



A SAMPLING OF MINISTRIES AT SsAM 2017

There are many ways to be active at SsAM including being a part of the church services, providing community support and outreach, and engaging with other members and our youth. The following is a sampling of some of our largest ministries.

For more information, please contact D-L Casson, Parish Ministries Coordinator in the Church Office or the designated Ministry Leader. Pick up a copy of the SsAM Parish Directory for telephone numbers and email addresses.

The following ministries support the worship services

Acolyte – members of all ages are welcome to join this ministry. Acolytes carry the processional cross, assist the Celebrant (priest) during the Eucharist, ring the Sanctus bell and light /extinguish candles. All acolytes are cross trained to take on increasingly advanced aspects of this ministry. Some acolytes request to be scheduled to participate every week while others are scheduled every three or four weeks. There is an “All hands on deck” approach during Christmas and Holy Week and acolytes are called on to help with funeral, memorial or Evensong services as they are available. **Barbara Henry is the Ministry Leader.**

The SsAM **Adult Choir** remains the core of our music ministry and sings during the 10:30 service on Sunday as well as during Evensong. Members bring their voices to many styles of music, from Gregorian Chant to Gospel, from Masses and motets of the Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic and Modern Periods to classic arrangements of spirituals. Rehearsals are Thursday night and Sunday morning from September to mid-June. **David Christopher is the Music Director.**

Altar Guild – this behind the scenes ministry assures that everything the Celebrant needs is ready for any worship service (including the Wednesday Healing Service) such as setting up for the Eucharist or filling and replenishing candles. Members also are periodically responsible for laundering linens, cleaning brass and silver and making sure that the Celebrant’s vestments are cleaned and repaired. **Gift Bearers** carry the offerings and the elements (bread and wine) to the front of the sanctuary just before the Eucharist. A two person team approach is used and hands-on training is provided for this ministry. The teams rotate every three weeks, (or less frequently depending on how many members are active). The Altar Guild is on call for funeral, memorial services or weddings and there is an “All hands on deck” approach for Christmas and Holy Week. The Altar Guild members periodically meet with the Liturgy Committee and other Ministries that support the liturgy. **Dot Dorsey, Pat Saunders and Anita Young are the Ministry Leaders.**

Community Drumming Circle, facilitated by **Jonathan Whitney**, rehearses regularly from September to May on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. and periodically participates in the 10:30 service. All ages are welcome and SsAM has drums for you to use if you do not have one.

Eucharistic Minister (Communion Assistant) – this ministry assists the Celebrant by administering the Chalice of wine during the Eucharist. At the 10:30 service, one Eucharistic Minister administers both bread and wine at the Gluten Free station. Very experienced Eucharistic Ministers, **Liturgical Assistants**, are trained to prepare the Altar for communion, to be the eyes and ears for the Celebrant and to be ready for the unexpected during any service. These ministries require licensing by the Diocese and hands-on training is provided. The Eucharistic Ministers rotate every 4 or 5 weeks and are called upon for memorial or funeral services. **Ernestine Brock-Walker is the Ministry Leader for Eucharistic Ministers and D-L Casson for the Liturgical Assistants.**

Lectors – this ministry provides the scripture readers and those who lead the Prayers of the People. Regular practice sessions are scheduled, especially for Holy Week. The Lectors rotate every six or seven weeks (more frequently at the 8:00 a.m. service). The lectors sometimes are called on to read for memorial, funeral or Evensong services. **Tom Angell and Joyce Bemby are the Ministry Leaders.**

Ushers – these ministry members greet those who are attending the service, hand out leaflets, gather the offering(s) and direct members of the congregation during the Eucharist. They are scheduled approximately once a month, depending on the number of active members. This ministry works closely with the Ambassadors and Member Development and may be called upon to help at memorial, funeral or Evensong services. **Jenna Christy and Patty Greene are the Ministry Leaders.**

