

These are ideas for fulfilling your Christian involvement requirements. You may have other ideas – if so, just check them out with Jamie Edelman (Director of Christian Education & Youth Ministries) to see if they meet the requirement!

Worship

- participate in choir or special music for church service or musical
- participate in youth service or other special service
- serve as an acolyte
- assist in decorating the church for special days
- serve as an usher
- serve as a lector (reader)
- serve as a communion assistant (holding the trays for the communion cups)
- prepare a devotion that you can use with your family after a meal or before bed – include a prayer, bible reading, and perhaps a hymn
- collect favorite prayers and keep them in a journal; show your journal to Jamie for credit
- serve on the Worship and Music committee

Learning

- attend Bear Creek camp during the summer (1 credit per day)
- help with Vacation Bible School - 1 credit per day.
- worship at another church and compare their worship to ours at Jordan; write a brief description of the differences/similarities.
- attend a lock-in at the church
- read a book or see a movie and look for elements that pertain to issues related to faith (look for themes of forgiveness, grace, hope, healing, sin, community, good and evil, spiritual gifts); write up a brief report. Some examples of books/films you could use include: "Holes," "Remember the Titans," "The Rookie," "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," "Lord of the Rings." Write a one-page report on how you see the movie "connecting" with some of these faith topics
- read a book about a well-known person of faith such as Martin Luther or Martin Luther King, Jr. or Dietrich Bonhoeffer or others (see Jamie for more ideas). Write a one-page report on this person and turn it in to Jamie
- interview/videotape an adult member of the church (not a member of your family) asking them such questions as: How do you live out your faith at work? At home? What Bible passage speaks most to you? How has your faith helped you through difficult times? When was your faith tested? How did you come through that situation? What is their faith story? Give a copy of the interview to Jamie.
- attend a church-sponsored learning event including YouthQuake or Symdano.

Witness

- bring a friend to worship or Sunday School
- serve as a greeter before/after the service
- write a note to one of our shut-ins
- make a poster that could be hung along the Sunday school hallway – For example, you could choose a Bible passage that you like and then decorate the poster to highlight this passage. Give it to Jamie to post.
- practice sharing your faith with your family members – choose a time to talk with your parents about what you believe; let your parents interview you. Let Jamie know that you did this for credit.
- go Christmas caroling with the youth group – share the faith through song!
- candy bar witnessing – choose a friend to give a candy bar to each day for a month. Find out what their favorite candy is. At the end of the month tell them that you gave this to them to show them what God's love is like – that God gives us love without our even asking for it.

Service

- read the paper – look for the section which lists volunteer opportunities and volunteer to help that particular organization
- visit a shut-in
- deliver flowers from the church/help the altar guild
- serve as church time nursery helper
- serve someone (other than family members) without being paid (volunteer) doing something like babysitting, raking leaves, shoveling snow, or doing yard work
- help with Vacation Bible School (this could also count as a "learning" or "support" activity)

Support

- participate in the youth group planning meetings
- help the secretary with a project (such as a mailing for advent or lent, or assembling Sunday worship bulletins during the summer). Call Monica to schedule ahead of time.
- help the sexton with a project to help clean the church
- help at the church to set up or clean up after a function
- serve on a committee of the church