



STEWARDSHIP *GROW.SERVE.* PLEDGE FORM 2025



*Please complete a separate form **every year**
for each adult member of your family.*

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email: _____

GROW.

I intend to:

- Attend worship regularly, in person or virtually.
- Set aside time daily to pray for family, friends, world leaders, or even enemies.
- Participate in Bible Study or another small group or class.
- Pray or walk the Labyrinth.
- Commit to spiritual practices such as Lectio Divina, meditation, yoga or Taizé.
- Have my children attend Sunday School/youth groups and talk with them about what they learn.
- Check out books from the Kemper Library.
- Connect with others at a Words & Music or other large group event.
- Visit our Month of Prayer webpage at wscongo.org/month-of-prayer.

SERVE.

I am interested in learning about serving on this committee for the 2025–26 year.

- Christian Education: Helping to envision and plan for the faith formation of our youth.
- Christian Ventures: Exploring spiritual growth opportunities beyond traditional worship.
- Diaconate: Assisting with the pastoral care of the congregation and worship services of the church.
- Finance/Stewardship or Endowment: Participating in the planning and financial management of the church's resources.
- Mission and Outreach: Evaluating and determining the financial and volunteer support for our mission partners.
- Music: Helping to envision the direction of our church's music ministry.
- Nominating: Identifying and recommending members to fill leadership and committee positions for our church.
- Properties: Managing and planning for the care of our church buildings and grounds.
- Youth Ministry: Planning and carrying out activities to enhance the spiritual growth of our youth.
- Green Team: Promoting environmentally responsible behavior within the church and among its members.
- Justice and Inclusion Ministries: Mission is to drive greater inclusivity and advance social justice initiatives both within and outside of the walls of our church.

I am interested in receiving information and/or would like to participate in the following groups and activities this next year:

- Men's Breakfast (2nd Sat., 7:45AM, light breakfast and a program)
- Men's Faith Formation Group: Fellowship and study
- Men's Burger Night Out (typically meets 1x a month)
- Men's Occasional Outings (e.g., pickleball get-together)
- Adult Mission Trips (varies each year)
- Faith & Flow Yoga (Tues. 9AM, Sun. 6PM, all levels)
- Evening Bible/Book Study (sessions throughout the year)
- Moms in Faith – Mornings (Fri. 9–11AM)
- Moms in Faith – Evenings (2nd & 4th Wed., 7–8:15PM)
- Moms of Complex Kids (1x month Monday evenings 7–8:15PM during school year)
- Friday Friends: Preparation-free Bible Study and Prayer circle (Fri. 12PM)
- Adult faith formation programs (dates and times vary)
- Justice & Inclusion Ministries: Information, resources, and dialogue regarding justice, mercy, and inclusion.
- Plymouth Fellowship: High School Youth Group (Sundays 7–8PM)
- Congo Hoops: High School Basketball (Monday nights at McClure)
- Seek.Pray.Love.: Faith exploration through book discussion (Thurs. 5–6:30PM)
- Thursday Women's Book Group: Theological book discussion (Thurs. 9:15–11AM)
- Watercolor Class: Instructional painting, all levels (Wed. 10AM–12PM)
- Congo Creatives: A painting collective (Sat. 10AM–12PM)
- Woman's Society: Intergenerational focus on fellowship, hospitality, and service
- Rummage: Help to sort, organize, and sell donated items (Oct. 17–24 and April 24 – May 1)
- Green Team: Help with special events to keep us green
- Together Women Rise: Global educational support of children and women (2nd Thurs. evenings)
- Hospitality Team: Help with special events, like the summer pizza party
- Refugee Resettlement: Help resettle refugee families
- Adult Chancel Choir: Performs during worship (rehearses Wed. 7:15–9PM)
- All In–The Congo House Band: Contemporary sacred & secular music (rehearses Thurs. 7:30–9PM)
- Tower Chimes Handbell Choir (rehearses Tues. 9–11AM)
- Words & Music: Storytelling, event set-up, logistics
- Called to Care: Training program for lay caring ministry to offer time, support, and prayer to church members who can no longer attend church.
- Congo Cooks: Make meals for members of our congregation, as needed.
- Wedding Committee: Help coordinate church weddings
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: Knit while praying for the ones who receive shawls
- Prayer Team: Pray daily for concerns of members shared with the team
- Lectio Divina (Mondays via zoom at 10AM)
- Tai Chi: Gentle movements to improve balance, flexibility, & muscle strength (Tues. 9:30AM)
- Caregiver Support Groups, as needed
- Grief Support Groups, as needed

- Sunday morning greeters
- Sunday morning ushers
- Sunday morning flower deliveries
- Blood Drives: Volunteer to help
- All-church Picnic (annually in August): Volunteer to help
- Styrofoam collections with The Green Team (1st Sat., 9AM–12PM)

Additionally, these are specific gift(s) that I would like to share in the service of God at our church and in our community and/or things I am passionate about.

- Teaching (e.g., Sunday School, tutoring for mission partners)
- Music (e.g., piano, trumpet, vocalist)
- Spending time with older adults
- Volunteering with people with disabilities
- Volunteering to be a mentor with one of our mission partners
- Willing to provide a treat for Holy Grounds
- Coordinating a small event about something you are passionate about
- Leadership (e.g., chair a committee, facilitate a small group)
- Volunteering to help with childcare (for a mission partner)
- Photography
- Public Relations/Advertising
- Painting
- Running
- Graphic Design
- Writing
- Sewing
- Technology (e.g., IT assistance, etc.)
- Office Volunteer (e.g., sorting/stuffing mail, etc.)

If you checked one of the boxes above, please indicate below the specific gift(s) that you would like to share:

Do you have a program/specialty you would be interested in sharing with our members, e.g., are you a social worker who would like to give a short presentation on mental health in teens?

Please drop off or mail this form to: The First Congregational Church, 1106 Chestnut St., Western Springs, IL 60558