



# Grand Avenue United Methodist Church

## Ministry Catalog 2026



Building Faith,  
Bringing Hope,  
Reaching Out in  
*love*

This catalog contains information about the ministries offered at Grand Avenue United Methodist Church during 2025. Please use this catalog to select the ministries you want to be part of for the coming year 2026. An (a) indicates a ministry to be provided by an adult; a (y) indicates a ministry to be provided by a youth. When you receive your Commitment Card, mark the ministries where you will serve during 2026. Write your name next to the corresponding numbers in this Catalog, then keep it for your records. At the back of the Catalog there is an area where you can also record your commitments to Prayer, Presence, Gifts, and Witness.

## **BUILDING FAITH** **WITH ADULTS - 2100**

- 2101. Lead Adult Sunday School (a)**  
Lead groups of adults, on a weekly basis, through planned Bible study on Sunday mornings beginning at 9:45
- 2102. Substitute Leader for Adult Sunday School (a)**  
Occasionally lead a group of adults through planned Bible study on Sunday morning at scheduled times. As much advance notice as possible will be provided.
- 2103. Lead Adult Bible Study or Small Group Study, (a)**  
Resources will be available through the Discipleship Ministry or the church office. Groups could meet weekly or at group's discretion.

## **WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH - 2200**

- 2201. Lead Children or Youth Sunday School (a)**  
Choose age level to lead in planned, approved curriculum of studies on Sunday mornings beginning at 9:45.
- 2202. Substitute Leader for Children or Youth Sunday School (a)**  
Occasionally lead a group of Children or Youth (your choice) through planned Bible study on Sunday morning beginning at 9:45. As much advance notice as possible will be provided.

## **2203. Lead or Assist with Early Christian Awareness (a)**

Work with infants to toddlers Sunday mornings at 9:45. Help them learn about God in a loving way that is both fun and educational.

## **2205. Lead or Assist with Special Kids' Events (a, y)**

Events include Vacation Bible School, Cookouts, Parties, Easter, Halloween, or Christmas programs. Volunteers may choose the particular projects with which to help.

## **2206. Nursery Care Giver (a, y)**

Provide loving, fun, and safe care for infants to toddlers during a service, Sunday School, or other church related activities.

## **BRINGING HOPE** **WORSHIP - 2300**

## **2301. Serve on Altar Guild (a)**

Care for the paraments, candles, and other chancel furnishings. From refilling candles and ironing altar-cloths to changing the paraments and floral arrangements, Altar Guild members help keep God's house in order from Sunday to Sunday and from season to season.

## **2302. Prepare Communion for Worship Services (a)**

Purchase perishable items, and prepare the elements prior to the service. Have appropriate elements on the altar a few minutes before the service; replenish as necessary and clean chalice, paten, and linens following service.

**2304. Serve Communion at Worship Service (a, y)**

Assist the pastor in serving the communion as members come forward to the front of the sanctuary to receive the elements.

**2306. Usher for Worship Service (a, y)**

Greet those attending church as they approach the sanctuary, distribute bulletins, assist members and guests to their seats, count attendance, collect attendance pads, receive the offering plates, assist as people exit sanctuary, and clean up sanctuary pews.

**2308. Acolyte or Cross Bearer for Worship Service (a, y)**

Carry the cross and the light of Christ into the service and back out into the world at the beginning and end of the service.

**2310. Lay Reader for Worship Service (a, y)**

Read Scripture or lead prayers, litanies, or other liturgies during Sunday or other services.

**2311. Assist with Seasonal Decorations (a, y)**

Coordinate special decorations in the worship areas to reflect special events or seasons in the liturgical year.

**2312. Sound Technician for One or More Services (a)**

Operate sound system, set up equipment prior to the service, and maintain all electronic components required for the services. Training provided.

**2314. Computer Technician for Worship Service (a)**

Volunteer to run video, lighting, or computer presentation software.

**2315. Worship Drama, Dance, and Staging (a, y)**

Help plan and participate in drama, dance, and staging, for services as needed.

**2316. "Children's Sermon" for 10:45 Service (a, y)**

Share a message based on the scripture of the day with children from nursery through elementary ages. (usually once every 4-6 weeks)

**MUSIC - 2400**

**2401. Chancel Choir at 10:45 (a, y)**

Singing anthems and hymns, and leading in the musical portion of the worship services. Weekly rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm.

**2402. Jubilee Handbell Choir (a, y)**

Jubilee Bells rehearse weekly on Wednesdays at 5:00 pm and provide a variety of music for Sunday worship and seasonal services.

**2403. Provide Vocal or Instrumental Music at Worship or Other Services (a, y)**

Utilizing your special musical talents, individually or with a small group, provide special music, as arranged.

