

Confirmation Service Experience Record

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Service Component

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me. Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the kin will say to them in reply, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."
Matthew 25:35-40

7th Grade Service Component:

During the Confirmation Preparation Program, 24 hours of service are required. During the 7th grade year, you will complete a minimum of 12 hours of the required 24 hours of service hours.

Service Hour Ideas

Below are some ideas using this passage from Matthew 25 as a guide:

- Feeding the Hungry: Volunteer on Saturday at Loaves & Fishes; Volunteer on days you're out of school at Sophia's Kitchen; Volunteer at Spring Bay's Food Pantry or Open Arms Community Center (food pantry in Metamora on 116)
- Visiting the Homebound, those in Nursing Homes - Many residents love to play checkers or other games. Help with Bingo at Snyder Village. Some need help writing letters or would love someone to read to them as they may have trouble seeing. Contact the Activity Department to learn of ways that you can volunteer.
- Service to the Elderly - This includes any type of help given to those who have a need such as raking leaves, picking weeds, mowing lawns, clearing the driveway/sidewalks after a snowfall, etc. Contact the Community of Care Ministry coordinators to volunteer for parishioners.
- Church cleaning - Sign up to clean the church or call one of the assigned cleaners and offer to help. For more information, contact Joan at the Parish Office at ~~383-4460~~ Deb 367-4407
- Serve at Mass - no more than 5 hours will count when you are a server at Mass.

Service Reflection Sheets

Service hours are to be completed and the Reflection Sheets turned in as you complete each project. Spend time reflecting on how you saw God in your service and how it has made a difference.

Non-Qualified Service Hours

- If you answer "YES" to this question: Is this something I would already be doing if I didn't need service hours?
- Helping in any form with sporting events at your school or in the community.
- Assisting with Market Day
- If you get paid for doing the activity that you are wanting to use for service hours.
- Babysitting siblings; doing chores around the house.

Ongoing Opportunities for Service Hours

Sophia's Kitchen (Monday – Friday, during the day)

Phone: 655-1578 or 673-6317, ask for Claire as she handles orientation of new volunteers

Snyder Village

Phone: 367-4300, ask for the Activity Department

Loaves and Fishes (Saturday's only)

Phone: 673-3641 (First United Methodist Church of Peoria)

- Guidelines for volunteering are enclosed.
- You will need to call them regarding the day you wish to volunteer. This will prevent you from being turned away because they have too much help.
- Parents must attend with their child if they are under the age of 16.

Loaves + Fishes Guidelines for Volunteering

Volunteer Guidelines:

1. Volunteers need to arrive no later than 9:30 a.m. Please enter through the door in the alley between the Library and the church. It opens at 8am. You can park in the main church lot at Hamilton and Perry or in the Library lot or at meters on the street. Parking is free at all meters on Saturday.
2. You must be present for the Loaves and Fish meeting that will begin between 9:45-10 a.m. Health Department guidelines, assignment of jobs and other pertinent information will be shared at this time. If you are late and miss the meeting, you may not be allowed in the building. It will be the discretion of the Loaves and Fish Coordinator to gain entry. We understand delays can happen or that you may have a prior commitment but please try to be here on time.
3. You must be at least 16 years old to volunteer unaccompanied by an adult. → Parents must attend with child
4. Groups with children must have one adult present for every 5 children under the age of 12. All children volunteering must be 10 years or older.
5. You must dress appropriately (women should not wear low cut tops, tight pants; men should not wear tank tops or wear pants below belt level). You should wear comfortable shoes.
6. Aprons must be removed when using the restroom.
7. Use of cell phones (as a phone, for texts, or music) during volunteer shifts is not allowed. If you need to take or make an emergency call or text, please talk to your Coordinator first.
8. Smoking of any kind (cigarette or e-cigarette) is not permitted on church property. Volunteers cannot take a smoke break during their shift.
9. Volunteers should plan on staying until 1:30 p.m. to help with cleaning up. If you must leave before 1:30, please let the Loaves and Fish Coordinator know when you start your shift to make sure your responsibility or area will be covered.
10. If you need community service hours, only the Loaves and Fish Coordinator that assigned your job assignment can sign your paperwork.
11. If there is extra food, the Loaves and Fish Coordinator will make an announcement for volunteers to go through the line. Otherwise, do not leave your assigned job without the approval of the Coordinator.
12. If there are extra perishable items available at the Take Home table, (after the guests have gone through) the Loaves and Fish Dining Room Coordinator or the Take Home Table Coordinator will announce that volunteers may go through. Please understand that non perishable items are offered the next week and/or used in the kitchen. We take perishable items left over to the Salvation Army or the Peoria Rescue Mission, or South Side Mission for their use.
13. FUMC often has a need for ice on Sunday so it is important that we do not empty the ice machine. If you need ice, please see the Loaves and Fish Coordinator before taking any ice.
14. Loaves and Fish works because of volunteers that work together. If you like what you are doing, please keep coming and tell your friends. If you do not like what you are doing, talk to a Loaves and Fish Coordinator so that we can work with you to use your gifts where they work best and you feel most comfortable.
15. It is the discretion of the Loaves and Fish Coordinator to implement a guideline not listed above.

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Call First United Church of Peoria
to volunteer. 673-4300