

MCC SMALL GROUP SERVICE

Our small group model includes taking on one service 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. At MCC we have identified the following service opportunities we are committed to as a church. Use this list as a place to start and see where God leads your group. What common cause resonates with the group? You might focus on one for several years. Or you might rotate and serve on this quarter and another next quarter. Choose one and commit to praying given and serving that ministry as a group. Get on the organization's email list. Go to their website. Contact them and ask how you can pray specifically. What are some other ways we can give the gift of our time, resources, energy, abilities and focused attention?

Local Partners

We partner with these amazing organizations here in our community:

- Care Net Pregnancy Center carenetellensburg.org 509-925-2273
- FISH Food Bank
- Hopesource
- Skookum Kids

Global Partners

Ministries and missionaries we have partnered with to pray, give and go:

- Door of Faith Orphanage "Changing the world one kid at a time" www.dofo.org
- Envision Chicago/Family Empowerment Center FEC exists and operates based on values centered around empowerment, community, faith, justice, education, family, reconciliation and partnership.
- M2535 in Dominican Republic

Neighboring

- Loving our neighbors. Does someone in your group have a neighbor who needs some extra help? House cleaning, painting jobs, vehicle cleaning, yard work, minor home repairs, dump run. 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. You will pray and care for each other more.
2. You will engage and grow in Scripture together.
3. As you serve you will get to know one another better, deepen your relationships and serve real needs.

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 local partner.

God gave each of us unique ways to contribute; don't shy away from that — celebrate it!