

## MCC SMALL GROUP SERVICE PROJECTS

Ideally, a small group takes on one project per quarter or three times per year. As a group prayerfully discuss and plan a practical, tangible way you can reach out to others in our community. Use this list as a place to start and see where God leads your group. What common cause resonates with the group? What are some ways we can give the gift of our time, resources, energy, abilities and focused attention?

- Hold a Baby Shower for Care Net Pregnancy Center Contact [susan@carenetellensburg.org](mailto:susan@carenetellensburg.org) or 509-925-2273
- Fish Food Bank sorting & donations Contact 509-925-5990 or [guestservices@kvfish.org](mailto:guestservices@kvfish.org)
- Community Christmas Basket Contact 509-925-5990 or [guestservices@kvfish.org](mailto:guestservices@kvfish.org)
- Cold Weather Shelter (usually runs November - March) Contact [Lisa.johnson@mercercreek.org](mailto:Lisa.johnson@mercercreek.org) or 509-933-7800
- Car Care for single parents held annually in the fall. Contact Lisa Johnson [lisa.johnson@mercercreek.org](mailto:lisa.johnson@mercercreek.org) or 509-933-7800.
- Host International students for an American holiday party or provide needed furniture and food. Contact Kent DaVault [talktime@gmail.com](mailto:talktime@gmail.com) or Becky Swanstrum 509-929-0573.
- Have neighbor who needs some help? House cleaning, painting jobs, vehicle cleaning, yard work, raking, pruning or mowing, minor home repairs, dump run, rides to the store or doctor appointments. Ask the recipient to provide a list of projects. Gather the needed supplies and schedule one or two times when your group can work on the tasks together. You may want to include a meal or dessert to share with the recipients.

Small groups are the primary way we invite people to experience authentic Christian community here at MCC. Small groups help people to:

1. Love each other well (John 13:34-35)
2. Grow in their faith (Ephesians 4:11-16)
3. Serve the world around them (1 Timothy 6:18)

### THE WHAT

We believe spending time in your group on these three things will produce these outcomes:

1. Pray for each other
2. Engage Scripture
3. Serve together

### THE HOW

Here are 3 simple steps your group can take to start serving needs in our community:

**Pick a project** that will work for your group from the list on this page.

At your next small group meeting, **pick a date(s)** that some/most of the group can make.

Pay special attention to any scheduling details given on the project description page.

**Choose a service advocate** (someone in your group other than the leader) who will contact the organization or individual to set things up.

## OVERCOMING THE WHY NOT

*EVERYONE IN OUR GROUP IS TOO BUSY. IT'S DARN NEAR IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND A DAY WE CAN ALL SERVE.*

Our best advice: DON'T WAIT! Try to find a project during your normal meeting time.

Otherwise, poll the group for a day/time that works for most, put it on the calendar and serve with whoever can make it. Everyone doesn't make it to group every week so why put serving on hold waiting for that day to come.

*I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE OPTIONS ARE, AND PEOPLE IN OUR GROUP HAVE DIFFERENT IDEAS ABOUT WHAT PROJECT WE SHOULD DO.*

Take turns choosing a project. Let one person take the lead this time and the next person with passion for something else queue up the next project.

*MY GROUP WANTS TO DO A CERTAIN PROJECT BUT NOT ALL MEMBERS CAN PITCH IN FOR THE COST OF THE PROJECT.*

This is a great opportunity to play to individual group members' strengths. Some can contribute financially; some can deliver items; someone can coordinate the project with the community partner. God gave each of us unique ways to contribute; don't shy away from that — celebrate it!