

Serving as a Greeter



Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. -Hebrews 13:2

Serving as a Greeter is a privilege

Greeters play a vital role in welcoming every person who comes into the church. As a greeter, you help our guests

form their first impression of Grace even before the first hymn begins. For more information on how you can become a greeter, contact the church office or Greeter Coordinator. (See contact info below.)

Your call to serve as Greeter

Would you like to become better acquainted with those in your church family?

Serve as a church greeter and experience your church family from a whole new perspective!

Greeters' Goals

- Two members are needed as greeters each Sunday before each service to stand at the main doors to the Narthex
- Provide a warm smile, a handshake, and a friendly welcome to all
- Introduce self and be available for questions
- Provide basic information
- Introduce guests to the Ushers, the Pastor or the Elders, the Greeter Coordinator (Gary Stuhlmiller) or anyone else in the church family

Greeters' Responsibilities

- Arrive 20-25 minutes prior to the start of worship
- One greeter may open the door for each person
- Greet each person with a warm hello
- Introduce self to guests
- Provide basic information: Location of bathrooms, water fountains, coat rack,

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Sunday School classrooms, adult Bible study, fellowship hall, coffee service

- Encourage guests to stay for Sunday School, adult bible study and coffee fellowship
- Encourage guests to sign the guest book
- Greet until after the first hymn so that those who arrive late will be welcomed
- If you cannot serve at your scheduled time, please find a substitute and notify the Greeter Coordinator and the church office.

Suggestions

These are suggestions, not a list of rules to follow. The overall goal is simply to engage guests in a conversation.

- Consider introducing yourself along the lines of, “I don’t think we’ve met. I’m ____.” This is less awkward than assuming someone is a first-time guest when they’re not.
- Do your best to remember names. This makes subsequent encounters and introductions to others more personal.
- Listen carefully. People typically like to answer questions about themselves, which usually makes conversations easier than a one-sided “presentation” by the greeter.
- Introduce guests to others, especially if they share something in common, e.g. being a student, a particular major or profession, being from a particular geographic area, etc. This also lets you move on and greet others.
- If someone asks a question you can’t answer, acknowledge that and try to ask the Pastor or another member of the congregation who may be able to help.

Don’t...

- ...flood guests with too much information.
- ...try to get guests to commit to return.

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