**2404. Provide Special Instrumental/Vocal Music (a, y)**

Utilizing your special musical talents at Table of Grace, social media/video



## CONGREGATIONAL CARE - 2500

### 2501. **Nursing Home, Assisted Living, Convalescing & Homebound Visitation (a)**

Minister to one or more members by visiting in the nursing home or their home at least once each month. Visitors can provide news of the church, read, sing hymns, send cards, and pray with their care receiver.

### 2502. **“TLC” – Telephone Calls, Letters, and Cards for Members in Need (a, y)**

Send cards, write letters, e-mail and/or make phone calls to offer words of encouragement to our assisted living residents, homebound members, and others with special needs.

### 2503. **Hospital & Rehabilitation Visitation (a)**

Minister to church members who are injured or ill, or sit with family members during surgery as needed. Visitors can provide news of the church, read, and pray with them.

### 2504. **Bereavement Ministry (a)**

Stay in touch, at least monthly, with members who have suffered the loss of a loved one or other catastrophic event through phone calls, one-on-one visits, or cards as indicated.

### 2505. **Bereavement / Reception Ministry (a)**

When a Sunday School Class or Circle is not available, assist in preparing or providing and serving a reception and/or meal at the church, for family members and/or friends who have experienced the death of a loved one. Additional responsibilities will include setting up for the meal and cleaning up once the meal is completed.

### 2506. **Bouquets & Buds Ministry (a)**

Using flowers left in the sanctuary, make smaller flower arrangements, or deliver arrangements to church members and others to brighten their day.

### 2507. **Bread and Cup Ministry (a)**

Take Holy Communion once a month to our members who are in the hospital, nursing home, or who are convalescing at home.

### 2508. **Attendance Ministry (a)**

Record Sunday attendance, run reports, and stay in touch with absent members.

### 2509. **Auto Angels (a)**

Volunteer to give members rides to the store, doctor, church, or other places, when called.

### 2511. **Meals and Potlucks (a, y)**

Volunteer to help shop, set-up, decorate tables and rooms, serve, and clean-up for fellowship meals and other church-wide events.

### 2512. **Sunday Morning Coffee (a)**

Prepare coffee to be served between the 8:30 service and Sunday School. Clean the area following the fellowship time, and refill used condiments.

## PRAYER - 2600

### 2601. **“Home Team” Prayer Ministry (a, y)**

Use a prayer card supplied by the church to pray at home daily for your congregation, its pastor, and staff.

### 2602. **Prayer Shawl Ministry (a)**

Work at home or join a group at the church to knit or crochet prayer shawls to provide comfort and solace to those in time of need.

**2603. Prayer Chain - Phone (a)**

Volunteer to receive prayer requests by phone, then pray for each request.

**2604. Prayer Chain - E-mail (a)**

Volunteer to receive prayer requests via e-mail, then pray for each request.

**2605. Hedge Prayer Ministry (a)**

Volunteers commit to surround a worship service in prayer, holding up every part of the service, and all of the people, while the service is taking place. Each person will pray once a month.

**2606. Pray for Missionaries (a, y)**

Pray for our missionaries daily for a twelve-month period.

**2607. Chapel Intercessor (a, y)**

Spend time in the chapel weekly, at your convenience, praying over requests left on prayer cards.

**2608. Home Intercessor (a, y)**

Spend time throughout the week praying for everyone on our prayer list, which is updated weekly, and available in the chapel or by e-mail.

**2703. Assist with “Coffee with the Pastor” (a)**

Prepare the Parlor for guests, help serve light refreshments, welcome guests, and clean up afterward. Usually about 1 ½ hours, two or three times a year.

**2705. Greeter at Worship Service (a, y)**

Welcome members and guests attending the worship service, focus on assisting first time guests to the Sanctuary, locating nursery or Sunday School classes, introduce the visiting family/individual to others including an usher who will assist them as appropriate, help the guest feel comfortable and invite them to come again. A greeter’s responsibility begins 15 minutes before the service and concludes 15 minutes after the service is over.

**2707. Guest Follow-Up (a)**

Team Leader will assign volunteers to follow-up with returning guests with personal notes, phone calls, or personal invitations to church events until they decide if they are going to join the church.

## MISSIONS - 2800

### ☞ REACHING OUT IN LOVE ☞

#### EVANGELISM - 2700

**2701. Mug Ministry (a, y)**

Fill mugs with current church information and distribute them to first-time guests at our church, encouraging them to return.

**2702. Assist with Organizing New Member Orientation Welcome Dinner (a)**

Invite new members to participate in an orientation program presented by pastors and ministry leaders, followed by a welcome dinner — usually coincides with a Sunday Potluck Supper once a year.

**2801. Table of Grace (a, y)**

Serve on a Sunday evening team once a month to help prepare, serve, and host a free community meal.

