



## F.I.S.H. (Families in Service Here)

We are challenging individuals and families to go outside the four walls of the church to serve our community. If each of us serves a minimum 1-2 hours per month through the end of year in 2015, we will corporately complete almost 1,000 service hours! What a way to show the love of Christ to our neighbors.

Parents, this is also a great opportunity to not only serve others but to teach your children about serving others. And, your children's service hours will count as well. If you're thinking about volunteering and just don't know where to start, contact our volunteers and we'll help you find a service opportunity that's right for you.

You can look for service opportunities that are designed primarily for our family program, F.I.S.H. (Families in Service Here). *Serve together as a family and go fish!*

<b>SERVE IN THE CHURCH</b>	○ Help welcome visitors and members to worship each week with a smile and a word of welcome, answer visitor questions, and stay up to date on news and events at MCC.
	○ Offer prayers to God for families, the leadership team, ministries, the Church, our neighborhoods, government, nation and world at large. Help to create an environment before, during and after worship services in which God is encountered through our intercessory prayers.
	○ Contact first time visitors and offer the church's greetings and a welcome gift.
	○ Provide refreshments for the fellowship gathering after the worship service.
<b>SERVE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD</b>	○ Deliver school backpacks and supplies in late August to neighborhood children.
	○ Bring non-perishable food items, bottles of shampoo, deodorant, soap and toilet paper to donate to area food pantries serving families and homeless families in residence at Alpha House and Bryant Community Center.
	○ Visit residents of the Hillside Assisted Living Facility to conduct a 30 minute worship service to offer a spiritual message, sing praises, prayers and serve communion.
	○ Fix breakfast at Alpha House on a Sunday morning before the worship service.
	○ Pass out water bottles at neighborhood parks to attendees on Sunday mornings before or after the worship service.
○ The Motown Mission Experience is an urban work mission destination in Detroit, Michigan for Christian youth, college, and adult groups interested in economic disaster recovery work in the name of Jesus Christ.	
<b>SERVE IN THE WORLD</b>	○ At a basic level, "Russia with Love" works to restore the churches that had fallen into disrepair during the Soviet regime when church-goers often were reported to the government. Restoring these churches is much more than a physical repair. It also means rebuilding the church communities and the charity work that goes with them. For more information, visit the <a href="#">Russia with Love website</a> .
	○ Our "Something to Eat" ministry helps to respond to world-wide relief efforts by raising money to provide responsible, low-cost, nutrient-dense meals. 25 cents will purchase a meal for a child that consists of rice, soy protein, dried vegetables and essential vitamins. Our goal for 2015, is to raise enough money to provide 250 meals.
	○ We are painfully aware of the world's water crisis: Nearly one billion people lack access to clean water, which is one in every eight people in the world. Our "Something to Drink" ministry invites families to help raise 10 cents to provide a child with one glass of water to drink, or a community with the necessary resources to help drill wells and provide sanitation solutions. Our goal for 2015, is to raise enough money to provide 1,000 glasses of water.

*"I came to serve ... not to be served." --Jesus*