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— Stockbridge, Massachusetts —

Usher – In general, the role of an Usher is to assist the Deacons particularly in the functions of welcoming worshippers and facilitating parts of worship (like the Offering, Communion, or similar things). Generally, Ushers are asked to arrive at 9:40 to check in with a Deacon to learn any specifics for the day.

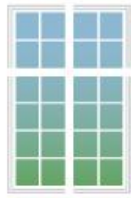
Reader/Liturgist – In general, the role of a Reader/Liturgist involves leading a spoken aspect of worship. This could include Calls to Worship, Scriptural Passages, Contemporary Readings, or Litanies. All readings and directions are sent out by the Friday before worship so that the volunteer can review and prepare. The Deacons are planning an orientation session for those who have not previously served as Readers/Liturgists so that they can become comfortable with the sound equipment and role.

Lead Storyteller – Youth

The Lead Storyteller, with the help of the Assistant Storyteller, presents the lesson plan for that week to the older children (Grades 5-10). In general, the lesson plan includes a specific Bible story to be read, several discussion questions about the story, and a craft or other activity. The story, discussion questions, activity suggestions, and all required materials are provided by a member of the CE Board.

Assistant Storyteller - Youth

The Assistant Storyteller functions as a second adult in the classroom and helps the Lead Storyteller to present the story and the lesson plan. If you wish, it is perfectly OK to simply show up in the classroom when storytelling begins after Kids' Time in the worship service. The Lead Storyteller will be fully prepared and may invite you to help in any number of ways like reading the story, administrative tasks (taking attendance, reviewing student info sheets, helping to clean up, etc.) or assisting the children (in discussions, with crafts, etc.)



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Fellowship Hour Host – Fellowship Hour Hosts oversee the social time after worship. Hosts are invited to offer whatever food or beverage they desire (please note that the church is nut free). A few things:

- Food Supplies, including cheese, crackers, cookies, granola bars and gluten free options, are available in the refrigerator and cupboards.
- Coffee and hot water for tea will already be prepared by the time you arrive. Sometimes an additional pot of regular coffee will need to be brewed as the social time progresses.
- You are welcome to use paper goods or reuseable mugs/plates. The dishwasher is available for those wishing to use washable service ware. Tablecloths and other supplies are available in the kitchen.

Hosts should plan to arrive at 9:15 and stay afterward to tidy up. First time hosting? A member of G&F can usually assist if you ask, or you are welcome to invite someone with experience to join you. Please be sure to get the names of any one you recruit and pass along to Will. He will put the names into the Breeze system (call the church office if you need help).

Outdoor Greeter (rev) -- The Outdoor Greeter has the pleasure of welcoming everyone who comes up the walkway to the front of the church. Plan to arrive 20 minutes before the service starts. You may ask others to join you in this role. In inclement weather, the Outdoor Greeter generally moves into the Narthex.

Kimball Farms Driver

(Please note: interested persons should first contact Ted Randolph to discuss. After that you can be added to a separate mailing list.)

Drivers should arrive at Kimball Farms's main entrance ([235 Walker Street, Lenox, MA](#)) at 9:30AM, to pick up possible passengers. If no one appears, go inside the lobby to check for passengers, and to let the receptionist know you came by. Reservations are not required, so it is possible that there will be no one to pick up. Drivers typically return residents to Kimball Farms at a mutually convenient time after worship.