Ministries that support our Community Advocacy and Outreach priority

The **Community Advocacy** Ministry provides a clearinghouse for all of SsAM's efforts in advocacy, service, and outreach, as well as to help the congregation be informed and involved in the opportunities for Christian service in the community. There are many opportunities to participate ranging from being part of a regularly scheduled team to being on-call for special efforts. The ministries include hosting and providing a team for the Sunday Breakfast program and the Code Purple Sanctuary, conducting the Chapel service, visiting the Regal Heights Home, gathering donations of warm clothes and, through the AIM fund, providing funds to several local organizations and in support of the Casson Scholarship Fund. Details of these and other ministries are available from the Church Office or from **Alice Smith, the Ministry Leader.**

Members who are interested in providing outreach to the community through the arts are active in **ArtSLAM**, which features an evening of local artists of all kinds. The members of this ministry identify and arrange for the artists, set up the evening of the event and publicize the program offerings. **Diane Streett, Audrey Collins and Sharon Bryant are the Ministry Leaders.**

The environmental justice ministry works closely with Delaware Concerned Residents for Environmental Justice, the Sierra Club and other national organizations as advocates for environmental justice laws and actions. **Paulyne Webster and Linda Whitehead are the SsAM members who are most actively involved in this ministry.**

Ministries that support SsAM Members of all ages

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) gather monthly in preparation for several "all community" events. All women are considered members and are invited to contact **Cynthia Oates, Ministry Leader.**

Hospitality lead by **Linda Smith**, is responsible for the weekly Coffee Hour after the 10:30 Sunday service. ALL SsAM members are asked to contribute a snack (fruit, cheese, crackers, salsa, chips, cookies) on a rotating basis according to their last name:

1 st Sunday of the month	A-D	4 th Sunday of the month	S-Z
2 nd Sunday of the month	E-K	5 th Sunday of the month	Vestry
3 rd Sunday of the month	L-R		

The **Pastoral Care Ministry** includes the Eucharistic Visitors who are licensed to take Holy Communion to members who are ill or shut in approximately once a month. These Eucharistic Visitors are licensed by the Diocese and training is provided. There are also members who provide a ministry of phone calls or a card ministry (birthday, celebratory, get well), or transportation for SsAM members to doctor appointments. **Fr. David is the Ministry Leader.**

Opportunities exist to support our younger members through **Godly Play**, a unique approach to **Sunday School** for youngsters aged 5-10. Team members attend Diocesan sponsored training and need Safe Church licensing every five years. The teams rotate every four weeks, depending on the number of active teachers. **Carol Scott is the Ministry Leader.**

Our teens and young adults are part of the **YYF (Youth and Young Families)** program which has programming related to faith and leadership development, community service and fun. YYF also offers Bible Study for the older youth. YYF mentors are required to have Safe Church licensing every five years. **Fr. David is the Ministry Leader, supported by several adult Mentors.**

Behind the scenes ministries

Sunday Counters count the cash offering immediately after the Sunday services. There are also teams of **Weekly Counters** who count and record, in greater detail, the offering, pledges and other financial contributions to SsAM. These two person teams are scheduled on a rotating basis to come in every four weeks, depending on the number of active members. **Contact Janice Teemer in the Church Office if interested.**

Archives ministry members gather and organize the materials (of all types) that tell the story of St. Andrews, St. Matthews, St. Johns and now SsAM. **Cynthia Primo Martin and Peggy Shane are the ministry leaders.**

Property ministry members work with the Parish Administrator, the Sexton and contractors to maintain this large and complex building. **Pat Saunders and David Clouser are the ministry leaders. Organization and design** ministry members find ways to present SsAM, its ministries and materials in a pleasant manner. **Cynthia Primo Martin and Peggy Shane are the leaders.**

The **Member Development Ministry** works on all aspects of the experience of being part of the SsAM family. **Sharon Leyhow and Cynthia Primo Martin are the ministry leaders.**