



August, 2024

Community Connection, Engagement, and Support Opportunities

CSL Ballard at Amazing Grace is community-led. That means we all have a role to play. In our spring survey and culture workshop, you told us you want to be more involved and that you support change and doing things differently. To ensure we all have ways to be involved, please see below for a list of opportunities and descriptions, give us feedback and share what interests you (contact names are in parentheses).

1. Volunteering/Local Service/Partnerships:

- Sustainable Ballard has opportunities for groups to volunteer at their September 28 outdoor Festival at Loyal Heights Community Center. (Laura McLeod)
- Meaningful Movies took a hiatus during and after the pandemic, but an opportunity exists to pick this up and partner with Sustainable Ballard. (Laura McLeod)
- Ballard Food Bank welcomes small groups of volunteers for regular, ongoing shifts for various tasks; let's get a group together. (TBD)
- In the works: Collaborations with Seattle Parks & Recreation and Lambert House; stay tuned. (Rev. Matthew)

2. Divine Connections: Expanding on Divine Dining for year-round connections, community building, and fundraising

- Divine Dining created opportunities to build relationships, enjoy new experiences, and raise funds, typically over summer months, starting with an auction where people bid on activities for 3 weeks.
- Divine Connections expands on that concept, removes the auction, and opens it up to more ideas and beyond our existing community (e.g., host an event, invite your friends including those outside of AG, as fundraising and community building events. Consider: house concerts, dinners, jet ski adventures, art shows, and so much more. Get creative. We need your input on how to make this work, and what you'd like to do, building on the Divine Dining framework.

3. Committees: Take on leadership roles or individual task (NOTE: Rev. Matthew and Sally are *at large* members of all)

- Fund Development (NEW): (TBD)
- Task Force: Community Building / Membership Outreach (NEW): (Rev. Matthew)
- Marketing (Laura McLeod with Bonnie Pasek and Anne Marie Legato)
- Music: (Amanda Byrd with Chris Ellard, Donna Rae Davidson, Bonnie Pasek – Jingle Jam, etc.)
- Greeters/Stewards: (Pam Kepford with support from numerous rotating volunteers)
- Kitchen: (Mark Ruark with support from numerous volunteers)
- Building and Safety: (Chris Ellard, with Mark Ruark)
- Compassionate Care Team (Practitioners)
- Others TBD (e.g., ad hoc gardening, etc).

4. Events (volunteer needed):

- October 5, Rev. Matthew Ordination (Laura McLeod and Pam Kepford)
- November 9 Community Retreat: (Rev. Michael Auch with Rev. Matthew)
- December 7 Jingle Jam: (Amanda Byrd and the Music Committee)
- Christmas decorating: Open

Please use the other side of this page to share your ideas, thoughts, what you're willing to commit to, and if possible, your next steps. Thank you!

Name: _____ Preferred Contact Info: _____

What I'm committing to: _____

Skills, experience, and interests I can offer: _____