn more or participate in local building projects, contact Jim Meyers.

## ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY (Downtown Jax)

✉ [ministries@oursaviourjax.org](mailto:ministries@oursaviourjax.org)

Our Saviour has an active partnership with the food pantry ministry of St. Mary's which aims to provide space for an active and loving presence for individuals and families who, for whatever reason, find themselves without enough food to eat. Help is always needed. Current pantry hours of operation: 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays. To learn more contact Jackie Penn.



# IN THE CHURCH

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY COUNCIL

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This group is active in many different areas of the church. Members sponsor and coordinate Girls Night Out and the annual Women's Retreat. They actively contribute to Created For a Purpose, and support many other ministries, both inside and outside the church. To learn more about this fun and active group of women, contact Kathy Daber.

## DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

 [ministries@oursaviourjax.org](mailto:ministries@oursaviourjax.org)

Daughters of the King is an order of women who work toward bringing others into a living, loving relationship with Jesus, and help strengthen the spiritual lives of parishes and missions. Each Daughter pledges herself to a life-long program of Prayer, Service and Evangelism. To learn more contact Jackie Wright.

## JUNIOR DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

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This organization of young girls, ages 7-21, is a spiritual sisterhood dedicated to a life of Prayer, Service and Evangelism. The group provides opportunities to experience the joy of belonging to Christian fellowship with peers and mentors, discuss their faith, work on service. To learn more contact Emily Gourdine or Jackie Wright.

## ALTAR LINENS

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This ministry is made up of a team of parishioners who, behind the scenes in their own homes, launder and care for the various linens that adorn the altar during Eucharist. To learn more contact Marianne Carter.

## TOWEL MINISTRY

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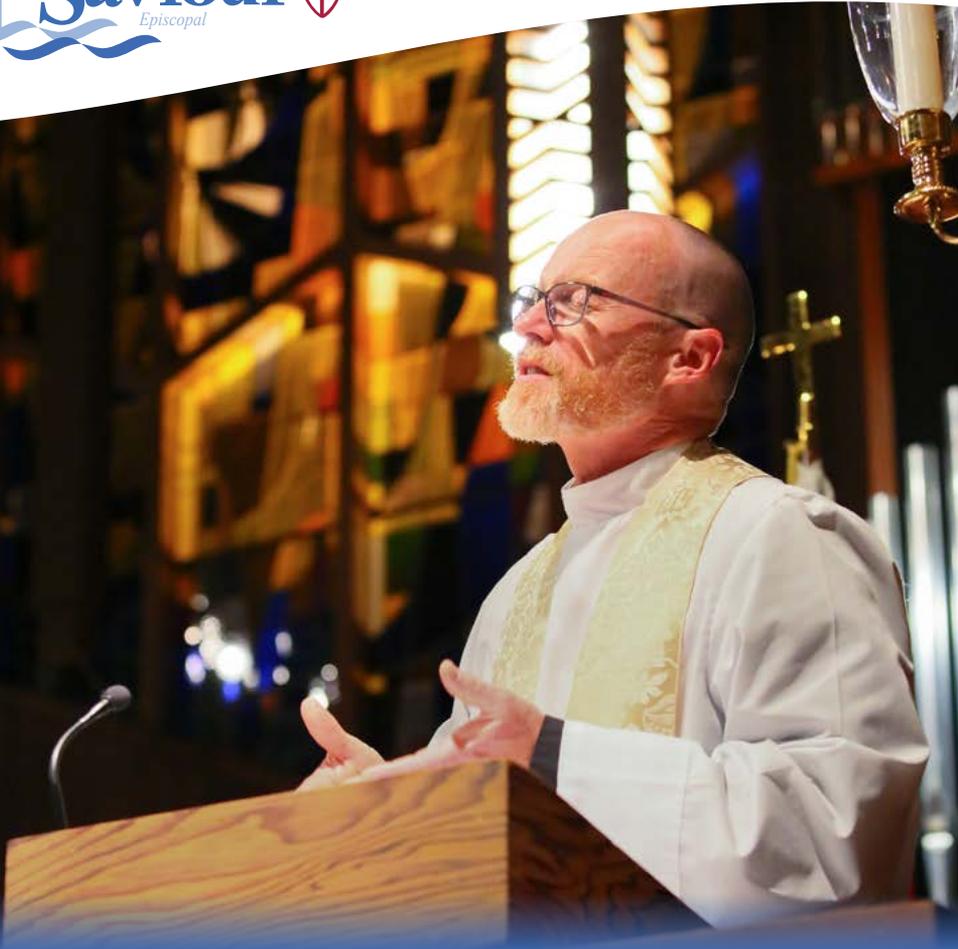
This group of volunteers clean and replenish the kitchen towels. To learn more contact Paula Suhey.

## SEW MUCH LOVE

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Sew Much Love is a group of multi-denominational women that meet at Church of Our Saviour every other Friday morning for fun, fellowship and, of course, sewing! The group creates new articles of clothing which are then donated to the Mandarin Food Bank for needy children. All skill levels are welcome and, for those that would like to contribute to the mission in other ways, they are always accepting of good quality, child friendly fabric and other notions. To learn more about this ministry please contact Kerry Baldwin.





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