

Sunday Service Hospitality Teams

Hospitality Teams are groups of 10-15 people who provide support for each Sunday service. Duties include ushering, greeting, making coffee, setting out treats, which their team provides, and cleaning up after their particular service.

The teams work during one service every two months. There are currently 16 teams, and two of them work each Sunday. They are assigned the same service (9AM, or 10:30AM) the same week in the month from September through June. As an example, the team working the first Sunday of the month at the 9AM service in September will work the first Sunday in November, January, March, and May at 9AM. The fifth Sundays, which occur 4 times a year are handled by two additional teams.

Three people have been providing recruitment and oversight duties this past year, and the process has been very smooth. Initial recruitment of Team Leaders and then their recruitment of team members took quite a bit of effort initially. The benefit of having many more people taking responsibility for supporting the Sunday services, and having a self-sustaining entity, more than made up for the amount of work it took to get the teams up and running.

This idea came from Justin Schroeder, Director of Membership, Unity Church, St. Paul, MN. It has been a wonderful way to engage members in church ministry, spreading the responsibility among a large number of people.