



Open Door Ministry Volunteers

The goal of this ministry is to provide neighbors and visitors to our community with an opportunity to enjoy our beautiful sanctuary for the purpose of quiet prayer or reflection. We know that many in the world are looking for a spiritual home or base. And many crave a place for quiet outside their workplace or home. Opening our doors on a weekday also allows people to get familiar with our church facilities, and meet a church member or two, outside of the sometimes-intimidating setting associated with Sunday worship services. Our “Open Door Ministry” is a simple way to start a conversation with someone about what’s happening at Prince of Peace and drive home the message that we are a welcoming congregation.

Every Friday, from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, one or two members of our church family will be onsite to welcome visitors and guide them to the sanctuary. The individual is invited to stay as short or long as they like. We also offer a cup of coffee, tea and sweet treat as they go on their way!

If you are willing to be a Friday host, you can sign up in Stidley Hall and or contact Ann Davison at 202.207.6915.

Hosts should arrive by 9:00 am and stay until 12:00 pm. Please unlock the sanctuary door that connects to the Stidley Hall hallway. Turn on the sanctuary lights including the altar lights – switch is next to the door on the left that leads to the anteroom from the altar.

If a visitor arrives, introduce yourself and show them to the sanctuary, inviting them to stay as short or long as they like. When they are leaving, ask them if they are willing to sign the guest book – especially leaving an email address – and whether they’d like to learn more about the church or speak with our Pastor. Also, at the appropriate time, offer them a cup of coffee/tea and a sweet bite. We’ll try to keep something available in the refrigerator, but you may want to bring something if it is convenient for you.

Most importantly, encourage them to drop in again! Let them know about our services on YouTube as well as outdoor worship the first and last Sundays of the month during the summer.

If the visitor has questions or needs assistance which requires more than you feel you can offer, encourage them to leave their name and number and the Pastor will get back to them. Under no circumstances should you respond to requests for financial assistance from a visitor.

If you feel at all uncomfortable, leave the building immediately. It’s okay if you feel you need to get away and the individual is left in the church unattended. Your safety and comfort are our first priority.

When you leave at 12 pm, make sure the lights are all turned off when you re-lock the sanctuary. If a visitor came and shared his/her/their name and contact information, please let Pastor know.