**2802. Backpack Ministry (a, y)**

Help one hour each Friday morning to fill backpacks of food for area school students and/or assist with deliveries to the schools.

**2803. Natl Park College Student Support (a)**

Join a team who are exploring ways to support students at National Park College in Hot Springs.

**2804. Food for Seniors (a, y)**

Serve as part of a liaison team to Area Agency on Aging to purchase items at Project Hope to supply the AAA pantry/closet used for home visits.

**2805. Volunteer in Mission (VIM) Trip (a, y)**

Travel with a team of GAUMC members to Sager Brown UMCOR Depot in Louisiana to pack relief kits distributed world wide as needed. Opportunity also available to work with local families needing assistance.

**2806. Habitat for Humanity (a, y)**

Work as a team to provide snacks each month to the volunteer builders of Habitat for Humanity homes. Participate in housewarming celebration of new homeowners of completed houses.

**2807. United Methodist Outreach Thrift Store (a, y)**

Work a half day shift once a week to sort, organize, and sell donated merchandise. Proceeds provide food to families identified by AR Social Services and to support other local organizations working to assist the same targeted population.

**2808. Christmas Joy (a, y)**

Fill a shoebox size container with items for a child or mother at Potter's Clay or a teenage student passing through Ouachita Children's Center. Include school, health, and fun gifts.

**2811. Support Children in Need at Hot Springs School District (a)**

Work with school counselors to provide financial and other assistance for children needing support for success in school.

**2812. Wesley Foundation (a)**

Work as a team to support United Methodist campus ministry at Henderson State Univ. and Ouachita Baptist University.

**2813. Blessing Box (a, y)**

Commit to donate food items on a regular basis for the church blessing box. Assist with maintenance and repairs to the box as needed.

**2815. Special Mission Projects—please check the projects that interest you (a, y)**

Donations for Ronald McDonald House (aluminum can tabs)

Potter's Clay Women & Children Ministry (household maintenance items)

Ouachita Center for Children & Families in Crisis (items listed on basket in Fellowship Hall)

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

### OFFICE ANGELS - 2900

**2901. Visual Media (a, y)**

Help produce artwork, brochures, flyers, photography, publicity, Power Point and other presentation software, etc; free hand or computer.

**2902. Writing and Publicity (a, y)**

Help compose newsletter articles and a variety of publicity or public notices for newspapers, radio, or television.

**2903. Photography (a, y)**

Take photos of new members or at church events.

**2904. Receptionist in Church Office (a)**

Volunteer ½ day a week in the church office, answering phones, making copies, and providing other clerical assistance as you are able.

**2905. Newsletters for Mailing (a)**

Fold, label, seal, and count newsletters for mailing monthly.

**2906. Clerical Work for Special Projects (a)**

Fold letters, stuff envelopes, file, assemble items, make phone calls, and/or type names, lists, reports, as you are able.

**2907. Administrative/Clerical Support (a, y)**

Help provide administrative/clerical support to the following ministry within the church:

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**GOD’S HOUSE HELPERS - 3000**

**3001. Care of the Grounds (a, y)**

Assist with watering, weeding, trimming, and seasonal clean up.

**3002. “Adopt a Room” (a, y)**

Choose an area of the church to tidy up and care for on a weekly basis throughout the year.

**3003. “Green” Church (a, y)**

Help educate and promote a “reduce, reuse, recycle” environment within the church.

**MISCELLANEOUS - 3100**

**3101. Special Skills (a)**

Help in the following area of special skills or expertise: \_\_\_\_\_

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**3102. Where the Church Needs Me (a, y)**

Serve in areas of ministry within the church that are not designated elsewhere, as the needs arise.

**3103. Create a New Ministry (a, y)**

Start a new ministry based upon a need that you perceive is not being addressed, or a ministry that you wish to begin. Please provide a brief description of that ministry, and tell us if you are willing to provide leadership. The goal of any ministry should be to “Build Faith, Bring Hope, and Reach Out in Love.”

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## My Record of Commitment of Giving for 2026

### Gifts

As an expression of my faith and  
commitment to Christ and his church:

- I am not yet a tither, but I will move  
toward that goal.
- I will commit 1/10 of my income to  
God's work.
- I want to grow beyond God's minimum.

My Commitment is \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- per week     per month     per year

This commitment may be revised at any time.



### Prayers

I/We commit to pray for Grand Avenue  
United Methodist Church \_\_\_\_\_ times  
per month.

### Presence

I/We commit to be present at Grand  
Avenue United Methodist Church  
services \_\_\_\_\_ times this year.

### Witness

I/We will share my faith story with  
\_\_\_\_\_ people this year.

I/We will invite a friend to church  
\_\_\_\_\_ times this year.



### Service

I/We commit to participate in the  
following ministries to the glory of  
God. (Recorded on the rest of this card.)